

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, May 3 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baumert Family (Eugene Baumert)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday, May 4 ♦ NO MASS
Tuesday, May 5 ♦ Easter Weekday
11:30 a.m. Chris Stluka (His Family)
 Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, May 6 ♦ Easter Weekday
11:30 a.m. Emil & Johanna Heider (Sr. Ruth Ann Heider)
 Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday, May 7 ♦ Easter Weekday
11:30 a.m. John & Della McDevitt (Harold & Julie Tucker)
 Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday, May 8 ♦ Easter Weekday
11:30 a.m. Clifford & Laura D. Guerin (Laura M. Guerin)
 Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday, May 9 ♦ Easter Weekday
11:30 a.m. Lois Coughlin (Charlene & Paul Pardi)
 Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday, May 10 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
11:00 a.m. Joseph & Helen Boldizar (James & Diane Huston)
 Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Mass Scheduling Policy: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of \$10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners and those who are ill: Eugene Baumert, Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Dick Morbitzer, Rita Neff, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!	
April 26, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering.....\$2,376.00
Central & Eastern Europe = \$387.00	Votives.....79.00
Mass Attendance	Novena/1st Friday0.00
9:00 a.m. = 76	Repair.....100.00
11:00 a.m. = 109	Less Tax.....(127.50)
	Net to Parish.....\$2,427.50



ATTENTION, ALL MARRIED COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th ANNIVERSARY: Jubilee of Anniversaries 2009 will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2009, at Church of the Resurrection, 6300 East Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany, at 3:00 p.m. The occasion includes a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell and a reception in your honor. Registration forms are available from the parish by calling 614-224-3416. Reservations for you and your guests are necessary and must be received by Monday, June 8, 2009.

Capital Campaign – Year Two Wrap-up

Due to your generosity, the parish will be receiving its final payment from the Diocese (BAA) of \$20,536.80 for a total of \$62,705.45 for year two of our three-year 175th Anniversary Campaign. There are sufficient pledges already made (by three-year pledges) to cover our 2009 BAA goal of \$14,969.06. **This means that every new pledge made and collected in 2009 will come back directly to the parish toward our Capital Campaign.**

Donut Sunday – Today!

Please come to the Cum Christo Center for coffee and donuts following 9:00 a.m. today to enjoy the company of your friends, family and new parishioners.

Central/Eastern Europe Collection Results

The proceeds from last week’s collection will go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media in Central and Eastern Europe. \$387.00 was contributed.

Blessings of “The Good Shepherd” Statue

You are invited to take part in the Ceremonial Blessing of the newly installed statue of “the Good Shepherd,” officiated by Bishop Campbell at St. Joseph Cemetery on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. This will commemorate Bishop Herrmann’s 1980 blessing of all unconsecrated sections of St. Joseph Cemetery including 249 infant grave sites renamed to honor St. Julie Billiart, founder of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

THE WORD

The world most of us live in is far from the world of which Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel. Few of us have ever had any contact with sheep and shepherds. A good shepherd was one who took care to lead his sheep to safe and green pastures. He would also be sure to clear the ground of thorns and be on the lookout for any nests of scorpions and snakes. He would not only bind up wounds but would bring medicinal herbs to make a drink to help heal them. The good shepherd cares for his sheep.

Jesus claims this title for Himself in the Gospel of John, emphasizing in the passage we heard today three characteristics. First is His willingness to lay down His life for His sheep. These words are spoken to us by the crucified risen Lord; it is not a matter of merely hyperbolic language. Secondly, He knows His sheep and His sheep know Him. And He quickly adds: “Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father” (John 10:15). Jesus is the shepherd who is our mediator, our bridge leading into the presence of God the Father. Finally, the Good Shepherd is one who has sheep that do not belong to “this fold” (10:16). His love embraces all peoples.

From “Living the Word”

† 3 May 2009 †	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 124.	
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist	
Entrance Hymn	<i>Let Christians All Their Voices Raise</i> (Hymnal #559)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>This is the day the Lord has made; let us Rejoice and be glad!</i> (Hymnal #433)
Gospel Acclamation	(Missalette, p. 125, #81)
Offertory Hymn	<i>Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless</i> (Hymnal #626)
Communion Hymn	<i>Gift of Finest Wheat</i> (Hymnal #629)
Closing Hymn	<i>At the Lamb’s High Feast</i> (Hymnal #569)

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) Sunday, May 17, 2009 – Parish Town Meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Cum Christo Center**
- 2) Parish Celebration of Dan Dury’s ordination to the Diaconate on Sunday, June 7, 2009, following each Mass**
- 3) Parish Potluck – Friday, July 24, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. on the grounds between church and Cum Christo Center**
- 4) Parish Feast Day – Sunday, September 13, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. Mass**

Update and Follow-up on Self-Study

You are invited and encouraged to come to our Town Hall Meeting on May 17th (rescheduled from January 25th), from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the Cum Christo Center. There will be an update on the recommendations formulated by the Deanery representatives and forwarded to the Diocese. Secondly, of vital importance is the beginning work on the recommendations unique to our parish which surfaced at our Self-Study meeting in June, such as: (Sacramental) Liturgy Committee, (Strategic) Parish Council and Communications Outreach/Service and (Sustaining) Stewardship.

Please plan to attend, bringing your interest, ideas, and commitment to our parish. We are hoping for the same or better attendance as we enjoyed at the June meeting. We will again share pizza following the meeting.

Fiesta Cinco de Mayo

St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Columbus invites you to a Fiesta Cinco de Mayo to raise money to bring the Missionary Servants of the Word Sisters from Mexico to evangelize in the West Side of Columbus. The event will be on Tuesday, May 5th, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall and will feature cocktails, authentic Mexican food, live music and silent auction. The cover charge is \$75.00. For more information, contact Laura (lauragch@hotmail.com).

Plant the Seeds for a Stronger Relationship

You’ll learn, in just 44 hours, how to be the “gardeners” of a closer, more spiritual marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Plan ahead for one of the next two weekends in Columbus, on June 5-7 and July 17-19. Please let us know that you’re interested as soon as you can! For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit our web site at www.wmccolumbus.org.

John Leary to speak at Holy Spirit

Come visit with Mr. John Leary at Holy Spirit Church, Yearling Road and E. Broad Street, Columbus, on May 4, 2009, 6:30 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass, talk to follow. Mr. Leary is a Catholic evangelist and author of 56 books. Call Bernie for more information (614-861-4888).