

APRIL 20, 2008

SAVE THE DATE

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Ability to live as a Christian Steward is supported by our faith. While we may be inclined to build up our wealth "just in case...", we must have faith that God will provide for those who share their gifts.

Stewardship Live It!

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Thank You for your understanding . . .

Because funerals are scheduled in our 9:15am daily Mass slot ~ there are times we need to change the Mass schedule and the intention for that Mass - or due to the unavailability of a priest. We will make every effort to contact the person offering the Mass to have that rescheduled. Our parish community is encouraged to celebrate the life of fellow parishioners, so in the event of a funeral, you are always welcome to attend.

Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule!

Call the parish office ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on you can press 22.

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Fiesta Plant Sale Puts Down Roots: Now is the time to prepare for the Fiesta Plant Sale! When you are digging and dividing your plants and shrubs for the sale, please mark the name and flower color on each pot. This will make it easier for customers to be able to find the specific plant they want and know the color of the plant they are purchasing. We are in need of different varieties of Hostas, flowering shrubs, perennials, as well as planting containers. Please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 (for digging and dividing of plant donations) by mid April or Joyce Hollander at 671-3281 (to volunteer at the plant booth).

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Our **Parish Health Ministry Committee** will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.

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**49th Annual St. Rita Society
EVENING WITH MARY
Tuesday, May 20**

**Mass in Church at 6:00pm
Dinner at Glendoveers at 7:15pm
(Old Browncroft Blvd.)**

All women of the parish are most welcome to attend. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or at the parish office beginning May 10.

On **Sunday, June 1st** Fr. Chuck will celebrate his 40th Jubilee of Ordination at the **10:30am Mass** with a reception to follow in the parish center. All are welcome. We are expecting Bishop Clark to join us for this celebration.

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Arthritis; Everything You've Been Aching to Know

**Sunday, April 20, from 2:00-4:00 pm
at St. Paul's Church, 783 Hard Rd.**

The WPCC Health Ministry is pleased to present their spring health program, **Arthritis; Everything You've Been Aching to Know**. The program will focus on prevention, maintenance and treatment.

This program will be presented by Joanne Insull, Program Director for the Upstate Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. As part of her job, Joanne develops education programs and exercise programs for people with arthritis as well as for professional education and public health programs.

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MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people." Acts 2:46, 47

It is clear that the early Christians found great joy in communing with God and each other. They stayed close by "breaking the bread" – by sharing God's presence with each other. With so much joy and togetherness, it must have felt difficult to miss this celebration when they were ill or unable to attend. They would have felt very much alone if it hadn't been for those same wonderful Christians who cared enough to bring the Lord to them.

The act of bringing the Lord to those who are unable to attend Mass is as old as the Eucharist itself. The act of simply being present to them is even older. There are those who miss the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist and those who simply miss the presence of the Lord because of the lack of people around them.

If you value the Eucharist in your own life and would like to share the presence of the Lord with others who are homebound, please contact Rose Leisenring (671-1100 x 17), Rosemary Gumina (872-5304), Linda Flannery (265-9727), or Marianne Antczak (671-2100 x 24), for more information on Homebound Training, which will be held May 13, 14, and 15.

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**ST. RITA'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008
July 14 through 18 from 9:00am to Noon.
Registration forms are available in the Narthex.**



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

7:00AM JOHN, POPPY & KELLY BONCZYK – Carol
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE – Sage Harbor

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008

9:15AM LUCY PASSERO – The Zaepfel Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

9:15AM HERBER KREGER – Carol Brown

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

9:00AM FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION
5:00PM ANN SAMUELS – Jack & Joan McCarthy

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

7:30AM DAN and HENRY J. CAMPBELL –
Mr. & Mrs. Casimer Maciejewski
9:00AM THELMA ZAEPFEL – John & Karen Smith
10:30AM ANGELINE GALLO –
Leonard & Mary Mortillaro

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

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PARISH VISITATION

Do you have a loved one at home, in a nursing home, or hospital that is in need of a visit? Our pastoral staff is here for you. Please call Rose Leisenring at 671-1100 ext. 17 or Drew Desmarais at 671-1100 ext. 15.

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Did You Know? Our bulletin is available each week on-line at www.saintrita.org – check it out!

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ST. RITA'S PRAYER LINE ~ Did you know that we have a very active Prayer Line here at St. Rita Parish? Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer. If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please call either Eleanor Hanley at 671-3247 or Lee Bartle at 671-6286. We thank Lee and Eleanor for coordinating this compassionate ministry.

Pastor's Perspective

One of my aunts, now in her 80's has always been very active in her parish; sang in the choir, communion minister, Parish Pastoral Council member. In a conversation with her a while back we were discussing some of the challenges facing the Catholic Church. Her response, "It's a living church and therefore it's messy!" I thought of her insight when one of you lent me this little item for use in our bulletin . . .



Live churches always have parking problems; dead churches do not.

Live churches are constantly changing methods; dead churches don't have to.

Live churches have lots of noisy youth; dead churches are fairly quiet.

Live churches evangelize; dead churches fossilize.

Live churches are constantly deficient on staff; dead churches have surplus.

Live churches move out on faith; dead churches operate totally on sight.

Live churches' expenses frequently exceed their income; dead churches take in more than they even dream of spending.

Live churches are filled with tithers; dead churches are filled with tippers.

Live churches grow so fast you forget people's names; in dead churches everybody knows everybody's names for years.

Live churches support Missions enthusiastically; dead churches care only for themselves.

How do these match up to your definition of "live church?"

Some interesting thoughts!

Easter Peace,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 20, 2008

SUNDAY 4/20

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

TUESDAY 4/22

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00-9:00pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY 4/23

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend April 12 & 13

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$18,927	\$13,700	+ \$5,227
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$597,648	\$561,700	+\$35,948

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/07 – 6/30/08)

The surplus in the weekly collection is allocated to reduce the overall budget deficit of the parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CROP WALK ~ Sunday, May 4 at 1:30pm

Start at the Webster Baptist Church on South Ave. Choose your walk from a variety of distances – maps available. Call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 for sponsor forms or to make a pledge. We walk because they have to walk miles for food and clean water. Your participation in any way makes a difference.

SACRISTAN:

Week of April 20 Marge Gallo

LINENS:

Week of April 27 Catherine Zellefrow

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Breakfast is served from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu. We offer a "Special" each Sunday but also have a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (any way you like), bacon, sausage, pancakes . . .



Next Week's Special is: Sausage and Egg Bake served with a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:



Alissa Marie Plizga

BIBLE READINGS:

- 20 Sun **Fifth Sunday of Easter** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12
- 21 Mon Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4,15-16 Jn 14:21-26
- 22 Tue Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13,21 Jn 14:27-31a
- 23 Wed Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
- 24 Thu Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11
- 25 Fri **St. Mark** Acts 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17 Mk 16:15-20
- 26 Sat Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3,5 Jn 15:18-21
- 27 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Easter** Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Ps 66:1-7,16,20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ April 26 & 27

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Chris Gilbert, Nick Wynne, Noah Ritzel

Sunday, 7:30am:

Dan Hohl, Michael Hohl, Mike Hansen

Sunday, 9:00am:

Nick Verneti, Alex Verneti, Mike Sullivan

Sunday, 10:30am:

Vincent Waver, Austin Korol. Steven Fantigrossi

From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
 671-1100 ext. 18 or mdinoto@dor.org

Youth News

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, May 4 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Our last Combined Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group gathering for the season. Anyone in grades 6-12 are most welcome to attend. Meet in the Parish Center Gym. Parents and family are welcome to join us this evening as there will be a special recognition for our current 8th graders moving into Sr. High Youth Group, our 11th graders starting their final year of Youth Group and for our 12th graders who are graduating. Please contact Mary Jo if you will be attending.

To All Current 5th Graders, you are invited to attend our Youth Group "Moving Up Ceremony" on Sunday, May 4 from 5:30 until 7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym with your parents. Come and see what Youth Group is all about!