

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY, April 25, 2009 VIGIL: Third Sunday of Easter
 4:00 PM ✠ Thomas Buczko 7th 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
- MONDAY, April 27, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠ M/M Real Bayeue req by Ray & Jane
- TUESDAY, April 28, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠ Patricia Myette req by Kathy & Len Abraham
- WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠ John Antonovitch Months Mind req by Pat & Ron
- THURSDAY, April 30, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠ George Opalenik req by the Spiritual Life Com
- FRIDAY, May 1, 2009 First Friday
 8:00 AM ✠ George Opalenik req by Beth Buczko
- SATURDAY, May 2, 2009 VIGIL Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM ✠ Souls in Purgatory req by Mary Yando
 4:00 PM ✠ Lucian, Edward & Stephen Ptaszynski req by the Ptaszynskii Family
 ✠ Alice Nadolny req by Liz & Jim McNamara
- SUNDAY, May 3, 2009 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM ✠ Jennie Wykowski req by Pat & Stanley Antonovitch
 ✠ George Opalenik req by Albert & Laurina Brighenti
 10:30 AM ✠ Lisa Calabrese req by Tom & Donna Grady & family
 ✠ Lawrence Robert Stasiak, Jr req by the family



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

- Lk 24:45-46

Religious Vocations Corner – What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest or religious, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: g.dailey@diospringfield.org. Please pray for our church leaders, may they be witnesses to the peace of Christ.

The Pastor's Thoughts...

-Over the past few months, and again this past Sunday at the 10:30 Mass, hosts have been found in the men's bathroom or in the book racks of the pews. This is very serious for us who believe in the "Real Presence" of Christ in the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. May I ask that parents review this with their children and emphasize how serious it is when we abuse this sacrament. Several months ago I was confronted with this situation by a parent relative to her daughter and was able to consul this young person as to the seriousness of her actions. Please join me in keeping safe from any abuse, the Blessed Sacrament we are so privileged to receive. May Our Lord be always received with great devotion, respect and appreciation.

-We are so grateful for the response we have been getting from this request; I offer it again for those who may have missed this appeal: --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.

-Mother's Day will soon be here and therefore we are making available our annual Mother's Day Cards. These cards are for living and deceased mothers who will be remembered in the special Masses and prayers that will be offered for them. These cards are a new design this year and available in the gathering space. You are asked to complete and return the outer envelope and give the card to that special "Mother" you wish to honor or keep it as a remembrance of her on this special day.

-This week the Diocesan Building Consultant and our Land Engineer visited our proposed site for the new rectory. They will begin preparing the necessary documents for the development of the site and oversee the testing of the soil as well as clear issues with our various Town boards so as to clear the way for development and building.

Again, contractors in the parish are invited to let me know if you are interested in bidding on any aspect of this project.

-Mr. Wyman tells me our Building Fund Cash Raffle is off to a great start. Returns over last weekend have covered our expenses and prizes and all future returns will benefit our Building Fund for the New Rectory. Please join me in asking relatives and friends to support our efforts.

-Please support our local K of C Council by participating in their upcoming special Italian Dinner. Tickets are available in the gathering space.

-Next weekend is our last session of Generations of Faith as we look at the Holy Spirit. See you there.

Fr. Vern

THIRD 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 18-19 was..... \$5,244.18
Weekly Sunday Average 6,435.27
Weekly Sunday Goal..... 6,500.00
Mortgage & Expansion Collection for 4-19 6,159.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal 6,000.00
Mortgage & Expansion April Overage..... 159.00

Mortgage & Expansion Collection

The Monthly Collection for the Mortgage & Expansion Fund will be a second collection at all masses next weekend May 2nd & 3rd. The loan payment is a monthly obligation which our parish must fulfill just as any family does. Our goal is \$6,000.00 per month and all contributions above the goal will be retained for mortgage and expansion needs.

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 May 2-3, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM Patel
8:00 AM Fontaine
10:30 AM Schmidt & William

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Yvon, Richard & Leslie Zlotnik, Abraham, Pat A.,
Beaupre, Couture
8:00 AM Moran, Ricardi, Tovet, Waniewski, Crosby, Dubois,
Coty
10:30 AM Gary & Linda Racicot, Tyler, Adams, Belenger,
Dell'Olio, Desilets

Altar Servers

4:00 PM S. & M. Zoufaly, B. Rogers, T. Mazza
8:00 AM John & Justine Holdsworth
10:30 AM R. Racicot, L. & S. LeBlanc, A. Maggi

Pro Life Corner - Please pray for those who are involved in the abortion industry, that they may turn from death to life.



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:

Chris Hurst – One Brick For Mr & Mrs Stanley Antonovitch in Celebration of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Hurst Family – One Brick In Memory of John Antonovitch. The Christopher Opalenik Family – Ten Bricks In Memory of George Opalenik. James Sabadosa – Two Bricks In Memory of His Wife, Lois Sabadosa. Will & Marion Masse – One Brick In Memory of George Opalenik. Joe, Bob & Darlene – Five Bricks for Rita Rose Czaplá Birthday Remembrance 4/4.
Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

Our Lady of the Angels SFO will meet on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM in the Pine Room. All are welcome. For those with questions, call Lynn at 323-5537 or Kathy at 323-9023.

A “Blue Plate Special” Dinner by St Francis KofC, May 2nd – The St Francis KofC 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 St. 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 on April 25th and 26th or by contacting Stan at 323-4842 or Franco at 323-0239. Donations are adults \$10.00, children 5 to 12 years \$6.00 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.

The St Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of coffee and hot chocolate. Thank you for your continued support.

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:

Ricchiazzi & Supczak Families
Loflands & Mabbs
Anna Antonovitch, Jenny Wykowski,
Barbara Superski
Mary & Ray Phaneuf
Gosselin & Garrison Families
Yando & Benoit Families
Kevin Shea & Larry Mazza
Donald Racine, Louis Bernard
Marcianna Rumpal
Our Parents
Joseph Kozak, Sr
Mare Murphy
Peter Adzima

Donated By:

M/M A. Ricchiazzi
Mrs Martha Lofland
M/M Stanley Antonovitch
M/M Raymond Phaneuf
M/M David Garrison
M/M Walter Yando
M/M John Mazza
M/M Kenneth Racine
M/M William Muise
M/M Francis Dudek
M/M Joseph Kozak
M/M Jeffrey Oldenburg
Mrs Gloria Adzima

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From 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.

Prayers are requested for Gloria Slate, hospitalized with an infection

For a woman for improved health

For a safe and enjoyable trip to Houston for Lee 4/13-4/23

A special intention for a family problem

For Patrick McGrath for healing for improved spirits

For successful pacemaker procedure for Fred M. 4/14

For a man, successful surgery 4/15

Healing of a melanoma for a woman

For good medical results for Brittany

Renewed intention for Dolores Disque

Prayers for healing for Shirley Oliveira

Healing for Linda D'Aguiar

For a couple to overcome serious illnesses

That a woman will be able to cope with her problems

For successful back surgery for Stanley 4/14

For Stefanie who is hospitalized with stomach problems

Special intention for Josephine for a successful biopsy procedure 4/17

Healing for Lillian after a serious fall and shoulder replacement

Thanksgiving for the lives of Shirley Oliveira, Albert Lepage and Estelle York. Please pray for the repose of 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.

Easter Flowers (cont)

In Memory of:

Deceased Family Members

Deceased Family & Friends of the

Borowski & Drewniak Families

Souls in Purgatory

Patricia Dion

The Holdsworth & Culliton Families

Anna Langevin

Leo Viens

Gene Whitney

Peter & Stephanie Beynor, Sharon

Fauteux

Norman Jasmin & Lawrence Brzycki

Fern Caron

M/M Frank Suprenant

M/M William McCarthy

Deceased Family Members

Mom & Dad Rees, Dad Fish, Justin

Wallace

Reginald Fleury

Richard LaPerle

Anthony Cartelli

Husband, Philip C. and 3 children,

Rick, Lori & Phil. May they rest

In peace

Mary LeBeau

Donated By:

Barbara Ogonowski

M/M Daniel Drewniak

M/M Joseph Schmidt

M/M Fred Bozoglos

M/M John Holdsworth

Mrs Barbara Provost

Mrs Rose Viens

Mrs Theresa Whitney

M/M C. Robinson, Jr

M/M Edward Brzycki

Mrs Georgette Dupont

M/M Walter Oliveira

M/M Paul Anziano

Ms Helene Brouillette

M/M Arthur Fish, Jr.

Rita & Anita Fleury

Mrs Vivian LaPerle

Mrs Gloria Cartelli

Mrs. Irene Methe

M/M Gerald Renaud

Continued next week