

## SCHOOL NEWS



Market Day pick-up  
is Tuesday April 27

### SCHOOL MASS

Please join our students on  
Thursday April 29, as the 7<sup>th</sup>  
grade hosts the 10:00 am mass.

### JESUS DAY

Our second grade students will  
participate in Jesus day on  
Thursday, April 29. This is a spe-  
cial day for the children who are  
preparing to receive their First Ho-  
ly Communion, please keep them  
in our prayers.

### EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday, April 30 there will be an  
11:15 am early dismissal.  
Extended care will be available.

Please pray for Mrs. Pricer, our  
Principal and the teaching staff as  
they spend the rest of the day  
working on Middle State Evalua-  
tion for our school. This is a very  
intense process that takes hours  
and hours of preparation. It is al-  
so a wonderful tool that helps our  
school realize what a gift we are  
and the areas where we need to  
grow.

## **World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday**

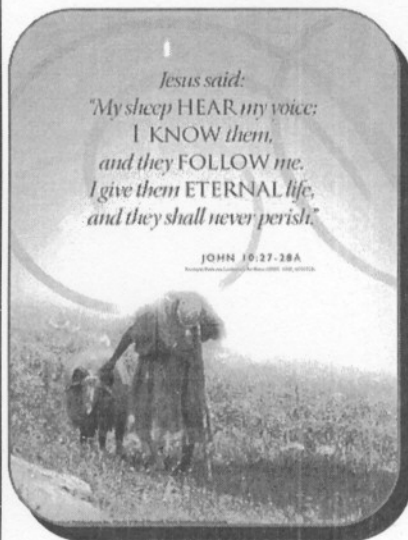
*Today is World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations, with the theme of "Witness  
Awakens Vocations." Please pray for  
our priests, brothers, deacons, and  
women and men in consecrated life,  
that they be great witnesses to the  
whole Church and that their examples  
strengthen within our youth the desire  
to seek God's will for their lives.*



(Fr. Al, Sr. Dorothy, Fr. Martin and Fr. Phil)

A new Web site,  
[www.ForYourVocation.org](http://www.ForYourVocation.org), is being  
launched by the US Conference of  
Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The  
Web site has two objectives: to help  
individuals hear and respond to the call  
by God to the priesthood or  
consecrated life, and to educate all  
Catholics on the importance of  
encouraging others through prayer and  
activities to promote vocations. The  
site offers resources for men and  
women who may have a vocation to  
the priesthood or consecrated life, aids  
for promoting a vocation-culture within  
the home, and tools for educators,  
youth leaders, and vocation directors  
including prayers, videos, best  
practices, lesson plans, and vocation  
awareness programs.

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 25, 2010



Saint Paul was transformed from persecutor of Jesus' followers to the foremost preacher of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today's first reading directs our attention to his dedication to preaching about Christ in the synagogues first, before turning to the Gentiles.

The Gospel passage today is the culmination of Jesus' discourse on the Good Shepherd in John's Gospel. In it, we hear that our salvation is grounded in the degree of commitment that Jesus has to us.

We can see how Paul modeled his life on Jesus Christ, who loved his own until the end, whose union with God moved him to see himself as the Good Shepherd, sent first to the house of Israel. We are called to recognize the Jewish people as the people of the first covenant, the people from whom the Messiah came. There can be no excuse for any kind of prejudice or disrespect between Christians and Jews, Christians and Muslims, Christians and any religious group that seeks God in integrity and sincerity of heart.

How does your calling as a follower of Christ lead you to relate to people of other faiths or of no faith?

We pray that all people will find their unity through faith in God, the Creator of all. We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Jewish faith. With them we share our belief in one God, the Creator of heaven and earth; with them we acknowledge Abraham as our father in faith.

*As I look around at our campus this morning, I see life sprouting everywhere. The flowers from last Easter were planted and are beginning to peek through the soil, the blooms on the trees are filling the air with beautiful smells, and our school children are filling our ears with the joys only children can bring during their gym and recess. Yes, another season of life is upon us.*

*Today the Church sets time aside for us to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. I encourage you to join with me in praying for those who may be struggling with a call to service to the Church, that they may receive the courage they need to follow God's urging in their hearts. I ask you to also pray for those of us who have answered the call to service to God's Church that we may always remain faithful and may always be willing to be of service and lead with dignity and zeal.*

*As you have seen from the bulletin, our weekly collections are generally not meeting our budgeted amount. I thank all of you who increased your collection last year when I invited you to raise your amount by a dollar. If you were not able to at that time, I ask you to look and see if you have any room in your own budget to increase your collection. Our school and parish staff are very diligent in being good stewards of our finances.*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**WEEK OF 4-18-10 —\$7,207.34**

**Budgeted Collection Amount  
\$8,100.00**

*Thank you for your sacrificial offering  
to your parish.*

*Have a Blessed Week.  
Sister Dorothy*

**APRIL 25, 2010**

**MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH**

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a joy filled prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 22 from 9 AM to Noon at the Radisson Greentree. The breakfast will feature speaker Kathy MacInnis, Assistant Coordinator of the Magnificat Central Service Team. Kathy will tell her story of a bout with cancer, a miraculous healing from depilating food allergies, and the ordeal of falling ill to serious health problems while out of the country. She will also share lessons of love as a caregiver for her elderly father-in-law. Hear how God has molded Kathy through the joys and challenges of her life, and brought her to a place of abandonment to the Will of God. Kathy has spoken nation-wide and has appeared in EWTN Live. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is May 14. For more information, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749 or download a registration form at [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org).



"The failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters." (USCCB—Living the Gospel of Life, #24)

We must share Pope John Paul's 'Culture of Life' by insisting that the rights to food, clothing, housing and health care also includes the right to be born into a loving family.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2010**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**MONDAY, April 26**  
**Easter Weekday**

10:00 AM Virginia Lowrey (Daughter)

**TUESDAY, April 27,**  
**Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna

**WEDNESDAY, April 28**  
**Saint Peter Chanel, Saint Louis Mary**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna  
1:30 PM Quest Bible Study

**THURSDAY, April 29,**  
**Saint Catherine of Siena**

10:00 AM John Stack (Lois Stack)  
6:30 PM Quest Bible Study

**FRIDAY, April 30**  
**Saint Pius, V**

10:00 AM Frances, Joseph Sr,  
Joseph Jr. Triolo (Family)  
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

**SATURDAY, May 1,**  
**Vigil, 5th Sunday of Easter**

3:00 PM Wedding Karcz & Capobianco  
4:00 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM No Holy Hour  
5:00 PM Tedesco Family (Granddaughters)

**SUNDAY, May 2,**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Philomena DeFinis (Pat DeFinis)  
10:30 AM First Holy Communion  
(People of the Parish)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Gloria Giamportone from her daughter Gloria Busa