



*Christ
My
Hope
Has
Risen!*

*Victimae
Paschali Laudes*

E*aster*

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

I extend, together with my wonderful brother priests, Fr. Gene, Fr. Oscar, our good deacons, and staff prayerful best wishes for a joyful Easter Sunday and Paschaltide. May the Lord continue to bless you for your goodness to our community which you manifest in so many ways.

This Easter is a special day for all those newly baptized and those received into the Catholic Church. We rejoice and pray with them as they begin their Catholic life!

Today we turn to the Risen Lord, making our own the prayer of St. Hippolytus of Rome:

O Divine Pasch... You are the joy, the honor, the food, the delight of all; the shadows of death were dispelled for you and life was extended to everyone, the gates of heaven thrown open.

The lamps of our souls will no more be extinguished; in a divine and spiritual way, fed from the oil of Christ, the flame of grace burns brightly in all of us, in our bodies and in our souls.

We beg you, O Christ, hold out your hands over your holy Church and over your holy people who are always yours: defend them, guard them, preserve them, fid, challenge, lay low all enemies... Grant us to sing with Moses the canticle of victory, for you are the glory and the power, world without end.

With affection,
Msgr. Gervasio

Thanks for Your Patience!

In places where renovations are undertaken, we often find a sign which reads, "Pardon our appearance!" We might well post such a sign at Our Lady of Sorrows. The front lawn is replete with signs of the work being undertaken for our new roof...dumpsters, ladders, scaffolding, and machinery. Much the same is in store for our St. Anthony campus as we look forward to the construction of an elevator. No doubt, the side entrance of the church and the driveway will be closed off while the work is done. Many thanks for your understanding and patience. It would be good to remember that these are temporary inconveniences for lasting improvements! We will find at municipal or state projects a sign that reads: "Your tax dollars at work!" Ours could be phrased thus: "Your capital campaign gift at work!" and to this I add my own "Thanks to all!"

Msgr. Gervasio

A Good and Generous Parish Family...

Our parish acknowledges with gratitude all those who have shared their time, talent, and treasure in a particular way during the Lenten Season and the Solemn Easter Triduum:

Our priests and deacons...

for presiding and assisting at the sacred liturgies

Our liturgy committee members and decorators...

for their attentive preparation of all that was needed for worthy and reverent worship

Our liturgical ministers and ushers

for their reverent and prayerful assistance in the Lord's sanctuary and for bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound

Our music ministry

for lifting our minds and hearts to the Lord through joyful and prayerful song

Our Youth Group Members

for leading the way of the cross and for their ministry at Palm Sunday Mass

Our RCIA Team

for welcoming and guiding our newly baptized and confirmed

Our office and maintenance staff

for supporting in many ways our liturgical celebrations

Our parish family members

for their participation, prayerful witness and generosity

Congratulations!

Our parish offers sincere congratulations and a heartfelt welcome to those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Solemn Easter Vigil. We offer, too, our thanks to Deacon Joseph Jaruszewski and the members of our RCIA team who oversaw their formation, and to their sponsors for their faithful example.

Those receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist are:

Leianya Massenet
Rodrique Massenet
Robert Rafael

Aemilio Massenet
Tawanda Beachum
Rodriquez Bolden

Those baptized received into the Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist are:

Rebecca Kohut
Patricia Louise Hampson

Brian Lee Carter

Stewardship Report

Revenues

Weekly Collection: April 5 \$23,702
 March Rental Income (St. Anthony Campus) \$29,271

March Expenditures

Diocese of Trenton	
Diocesan Assessments	\$14,091
Property Insurance	\$5,650
Health Insurance	\$1,236
Employee Benefits	\$189
Utilities	
Telephone	\$2,716
Nat Gas Co	\$2,268
PSE&G	\$7,475
Contracted Services	
Lawn Care / Snow Removal	\$6,173
Traffic (HTPD) / Bus Service	\$1,230
Maintenance, Repairs & Improvements	
\$6,589	
Organ Maintenance (OLS)	\$165
Equipment & Furnishings	\$4,381
Household Expenses	\$2,471
Liturgical & Church Supplies	\$4,060
Religious Education Program	\$1,256
Youth Ministry	\$977
Elementary School Subsidy Support	\$80,000
Office Supplies	\$1,369
Other Expenses	
Hospitality	\$585
Marriage Preparation	\$15
Envelope Printing & Postage	\$5,191
Total Expenditures	\$148,067

Bishop's Annual Appeal (as of 4/7)

Pledged: \$52,589 Paid \$34,605 Donors: 280

Congratulations!

The following individuals have been awarded Level I Catechist certifications: Elizabeth Angelucci, Maria Cuoghi, Bernadette Lecato, Sandra Mulvania, Joseph Muziami, Donna Russo, Florence Ugorji, and Joan VanNess. Congratulations to all!

Caring Hearts Report

During March, more than 204 hours of service (e.g., visiting, transportation, shopping, reassurance calls, chores, housekeeping) were provided by 38 volunteers to 34 persons.

Caring Hearts volunteers provide non-medical services to our homebound elderly and disabled neighbors. If you would like more information on joining this satisfying ministry, either as a caregiver or a care receiver, please call Anne at 586-6596.

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your prayers all the sick in the parish. While not every name can appear in the listing below, we remember all those who are ill and pray that they may know the Lord's healing presence.

Bill Berish, John Cade, James Cleary, Harriet Cross, Katherine D'Angelo, David DeBlois, Richard DeBlois, Emily Dix, Paula Donahue, Tom Dzuibek, Sue Esposti, Joyce Kashella, Edith LaBella, Elaine Lipton, George Loh, Anna Marozzi, Judy Miller, Richard Mullen, Charlotte Nucaso, Deacon Kevin O'Boyle, Dorothy Oliver, Richard Pizzuti, Rita Plant, Vivian Saxby, Ian Scheurman, Mary Masick Timian, Anthony Tonzini

Due to limited space and our desire to include the names of others, absent special circumstances, names will remain on our list for one month only. Call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.

Please Hold the Date; All Are Invited

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lady of Sorrows School Alumni Association and I invite your family, friends, and/or organization to participate in our parish May Crowning on Sunday, May 17. We invite you to 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church after which we will go processsionally to the shrine of Our Lady in front of the school building. A brief crowning ceremony will take place there. It would be a pleasure to see strong support from our parish community for this very beautiful May Crowning.

With affection,
 Msgr. Gervasio

Bingo Assignments

Saturday: 7:30 p.m. – Parish Center Cafeteria

The Bingo worker schedule appears below. If there is a scheduling conflict, please contact Karen Brisson (587-4141) or Susan Dolan (324-3985) well in advance so that other arrangements can be made. Workers are asked to arrive by 6:15 p.m.

**Apr. 18 Berrios, Boytis, Crawford, Dargan,
 DeRosa, DiPastina**

**Apr. 25 Foerter, Girandola, Hampton,
 Haythorn, Lopez, Mack**

K of C Rose Sale Set for Mother's Day

After every Mass on Sunday, May 10—Mothers' Day—we will be asking you to donate to our Roses for Life. Thank you to every mom who brought forth life, including all of ours. May you be especially blessed and remembered today!

Social Justice Corner

He is risen! Alleluia!

Our partnership with the Diocese of Kasana-Luweero in Uganda has, from its inception, been intended to be a "two-way street" where each diocese gives as well as receives. While the people of Kasana-Luweero are too poor to be able to share any material wealth with us, they are abundantly rich in spiritual blessings, and eager to share their spiritual wealth with us. In particular, the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, who staff the Bishop Asili Medical Center, send their greetings and best wishes in this Easter season to the people of Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony parish. In gratitude for the generosity you have shown through your donations to the Power to Save Lives campaign, the sisters wish to pray for any special intentions you may have during the Easter season. If you have a special intention you would like the sisters to pray for, please email it to Mary Vanderhoof (mmvfaith@aol.com) or write it down and put it in an envelope marked "Special Intention – Uganda" and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection plate. We will continue to collect for the Power to Save Lives campaign until next Sunday, April 19. Please be as generous as you can.

Kudos

. . . to the following young parishioners, who achieved honors in the second marking period at Notre Dame High School:

Honor Roll of Distinction

Emily Dolan, Shannon Donahue, Alyssa Ferdetta, Samantha Funari, Chelsea Grama, Patrick Ilagen, Christopher James, Elizabeth Kantor, Rebecca Kuehner, David Mangone, Amanda Martillotti, Nicholas Orzol, Michael Pascucci, Brittany Patten, Theresa Ponella, Kathryn Rice, and Shannon Vanderhoof

Honor Roll

Justin Adams, Kevin Beyer, Jennifer Boutchia, Sean Brett, Elise Cairo, Anthony Carella, Ian Carsia, Christian Chamberlain, James Cody, Kelly DiPastina, Matthew Dolan, Gabriella Esposito, Michael Ferdetta, John Ferrie, Ryan Foley, Elizabeth Gehan, Lauren Giacobbe, Lauren Huy, Leodine Jacques, Heather Janssen, Melissa Janssen, Andrew Kolpack, Haley Langton, Megan Mahon, Maureen McGuinness, Gabriella Milo, Amy Mills, Meghan Mount, Lee Orzol, Alena Pascucci, Stephen Smith, Patrick Sullivan, Joseph Szalecki, and Danielle Varanyak

Attention, St. Anthony Ushers

With the spring and summer months approaching, all regular ushers will no longer be required to wear their uniform sport jackets. Beginning with Easter Sunday, ushers may wear their own sport jackets. This will last until the first Sunday in November.

Seniors' Activities

Senior Club #1

Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Church Hall

Trip to A.C. Taj Mahal on April 15

The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see
Over the River and Through the Woods
Wednesday, May 27

Call Gloria (587-1944) for reservations for either trip.

Senior Club #2

Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 1:00 p.m.
Church Meeting Room

Trip to Showboat Casino on May 20

The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

Call Bea at 298-5559 for reservations

Senior Club #3

Meetings: Tuesdays, April 14 & 28, 1:00 p.m.
Church Meeting Room – Table 5 Hosts
Bingo and cards played after all meetings.

Our Seniors Clubs welcome new members! You do not have to be a parishioner to join the Seniors Clubs.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Looking for 1959 Graduates

Cathedral and Trenton Catholic Classes of 1959 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion on October 24, 2009, at the Hilton Gardens on Route 130 in Hamilton. For further information, please contact Bill Kocis (wkocis@msn.com; 443-0931) or Eileen Castranova Lugossy (586-2266; bella620@msn.com).

Trenton Catholic Academy

is the place to be!

-Open House-

Tuesday, April 28

8:30-10:00 a.m.; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

You can't afford *not* to
send your child to TCA!

Financial Scholarships Available
Childcare Connection Accepted

PreK-12 Co-Ed Private School Setting

Hamilton, NJ

609-586-5888

You're Invited

The Community Christian Choirs will be presenting ***Destination: The Journey of a Lifetime***. Concert dates & locations are:

Sunday, April 26 – 6:00 p.m.

Robbinsville Seventh-Day Adventist Church
2314 State Hwy. 33, Robbinsville
Benefit: Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

Sunday, May 3 – 7:00 p.m.

Jackson Baptist Church
360 Bennett's Mill Road, Jackson
Benefit: Hands of Hope

Friday, May 8 – 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
45 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown
Benefit: Bordentown Summer Youth Program

Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit listed charities. If you have any questions, you can call 587-7076 or go to www.CCChoir.com.

Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Parish (201 Adeline St, Trenton) will hold a Novena of Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday from April 10 – 19. The novena schedule is too lengthy to be included here, visit www.divinemercoftrenton.org for details, or call 393-5233.

Polonaise Ball

The Polish Arts Club will hold its annual gala dinner on Saturday, April 25, at the Trenton Country Club. Stephanie Winowicz, part owner of Winowicz Funeral Chapel and Winowicz Funeral Home, will be honored at the dinner. Information and/or tickets at \$100 per person are available from John Bogdan (396-0312).

Widows & Widowers Dance Social

The Mercer County chapter of the Widows and Widowers will hold its monthly dance social on April 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1451 Klockner Road, Hamilton. Refreshments will be served. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. For details, call Marilyn (587-8959) or Regina (585-3453).

Retired Bishop Rodimer to Speak

The retired bishop of Paterson, Frank Rodimer, will give a talk entitled *Archbishop Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of Central America* at the Church of St. Ann in Lawrenceville on April 21 at 7:00 p.m. His presentation is a personal reflection on a pilgrimage he made to the shrines of the martyrs of El Salvador and Guatemala. For details, call Gary Maccaroni (882-6491, ext. 116).

Attention Missionary Minded Single Men

If you have a heart for the poor abroad and want to bring Christ to them in a special way, the Society of African Missionaries may be your calling. They are a community of Catholic missionaries who came from around the world with a commitment to serve the people of Africa. They are having a Live-In Experience vocations retreat on April 24-26 in Tenafly. There is no cost; room and board are free. If you are interested, call 800-221-1807.

Basketball Camp

St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish Sports is pleased to announce the annual FUNDamentals Basketball Camp, to be held in the gym at the St. Raphael campus. The camp will run for four separate weeks—June 22 - 26, June 29 - July 3, July 6 -10 and July 13 - 17—from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (plus up to 1 ½ hours of free before and after care). It is open to boys and girls in grades 1-8 and will feature clinics by Allentown's Linda Weise, Nottingham High's Nate Webber, Hamilton West's Karla Peroni, and Bordentown's Craig Parker. For more information and a brochure, contact Vince Peroni, parish athletic director, at 585-5479.



Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
Mount Holly, NJ
609-877-0509 FHOP@verizon.net
www.FHOP.org

Centering Prayer Evening

Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., love offering
We meet one Tuesday a month for 20 minutes of Lectio Divina and 40 minutes of Centering Prayer.

Human Condition Course

Thursdays, April 16, 23, & 30, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Fr. Thomas Keating, in this video type series, masterfully captures the core material of the spiritual journey and examines the process of healing the human condition through what he calls the Divine Therapy of Contemplation. We will view 3 tapes, practice centering prayer and discuss Keatings' book, *The Human Condition*, on each of these Thursday mornings. Donation: \$50 (includes book.)

The Grace of Aging

Thursday, April 17, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
We are all aging. Those of us over 50 are a little more aware of its agony and ecstasy. This morning retreat will help us to grow in trust of God who holds our past, present and future. We need God most of all and beyond all our other needs. Donation: \$20. Lunch included.

Centering Prayer Day

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Come to the quiet. Experience peace. Grow silent. Become aware. This is a day well spent which will affect your week and month. Remember, God told us to take Sabbath time. Donation: \$20. Please bring a bag lunch.