

Fourth Sunday of Easter

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through his wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen for his voice and follow him.



April
12 &
13,
2008

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC

We had an outstanding parish picnic on Saturday, April 5th. The b-b-q grills were busy most of the day cooking delicious hot dogs and hamburgers; the best of the best side dishes arrived all day, potato salads, macaroni salads, baked beans, sausage & sauerkraut casserole, collard greens, chicken wings, fried chicken, baked chicken, b-b-q chicken, pizza, there was something there to please every single appetite. The “to die for desserts” table was loaded with goodies. Even though the weather man predicted rain for the whole day it waited until evening before arriving. Even the ants decided not to spoil our picnic. The kids and adults had plenty of outside games to play and a beautiful safe playground with slides and swings for the little ones.

A very special ‘thank you’ to the picnic committee for working so hard to make this the success it was. Special thanks and recognition goes to Brenda Flournoy for her exceptional dedication to making this the best ever picnic. She contacted business in the area and solicited donations from them for this event. Because of her tireless and sometimes relentless (!) pursuit of a willing vendor, this picnic cost the parish nothing. Way to go, Brenda!

The 50/50 raffle brought in \$700.00 of which \$350.00 goes to our winner, winter parishioner, Marilyn Kubic. Marilyn has donated \$100.00 of her winnings back to the parish. Thank you, Marilyn, for sharing your new found wealth!

The following are the businesses that responded to Brenda’s request. Please patronize them as our way of saying thanks for giving back to the community:

McDonalds, SweetBay Supermarket, WalMart (34th St. So.), Winn Dixie Supermarket, Papa John’s Pizza, Ponderosa Steakhouse, Walgreens (9 St. So.), Publix Supermarket, and St. Anthony’s Hospital (donated most of the hot dogs and hamburgers we all enjoyed so much).

Last but NEVER least, thank you to the cooks, the people who arrived early and helped set up and the ones who stayed late and helped clean up.

Of course, thank you to all those who participated as a ‘picnicker’. We couldn’t have done it without you being there!!! This parish sure knows how to have fun together. Just give us an excuse to get together and listen to the laughter that happens.

\$100.00 TO ST. JOSEPH

Because of the success of **SunTrust’s My Cause Program** and many requests to extend the date to open an account, they have done just that. It has been extended to **June 6th**. If you have not yet opened an account with \$100 (which remains yours!) with \$100 going to St. Joseph Church then you still have time. It’s so easy to do. For those living near WalMart you can go inside to their branch location there (or any SunTrust Bank) and talk to one of their friendly tellers and they will help you. It takes about 15 minutes. Tell them you want St. Joseph Catholic Church to be your *Cause* to receive the \$100 that will be donated by SunTrust to this parish. When you receive your ATM card take it anywhere and use it once for the donation to be sent to us. At that time you have the option of keeping the account open with SunTrust or closing it completely, all without any fees to you or the church. There are easy forms in the office for anyone needing help so if you have time, just stop by the office for assistance. This is such a great way to bring some much needed funds to the parish with little or no effort. Please let me know if and when you open an account. And be sure to make St. Joseph Catholic Church your *Cause*.

Pastoral Council Nominations to Open

Two positions open, 1 African American female and 1 white male. Have a voice in the operations of the Parish; assisting & advising the Pastor; planning future programs. Step forward if interested or nominate a

candidate you feel would be a good Pastoral Council Member. Meetings are bi-monthly, commitment is small, the reward is big.

Prospective Pastoral Care Volunteers Needed

Are you a good listener? Are you willing to keep company with those in need? Have you ever wondered how to become involved in a community ministry? A **Pastoral Care Volunteer** at St. Anthony's Hospital

may be for you! No experience is necessary. Class dated for the five training sessions over a seven week span are **May 28, June 4, 18, July 2, and July 9**. **St. Anthony's Training Classes** are from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. All sessions will be held on Wednesday. The application deadline is May 7. Please call the Pastoral Care Office at St. Anthony's, at 825-1106 for more information.

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Tithing Week of		April 5 & 6, 2008
Loose Collection		\$1,492.00
Envelopes		\$2,959.00
Total		\$4,451.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Winter parishioners, please remember to call or email the office when you are leaving for the summer. Thanks

Reflections: 4th Sunday of Easter—Paul and Barnabas encountered both violet rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

Guidance & Advice from our Parish Nurse

by Carolyn Drzycimski

Hot Baths are Beneficial

A study by the Mayo Clinic found that soaking in a hot bath provides a benefit similar to that of exercise. How does this happen? Hot water increase the heart rate as it lowers blood pressure by speeding the heart to disperse body heat. The warm blood then causes the vessels to dilate lowering blood pressure. So if you are a little adverse to exercise remember you can sit and relax and still help your heart!

GOSPEL CHOIR NEWS

Remember those great Gospel Choir T-shirts that were available in **maroon** and **gold**? They will be offered again in **hunter green** with **gold** lettering or **royal blue** with **gold** lettering. Also available will be baseball caps in the color of your choice. **T-shirts will be \$15** and **caps \$10**. Both must be paid for in advance before the order is placed. For further information contact Garth Albury, GC President @ 867-4050.



St. Joseph youth are registered for the Youth Summit in Orlando for the weekend of April 25 – 27. Any donations to help them with expenses will be greatly appreciated. 11 youth are registered to attend. Also the YG is planning a **Yard Sale** on **Sat, April 19** to help them raise money needed to attend this summit. Please "Spring Clean" your houses and bring your unwanted items for the sale such as kitchen utensils, bedding, furniture, etc. (please no clothes) to the Youth

Room. Call Ann Tellis, 656-2461 or Denise, 204-8509 or the office, 822-2153 to make arrangements for drop off.

ATTENTION: Parents of Children Receiving First Holy Communion



There will be a meeting following the **10:00AM Mass** this morning, **April 13** in the Parish Center (CCD building). Please plan to attend. If unable, it is very important that you contact **Roberta Bell** as soon as possible, **512-1296**.

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LECTORS:

- Sat, 5pm 04/12/08: Andy Durey
- Sun, 10am 04/13/08: Antonia Antoine
- Altar Servers: Kailah Britten-Autumn Bingham-Savanna Roderick
- Sat, 5pm 04/19/08: Mark Hanks
- Sun, 10am 04/20/08: Mary Hornickel
- Altar Servers: Cassandra Owa-Xavier Bryant-Ciera Lynch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat, 5pm 04/12/08: Betty Pokorny-Susie Ajoc
- Sun, 10am 04/13/08: **Host:** Judy Sauer **Cup:** Deirdre Schoeller-Elton Scott-Theresa Ferreebe-Richard Thompson
- Sat, 5pm 04/19/08: Trudy Corbin-Betty Pokorny
- Sun, 10am 04/20/08: **Host:** Nancy Shannon **Cup:** Josephine DeFeo-Pat Mumaw-Maria Salley-Denise Grant

Interested in serving, any questions or changes regarding the schedule, call Betty Vigue, 825-0653.

Prayer List

Please pray for our **SICK PARISHIONERS** and remember them with phone calls and cards. If you know of a sick parishioner not listed below, please contact the parish office, 822-2153.

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| Allan Berman | Herschel Conner |
| Fred Coward | Mary Cullen |
| Laura Daughtry | Eugene Danzey |
| Farrell Dixon | Linda Drzycimski |
| Gerry Gerard | Petra Goodnoe |
| Betty Little | Alice McCoy |
| Marcie Scully | Marie Spath |
| Red Threadcraft...Harold Traver...Lillian Waters | |

Mass Intentions

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| Sat, Apr 12, 5pm | +Paul Gregory |
| Sun, Apr 13, 10am | +Emily Kronyak |
| Mon, Apr 14, 8am | OPEN |
| Tues, Apr 15, 8am | OPEN |
| Wed, Apr 16, 8am | +Shawn Dove |
| Thurs, Apr 17, 8am | +Frank Spirek, Jr. |
| Fri, Apr 18, 8am | OPEN |



Sat, Apr 19, 8am

OPEN

READINGS for April 13, 2008:

Sun: Acts 2:14-36-41 Ps 23 1 Pt 2:20-25 Jn 10:1-10 **Mon:**
Acts 11:1-18, Pss 42, 43, Jn 10:1-10 **Tues:** Acts 11:19-26, Ps
87, Jn 10:22-30 **Wed:** Acts 12:24--13:5, Ps 67, Jn 12:44-
50 **Thurs:** Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89, Jn 13:16-20 **Fri:** Acts 13:26-
33, Ps 2, Jn 14:1-6 **Sat:** Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98, Jn 14:7-14

Vatican Splendors

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Exhibit ends May 11. Monday thru Sat 9am-6pm

**Sunday, Noon-6pm...Location: Florida International
Museum, 244-2 Ave No...Downtown St. Petersburg**

Adults \$20; Seniors \$17; Children (12 & under) \$13.

*Highlights include...*The Mandyllion of Edessa, the earliest
known image of the face of our Lord—Reliquary containing
relics (bone fragments) of Saint Peter—Objects from the
election of Benedict XVI—Personal objects of John Paul II.

God Bless our Men & Women in Uniform

Please pray for the safe return of all who are currently serving
in harms way. Especially pray for....

Sgt. Bradley Rokicki, & LCpl. Tim Taffin.

Please, God, keep them safe!