

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2009

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.” John 15: 9-17

The Uncertainty of Science

Many, many years ago there was a wizard who was a master of the sciences. Alone, he longed for a wife and family. Though he was good and kind, he intimidated every woman he met. They all feared that they could *never* be an adequate wife to such a brilliant wizard.

So the wizard decided to use his knowledge to work in the pursuit of love. He set about to concoct a chemical that would cause the object of his affection to fall in love with him. After much study and work, he was able to produce such a chemical. As luck would have it, just as he completed the elixir, he met a gracious, talented and beautiful woman. With the help of friends, the wizard managed to meet her. Without her knowledge, he poured the chemical into her goblet of wine. And, lo and behold, the woman fell in love with the wizard. Soon they married and had a beautiful son and daughter.

But the wizard and his bride did not live happily ever after. He became sullen and depressed, he stopped eating and working; his books and manuscripts piled up, notes for experiments and new projects gathered dust. Every waking moment became a torture for him, as he tried to devise some kind of test to answer the question that plagued him: *Would she love me if it were not for the chemical?*

The love that Christ “commands” of us is complete, total, unconditional-love that finds its source in the heart and spirit, not in whatever “concoctions” we and the world devise. Loving as Christ has loved us begins by putting aside our own hopes and wants to realize instead the hopes and wants of others, by caring for and about others with selflessness and understanding, regardless of the sacrifice demanded of us; by readily making the first move to forgive and to heal, whether such forgiveness is deserved or not. May we realize the resurrection we can bring about here and now seeking to love as Christ has loved us: totally, selflessly, unconditionally.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15: 26--16: 4
Tuesday: Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16: 5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17: 15,22--18:1; Jn 16: 12-15
Thursday: Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mk 16: 15-20
Friday: Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16: 20-23
Saturday: Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4: 1-13; Mk 16: 15-20

Wedding Banns

Mark Lembke & Rebecca Chase II

Coffee and Donuts

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



Ascension of the Lord

The Observance of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, has been transferred to Sunday, May 24th this year.

Pray for the Deceased

Jay Dorsey, Jr.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 18 - St. John I, pope and martyr

5:15 PM Bertha Crane

Tuesday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena

5:15 PM Cesar Martinez

Thursday, May 21 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Rebecca Minter (Living)

Friday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

5:15 PM Michael Prusak

Saturday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM

5:15 PM Kate McGuire

Unexpected changes in the schedule may cause Masses to be cancelled and Mass intentions to be moved to the first available date open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Financial News

Offertory Contributions

Last Sunday \$ 4,682.54

Newman Campus \$ 55.00

Catholic Community Connection

May is Older Americans Month, a great time to bring attention to the issues that affect older adults and create community-wide opportunities to help older Americans improve their quality of life. This year's theme is "Living Today For a Better Tomorrow," and we, as a nation, must work together to give older adults the tools they need to make healthy decisions. Studies have shown that engaging in social activities within the community and physical activity help to improve mental and physical health, greater life satisfaction and lower rates of depression. Catholic Community Connection, an organization of Catholic sponsored education, health care, human services and senior living ministries, foster collaboration to respond to the needs of all people within the Diocese of Cleveland. For more information, please contact Catholic Community Connection by visiting the web site at www.catholiccommunityconnection.org or to access resources call 1-866-821-6634.

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Maura J. Day, George Birsic, Laura Marton, Ron Brown, Sandy Gobozy, Laura Dumbrys



EcoSpirituality:

You are encouraged to join Sister Barbara O'Donnell on Wednesday, May 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM as she facilitates a conversation about integrating the cosmic story with every day decisions that promote a sustainable future. A film, discussion, action choices and ritual are included. This event will be held at the Sisters of the Humility of Mary Ministry Center, 20015 Detroit Road, Rocky River. For further information please call 440-356-5707.

Catholic War Veterans Flags

As Memorial Day approaches, the SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic War Veterans Post 579 will once again be placing flags on Veterans graves at Holy Cross Cemetery. They start on Thursday, May 21st from 12:00 noon until dark, and will meet in Section 10 for maps and lists. On Friday, May 22nd they will start at 9:00 AM until finished. Much help is needed! For further information, please call 440-734-5106.

St. Ladislav Singles Group Dinner

Come join St. Ladislav Singles Group, a Northeast Ohio Catholic singles organization (ages 21-45), as we dine at Antonio's Restaurant located in the Parmatown Mall shopping strip at the corner of Ridge Road and Ridgewood Drive in Parma on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 PM. For more information and/or reservations, contact Gerri at 440-886-1765.

Faith gives us real eyes
to realize
where the real lies

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Amber Tehorik! Amber won a gold medal in singles figure skating at the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2009 in Boise, Idaho. This event hosted almost 3 million athletes from 180 countries. Awesome Amber, we are proud of you!

School News...

Congratulations to the following students who made the Honor Roll at St. Edward High School for the current grading period: Damian Fontanez, Nicholas Kress, Ian McCarty, Matthew Smith, Patrick Murray, Trenton Rivera and Luke Horning. Congratulations, also, to Kevin Murray who has been awarded a Fr. Basil Anthony Moreau Scholarship.

Magnificat High School

Magnificat High School hosts the 10th Annual Blue Streaks through River 5K run/walk on Sunday, May 24th. Registration begins at 7:30 AM with the race starting at 8:30 AM. T shirts will be given to the first 300 registrants. The pre-registration fee is \$14 for adults and \$10 for children under 14, and same day registration fee is \$17 for adults and \$12 for children. For more information, call Hermes Sports at 216-623-9933 or register online at www.hermescleveland.com. Proceeds benefit the Magnificat financial aid fund.

Mass of Thanksgiving

With gratitude to God, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated to mark the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood of Bishop Anthony M. Pilla on Monday, June 1st at Saint John Cathedral. The Mass will be followed by a public reception at One Cleveland Center (one block north of the Cathedral on E. 9th St.). Please join in giving thanks to God for the many years of priestly ministry of our friend and shepherd, Bishop Pilla. Free and secure parking is available.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Department of Marriage and Family Ministry and the Office for Worship are pleased to announce the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. The Mass will be held on July 26th at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist. Bishop Richard Lennon will preside at the liturgy. Any couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during 2009 is welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required in order to determine the number of guests each couple will have room to invite. Couples who are celebrating other significant years of marriage (55 years of marriage and older) or have missed previous celebrations, are welcome to register. Forms for registration are available at the rectory. Deadline to register is June 29th - call the rectory at 226-5116.