

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2010

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" John 10: 27-30

The Song of the First Bird

In her book *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, Barbara Brown Taylor writes about a woman who was not sure she wanted to go on living. "She was old. She lived alone. She was afraid to go to sleep at night for fear that she would not wake up in the morning, so she lay in bed waiting for the sun to come up before she dared to shut her eyes. Then someone who loved her suggested that as long as she was awake, she might as well start listening for the first bird that sang each morning. Before long, the sound of that bird became the bell that woke her heart to life again. She named the bird. She discovered what such birds like to eat and put feeders full of seed in her yard. Other birds came, and she learned their names as well. She began to collect birdhouses, which she hung from the rafters of her porch until she became the mayor of an entire bird village." The woman still does not sleep well, but she found reason to get out of bed every morning. In caring for the birds of the field, she rediscovered love and hope in her life.

Christ speaks to all of us, not in loud, commanding voices but most often in the simplest and smallest of whispers. To hear the Good Shepherd demands that we come out of the self-imposed isolation of our own fears and interest and hear Christ speaking in the light of the poor, the needs of the helpless, the cry of the persecuted. Easter faith calls us to put aside our own crosses when we hear the voice of Jesus in the struggle of those being crushed by the weight of their crosses, to rise above our own pain when we hear the voice of Jesus crying in the pain of others, to give despite our own need when we hear the voice of Jesus in the poverty of others.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11: 1-18; John 10: 1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11: 19-26; John 10: 22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12: 24 -- 13: 5; John 12: 44-50
Thursday: Acts 13: 13-25; John 13: 16-20
Friday: Acts 13: 26-33; John 14: 1-6
Saturday: Acts 13: 44-52; John 14: 7-14
Sunday: Acts 14: 21-27; Rv 21: 1-5;
John 13: 31-33, 34-35

Coffee and Donuts

Join the parish family for coffee, donuts, and conversation after both Sunday Masses.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

5:15 PM Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland

Tuesday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM John McDonald

Wednesday, April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, priest

5:15 PM Betty Hoban

Thursday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 AM The Rev. Joseph Sweeney

Friday, April 30 - St. Pius V, pope

5:15 PM Ted & Bertha Crane

Saturday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM John & Bernardine Caja-Wedding Anniversary

4:00 PM Marie Mossbrugger

Sunday, May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM For those Who Died Because of Violence

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of April 18 - \$ 8,174.43

Easter collection - \$ 365.00

Envelopes used - 198

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Please Note!

Beginning May 1st the Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 4:00 PM. No longer will there be a 5:15 PM Mass.

Mass Intentions

There are still some available dates in the 2010 Mass Intention Book. You might like to remember the birthday or anniversary of your living loved ones, as well as the deceased. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please stop by the rectory office, or call the office at 226-5116 Monday thru Friday.

First Holy Communion - May 1st

Please pray for our 2nd graders as they prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us on Saturday, May 1st at 11:00 AM for this special occasion.



St. Joseph Academy Open House

This weekend, Sunday, April 25th, St. Joseph will host an Open House from Noon until 2 PM for prospective students and their families. Guests are invited to tour the campus, learn about our academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs and meet our administration, faculty and students. For more information, visit their website at www.sja1890.org.

Lakewood High School Barnstormers

and Music Department present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* on April 29th, 30th and May 1st at 8:00 PM in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$6.00, or are available at the door for \$8.00. Congratulations to our student parishioners, Mary Beth Donahoe, Frank Blackman and Brianna Kaviak who are performing in this musical. Please support their efforts!

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Ed Westerfield, Ginny Walters, Rhonda Robertson, Jeanette Kay, Martha Arth, Walter DeVor



Catholic Community Connection . . .

is an organization of Catholic-sponsored education, health care, human services, and senior living ministries that fosters collaboration to respond to the needs of all people within the Diocese of Cleveland. Call 1-866-821-6634 to access resources or go to catholiccommunityconnection.org for more info.

St. Augustine Hunger Center Collection

Because of Easter Sunday, our monthly collection for the St. Augustine Hunger Center was not taken up. The collection will be taken up next weekend. The Hunger Center at present serves 2 meals a day. St. Augustine Center is a nonprofit organization missioned to provide meals and other emergency assistance to poor, needy and homeless individuals of all religions, racial, gender, age and nationality backgrounds with a special mandate of service to persons with disabilities. St. Clement parish has been supporting the Hunger Center for over 25 years. We appreciate your generosity on behalf of this caring ministry.

Mark Your Calendars!

On Saturday, June 12th and Sunday, June 13th all graduating high school seniors and graduating college students will be recognized and receive a special blessing at every Mass. Please join us to recognize the students!

What's Happening this Week in the Parish

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| <u>Monday, April 26:</u> | Family PSR - 7:00 PM - Hall |
| <u>Tuesday, April 27:</u> | Finance Council Meeting 7:30 PM - Rectory |
| <u>Wednesday, April 28:</u> | |
| <u>Thursday, April 29:</u> | Scripture Treats 10:45 AM - Rectory |
| <u>Friday, April 30:</u> | AA Gratitude Group 7 PM - Hall |
| <u>Saturday, May 1:</u> | First Communion 11:00 AM Church |

Congratulations!

The following students attending St. Edward High School made the Honor Roll for the current grading period - Luke Horning, Samuel Kress, Kevin Murray, Patrick Murray and Trenton Rivera. Congratulations to all of you!

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Mass will be held on Sunday, July 25th, at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Bishop Lennon as the principal celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years. Reservations are necessary. Couples who are celebrating other significant years, 55 or over, or who missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Deadline to register is June 28th. Please call the rectory, 226-5116, for a registration form.