

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be:

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006

9:15AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI – Angela Palmieri

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006

No Masses – all priests on Convocation

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006

No Masses – all priests on Convocation

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006

9:15AM FILIPPO RUGGERI – Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006

9:15AM THERESA PROETO –
Anne Marie & Anthony Lipari

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006

2:00PM Wedding: Mary Ann Follaco & Michael Meli

5:00PM MICHAEL GOMBETTO – Dick

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2006

7:30AM GRACE M. DI NOTO –
Ron DiNoto & Jenny Leone
9:00AM DOMINIC CAPEZZUTO –
Robert & Joan McCrobie
10:30AM SAMUEL & ANNA ARENA – Family

* * * * *  * * * * *

**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Edna Hudson**

* * * * *

Sacrament News!

There will be a First Eucharist rehearsal this Monday, April 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church. Children who are in the following classes are asked to attend this rehearsal: Mrs. Pietrzykowski, Mrs. Steadman, Mr. & Mrs. Pecora. First Eucharist will be celebrated for these families on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Rita Church.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION FOR 2006-2007

Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is underway now. Registration forms are available in the back of church, parish office and Religious Education Office. Sacramental preparation is a parish-based process which means it does not take place in the Catholic School or the Religious Education Program. Once you have registered, you will receive a letter letting you know when the parent meeting will take place. Children who are seven years old are eligible for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Pastor's Perspective

Easter is a triumphant Feast and so we continue the celebration for 50 days, all the way to Pentecost. In fact, every Sunday all year long is considered "a little Easter Sunday". The Easter season is probably less well known than Advent or Lent, yet it is very significant because we continue to live in the light of Jesus' resurrection and are challenged repeatedly to reflect on the difference the Easter event makes in all of our lives.

In last week's "America" magazine, the editorial reflected on "The Promise of Resurrection". I found it very insightful and incorporated some of it in my Easter homily. I'd like to share here a few parts of the editorial that I found very helpful to my own prayer. I hope you will find them helpful too:

Christian hope is rooted in Christian realism. Authentic hope is, above all, resilient; it survives the shattering of all expectations. It is capable of confronting a future that can never be clearly predicted and certainly cannot be fully controlled. Easter hope always deals with possibilities rather than guarantees. Hope, when all is said and done, is quite different from security. In our individual lives, as well as in the larger march of history, our Easter faith does not provide any exemption from darkness and danger. But Easter does remind us of the deepest ground of our trust that there is meaning in our world as in our personal lives

The religious memories that engage us during Holy Week are fulfilled on Easter morning; but they are, after all, memories of suffering – the exile of Israel, the passion and death of Jesus – and these same memories of suffering and death are the source of a renewed hope. Authentic hope does not blink at the dark realities of life: pain, betrayal, oppression and death. Authentic hope is grounded in the unshakable trust that God will be faithful to his people, and the power of his Spirit can transform darkness into light, rescue love from loneliness and bring life out of death. . . .

The resurrection of Jesus confirms our trust that life comes after death and that life comes out of death. The promise of eternal life awaits us at the end of our pilgrimage, and the promise of new life is present in the daily dying of a life lived in love. The Lord has risen and has gone before us. We need not fear the future.

May the joy of Easter continue to grow in your hearts and lives . . .

Alleluia!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK **APRIL 23, 2006**

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY

6:30-7:30pm Eucharist Rehearsal in church for those children scheduled on April 29
7:00-9:00pm St. Clement Project – Rm 1

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3 & 4
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
7:00-9:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office
8:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church

FRIDAY

2:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

Graceann Elizabeth Merle
Makayla Ann Pribanich
Alyssa Rianne Walsh
Sophia Jo Gangemi
Blake Alex Zimmer

BIBLE READINGS:

- 23 Sun **Second Sunday of Easter** (Divine Mercy Sunday) Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31
- 24 Mon Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8
- 25 Tue **St. Mark** 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17 Mk 16:15-20
- 26 Wed Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
- 27 Thu Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36
- 28 Fri Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15
- 29 Sat **St. Catherine of Siena** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21
- 30 Sun **Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Ps 4:2,4,7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ April 29 & 30

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Haley Lodico, Breanna Bernardi, Sara Quinn

Sunday, 7:30am:

John Hohl, Dan Hohl, Michael Hohl

Sunday, 9:00am:

Brianna Gammons, Gianna Gallese, Lauren Benz

Sunday, 10:30am:

Jamie Farris, Adam Reask, Vincent Waver

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Breakfast is served every Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu. Come on down for a great meal to start your day!

Next week’s special: Breakfast Burrito filled with scrambled eggs, sausage and hash brown filling served with salsa and a slice of melon and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

A Special Thank You ~

The Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter were a great joy to celebrate. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Liturgy Committee, lead by Kathy Reinhardt, our Parish Staff, Chrisanne Yule, our Music Director, Choirs & Musicians, Readers, Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Flower People, Elaine King and Christine Chapman and Judy Leone for compiling our Triduum booklets. You are all wonderful and generous stewards - sharing so much of your time and talent to help us pray in faith and joy!

Fr. Chuck

PARISH SUPPORT

EASTER WEEKEND COLLECTION \$19,588

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Monthly Mortgage Payment - \$5,836
Current Parish Center Mortgage Balance - \$468,545

Wedding Banns

III

Mary Ann Follaco & Michael Meli

SACRISTAN:

Week of April 23 Elaine Doriguzzi

LINENS:

Week of April 30 Mary Ellen Whipple

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

will meet on

Monday, May 1
at 7:30pm in Room 3

This gathering is for anyone who is presently caring for a loved one at home, in the hospital or nursing home. More people are finding themselves taking care of sick relatives . . . a little time out will help you! Come for support, prayer and reassurance.

APRIL 23, 2006

PERSONAL OUTREACH TO ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

The challenge is to understand our role – our vocation – and to respond generously to this call from God. Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

Stewardship Live It!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration 2006-2007

Registration forms for currently registered students were mailed home last month. Registration forms for all new students are available in the:

- Church (on the right table outside the Chapel)
- Parish Office
- Religious Education Office (located in School)

A pilot Kindergarten program will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays at the 4:30 class time only. Kindergarten will be open to the first 15 registrants per day.

Also, please note, 6th grade will be taught on Mondays at 4:30pm and 6:30pm only. If this time frame is inconvenient for you please consider having your 6th grader participate in our Youth Group which is open to students in grades 6-12.

Parish registration is required prior to registering for Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation Programs. If you have not registered with the Parish please meet Betsy McDermott on any Sunday morning before or after the 9:00 or 10:30 Masses in the Church library.

If you have any questions about our Elementary Religious Education Program please contact Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

* * * * *

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are an active presence in the Webster area carrying on the traditions of charitable giving and promoting the values and beliefs of the Catholic Church. Webster's Trinity Council continues to provide charitable gifts, help to the disabled and infirmed and support of the youth of our community. Over 70 men of St. Rita are actively involved with the social and spiritual growth of the Knights. Come see what we are about. The Knights of Columbus will be in the gathering area after all masses April 29 & 30 to provide literature on the Knights and to answer any of your questions.

* * * * *

ST. RITA EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 6

Arrive at 6:30pm - play starts promptly at 7:00pm
In the Parish Center Gym

Cost is \$10 per person. Adults only. Cash prizes, 50/50 raffle and lots of door prizes. Registration forms are available on the table in the back of Church. For more information please call Dave or Marti at 671-2383.

In order to strengthen personal connections with our brothers and sisters at St. Clement of Rome parish in Metairie, LA we would like to initiate a letter writing campaign. We invite all parishioners at St. Rita church to consider writing a brief "open" note intended for someone at St. Clement of Rome. You can use your note as an opportunity to introduce yourself or your family to someone at St. Clement and let them know that we care and are praying for them. The idea is that we would package all of our greetings and send them down to St. Clement. Then parishioners there could pick up a note after Mass from one of their friends at St. Rita. If you choose, it might be nice to include a way for them to contact you if they would like (e.g., mailing address, email address, or phone number), which could facilitate a kind of a "pen pal" relationship.

We would like to send our greetings to them in time for the Feast of the Pentecost on June 4th. At Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church through God sending the Holy Spirit. Our cards and greetings would be sent in a similar spirit of love as a sign of God's presence in our lives. Here's your chance to be an instrument of healing and a representative of God's love.

Please enclose your note or greeting card in an envelope, and leave it in the collection box located in the back of church no later than May 28.

* * * * *

From the desk of Mary Jo DiDia, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 ~ mdidia@dor.org

Sunday, May 7 from 4:30-6:00pm
JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING
(all youth in grades 6-8) meet in the Youth Center

Sunday, May 7 from 6:30-8:00pm
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING
(all youth in grades 9-12) meet in the Youth Center

Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14
(Mother's Day weekend) - after all Masses

Carnation Sale - The Youth will be selling carnations for \$1.00 each as a fundraiser for youth events and projects

**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF
SUPPORT GROUP**

Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30pm
at **Holy Trinity Church**

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

Annual Fiesta

Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3

St. Clement of Rome to Benefit from Fiesta

Volunteers, Sponsors, Donations Still Needed

This year we are happy to announce that St. Clement of Rome, our sister parish in Metairie, Louisiana in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will be the sole recipient of our Fiesta tithe. The 52nd annual St. Rita's Fiesta is just weeks away and volunteers, sponsors, and donations are needed to make this perennial social event a continued success.

The Fiesta features a range of activities and games for children and adults, and a variety of tantalizing food. There is also the plant sale, the book sale, the bake sale, and the auction. Those golfers who just missed 'that putt' last year can take another shot at being the **Last Golfer Standing**©. Don't forget the new \$10,000 raffle (see the insert in this bulletin or the flyer coming to your home soon).

Highlights for this year's entertainment includes the **Nashville Sounds of Sean Patrick McGraw**. This Nashville recording artist takes the stage on Friday at 7:00 p.m. The fish fry begins at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, the **Webster Marching Band** – along with floats and antique cars – kicks off the activities with a parade starting a 2:00 p.m. The Dinner Dogs (3:00 p.m.) the Reptile Guy, clowns and magicians are on hand Saturday afternoon. The night may cool off, but the music continues to be hot with **Atlas** performing Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Plant Sale puts down roots ~ Prepare for the Fiesta Plant sale by digging and dividing your plants and shrubs now. Please mark the name and flower color on each pot – this makes them easier to sell. We are willing to divide and dig your donated plants for you. We are looking for different varieties of Hostas, flowering shrubs, perennials, and anything else you may have. Let us know if you have any extra containers. Please call Carol Van Atta, 671-7832, to schedule a dig time. Or for more information, call Joyce Hollander, 671-3281. Volunteers are needed to set up and work the booth.

Going once, Going twice . . . Auction Looking for Items ~ This year's auction will be a live one - and we're looking for items to auction off. You can help by donating new items with a minimum value of \$50. To donate call Gary and Virginia Nicastro at 872-5564 or Carol Montante at 217-8629.

Got Books? Donate Them to our Book Sale! ~ Once again, it's time to clean out your bookshelves. Let's make this sale another big success by donating your used books, CD's and videos. We get a great selection and many bargains; so don't forget to pick up your summer reading at a fraction of the price of new material! A collection box is in the narthex. For pick-up, call 671-2722.

Setting Up/Tearing Down ~ A little manual labor is good for you. Volunteers are needed for setting up and tearing down after the Fiesta. Call Tony Mendicino at 216-9648. **Sponsorships and volunteering are good for the soul** ~ The Fiesta always needs sponsors and volunteers.

TO VOLUNTEER ~ **There will be sign up sheets available in the greeting area next weekend after all Masses.** Check out all the opportunities to help out! You can also call Tom Cali at 671-0428 or Ed Ritzel at 787-1937. For sponsorship information, contact Gary and Virginia Nicastro at 872-5564.

* * * * *
* * * * *

HOPE House is in need of beds, complete with mattress and boxed springs; in particular twin and bunk beds. The bunk beds will be shared with **'La Casa' Migrant Ministry** residence opening soon in Sodus. La Casa is a transitional house for Migrant Workers. Also needed is an adult bicycle for use to get to work. Please call Jackie Harrison at 265-6694 if you can help in any way with this important ministry.

* * * * *

THE 10th ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at Greystone Golf Club. This year we celebrate over \$250,000 raised and distributed to the diocesan elementary and middle schools in Monroe County for tuition assistance. Register your team by May 1 to get the early bird discount rate. For more information or to support this important event, please contact your school, visit school news at "www.dor.org" or call the Schools Office at 328-3228 ext. 1294.

* * * * *

CROP WALK – Sunday, May 7 at 1:30pm

Beginning at the Webster Baptist Church ~ Jesus walked the Hill of Calvary for all of us. Could we walk 1 mile for his poor? For sponsor forms or to make a donation please call Carol at 671-7832.