



SATURDAY, April 18, 2009 VIGIL: Second Sunday of Easter
 4:00 PM †Blessed Kateri req by a friend
 †James E. Tabb, Jr. req by the family

SUNDAY, April 19, 2009 Second Sunday of Easter:
 Divine Mercy Sunday
 8:00 AM †Mona Samborski req by Charlotte Cook
 †Frederick Rocha 20th ann req by the family
 10:30 AM †Parents, brother, sister & husband req by Joy Adams
 †Judy Drewniak 1st ann req by Dan & Linda Drewniak

MONDAY, April 20, 2009
 8:00 AM †Alpherie Forest req by Ray & Jane

TUESDAY, April 21, 2009
 8:00 AM †Agnes Vecchione req by Robert J. Rossi

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2009
 8:00 AM †Andrew & Anna Fedora req by their son, Joseph & his family

THURSDAY, April 23, 2009
 8:00 AM †Paul T. Austin 50th ann req by the family

FRIDAY, April 24, 2009
 8:00 AM †Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, April 25, 2009 VIGIL: Third Sunday of Easter
 4:00 PM †Thomas Buczko 6th ann req by Beth Buczko
 †James Wykowski, Birthday Remembrance req by Pat & Stanley Antonovitch

SUNDAY, April 26, 2009 Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM † Donna Lachance 4th ann req by Diane & Anthony Ricchiazzi
 10:30 AM †Stanley Olearczyk req by Ann Nowak & family
 †Agapito Hernandez req by Caroline Langley, Stacey Tienken & children



***Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
 Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have
 seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have
 believed."***

- Jn 20:28-29

***Readings for April 25-26, 2009
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5/Lk 24:35-48***

Religious Vocations Corner –Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life is shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest or religious. Call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

The Pastor's Thoughts...

-From the Pot Luck Supper on Holy Thursday through the last Mass on Easter Sunday it was quite the celebration of our Faith. It was such a joy to see so many celebrate these wonderful ceremonies of our faith with such devotion and interest. Again, I am so grateful for the privilege of being part of this wonderful community of St. Francis of Assisi.

-HELPING HANDS – It was brought to the attention of our Pastoral Council that there is a need in the parish for “helping hands.” We have people who are sick or elderly who, on occasion, due to the emergency of their situation, need a helping hand with shopping or transportation to doctor’s appointments. If you could lend a helping hand when needed, give Beth Buczko a call at 323-5910.

Speaking of helping hands, we have a request from a parishioner who needs transportation to U-Mass Medical Center for cancer treatments. This is a very desperate situation. If you could do this one day a week or even just once to help out, give Beth a call at 323-5910.

-Our NYC trip to see South Pacific is this Wednesday. Those who are going are asked to meet in the parking lot across from the rectory at 7AM.

-Next Saturday, April 25th is the Catholic Women’s Conference at Cathedral High School. Brochures with information are found in the Gathering Space.

-This Sunday afternoon we will observe Mercy Sunday beginning at 2PM in the Church. At 3PM we will recite the chaplet and celebrate Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to attend.

-Our Diocese is coming into the final phases of Pastoral Planning. Our area or deanery is the last. There will be a listening session in mid-May which will bring representatives from all the parishes of this area to discuss their future structure and staffing. We will be sending five representatives to this meeting. Though our parish will stand as it is, we need to be concerned about how we relate and work with the other parishes in our area and offer them our support. As you are aware, it has been very difficult for some communities and individuals as they see their churches closed, but these hard decisions have to be made as we face a future with less priests, moving populations and greater costs for maintenance and services. Please keep this process in your prayers.

-Our Fund Raising Committee has mailed out tickets for a cash raffle to each household of the parish. They work so hard to support our ongoing building projects and we all owe them a great debt of gratitude. Do show your support by taking a chance to win some much needed CASH in the midst of our struggling economy.

God Bless You! Fr. Vern

The Our Lady of the angels S.F.O. – will meet on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM in the Pine Room. All are welcome. For those with questions, call Lynn Carney at 323-5537, or Kathy Ricardi at 323-9023.

St Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of canned meats: – tuna, ham, chicken. Thank you for remembering those in need.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*In Gratitude to God for His many gifts,
the members of this parish have returned
the following resources in support of the parish
and its ministries...*

The Sunday Collection for April 11-12 was..... \$8,213.88
 Weekly Sunday Average 6,464.32
 Weekly Sunday Goal..... 6,500.00
 Mortgage & Expansion Collection for April 5-12..... 5,935.00
 Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal 6,000.00
 Monthly Mortgage & Expansion April Shortage 65.00
 Collection for the Holy Land..... 1,113.00
 Easter Collection 6,639.00

Eucharistic Adoration and Visitation - The Adoration Info Line number is 323-6272 Extension 6. Please, always call just before coming in for your hour to see if Adoration has been closed due to extreme cold or bad weather. The Adoration Chapel (entrance around the rear of the church) is open to all parishioners for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament. Hours of Adoration are 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of our Adoration program, either as an assigned adorer or substitute, please call Pam at 323-7416. **The following hours are in need of an Adorer: Tuesday 12 Noon – 1:00 PM and Tuesday 1:00 – 2:00 PM.**

Liturgical Roles
Weekend of April 25-26, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM McKeon
 8:00 AM Crosby
 10:30 AM Hume

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Carney, Racine, Amy, John & Therese Rakoukas, Lemire, Cymanczyk
 8:00 AM Dubois, Coty, Fontaine, Barrett, Kielbasa, McGinnis, Miffitt
 10:30 AM Desilets, Rose, Fedora, Groux, Lattrell, Lawrence, Letendre,

Altar Servers

4:00 PM A. Muraczewski, J. Mazza, G. Terry
 8:00 AM R. & N. Gousy, C. Dalton
 10:30 AM C. Grady, M. & F. Hegarty

Sign up for Gaelic football – the traditional sport of Ireland. All Boys and girls 6-16, at Soccer Field #1, Chestnut Middle School, Plainfield St., Springfield on Saturdays beginning April 25th from 3-4:30 PM. This will teach the children of Irish descent and others in the Western Mass area about the sports played in Ireland. This sport is great exercise, develops a sense of teamwork and will assist players in motor skill-learning and coordination. There is no cost to participate in this program thanks to a number of Irish Cultural Societies and individual sponsorships! Contact Mike or Kate Carney at 413-746-2565 or Marcus Kane at 413-204-0570. Numbers will be limited so call to reserve a spot!



Brick Corner – We would like to thank the following parishioners who have “purchased a brick” for our new church, either in their name or in the name of a loved one: Mary & Cornelia Sullivan – One Brick In Memory of John Antonovitch. Austin Family – One Brick In Memory of George Opalenik.. Edward Lofland Family – Two Bricks in Memory of George Opalenik. Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

A “Blue Plate Special” Dinner by St Francis KofC – May 2nd – The St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council will sponsor a Chicken Parmesan Dinner served with pasta, tossed salad, and garlic bread, followed by strawberry shortcake with whipped cream, prepared by Chefs Francesco Dell’Olio and Paul Gendreau. A variety of hot and cold beverages will be served with the dinner in the Pine Room of the St. Francis Social Center on Park Street, Belchertown. Seating will be at 5:30 PM. Takeout dinners will be available at 5:15 PM. All tickets must be obtained in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. They will be available after the Masses in St. Francis Church on April 18, 19, 25 and 26; or by contacting Stan Wyman (323-4842) or Franco Dell’Olio (323-0239). Donations are: adults: \$10, children (5-12) \$6 and children under 5 eat free!! The deadline for tickets is April 26th and dining space is limited so don’t procrastinate!! Get your tickets early for this delicious “Italian Style” dinner.

Flowers – We wish to thank all of you for your holiday flower donations in memory of your loved ones. Your kind generosity has made it possible to decorate our church during this very special time of year. Thank you!

In Memory of:

Frank Palkovits
 Alvina Kelley
 Jon & Rose Serube, M/M Gabriel Kilbride, M/M Bernard Kilbride
 Emil Nowak, Fatima & Stanley Olearczyk
 Jessica Desrochers
 Don & Peg Crosby,, William Lewos
 Philippa Gablik
 Our Family Members
 Caroline Walulak

Donated By:

M/M Stephen Hill
 M/M Nelson Garrow
 M/M Bernard Price
 M/M Wesley Nowak
 M/M Leonard Desrochers
 M/M Barry Crosby
 Mr Peter Thorpe
 M/M Robert Letendre
 Kos, Primavera & Walulak Families
 Mrs. Louise Roberts
 Mrs Amanda Kavanagh
 M/M George Disque
 M/M Hondo Degray
 M/M George Opalenik
 Mr Hugh Moriarty
 Mrs Helen Lavalle
 His Family
 M/M Robert Bishop
 M/M Kyle Parent

Clarence G. Roberts
 Stephen Kavanagh
 Al & Clara Disque, Sigmund & Magdalen Gaska
 June Lajoie, Theodora Degray, Oscar Degray
 Our Parents
 Hugh & Mary Moriarty
 Francis J. LaValle, Jr., Eileen L. Diemand
 Anthony A Ricardi
 Bea Irvin
 Kathleen O’Connor, Robert Parent

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Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From April 6th through April 13th, 2009 the following intentions were added to our already long list of requests for prayers. Won't you please join us in praying for them all.

Healing for Al Rolla for a blood clot in his leg and prayers for his wife, Bea.

Special intention for Alice for excellent surgical results.

For Erin who is seven month's pregnant and has a painfully twisted back.

Prayers are asked for Joshua for correct diagnosis.

Prayers asked for Denzil for healing.

That Davaria will get good results from a cat scan.

Good results from surgery for Brandy 4/7.

Prayers for Lucille for good test results.

Renewed intention for George O.

For L.O., a special intention for good results from a test.

Thanksgiving for successful surgery for Alice.

That L. B. will find employment soon.

For Charles to have a successful surgical procedure on his shoulder.

Good results for Laurie who has serious medical problems.

For Val, who has progressive lung, liver and bone cancer, that treatment will be successful.

That Tim will return to the Church.

For Jeff and Michele, that their eyes and hearts will be opened to family love.

Renewed intention for Kaela for success in finding a job soon.

Healing of cancer for Karen and prayers asked for her husband.

Speedy diagnosis and treatment for Jim who has a tumor in his intestine.

Thanksgiving for the lives of George Opalenik, Rene Bousquet, Donald Smith and Ada Garvan. Please pray for their souls and for their families and friends in their bereavement.

Thanksgiving for all God's Graces and His answers to the requests of the prayer line. If you would like to have the prayer line members pray for you or a loved one, please call Chris McGinnis, 323-6622, Louise Groux, 323-4046 or Marion Masse, 323-7169.

Flowers (cont)

<i>Donald Lussier</i>	<i>M/M Robert Reece</i>
<i>Son, Michael</i>	<i>M/M Rene Desroches</i>
<i>Nancy Daly</i>	<i>M/M Luke Ross</i>
<i>Maurice Fortin</i>	<i>Mrs Priscilla Fortin</i>
<i>Gloria Scully, Dick Rivest & Cassidy</i>	<i>M/M Michael Collins</i>
<i>Raymond Dionne</i>	<i>M/M Robert Lewis</i>
<i>Justin Wallace</i>	<i>Your Family</i>
<i>Theodore Jenkins</i>	<i>M/M Scott Dubey</i>
<i>Roland Geoffroy</i>	<i>M/M Paul Geoffroy</i>
<i>Barbara Sekreta, Judith Oulundsen</i>	<i>M/M G Oulundsen, III</i>
<i>Tetreault & Monat Families</i>	<i>M/M Victor Tetreault</i>
<i>Mom & Dad Barney</i>	<i>Mrs Patricia Skaza</i>
<i>The Kotowicz & Montgomery Family</i>	
<i>Members who have passed on</i>	<i>M/M Alan Kotowicz</i>
<i>Eddy & Emily Lepine, Henry & Irene</i>	
<i>Boisvere</i>	<i>M/M Thomas Boisvere</i>
<i>Eugene LaPalme</i>	<i>Mrs Rita Lapalme</i>
<i>Norman, Charlotte & Mary Marlowe</i>	<i>Mrs Rita Campbell</i>
<i>John Lafore</i>	<i>Mrs Marie Lafore</i>
<i>Our Family</i>	<i>M/M Alfred Desilets</i>
<i>Edmund F Wallace</i>	<i>Mrs Leonie Wallace</i>

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