

April 20, 2008 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

THE WAY



Philip says: "Show the Father and we will be satisfied." Through Jesus, God acts in a human manner and humans can see God in the Christ born for that purpose. Therefore, "who sees me, sees the Father." Jesus reveals he is the way, the truth and the life that opens us to the Father's presence. Jesus is also the corner-, the living- and the key-stone on which we are thrust and by which we are held in place. In him, we are called out of the darkness and into wonderful light, the light of God's presence. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved. Illustration © 2001 S. Erspamer.

SCHEDULE OF PRESIDERS

Date	Time	Presider	Mass Intention
Apr 19	5:00p	Fr. Ray	Pat Heying
Apr 20	8:00a	Fr. Ray	Patrick McGinn
Apr 20	10:15a	Fr. Donellan	People of the Parish
Apr 20	12:00p	Fr. Donellan	Andres/Luisa Kimwell
Apr 21	7:30a	Fr. Ray	Anna Amrheim
Apr 22	7:30a	Fr. Ray	Jacqlyn Kuchta
Apr 23	7:30a	Fr. Ray	Naomi Schneehagen
Apr 24	7:30a	Fr. Ray	John Miller
Apr 25	7:30a	Fr. Ray	Al DeLeonardis
Apr 26	5:00p	Fr. Donellan	Bernard Smithmyer, Jr
Apr 27	8:00a	Fr. Donellan	Melvin Porter
Apr 27	10:15p	Fr. Ray	People of the Parish
Apr 27	12:00p	Fr. Ray	Margaret Kammer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Many people have found it a blessing to pray and reflect on God's Word each week. Here are the readings for this weekend and next.

Readings for Sunday, April 20th

Acts 6: 1-7 | 1 Pt 2: 4-9 | Jn 14: 1-12

Readings for Sunday, April 27th

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 | 1 Pt 3: 15-18 | Jn 14: 15-21

WEB GEMS: PAPAL VISIT

While Pope Benedict XVI is scheduled to leave the U.S. tonight (4/20), you can still enjoy his first U.S. visit through the USCCB's official website which includes videos of all the liturgies and transcripts of the pope's homilies. Go to: www.uspapalvisit.org

LET US PRAY WITH OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

...a time to heal

Mildred Laychak; Nicholas Cole; Carla Carlson; Regina Moran; Marie McGinn; Bill Cooke; Debbie Crouch; Leo McGinn; Matt Rudert; Ann Cooper; Pauline Lee; Julie Caplan; Israel Caplan; Nick DeLeonardis; Peggy Moan; Rose McNally; Pat East; Edwin Sinnott; Cas Raszewski; Ann Marie Goddard; Ed Wheatley; John Shipley; Kathy Spiegel; Peter Haag; Rebecca Schmedes; Robert Wellbrock; June Roach; Ed Schmedes; Charles Beck, Sr.; Harry Dill; Vivian Pena; Ramon Fonseca; James Young; Helen Gross; Bea Shaw; Dorothy Cremen; Frank Feeser; Claude Williams;; Pat DeSantis; James Shanklin, Sr.; Donald Crouch; Sumner T. Whillier; Yolanda Groves; Dina Strauss; Andrea Summers; Jenelle Christy; Brenda Peterson; Ernie Goodman; Bill Wells; Connie Moreland; Norberta Winborne; Irene Perez; James Hall, Jr.; Catherine Lewis; Fran Murray; Andre Thompson; Ruby & Edward McCarthy; John Kammer; Fr. Frank McGauley; Josephine Milovitz; Roman Zabicki; Pat Brum; Janice Whittaker; Joseph Laffin; Carmella DeSantis; Janice Skipman; Jamie Lease; Butch Umegbolu; Robert Gibbs; Curtis Lambdin; Henry (Don) Dutton; Ernie Muhlmatt; Joe & Rose Mettle; Jerome Hisley; Ralph & Paul Thompson; James Hall; Kim Murray; Alesia Wegrzyn; Guido Bortot; Dorothy Schuster; Dorothy Smith; Mary Jane Pahl; Matthew Rudert; Emma Amato; Margaret Tanavage; William Gerald; Nancy Tillson; Rose Campagna; Mark Tillson; Charles Murray; Marta Williams; Len Zgorski; Margaret Nossel

...a time to die

Joseph Podczaski
Steven Posedenti
Fran Contrino

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

PLEASE NOTE

Each week, we are blessed to pray for community members, friends, and family who are ill or in distress. We usually include names of people in the bulletin for a period of five weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer—or would like to be on for a shorter length of time—please let us know when you call the Parish Office between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm. Thank you.


FAITH FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Mark your calendars and join us for one of the information meetings to find out how you can volunteer to help with this year's VBS. The meetings will be held on **Sunday April 27th at 1:30pm** and **Tuesday April 29th at 7:00pm** in the rectory basement. To register your (grand) children for this exciting program, see the flyer in this bulletin and find out how to take advantage of the 20% discount for early registration (by 5/15).

CONFIRMATION

Your Confirmation letter is due by **Monday April 28th** to our Administrator, Ruth Puls.



B.A.S.I.C.
Brothers And Sisters In Christ
is our parish's Youth Ministry program for high school teens.

The *Spirit* program continues on Tuesday April 22nd at 7:15pm in the Parish Center.

200TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE

Archbishop Timothy Dolan of Milwaukee gives the first of three *John Carroll Lectures*—part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore's celebration of the 200th anniversary of its elevation from a diocese to an archdiocese. Archbishop Dolan's lecture, ***“Right from the Start: John Carroll Our First Bishop”*** will take place at the Baltimore Basilica on **Tuesday April 22nd at 7:00pm**. The event is free and open to the public. The other two lectures are scheduled for May 12th and June 9th. For more information about any of the events commemorating the Archdiocesan Bicentennial, log on to: www.archbalt.org/bicentennial

SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

“The Spirituality of Sustainability: Looking at our World in Faith, Hope & Love” will take place on **Saturday April 26th** from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Our Lady of Mt. Providence Convent (701 Gun Road,). The conference is sponsored by the Murphy Initiative for Justice and Peace and the goal of the conference is to enable and inspire participants to develop and enhance a spirituality of hope. Cost is \$25. To register, go online to: www.pfmjpi.org/calendar.htm



***Our Parish's Inter
Generational Faith
Formation Program!***

April's Theme:

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

“At its core, the environmental crisis is a moral challenge. It calls us to examine how we use and share the goods of the earth, what we pass on to future generations, and how we live in harmony with God's creation.” [#1]

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Renewing the Earth (1991)

“On a planet conflicted over environmental issues, the Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.” [#6]

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Sharing Catholic Social Teaching (1998)

“[T]he earth is ultimately *a common heritage, the fruits of which are for the benefit of all*. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, ‘God destined the earth and all it contains for the use of every individual and all peoples’ (*Gaudium et Spes*, 69). This has direct consequences for the problem at hand. It is manifestly unjust that a privileged few should continue to accumulate excess goods, squandering available resources, while masses of people are living in conditions of misery at the very lowest level of subsistence. Today, the dramatic threat of ecological breakdown is teaching us the extent to which greed and selfishness—both individual and collective—are contrary to the order of creation, an order which is characterized by mutual interdependence.” [#8]

- Pope John Paul II
World Day of Prayer (1990)

***EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MONTH'S
GENERATIONS OF FAITH SESSION ON
“CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION”
THIS SUNDAY APRIL 20TH @ 11:30AM
IN THE PARISH CENTER.***

EARTH DAY IS TUESDAY APRIL 22ND

To make a positive impact as a steward of God's creation, log on to www.worldwildlife.org/earthday

STEWARDSHIP

*- What I Do With What I Have Been Given
When I Believe in God -*

The Christian Community of St. Charles needs every member to own its mission and work to accomplish it.

Thanks to all who made pledges to the Archbishop's Lenten Appeal. As members of the Body of Christ and the faith community of St. Charles Borromeo, each of us has a part in the work of evangelization and catechesis. We also share in the life and work of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. We are many people but *One Church, One Family*. Thank you for your support of this important appeal and may God bless you for your generosity.

	Week	Month
Envelopes	\$4,458	\$10,538
Loose	\$715	\$1,492
Maintenance, A/C & Fuel	\$744	\$2,453
Over (-Under) Budgeted expenses of \$7600/week	\$-1,683	\$-717
Easter Offering	\$125	\$555
Poor Box	\$136	\$224
Attendance	447	919

122 Envelopes Used - 493 Envelopes Sent

MAY GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS BE YOURS.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Super 100

Week #1 winner is the parish due to an unsold ticket. There are still a few tickets available. Stop by the Rectory between 9am – 5pm to get yours.

Our Lady's Food Kitchen Emekuku, Imo State, Nigeria

The members of Our Lady's Food Kitchen Emekuku wish to acknowledge the receipt of \$1,100 sent to them through the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Emekuku for feeding and upkeep of the less priveleg[ed] in our parish. We also thank Drs. Sebastian & Rose Ure Mezu who are the channel for this kind gesture. We pray God to bless the Christians in St. Charles Borromeo Parish with those good things he prepares for those that love Him.

In Jesus' Name,
Mrs. Alice Soribe, *Secretary*

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Place	Event
Apr 20	9:00am	Rectory	RCIA Inquiry
Apr 20	10:15am	Church	CLOW
Apr 20	11:30am	Parish Center	Generations of Faith
Apr 21	10:30am	Rectory	Scripture Study
Apr 21	8:00pm	Rectory Basement	Nar-a-Non
Apr 21	8:00pm	Parish Center	Band
Apr 22	8:00am - 9:00am	Church	Eucharistic Adoration
Apr 22	All Day	Parish Office	CLOSED
Apr 22	7:15pm	Parish Center	BASIC
Apr 23	8:00pm - 9:30pm	Rectory Basement	A. A.
Apr 24	7:00pm	Church	Contemporary Choir



The Parish Office will be **closed** this Tuesday **April 22nd**. We will re-open on Wednesday the 23rd. We apologize for any inconvenience.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- Seeing Christ in Those Whom I Serve -

NOTRE DAME MISSION VOLUNTEERS 2008-2009 AMERICORPS SERVICE

Notre Dame Mission Volunteers is seeking applicants for 2008-09 AmeriCorps service! NDMV partnered with AmeriCorps in 1995 and places volunteers in 17 cities across the U.S. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to tutor children and/or adults, organize after-school enrichment activities, teach conflict resolution, life skills, etc. The service year runs from September 2nd 2008 - August 1st 2009: it is an 11 month commitment in which volunteers complete a minimum of 1700 hours of service. NDMVA benefits include: living allowance, health insurance, child-care, loan forbearance, & an education award of \$4,725. To learn more about NDMVA, please visit our website at www.ndmva.org or contact Elizabeth Carroll at 410-532-6864 x12

OUR DAILY BREAD

Check out the **Owings Mills Times** of April 10th for Front Page coverage of our parish's ODB volunteers. Go online: www.owingsmillstimes.com

Perspective

by Ruth Puls, Administrator

Today's Gospel reading is all about perspective. Jesus offers this perspective to his followers, "Where I am going you know the way." To which Thomas responds with a different perspective, "Master, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." So, Philip offers a perspective. "Show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus offers a different perspective, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" It is all about perspective.

Perspective. It is all about perspective. How do we look at something, and draw meaning from it? An illustration might help. This story has had several lives all its own, I share it with you today in the name of perspective.

"Dad could hardly believe his eyes when he opened the mailbox and saw a letter from his daughter Sarah. Sarah was their only child, and he was very close to her. Even though she was in her sophomore year at college, and living 200 miles away, they kept in touch with daily e-mails and weekly phone calls. This was the first time in two years they had received a letter from her in the mail.

He took the letter inside, and called his wife to come to the living room. They sat down together, and he opened the letter. He began to read aloud.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I know we are always talking on the phone, and e-mailing. But this news was just TOO big to share over the phone or on line. It is great news...and I wanted both of you to be together when I shared it.

I have such good news! I am engaged! My boyfriend is wonderful, and I cannot wait for you to meet him. Bones grew up just a few blocks away...but I didn't meet him until two months ago. Bones is not his real name...it's just a nickname they gave him in prison, and it stuck. When you meet him, you'll know why. The name 'Bones' just seems to fit him! I say 'when you meet him,' because it will be a while before he can come to our house. Apparently his parole officer won't let him leave the state ever since he failed his last drug test. Which was a huge mistake...Bones forgot that it was his week to be tested, and we spent the weekend partying together. Oops!

We are so in love. Our hearts say it to each other, and the tattoos on our forearms say it to the world. He has opened so many new doors for me...I had never seen a motorcycle up close, much less ridden on one! We go everywhere, and because Bones doesn't believe in helmets, there is such a freedom we experience!

We have decided to get married here next weekend, and I hope you can come. Bones and I are old fashioned—we want to tie the knot before the baby comes in a few months. His way of being old fashioned reminds me so much of you, Dad.

Well, I have to go. There's just one more thing to say. There is no Bones, there are no parole officers, or drugs, or tattoos. There's no wedding or baby coming. None of that is true. What is true is that I am getting a 'D' in chemistry this semester, and wanted you to know that things could be so much worse."

It is all about perspective. This week as our nation and our *Generations of Faith* gathering focuses on the Earth, and our being faithful stewards, we look at perspective again. People far wiser than I have offered two perspectives on the Earth. One is that we inherited it, and it is ours to do with as we please. The other is that we have borrowed it from future generations. How we address issues of stewardship of the Earth very much depends on our perspective.