

Pledge Commitment Weekend

“What miracle will God work today in someone’s life with my gift to the 2011 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal?”



SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
5:00pm - Antonio Chiulli & Giuseppe Truilli

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND
8:00am - Lorenzo DiBacco
9:30am—J. Michael Kelly
11:00am—Brian Heffernan



There is a House of Bread Collection this weekend. Coffee & sugar are needed.

Thank you to all who donated to the Catholic Communications Campaign last weekend. Parish Council meeting this Sunday, May 15th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend at our parish and across the Archdiocese for the 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Thank you.

Thank you to the Men's Association, Bill Carroll (Event Chair), and all others involved in organizing the Steak Night. It was a most enjoyable evening.

MONDAY, MAY 23RD

9:00am— Deceased members of the Morello, Cantone & Latino Families

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH

9:00am— Matteo Pugliese

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH

9:00am—Gilbert Munoz

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

9:00 am—Mary D'Efemia

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH

5:00 pm-Thomas & Mary Scully

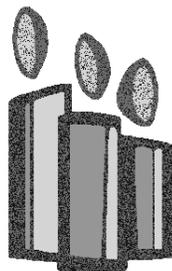
SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

8:00 am—In memory of Concetta & Lucy Berritta

9:30 am—Mike & Rose Casparino

11:00 am—Arthur Dubois

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from 5/23/2011 – 5/29/2011 in memory of Rose & Armando Barbieri.



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The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will burn from 5/23/2011—5/29/2011 in memory of Anthony DeMaio.



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Faith Formation (Religious Education) formally begins in First Grade.

First Communion preparation begins in First Grade. The Kindergarten program “Little Lambs” begins in October and is an optional program. **Grade 9 students** (as of Sept. 2011) will receive an invitation in Oct. for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are honored to congratulate Thomas DeAngelo and Matthew Dow as they recently received the Ad Altare Dei Award.

The emblem is one of the oldest awards available to Boy Scouts. It was originally given to Boy Scouts who served as altar servers. The Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) today is designed to help Catholic Scouts develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. To be eligible for this award, the Boy Scout must be of the Catholic faith, attend Mass regularly, must have received faith formation education and be an active member of a Boy Scout Troop for at least six months. Continue to embrace the gift of our Catholic Faith.

We are very grateful to Ken Mendoza for his faithfulness to the Employment Support Group in our parish. Ken’s excellent leadership in guiding so many is a definite compliment to the stewardship message of sharing your time, talent and treasure. Ken is now joined by Jeannine DePhillips who has replaced Betty Hebler who moved to Florida. We are a blessed parish to have so many among us sharing in this message.

Save the date:

A Christian Perspective on Islam. On Wednesday, June 1, from 7pm-8:30pm, in Fr. Crawford Hall, Rebecca Feaster Pittman, a former parishioner and lector at Incarnation will offer a presentation on Islam intended to provide basic information about the Islamic Faith. Americans often know little or nothing about Islam and what little is known is sometimes restricted to news reports. Many are surprised that the vast majority of Muslims are not Arab, that Allah is very much the “One God”, that Christians and Jews believe in and that Muslims accept the Old and New Testaments as holy books and have high regard for both Moses and Jesus. All are welcome to attend this most informative presentation. Rebecca is a former Associated Press reporter who was stationed in Bahrain. The presentation that she will share with us is the same briefing that was given to State Department Employees. She received her Masters of International Public Policy from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University where she focused on Arab Studies. She also completed her fellowship at Boston University’s School of Divinity on Religion and Globalization. Please join us for refreshments following the presentation in Fr. Crawford Hall.

HEAVEN

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us.

—Anonymous

THANK YOU FOR HOMEFRONT DAY

On Saturday, May 7th, about 40 parishioners from Church of the Incarnation, Sacred Heart, and Corpus Christi came together to participate in HomeFront Day. The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Hartford Archdiocese and Americares sponsor this project. Parishes all over the state participated in HomeFront Day to repair and fix up the home of a needy family. This year, we worked on a house in Wethersfield to do some yard work, painting inside and out, repair the back porch and other exterior areas, provide much needed electrical work, and other tasks. It was a huge undertaking, but thanks to the many wonderful, hard working volunteers from all 3 parishes, the job got done. Many thanks to those who provided the food and drinks for all of the volunteers. Special thanks to Sonny Senatro from The Church of the Incarnation who coordinated the volunteers, and to everyone who helped in any way. Your time and talents are very much appreciated for this very worthwhile project. God bless you all!

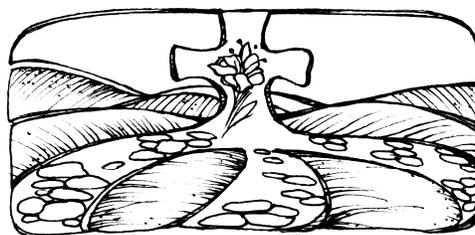
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2011

“I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— *John 14:6*



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WEDDING BANNERS

Vincent Giarratana & Stefanie Aglieco

A Family Perspective...Jesus tells us in the gospel: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me!” The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.

Stewardship Message...“Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells His disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

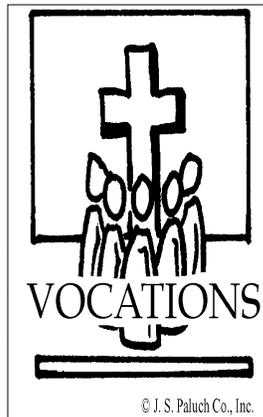
Join us for The Men's Association Bus Trip to the Mets vs. LAA Game on June 19th - 1:10pm game time. \$85 p.p. includes; game ticket, luxury bus, movie, food & beverages on bus. Call Tony (860) 836-3064.

On November 27, 2011, a new English translation of the Roman Missal will be used to celebrate Mass throughout the United States. "Did the U.S.A. need a new Missal?" It all began in 2002 when a new Roman Missal, 3rd edition, was published in Latin for the Roman Rite. This Latin missal was given to all of us and is called the *editio typica*, meaning that it is the original or source document for all Roman Missals, whatever the language. Once a new edition of the Latin Missal has been published, the bishops must direct the translation of the Missal into their own language. The 2011 English Roman Missal, that will replace the missal now in use, is our translation of the 2002 3rd edition of the *Missale Romanum*. At the beginning, our attention to some changes in the words of the prayers will offer us all an opportunity to improve our conscious participation in the Mass. The language of this translation is guaranteed to promote understanding of the action of Christ and the Church in the Liturgy. Check our parish bulletin in the months ahead to learn more about our preparations for the new Missal.

Lay Ministry Class: Would you like to serve your parish in a more effective way and deepen your own faith life at the same time? If your answer is "yes", then perhaps God is inviting you to be a lay minister. Call Mary Marsan, at (860) 243-9465. A new class begins in September 2011.

Don't let your hearts be troubled. The Lord shows the way, just ask him. If you have asked and are discerning a vocation to the priest hood or religious life, call Father Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860)

761-7456 or e-mail vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.



Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the 1st Sunday of Lent & Trinity Sunday.

Fr. Al Fontana's Vacation Pilgrimage to Italy, Nov. 6th-15th -10 days/8 nights. Call St. Anthony, Bristol (860) 583-1349.

East Catholic High School will sponsor a Summer Carnival on June 15th through June 18th. There will be rides, food, fun, games for the whole family with free admission! Advance discounted ride tickets will be available after Memorial Day. A Cow Chip Raffle will also be held on Saturday, June 18th with \$3,500 in cash prizes and a Chili-Cook Off! Call Sarah at (860) 649-5336 Ext. 234.

EXTREMES

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.

—St. Philip Neri

VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the work-place—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Monday: Victoria Day (Canada)
 Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi
 Thursday: St. Philip Neri
 Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that “the altar is Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4). The altar is a table “on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes”; but it is also the place for a festive meal: “a table at which the Church’s children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for “body”) over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the *Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal*, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

BELLA ITALIA 2011.....Italian getaway to Verona, Modena, Florence, Cinque Terre National Park, Rome, Pompeii and Sorrento. Fr. John Gatzak of the Office of Radio & Television and WJMJ Radio of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you on September 5-18th, Call Joan at (203) 758-7367 for info.