

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

March 30, 2008



A message from guest writer Rev. William J. Reilly. . . .

“The brethren devoted themselves to the apostles’ instruction and communal life, to the breaking of bread and prayers. A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were performed by the apostles... They went to the temple area together every day, while in their homes they broke bread... Although you have never seen Him, you love Him, and without seeing you believe in Him, and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory because you are achieving faith’s goal, your salvation.”

How different it must have been for the first Christians to tell the story of Jesus and share their Easter joy. They probably came together to tell the story over and over, as they met each day. They paused for prayer, shared the good news of Easter, then at home met to share in the breaking of bread. There was probably very little that could be said or done to take their eyes of living faith from the living Jesus.

The community life of the Acts of the Apostles is a type of a parish or small faith communities which make up a parish. How fortunate we are to be able to live the same experience of sharing, learning, and being nourished by the Eucharist, our “breaking of bread” today. A hunger was satisfied, a hunger we possess. A teaching, the proclamation of the good news, preceded an explanation of the doctrine of Jesus. We teach the same message in homilies, bible classes and CCD. The experience of Jesus in their life was the common thread uniting them all. Your parish can be the same.

The words of Peter about our love, belief, and joy indicate that the saving work of Jesus continues in our lives today. This is the second Sunday of Easter, a time which will extend for four more weeks, helping us appreciate what the first Christians knew and experienced, the living presence of the Lord in their community. He lives, He lives in you and in me.

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**HUNGER TO HOPE**  
**APRIL 12-13, 2008**

**On Good Shepherd Sunday**, join parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese of Washington in a **food drive**. Help those in need as a visible sign of our faith as we prepare to welcome Pope Benedict XVI, the Shepherd of the Universal Church. Donations will benefit the DC metro and southern Maryland areas. Food will be picked up April 13-15 at locations throughout the archdiocese. Details on when and where to bring food will be provided by our parish. Please consult notice on the bulletin board regarding what is needed and a suggested method of purchasing it. Grocery bags for this purpose will be provided next weekend. *Thanks to all who plan to help.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Mar. 31	9:00 AM	Rev. John N. Caldara
Tues., Apr 1	9:00 AM	B. Eugene Purcell
Thur., Apr. 3	9:00 AM	Tommy Poe
Fri., Apr. 4	9:00 AM	J. Matilda Kennedy
Sat., Apr. 5	9:00 AM	Vocations
Sat., Apr. 5	5:30 PM	Agnes Queen & Alberta Wilson
Sun., Apr. 6	8:30 AM	Mary and Annie Thomas
Sun., Apr. 6	11:00 AM	Parishioners

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory      March 23, 2008**

General Collection	\$3,121.47
Vestibule Fund	650.00
Holy Land	210.52
Easter	4,380.00
Poor Box	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 2007	\$3,544.00

*Sacrificial Giving (Tithing) – Joyfully giving thanks to God.  
**Your faithful parish support is appreciated!***

**PRAYERS**

**Please remember the sick of our parish:** especially Franklin Adams, Thomas Barnes, Grace Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Steve Cook, Vera Dilworth, Frances Dowgiallo, Mary Dyson, Agnes Evans, Mary Fox, Geraldine Gross, Ruth Guy, Zee Kerwin, Alverta Lawrence, Jean Lawrence, Herb Mattingly, Reese McKay, John Mundie, Sandy Mundie, Marian Slade, Vickey Spore, Rose Surrute, infant Christian Joshua Taylor.

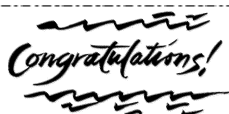
**Others in need of our prayers** (requested by parishioners): All members of our military and their families, Mary Gail Russell Adams, Charles Andrews, Richard Bowen, infant Delaney Brooks, Sarah Burch, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Phyllis Davis, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, James Forrest, John Gateau, Paul Greenwell, Judy Guffey, Jack Gumtow, Michelle Hickie (in Qatar), Frank Holland, Nancy Carol Hodge, Mark Husmann, Alice Jarboe, Karen Johnson, Teresa Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, Teri Kehr, David Kliber, Rita Koegel, Lois Krzeski, Ann Lancot, Gilbert Lawrence, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, Beverly McKay, Neal O’Donnell, Jr., Pat O’Donnell, David Peixeira, Michelle Perry, John Pierce, Tom Puckett, John Raley, Steve Riley, Mary Rizzo, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Gene Springer, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Jennie Umas, Carol Weber.

**A Prayer for the Pope**

God our Father, shepherd and guide,  
Look with love on Benedict  
Your servant, the pastor of your Church.  
May his word and example inspire  
And guide the Church, and  
May he, and all those entrusted  
To his care, come to the joy of  
Everlasting life.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Tues., Apr. 1 Scripture Study, "The Book of Job", 10 AM, Community Center
- Wed., Apr. 2 Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM
- Thur., Apr. 3 Scripture Study, 7 PM, Comm. Center
- Thur., Apr. 3 Baptism Preparation Class, 7 PM.  
(Please call the church office, 301-994-0607)
- Fri., Apr. 4 First Friday Eucharistic Devotion – Holy Hour (private devotion), after 9 AM Mass
- Sat., Apr. 5 First Saturday Mass & Devotion, 9 AM.
- Sat., Apr. 5 St. George Confirmation students must attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Southern Maryland Youth Day. Msgr. Harris Center, St. John's, Hollywood, 10am-10pm. This event is considered your retreat preparation for Confirmation. Questions?? Call Msgr. Karl, 301-994-0607
- Sat., Apr. 5 Rosary Devotion, 5:00 PM
- Sun., Apr. 6 C.C.D. Classes, 9:30 AM



To all who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, March 22.

May God continue to bless:  
 Kristi Nelson, Michelle Nelson  
 Madison Person  
 Jennifer Rabbitt, Robin Robison

Volunteers needed ---

- Interested parents or adults to assist with Youth Group activities. Please call Kim Browne to offer assistance with one or two activities before the end of the school year. (301-994-0638)
- Desserts for Senior Citizens at Loeffler Center, Chancellor's Run Road, third Wednesday of the month. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board in church entrance. Info: call Phyllis at church office, 301-994-0607.

Spring Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 19  
 Please help us get a BIG job in record time! Bring rakes, brooms, chain saws, wheelbarrows, etc.. Come at 9:00 AM (or whatever time works into your schedule.) We hope to finish up with lunch at 12:30 PM.



SCHEDULES	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Apr. 5 5:30 PM	K. Anderson R. Anderson	B. Carpenter J. Heather	MK Piippo C. Galli	R. Baliko P. Browne J. Scrivener	G. Adams Volunteer	First: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Sun., Apr 6 8:30 AM	C. Rodgers A. Rodgers J. Holden	B. Carpenter D.Orwig	D. Adams J. Blackwell	L. Walter M. A. Goddard B. Adams	T. Goddard W. Blackwell	Second: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Sun., Apr. 6 11:00 AM	K. Hills A. Hills J. Shotwell	B. Carpenter -----	N. Knott E. Andrews	Deacon L'Heureux R. Slade C. Norris	J. Mason M. Kibler	Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Daily Mass Lectors, Mar. 31, Apr 1, 3, 4: C. Galli, N. Neel, P. Browne, M. Goldsmith  
 Eucharistic Ministers, Mar. 31, Apr 1, 3, 4: G. Holden & P. Browne, J. Blackwell & C. Galli  
 D. Orwig & D. Adams, A. Fenwick & M. Goldsmith  
 Meals on Wheels, Apr. 1, 2, 3: G. Crawford, V. Worch & P. Walker, E. Russo

- Sun., Mar. 30 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Seafood Dinner, Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD, 11:30 am-4:00 pm. Fried oysters, steamed spiced shrimp, crab balls, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, pickled beets, etc.. Served buffet style-all you can eat. Adults \$23; child 6-12 \$8; 5 and under, free. Carry-outs \$21. Cash raffle also. Info: 301-769-3332.
- Fri., Apr. 4 A Family Faith Formation Opportunity, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7-8:30 PM. "Striving Toward Obeying Our God Everyday!" Featuring Bob Perron ([www.stooge4christ.com](http://www.stooge4christ.com)) and Tracey Heibel, Principal, Great Mills H.S, ("Giving Our Teens the Gift of Christian Values") Info: call 301-863-8795; or website: [www.ihmrcc.org](http://www.ihmrcc.org)
- Wed., Apr. 9 Adult Study, Fr. A. White School Library, 7-8:30 PM. Topic: *What is the role o the pope in the Church?* Call Leonard Wathen, 301-475-8064 to register.
- April 12 & 13 Free Sonogram for Pregnant Women, Care Net Pregnancy Center of SO MD. Info: 301-737-4604, x15.
- Mon., Apr. 14 Prove-it: A Discussion for High School Teens, St. Aloysius Rectory Rel. Ed office, 7-8:30 PM. Info & sign-up: Leonard Wathen, 301-475-8064.
- Catering Service Needed – Bids are now being accepted for a private caterer to prepare lunches for school children at St. John's, Hollywood for the 2008-2009 school year. Call 301-373-2281 for information and application. **Deadline April 14.**

Calling All High School Seniors!

The Catholic Standard, our award-winning Catholic newspaper, is sponsoring a writing contest for all high school seniors who attend a parish within the Archdiocese. Submit your essay on the topic: "The theme of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Washington "Christ Our Hope". What does this phrase mean to you as a young Catholic in 2008?" and you will have the opportunity to win a \$2,000 college scholarship and have your work published in the Catholic Standard! Contact your parish office for an entry form. Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2008.

Jubilarian Mass for Married Couples

A special mass offered by Archbishop Donald Wuerl will be celebrated **June 8, 2008 at 2:00 PM** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years. Please call the church office if you would like to receive an invitation to attend and/or receive a certificate. Let us know before **April 25** (301-994-0607).



