

DEEP IN OUR HEARTS

Reflection

We need to seek out experiences with the risen Christ, in our prayer and in our community of faith, because being with Christ is what transforms our past and our future: the encounter with Christ forgives our sins of the past, and gives us courage and hope to face the reality of our future. (R. Viladesau)

The apostles were not perfect people; they deserted their Lord, were frightened and jealous. So the concrete symbol for us, and for the forgiveness we seek, is Peter. The man who three times denied Jesus, today transforms himself three times, "Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus is saying to Peter and to us, "Don't just talk about my love in endless committees---don't just be the 'frozen chosen'-'Show me." Notice that each time Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" He connects the answer to the words, "Then tend my lambs, feed my sheep."

Today as we see Jesus giving them the grilled fish and bread, we feel an echo of the Last Supper, their most intimate dinner recently shared with Jesus just before his Crucifixion. Well, this is the same mission-to feed my sheep-that Jesus gives us at each Mass, too. In this Easter season, can we take this to heart?

Today's story shows us that the risen Christ has not gone "up there" somewhere...Jesus is just as present to us while cooking our fish around the campfire as he was to the apostles that day. We might not always feel him there during those times of human intimacy, pain, or suffering. But on reflection and in prayer, we can often look back and see that there was "something more" to our gathering or meeting than we could see at the time. This is why we need to remember-tell the stories-and re-live those important human moments.

NEXT WEEKEND April 24, 25
Special Collection
Catholic Home Missions Appeal

FROM CROSS INTERNATIONAL THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,
I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry during my weekend visit on Jan. 16, 17. Your donations of \$13,716 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor.
May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely, Fr. Charles Smiech O.F. M.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ACCTM would like to thank our parishioners, families and friends for their attendance and support of the Stations of the Cross production and "Elvis: One Night with You" event that recently took place.

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday night at 7pm at Assumption's Hayes Center for a witness talk from a special guest speaker on the Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit. **High school** teens are invited to attend.

DID YOU KNOW.....

We have an active ministry to the sick and homebound in our parish? The ministry to the homebound is exercised by the priests, deacon and twelve Eucharistic Ministers, who minister to thirty two homebound parishioners. In addition we have Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, twice a year, with hospitality provided by our parish Rosary Society. The next communal celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing will be **April 24** at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Our parish priests visit parishioners who are patients at Hackensack University Medical Center, once a week, and Holy Name Medical Center when requested. Both Hackensack and Holy Name Medical Centers maintain Pastoral Care departments. The Pastoral Care Department in each hospital is staffed by both professional and qualified volunteer staff. The staff personnel include full time Catholic priests who administer the sacraments of the sick and respond to any emergencies. **If a family member is in need of an emergency anointing, the Pastoral Care department at the appropriate hospital should be notified by the family, rather than the Parish.**

Occasionally we receive a call to a home to minister to someone who is comatose or who has just passed away. Sometimes when we ask the family whether the person has seen a priest before, we hear, "No, we didn't want to scare him/her", or "We didn't want to bother the priest." However well intentioned those expressions might be, the person is unintentionally deprived of being aware of receiving the comfort and strength the sacraments can provide even when facing death. If you have a homebound family member who lives in our parish please call us. We are pastorally sensitive to each situation and we will be happy to visit them.

Fr. Raymond

ADORATION

A reminder - Adoration is ongoing throughout the year. Anyone anticipating vacation, please contact your coordinator who will help find a sub.

We still need committed adorers on Monday and Wednesday at 11 PM, and Friday at noon, 1, 2, and 9 PM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

*Do you have a passion for cooking?
Do you have a desire to help our local needy?*

Corpus Christi Parish together with Assumption Parish is in the beginning stages of developing a food preparation kitchen to help our local needy.

If you are interested please come to a meeting in the upper cafeteria on Wednesday, April 21st at 7:30 pm.

Any questions please call Joe Blythe @ 201-522-1516 or email at jblythe2@optonline.net

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A liturgy of the anointing of the sick will be offered on:

Saturday, April 24 at 11:00 A.M. Corpus Christi Chapel

Persons preparing for or recuperating from surgery, dealing with a chronic illness, or simply dealing with the effects of aging, are able to receive this sacrament of spiritual healing.

Light refreshments will be served by the women of the Corpus Christi Rosary Society, following Mass.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MASS

The 8th Annual Mass for the EMS community will be offered by the Auxiliary Bishop Manuel A. Cruz on Sunday, April 25 at 12 Noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark. You and your family are invited to join in this Mass dedicated to the members of the Emergency Medical Services community.

LIVING CHRIST RETREATS

Have you had the desire to make a retreat, but could never find the time? We are offering a retreat experience here in our parish called:

A LIVING CHRIST RETREAT

The schedule for the Retreat is:

Thursday, May 13 from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, May 14 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 15 from 8 A.M. to 12 P. M.

Participants return home at the conclusion of each evening. Deepening your faith in the Risen Lord is a wonderful Easter gift you can give to yourself. A donation of \$20 is requested to cover the cost of meals and supplies. Please complete below and return to Father Raymond via the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Center by Monday April 26.

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**LIVING CHRIST RETREAT
May 13-15**

NAME: _____

TEL # _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The six week program continues with a service and a witness talk from 7 to 7:45 PM. **All are invited to attend.** Candidates and sponsor/parent will attend a further small discussion group till 8:30.

April 19

More Like Christ

By Eileen Barroso

April 26

The Living Presence of Jesus

By Msgr. Lew Papera

The Parish community is asked to remember our Confirmation Candidates in their daily prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Service project

As part of the Confirmation program, our candidates will be holding a **Giant "Yard" sale on April 24 from 10 AM to 2 PM.** To support this event we are requesting that you clean out your closets, attics and garages for useful items that can be sold. Please do not offer anything heavy or too large.

Items that have been sold successfully in the past include videos, DVD games, toys, tools, camping gear, household items or collectables.

Donations for a bake sale will also be greatly appreciated. All baked items must be delivered covered by saran wrap to meet the health code.

Donations will be accepted on April 23 between 3:30 and 8 PM at the school cafeteria. **(Not before).**

Proceeds from this sales will be donated to "Food for the Poor" to build three room houses for our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean.

We need the parish to support this selfless activity to give an example to the candidates of our culture of concern for others.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Members are reminded that the Rosarians are serving light refreshments after the 11 a.m. Anointing Mass on **Saturday, April 24.** If you wish to help, please call Karen McDowell (288-5738). Our next General Meeting is Thursday, **May 6.** Sign-up sheets will be available for our May 8th visit to Bergen Regional Medical Center for the recitation of the Rosary followed by refreshments for the residents.

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Elisabetta Feliziani de Carella** from the Carella Family.



SATURDAY APR 17

8:00 PM Gentile and Tricarico Families

SUNDAY, APR 18

7:30 AM Mary and Louis Ferraid and Gloria Favata

9:00 AM Noreen White

10:30 AM Salvatore and Aurora DiNardo

12:00 NN Altagracia Rodriguez – 1st Anniversary

6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, APR 19

6:30 AM Sue Coulouris

8:00 AM James Casey

TUESDAY APR 20

6:30 AM Special Intentions

8:00 AM Anna Meyer

WEDNESDAY, APR 21

6:30 AM Charles Emberger

8:00 AM Rita Pastor

THURSDAY, APR 22

6:30 AM Caroline DiGuglielmo

8:00 AM Thomas Skinner

FRIDAY, APR 23

6:30 AM Santa Matera

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Walsh Family

SATURDAY APR 24

8:00 PM Lucy and Albert Fantaccione

ANTICIPATED MASS/SATURDAY

5:00 PM Rosann Dispoto

SUNDAY, APR 25

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Joseph and Mary Higgins

10:30 AM John Milsop

12:00 NN Lucy and Albert Fantaccione- 73rd Wedding Anniversary

6:00 PM Marian Borgman



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Joseph Cairns, Irene Diverio, Josephine Gurrisi, Arshie Nebbia, Nancy Panieczko, Thomas John Shokoff, Leighann Sweeny and Elvira Urgo.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, APR 18

Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass

MONDAY, APR 19

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

TUESDAY, APR 20

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

AA Meeting – 8:00 PM/Msgr. Fitzpatrick Hall

Bingo – 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, APR 21

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

THURSDAY, APR 22

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

FRIDAY, APR 23

Adoration – Noon to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY APR 24

Anointing of the Sick – 11 AM/Chapel

Bingo – 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

Giant Yard Sale – 10 AM to 2 PM/Cafeteria

SUNDAY, APR 25

Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass

Brown Bag Sunday

BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule for the upcoming week:

Tuesday, Apr 20

Hubay, 5A
Michael, 5A
Sedimeir, 5A
Hund, 5B
Sabato, 6A
Pinto, 6A
Brownlee, 6B
King, 6A

Saturday Apr 24

Mason, 6A
Ziaya, 5A
D'Alessandro, 6A
Foster, 6A
Castillo, 6A
Khilji, 6B
Taubner, 6B
Gomez, 2A

WINE, HOSTS FOR THE WEEK

The wine and hosts to be consecrated at all Masses this week donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the **Licameli Family** from the Licameli Family.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY
Next Sunday April 25

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS CAMPAIGN

Catholic parishes are asked to sign postcards addressed to their federal officials to pass reform that:

- Keeps immigrant families together
- Adopts smart and humane enforcement policies
- Ensures those without legal status register with the government and begin a path toward citizenship

It is important that supporters of reform make their voices heard. Kindly fill out the postcards that are in the pews. The cards will be sent to the Human Concerns office and Bishop daCunha will meet with Senators Lautenberg and Menendez. Your concern and cooperation is greatly appreciated in Christ Peace.