



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

MONDAY, May 4, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠Father Vern's Intentions req by Rita Gallagher
 ✠Shirley Oliveira req by the parish

TUESDAY, May 5, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠Lawrence Chiappetta 2nd ann req by his wife & family

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠Martha Lovell req by her sister
 ✠Michael Oberly req by the family

THURSDAY, May 7, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠Morning Prayer

FRIDAY, May 8, 2009
 8:00 AM ✠Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, May 9, 2009 VIGIL: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 4:00 PM ✠Pat & Ron Akins in celebration of 50 years of marriage

SUNDAY, May 10, 2009 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM ✠David Pierrepont Sr., req by Katina Pierrepont
 ✠Mitchell & Sally Gonet, Stanley & Mary Czaporowski
 10:30 AM ✠Deceased Memebbers of the John Salamon family req by Fred & Alice Piechota
 ✠Deceased members of the Joseph Piechota family req by Fred & Alice Piechota



"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." –

Jn 10:16-17

Readings for May 9-10, 2009
Acts 9:26-31/ Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 150:1-8

The Pastor's Thoughts...

-Next Saturday morning at 11AM in St. Michael's Cathedral, Bill Brawner will be called and ordained to the order of Deacon of the Church. It has been some 14 years since this community has had a Deacon and we are so grateful that he has been assigned to us for ministry and service. Besides his liturgical role at Mass which includes proclaiming the Gospel and preaching on occasion, he will also be able to Baptize and preside over the Sacrament of Marriage when it takes place outside of Mass. He will also assist with the celebration of the Rites of Christian Burial by presiding over wake services and burials at the cemetery. I have asked him to particularly oversee our ministers of Word and Eucharist.

-For those who may not be familiar with a "Deacon," his title is Reverend Mr. and can be addressed as Deacon Bill. At liturgical celebrations his vestment is a stole worn over the shoulder and across the front and back, as well as a Dalmatic which, unlike the Chasuble of the priest, is like a "T" with sleeves. A Deacon does not wear "clerical" clothes, a Roman Collar, etc. but is encouraged to dress in lay attire.

On Sunday, May 10th, Bill will join us for the 10:30 Liturgy in his official role as a Deacon of the Church. I know his presence will be most welcomed here at St. Francis as he joins our staff. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination day.

-The last photo sessions for our upcoming Parish Directory will begin this coming Tuesday. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has participated and to the members of our Communications Commission for overseeing this project.

-We are all very grateful for the wonderful response our membership has given to the various presentations of our Pastoral Council Commissions. Next weekend you will be given an opportunity to volunteer a year of service. Many have done so already. The Commissions are really the life of the parish and make so many things happen that in one way or another benefit our entire community. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the parish, to meet new friends and to make a very positive contribution. The stronger our commissions become the stronger our parish will be.

-We are very grateful to our Fund Raising Committee and to everyone who has contributed to the success of our "Mother's Day Raffle." The drawing will be next Sunday following the 10:30AM Mass. It is efforts like this that has allowed us to continue our building projects without a major fund drive. The Diocesan Building Commission meets this Monday and we should be receiving permission to bring our new rectory out to bid in the very near future.

God Bless and have a wonderful week! Fr. Vern

Religious Vocations Corner –This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The church needs good leaders as well, leaders that will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: g.dailey@diospringfield.org. Please pray for a deepening of our commitment to follow the call of the Good Shepherd.

FOURTH 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 25-26 was..... \$5,004.89
Weekly Sunday Average 6,402.01
Weekly Sunday Goal..... 6,500.00
Mortgage & Expansion Collection for April 4-26..... 6,524.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal.....6,000.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion April Overage.....524.00

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: Monday 1:00 – 2:00 PM; Tuesday 12 Noon – 1:00 PM and Tuesday 1:00 – 2:00 PM.**

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of May 9-10, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM Phaneuf
8:00 AM Forrest
10:30 AM Abuselmi & Roux

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Buczko, Carney, Amy, John & Therese Rakouskas, Racine, Lemire
8:00 AM Fontaine, Barrett, Kielbasa, McGinnis, Miffitt, Moran, Ricardi
10:30 AM Fedora, Groux, Lattrell, Lawrence, Letendre, Rose, Tyler

Altar Servers

4:00 PM A. Beaupre, M. & A Patel
8:00 AM S. & R. Forrest
10:30 AM T. & J. Bechta, M. Beaudet

Cash Raffle Drawing Next Week – The drawing for the Parish Cash Raffle will be after the 10:30 Mass, May 10th. The top prize is \$500. Other prizes are two \$100, four \$50 and four \$25. If you wish to participate and have not turned in the tickets which were mailed to all parishioners, you must turn them in before the 10:30 Mass. Tickets will be available at the weekend Masses, also. They are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Good luck to all – your Parish Fundraising Committee.

St Francis of Assisi Food Pantry is in need of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and shaving cream. Your response to our needs is greatly appreciated.



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: From the Family – One Brick In Memory of Frederick (Rick) Rocha. Jan Madden – One Brick In Memory of George Opalenik. Albert & Laurina Brighenti – One Brick In Memory of Shirley Oliveira. Theresa St Mary – One Brick In Memory of George Opalenik. Rita Gallagher - One Brick In Memory of George Opalenik. Joe Czapla & Family – Two Bricks In Memory of Shirley Oliveira
Thank you for your support and please remind your friends that they, also, can “buy a brick”. They are only \$10.00 each.

Our last preparation session of Generations of Faith is this weekend. We are studying the Creedal lines that refer to the Holy Spirit. Our participants are preparing to celebrate the Pentecost event on the weekend of May 30/31. Adults will have an opportunity to hear our guest speaker from the Diocesan Office of Religious Education –Carolyn Vogt Groves. We meet at Chestnut Hill Community School Session times are Saturday from 9 to 11:30 AM & 6 to 8:30 PM; And on Sunday 9:30 to Noon and 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

RCIA at St. Francis – Are you interested in completing your sacraments in the Church? Do you know anyone who has expressed a desire to convert to our faith? We have begun a new RCIA process with three candidates. Contact Judy Trickey if you would like to join them – 323-6272, x 2. If you have a desire to support a candidate on their faith journey, I’d love to hear from you. We are in need of sponsors for our candidates.

Executive Summary of the April 7, 2009 Pastoral Council Meeting – At the April 2009 Pastoral Council meeting, the council approved Beth Buczko’s proposal that the cancer support group take advantage of the American Cancer Society’s offer to host makeover sessions for cancer patients. Beth also suggested starting a Good Samaritan initiative to help those who need help doing shopping, going to doctor’s appointments, etc. The council supported her idea. Father Vern mentioned the possibility of drawing on Food Pantry funds for extraordinary emergency cases. Council members agreed but noted that we must be careful not to put an undue burden on the Food Pantry funds. The schedule for recruitment to the Pastoral Council was changed. Bill Bowen, of the Communications Commission discussed the organization of the photo-taking sessions for the new Parish Directory. Father Vern discussed his meeting with the diocesan building coordinator regarding the new rectory. Any bonded and insured local contractors can bid to do work. Stan Wyman of the Finance Committee reported that the building fund is doing well but the operating budget is still running a loss: although receipts went up 10% from July 08 through March 09, expenditures went up 17%.

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.

MAY 3, 2009

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From April 20 through April 27, 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.

For Jerry Senecal to get correct treatment.
Peace and comfort for Carole Kamins.
Healing of cancer for Fran B.
For Roseann Carr, complete healing and recovery.
Continued prayers asked for Patrick McGrath.
Complete healing for Fr. Michael Langell.
Successful breast surgery for Shirley.
For Dana Brady, successful leg surgery 4/30 with a complete and speedy recovery.
Safe and enjoyable trip to Hawaii for a couple 4/26-5/6.
Renewed intention for Josephine for complete healing.
Prayers asked for Andrew for improved health.
Renewed intention for healing of cancer for Bea and Al Rolla.
For Ann M., successful treatment and complete healing.
That Sean will find the right job.
Healing of a rare blood disorder for Joshua S.
For Tom M., healing of his hands and wrists.
Prayers asked for a woman with a painful foot problem.
Renewed intention for a woman with stomach problems.
Thanksgiving for the lives of Karen Kennedy Woodcock and Carole Kamins. 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) – 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:

Donated By:

*John & Mary Sweeney, Father &
Mother*

Mrs Jean Wadsworth

*Don & Barbara Balor, Mary &
Marcel Cristostomo*

M/M Jonathan Crisostomo

Our Parents and son, Keith

M/M Michael O'Connor

*Deceased Members of the Murphy
& McAveney Families*

Mrs Edna McAveney

Extra monies were donated by: Ms Rosemary Austin, M/M Donald Como, M/M Aldore Albert, M/M Roger Archambault, M/M Henry Campeau, Mrs Rita Rivest, M/M Gerald Millen, M/M Stephen Bobowicz, Mrs Martha DeHahn, Mrs Agnes Kowal, Mr James Boyko, M/M Mariusz Czarniecki, M/M Donald Perron, M/M Raymond Coulombe, M/M George Kellogg, M/M Bruce Rivest, M/M Robert Roux, M/M Joseph Labelle, M/M Joseph Fedora, M/M Robert Opalenik, M/M Bernard Mathieu, M/M Timothy Relihan

