

*6th Sunday of Easter*  
*April 27, 2008*

"I will not leave you orphans." Jesus utters this promise in today's gospel. The fulfillment of this promise is found not only in the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but also in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. When we celebrate Eucharist and receive the sacred body and blood of Jesus we become one with Christ and each other. In this Sacrament of communion we clearly are not orphans. Jesus is with us and we are brothers and sisters to each other.

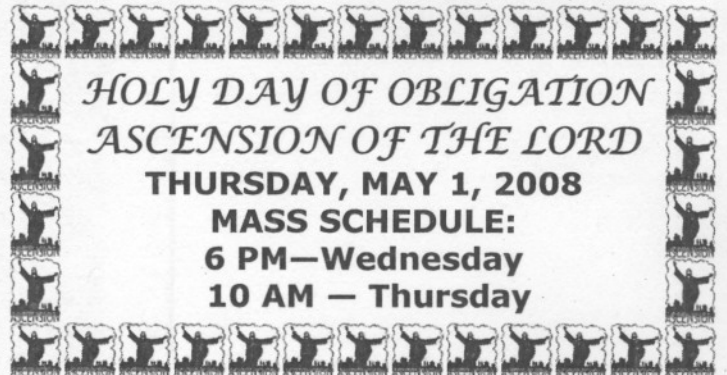
One of the innate desires that is part of being human is the desire to belong to someone or something. Whether the sense of belonging manifests itself in the shape of marriage, family, community, organization, or a social circle, it is not only a desire but also a basic human need. Our presence in this church today illustrates this very fact of life. Essentially, we are all made in God's image and likeness to be relational beings with and for others.

Although most of us have never lived in an orphanage, I think we all in our humanness can identify in some way with the experience of being orphaned. To be orphaned is to be abandoned and left alone. This experience of being abandoned occurs on many fronts and it is not limited to the baby left on the doorstep. Adulthood has its share of orphaned moments. For example, the friend who all of a sudden does not call, the partner who stops loving, the job that is taken away from us, the family member who does not visit, the feeling of youth that gives way to the limitations of age and the letting go of a loved one in death are all "orphaned moments" that make us feel so aban-

doned and alone.

Amidst this sense of abandonment, Jesus promises not to leave us orphans. Not only in the sending of the Spirit, but we are also blessed with Eucharist. Each time we gather around the table of the Lord we are fed and nourished and we have the ability to experience in a very profound way a sense of belonging that transcends this world and brings great satisfaction to our yearning hearts.

It is in the Eucharist then that we are no longer orphans, we are a family, the body of Christ, one with Jesus and one with each other.

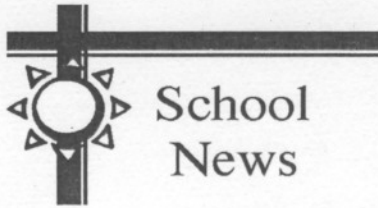


*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*  
*ASCENSION OF THE LORD*  
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008  
MASS SCHEDULE:  
6 PM—Wednesday  
10 AM — Thursday



Next Sunday, May 4th, twenty second graders from our School and CCD Program will meet Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the 12:30 pm Mass. Please join with us in prayer for our children that their hearts will be ready to receive Jesus. Thank you to their teachers and to everyone who has prepared our children for this Sacrament.

*Have a Blessed Week.*  
*Sister Dorothy*



School  
News

## Market Day®

Market Day orders will be available for pickup on Tuesday, April 29th from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. If you haven't tried Market Day, you are missing quality food at a good price. Proceeds from Market Day sales benefit our school.



### DENTAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. Dee will be visiting our school on Wednesday, April 30th. Dr. Dee is a local dentist who will be here to discuss the importance of good dental health. The assembly will be for the kindergarten through eighth grade.

### ASCENSION MASS

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Please join our eighth grade students with their teacher Mrs. Pricer, for this special Holy Day Mass.

### JESUS DAY FRIDAY MAY 2, 2008

Students in second grade will spend the day preparing for Jesus. Students receiving their First Holy Communion will have a special day filled with many activities.

## *St. Bartholomew Parish Communion Breakfast*

*Guest Speaker*

*Rev. David Bonnar*

*Sunday May 18th*

*10:30 AM Liturgy*

*Breakfast following at*

*Comfort Inn, Rodi Road*

*Tickets available after all masses  
this weekend and next.*

*Sponsored by St. Bartholomew  
Women's Group*

*All Parishioners (men and  
women) are welcome*



A special thank you to all who donated blood during our blood drive last Sunday. There were a total of 24 blood products taken.

Four donators were randomly selected to receive a \$25.00 scrip certificate of their choice. A special thank you to Marcia Irr who did a wonderful job in coordinating this important event.



*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." — Jn 14:15-17*

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
DIAPER DRIVE**

Once again Catholic Charities has invited parishes in the Diocese to support it's Women in Need (WIN) program. The WIN program distributes baby items to low income mothers supplying them with basic baby needs, counseling, parenting support and more.

During May, the month we honor our Lord's Blessed Mother, it is fitting that we participate in this most important pro-life effort. The following items are most in need:

- ♦ Diapers (size 3 and up)
- ♦ Baby Wipes
- ♦ Formula of any kind
- ♦ Baby care items (lotions, shampoo, diaper cream)



Please bring these items to any Mass during the month of May and place them in the baskets in the vestibule.

Thank You



**MOMENTS**

Family relationships are imprinted in our hearts, today's gospel reminds us our loved ones "always remain with you." Even death and distance cannot erase this presence. We only need to pause and remember and our loved one is present to us again. It is a different presence, but a REAL presence.



**MON., APRIL 28, Peter Chanel, Priest**  
10:00 AM Dale DeLuca (Mother)

**TUES., APRIL 29, Catherine of Siena**  
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph

**WED., APRIL 30, Vigil: Ascension**  
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna  
6:00 PM Francesco & Anna Capicotto (Maria Fava)

**THURS., MAY 1, Ascension**  
10:00 AM People of the Parish

**FRI., MAY 2, Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor**  
10:00 AM Eugene Herrmann (Daughter)

**SAT., MAY 3, Vigil: Seventh Sunday Of Easter**  
4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Sophie Giuliano (Mary Grace Giuliano, Daughter)

**SUN., May 4, Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Maria Rosso (Rosso Family)  
12:30 pm First Holy Communion

*Please remember in you prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the Parish; also the departed members of our Parish Family, especially:*  
**Janice Abaray, Rose Morsillo  
Alfred Mannella**



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS LIT  
THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF  
DALE ANN DELUCA  
FROM HER MOTHER.