



- 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 – Mother's Day
 8:00 AM †David Pierrepont Sr., req by Katina Pierrepont
 †Mitchell & Sally Gonet, Stanley & Mary Czaporowski
 10:30 AM †Deceased Memembers of the John Salamon family req by Fred & Alice Piechota
 †Deceased Members of the Joseph Piechota family req by Fred & Alice Piechota
- MONDAY, May 11, 2009
 8:00 AM †For our Seminarians and an increase in vocations in the Springfield Diocese req by Rita Gallagher
 †Grace Lyons Healy 4th ann
- TUESDAY, May 12, 2009
 8:00 AM †Deceased brothers & sisters req by the Joseph Fedora family
 †Michelle Kowalski req by her husband, Richard
- WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2009
 8:00 AM †Susan Moon req by Therese & David Pierrepont
 †George Opalenik req by Ray & Terry Couture
- THURSDAY, May 14, 2009
 8:00 AM †Harold "Mickey" LaBroad req by the Pierreponts
 †Robert Forkey 5th ann req by Bill & Louise Groux
- FRIDAY, May 15, 2009
 8:00 AM †Morning Prayers
- SATURDAY, May 16, 2009 VIGIL: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 4:00 PM †Ruth Dupuis & Dorothy Symancyk req by the family
 †Zdroykowski family req by Mr. & Mrs. Rene Pepin
- SUNDAY, May 17, 2009 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM †Alcide & Aldea Bernier req by son & family
 †George Opalenick req by Paul & Nancy Kwiatkowski
 10:30 AM †Maurice Hickey req by Arleeda Hickey
 †Knights of Columbus Council req by SFO



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

- Jn 15:1-2

Scripture Readings for May 16-17, 2009

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

The Pastor's Thoughts...

-Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to our new Deacon, Rev. Mr. William Brawner and to all his classmates who were ordained by Bishop McDonnell this Saturday at the Cathedral. We so look forward to Deacon Bill's ministry among us as I know I will be so grateful for all his help and assistance. Deacon Bill, welcome to our parish staff and may you be with us for many years to come.

-I am very delighted and pleased that our NCYC teens will be sponsoring a **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for kids pre-school through elementary to help them go "WILD" for God.

WHAT: Safari Bible School ~~~ **WHEN:** July 6th 8th 10th, 2009

WHERE: St. Francis Church grounds

TIME: 9:00-12:00 ~~~ **COST:** \$15.00 a day

HAPPENINGS: Kids will be assigned to a Safari Crew of five where each day they will learn Bible stories, listen to roaring music, make critter crafts and learn some wild games. The wild ones will be fed theme snacks.

Registrations will begin after Mass in June or you may pre-register your child by calling Deb Robinson at 544-1201. All proceeds will benefit our NCYC Teen Team.

-All the members of our Pastoral Council are delighted with the wonderful response our community gave to our call for "a year's help on a commission." Our numbers have been significantly increased and I know this will translate into a rich blessing for our parish family. A word of thanks to everyone who has taken up this oar to keep our boat moving forward.

-This coming Saturday, five members of our parish will be meeting with other parishes in our Deanery, together with our Diocesan Team, regarding "Pastoral Planning." We are the last area of the Diocese to go through this process. It is expected that the reconfiguring of our parishes will be completed by the 1st of September. Though we do not expect any impact on our present parish structure, do keep in prayer the many communities that are being asked to make such great sacrifices in terms of closure and change.

-Next weekend we will begin our celebrations of First Communion, with Confirmation being celebrated on May 30th. We are so proud of all our young people and so grateful to their parents and to all who have assisted them in this journey of Faith.

-Happy Mother's Day As we remember the mothers who are with us and those who have gone before us we can only be grateful for those wonderful and nurturing women who have blessed us with life and love. May God bless them for the blessing they are and have been to all of us who have the honor to call them: "MOM"

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Bless them now and forever. AMEN

Happy Mother's Day, Fr. Vern

FIFTH 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 May 2-3 was.....	\$8,162.61
Weekly Sunday Average	6,442.02
Weekly Sunday Goal.....	6,500.00
Mortgage & Expansion Collection for May 4	3,834.50
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion Goal	6,000.00
Monthly Mortgage & Expansion May Shortfall.....	2,165.50

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 16-17, 2009

Lectors

4:00 PM FC Student - Amara
8:00 AM Miffitt
10:30 AM FC Student – Dell'Olio

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Yvon, Racicot, Abraham, Pat A., Richard & Leslie Zlotnik, Symabczyk
8:00 AM Tovet, Waniewski, Crosby, Dubois, Coty, Fontaine, Barrett
10:30 AM Gary & Linda Racicot, Adams, Belanger, Dell'Olio, Desilets, Fedora

Altar Servers

4:00 PM T. & R Lewis, M. & H. Sugrue
8:00 AM B. Dubois, F. Muraczewski
10:30 AM R. & N. Gousy, S. & L. LeBlanc

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.



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: Albert & Laurina Brighenti – One Brick In Memory of Carole Kamins. Charlene & Mike Forgue – Two Bricks In Memory of Carole Kamins. Linda Sterling – Two Bricks In Memory of Carole Kamins. Bob & Anna Donovan – 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.

Thank you! Thank you! Our parish is very grateful to the 158 parishioners who contributed \$9,393 to our Fuel Fund Appeal. Individual donations ranged from \$3 to \$500, with several in the \$100 to \$300 range. The total fuel expense from July 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009 was \$26,243.63 for the church and the Park Street buildings.

Thank you – The NCYC team would like to thank everyone who was involved in making our Pasta Supper a success! Special thanks to the K of C and Chef Franco Dell'Olio. We couldn't have done it without you. We'd also like to thank everyone who has been so supportive of our cause and has donated so generously. We appreciate all of your help as we continue to work towards our goal of getting to the National Catholic Youth Conference.

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.

Family Life – the next meeting of the Family Life Commission is Tuesday, May 19th, at 7 PM in the Tovet Room. We look forward to welcoming many new members.

Helping Hands – If you are able to help out with food shopping or transportation to doctor's appointments, please contact Beth at 323-5910. We have a request from a parishioner who needs transportation to U-Mass Medical Center for cancer treatment. If you could do this one day a week or even just once to help out, please call Beth at 323-5910. We would like to thank those who have been able to help out so far.

Religious Vocation Corner – Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. A mother's love is something special and we celebrate her today. What a great gift for any mother to have a son a priest and/or a daughter a religious sister. If you feel that you have a vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or E-Mail: g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

St. Francis Food Pantry is in need of flour, sugar, cake mixes and instant puddings/jellos. As always, we thank you for keeping the Pantry supplied.



MAY 10, 2009

Michael Sweeney Prayer Line

From April 27 through May 4, 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.

Thanksgiving for prayers answered for Ted and continued prayers requested.

For Albert Callahan, healing of cardiac and kidney ailments.

Successful surgery and complete healing for Charles O'Donnell 5/14.

A safe and enjoyable trip to Florida for Gloria and David.

A good outcome from a meeting for April and Josh.

Renewed intention for Lillian that she won't get discouraged.

For Ann M. successful surgery 4/29.

Prayers for Stanley for healing.

Healing for Roberta.

Proper diagnosis for a woman who is in intense pain.

Good results from open heart surgery for Thelma Z. 5/4.

Successful surgery for Stefanie who is back in the hospital.

Thanksgiving for a safe trip for Gloria and David..

Thanksgiving for the lives of Dolores Disque, Frances Hutchinson, Frances Trudeau and Elizabeth Pelott. 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.

Pro Life Corner – Motherhood never comes without sacrifice, as Pam's story illustrates. She became pregnant while she and her husband were missionaries in the Philippines. She contracted amoebic dysentery there. Gravely ill, she was treated with strong antibiotics before anyone knew she was pregnant. Doctors predicted devastating disabilities and urged her to abort her unborn child. She refused, endured numerous difficulties before giving birth to a healthy child, whom she promised God would become a preacher. Not only did her son, Tim Tebow, fulfill that promise but was the youngest college football player ever to win the Heisman Trophy.

St. Mary's Parish will conduct its 25th Annual Carnival on the grounds of St. Mary's School, South & Charles Streets in Ware, on June 12th-14th. Entertainment on Friday evening will be the Mark VI band and on Saturday evening Eddie Forman and Sunday from 3-7 will be Musical Magic for your dancing and listening pleasure. There will be games of skill and chance, arts/crafts, rides and delicious Polish & American foods. Polka Mass on Saturday, June 13th at 4:30 PM with the Eddie Forman Orchestra. Sunday from 11:30-1:30 a Chicken Barbecue will be held on the school grounds. Tickets are \$10.

The Fairview K of C #4044, Memorial Drive, Chicopee will hold its Semi-Annual Candlelight Living Rosary Service on Wednesday, May 20th at 7 PM in their banquet facility led by Council Chaplin Rev. Roland J. Galipeau. This short but meaningful ceremony features a live music program and light refreshments afterward.

"Whoever remains in Me and I in Him will bear much fruit..."You must have Him in your marriage if you want it to bear much fruit. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are June 19-21, July 17-19 and September 25-27. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.