

**Fr. Dave's Den:** Having celebrated the Feast of the Ascension this past week and now anticipating the great feast of Pentecost next week, we find ourselves in a transitional time. This time between the departure of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit is marked by a sense of waiting. What are we waiting for? None other than the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles points to this transitional time of waiting, expressed by the Apostles. After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem and went to the upper room. This upper room now became a waiting room for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Together the Apostles waited in prayer. The reading states, "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."

Together, we as a parish family, await in prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Next Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday. As a show of our solidarity, I invite everyone to wear red to church. Let's roll out the red for the Holy Spirit.

In the meantime as we wait for the Holy Spirit, let us pray, the age old prayer "Come Holy Spirit." And in this month of May we take heart in knowing that Mary waits with us as well. Speaking of Mary -- May Crowning will take place this Friday, May 13, 2005 after the 10:00 AM Mass. All are welcome as we honor in a special way our Blessed Mother.

The next two weekends, May 14-15 and 21-22, the annual parish sweepstakes tickets will be available in the back of church. Please be sure to pick up your envelope so as to save the church money in postage. Those not picked-up after May 22<sup>nd</sup> will have to be mailed. The drawing will take place during our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 PM. This year's drawing includes a first prize of \$3000.00, second prize of a 48 inch JVC 16 x 9 HD TV and a third prize of an Oglebay Resort Package to be used at the Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia. In addition to these three prizes there will be an early bird seller's drawing of \$1,000.00 to be held on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> during Monday night bingo. By returning your

sold sweepstakes book early, you become eligible for the seller's bonus drawing. The donation is \$5.00 per ticket and there are 6 tickets per book of tickets. Thanks for supporting our parish festival.

With the departure of Arlene Golden as Director of Religious Education, I am happy to announce that Denise Verosky and Colleen Ford have been presented to the Diocese for approval as supervisors of our CCD program. Pending diocesan approval, Denise will be responsible for the entire program with particular focus on grades K-6. Colleen will be responsible for grades 7-8. Colleen will continue to serve as life-teen coordinator. Very soon Denise and Colleen will be working on assembling a group of teachers. It is my hope that our existing teachers will return to the program. I am grateful to Denise and Colleen for assuming these responsibilities.

Recently a state-of-the-art fire alarm was installed by State Security Service throughout our school building including the parish hall and gym. This new system will provide greater safety for our school. Meanwhile, the fire alarm in church, while workable, will need to be upgraded in the near future. Stay tuned.

Thanks to everyone who is contributing to our Stocking Fund Project. Our goal is \$70,000 to replace the concrete steps and sidewalk in front of, around and on the side of church as well as to re-seal the windows in the baptistery. During the first week, already over \$29,000.00 was pledged with a total of \$17,000.00 deposited. Thanks for your generosity. Every little bit counts.

Speaking of thanks... Thanks to Jessica Pfauth for all of her hard work in cleaning up the vestibule bulletin boards in church. Jessica also donated a beautiful statue of Mary.

As the primary election approaches, a reminder that political information, brochures, or endorsements are not allowed to be distributed on Church property. Any violation of this policy would jeopardize the tax exempt status of the Church.

Keep in mind that with the closing of the food bank, we will only be collecting food at specifically designated times of the year.

Have a prayerful week!

School News with Mrs. Fleet

**Happy Mother's Day** to you! I hope that God continues to bless all mothers with good health, happiness, and lots of love.

**Signed progress reports** are due back to teachers on Monday, May 9. Reservations for Muffins with Mom are also due back on this date.

**There is a PTG meeting** scheduled for 6:30 PM in school library on Tuesday, May 10. Market Day orders are also due this day.

**All are welcome** to attend our special musical, The Wizard of Oz, on Wednesday, May 11. At 9:15 AM there will be a dress rehearsal in the gym, and our program for the evening begins at 6:00 PM in the gym.

**There is an 11:15 AM dismissal** on Friday, May 13, with a faculty meeting to follow. Please join us for the 10:00 AM Mass on this day. Our second and eighth grade students and teachers will help to plan our liturgy.

**Following Mass**, we will honor our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning ceremony. This day will also be a dress up day for everyone. Extended Care will be available on May 13 for both our AM and PM sessions.

**Kennywood tickets** will be sold at our school at 9:00 AM on May 13. The price per ticket is \$18.00, and only cash or money orders will be accepted. No personal checks will be permitted.

**Please continue to save** Box Tops for Education, Campbell product labels, and Shop n' Save receipts. We are also in need of colored copy paper. If you are able to donate to this cause, please feel free to drop it off in our school office.

**Thank you** for all that you always do for our school family. May God bless you!

Women's Group News

Our meeting on April 26 was a huge success! Fifty-two women came together to learn more about future endeavors. Two important upcoming events are:

**May 14 and 15** will be registration for the Women's Group. This will take place in the vestibule after all of the Masses. Stop by to find out more and/or register. We will also be collecting \$5.00 dues for this coming year.

**May 22** all women of the parish are invited to join us for 10:30 AM Mass and then brunch at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Road. The cost of the brunch is \$10.00. To register for this, please call Sister Dorothy at 412-242-7357.

Religious Education News with Arlene Golden

*Jesus, you bring us life everlasting.*

A very special note of appreciation is extended to all who helped make Jesus Day memorable for the second graders: Miss Anne Arezina, Mrs. Natalie Arezina, Mrs. Renee Baurle, Ms. Diane Begley, Sr. Mary Ann Dujanovic, Mr. William Haddad, Mrs. Carmela Rihn, Sr. Mary Joseph Trimbur, Mrs. Theresa Tullis, and Mrs. Patrice Vigliotti. The parents/guardians helped make First Communion an extraordinary day with all their care in creating the banners and preparing the children with the workbooks. May the Holy Spirit continue to shine upon these families.

**First Communion Videos:** The Communion DVDs and videos should be available the first week of June. You may still be able to order. Please call the photographer, Renee Baurle, at 412-680-9822. The religious education office will notify families when they are available.

**BINGO**

Bingo is held this and every Monday at 7:00 PM in Helzlsouer Hall. Come and play the best!

**A Respect Life Moment**

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**WHO IS FUNDING STEM CELL RESEARCH? WHAT ROLE IS FEDERAL FUNDING PLAYING IN DETERMINING RESEARCH PRIORITIES?**

Many private foundations and for-profit biotechnology companies fund stem cell research, but the federal government (especially through the National Institutes of Health) remains the largest source of funds. The government's funding priorities have a large influence on the direction that medical research takes. Since available research funds began being diverted toward exploring embryonic stem cell research, some very promising adult stem cell avenues for treating juvenile diabetes, spinal cord injury, Parkinson's disease, etc. have been underappreciated and underfunded. Many advances in these fields have emerged from other countries.

**Act of Faith in the Divine Eucharist**

"I believe in my heart and openly profess that the bread and wine which are placed upon the altar are by the mystery of the sacred prayer and the words of the Redeemer substantially changed into the true and life-giving Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ Our Lord and after the Consecration there is present the true Body of Christ which was born of the Virgin Mary and offered up for the salvation of the world, hung upon the Cross, and now sits at the right hand of the Father and there is present the true Blood of Christ which flowed from his side. They are present not only by means of a sign and of the efficacy of the Sacrament, but also in the very reality and truth of their nature and substance. Amen."

-Saint Gregory VII

### Notice to *All* Current Eucharistic Ministers

Also to anyone who may be interested in this ministry, in our Church and/or to the homebound:

The Diocese of Pittsburgh has informed us that anyone who serves in this capacity must be recertified. This new certification will be for a period of three years.

All ministers who wish to continue in this ministry or who are interested in this ministry need to complete the attached form and put it in the collection basket this weekend, May 7 and 8, 2005. Should you have any questions, please contact Sister Dorothy at 412-242-7357.

Thank you and God Bless!

Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or return it to the rectory.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to continue my ministry as Eucharistic Minister for the Church:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to continue my ministry as Eucharistic Minister for the homebound:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to have someone contact me about becoming a:

Eucharistic Minister for the Church:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Minister for the homebound:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have signed the Pastoral Code of Conduct:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### Mass Intentions



#### MON., May 9 - Easter Weekday

10:00 A.M. Edward & Mary Franco (Family)

#### TUES., May 10 - Easter Weekday

10:00 A.M. Patrina & Louis Fratangelo (John & Josephine Collins)

#### WED., May 11 - Easter Weekday

7:00 P.M. Holy Hour

#### THURS., May 12 - Easter Weekday

10:00 A.M. Jennie & Domenic Ingagliato (Family)

#### FRI., May 13 - St. Matthias

10:00 A.M. Frank & Mario Santamaria (Maria Santamaria)

6:00 P.M. Rehearsal: Vento-Scarpino

#### SAT., May 14 - Easter Weekday

10:00 A.M. Anthony & Edith D'Andrea (Margaret D'Andrea)

3:00 P.M. Wedding: Jason Vento - Angela Scarpino

5:00 P.M. Alex S. Tomaszewski (Wife & Children)

#### SUN., May 15 - Pentecost

8:00 A.M. Rupp & Martin Family (Mary Anne Hall)

10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the Parish.

Prayers are also requested for the faithful departed:

**Jerry Nardiello**

### Diaper Drive

As we continue our commitment to reach out to the poor and needy in our community, St. Bartholomew Parish will once again participate in the Catholic Charities Diaper Drive for mothers who struggle to provide for their infants. Disposable Diapers sizes 1-4 and/or baby wipes may be placed in the baskets provided at the entrance of the church on Mother's Day, May 8. A cash contribution is also welcome. Please make your check payable to Catholic Charities and place it in the collection basket. May Mary, mother of Jesus, bless you for your kindness and support of these needy mothers.

