

A SEASON OF JOY

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

Wishing you God’s peace –

Fr. Jarboe

Daily Mass Intentions will be said by the Franciscan Friars Mission in Ghana, West Africa through The Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City.

- Mon 03/31: Cluster Parishes
- Tues 04/01: Scott Squires
- Wed 04/02: Deacon Ernest Cibelli

- Thurs 04/03: Gloria Chubb
- Fri 04/04: Kukkuab Narue Beisuert
- Sat 04/05:
 - 8:30 am Cindy Spurlin
 - 4:30 pm Irma Koenig
- Sunday, 04/06:
 - 8:30 am Connie Sorrell
 - 11:00 am Parishioners



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, March 30th— Pope John Paul II designated the 2nd Sunday of Easter as DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY and the mercy of God be especially celebrated. One of the 14 revelations to St. Faustina, from Our Lord, was "My daughter, tell the whole world about MY inconceivable mercy. I desire the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of MY tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of MY mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to ME ... mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of MY mercy." (Diary Entry 699)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
APRIL 6, 2008
11:00 AM MASS

First Communion Please keep our children in your prayers as they are preparing to receive Our Lord Jesus at the banquet table for the first time. There will be fourteen (14) children receiving Jesus. They are:

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| Luke Conley | Gabriel Joshua Cruz |
| Tyler Czyz | Julian DiAngelo |
| Cory Howard | Chelsea Long |
| Mikayla Michaud | Morgan Michaud |
| Nikkie Navarro | Gabriel Pepsin |
| Jacob Radvansky | Christian Sharpe |
| Matthew Wiedman | Kelsey Young |

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” John 6:35



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The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few



We would love to offer Vacation Bible School this summer. We are looking at the dates of July 31st, August 1st, 2nd & 3rd. In order to make this possible, **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IMMEDIATELY!** We are asking early in order to begin the planning process. We need your commitment now! If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.



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And when He had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Who sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20:22,23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Ps. 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



BASKET BINGO
Crucifixion Parish

We will be having our Basket Bingo on **Saturday the 17th of May**. Please mark your calendars!!! We are in need of items to fill our baskets if you would like to help or have some things for our baskets please call Roxanne @ 410-761-2223 after 5pm. Thank you for your past support and your continued support!

*****A Gentle Reminder*****

When the Parish Office is closed, unless there is an emergency all activities for that day are also cancelled. Please note that all alarms are on when the Parish Office is closed.

Around Town:

St. Jane Frances de Chantel — Biloxi Workcamp Bingo This summer teens and adults from St. Jane Frances will travel to Mississippi to help rebuild the lives of those affected by Hurricane Katrina!

Help us help others!

Mondays—March 31st, April 7th, 14th and 21st @ 7:30 pm in the parish hall (Must be 18 to play). **Price:** 1 package: \$10.00 (all paper cards with 20 regular games and 5-3 face special games) **Also Available for sale:** 50/50's, raffles, specials and great food!

OPEN HOUSE—YOU ARE INVITED! Sarah's House Supportive Housing Program

for Homeless Families invites you to an OPEN HOUSE, Saturday, April 5th, 1pm to 4pm, Sarah's House, 2015 20th Street, Fort Meade, MD 20755. Stop by our 'house' enjoy some refreshments, take a tour of our shelter and learn more about the work of Sarah's House and ways that we can partner together to assist the homeless. Call Bruce or Angela for more information @ 410-551-7722 or email belopein@cc-md.org.



Sacrificial Giving

*March 23rd our faithful stewards gave \$3,566.00
 Our Easter collection: \$2,612.00
 Our Poor Box collection \$25.72
 Attendance: 733*

We thank you as always for your generosity!

HAS YOUR HOUSEHOLD CHANGED?

Newly married? New baby? New home or email address? New phone number? If so, please pick up a registration form in the foyer, fill in your name and the changes, mark as an update, and return to the Parish Office or call the Parish Office, (410) 768-4880 with your changes.

LENTEN APPEAL 2008

*Total Gifts To Date: \$10,686
 Gift Goal 2008: \$18,300
 Household Participation: 11%*

Remember our "Lenten Appeal Challenge" to have the highest participation rate in the archdiocese --- the current highest participation rate is 29% at St. Gabriel Parish in Woodlawn!