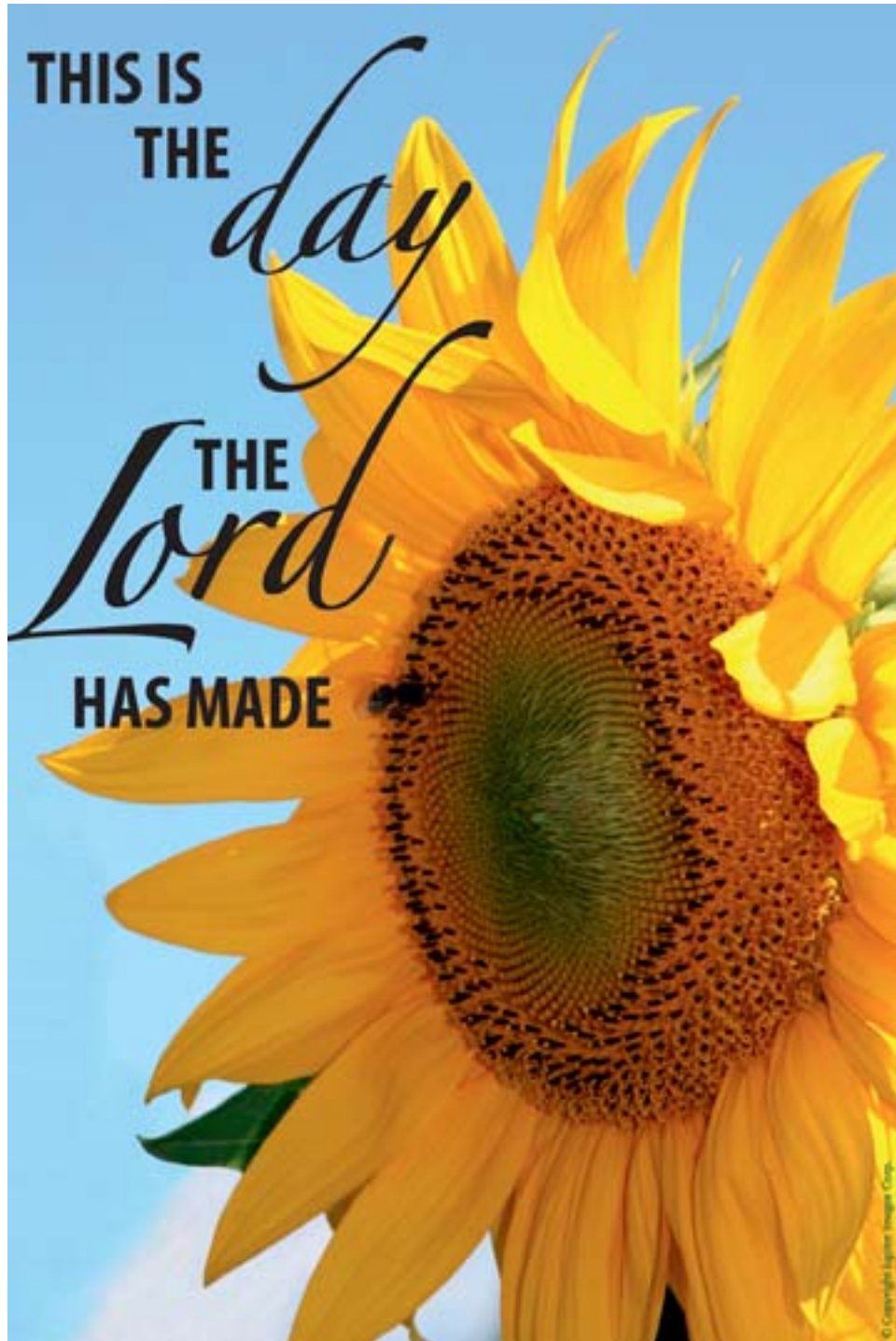




April 11, 2010
**Second Sunday of Easter/
Divine Mercy Sunday**





Reflections From the Pastor

***“Have you come to believe because you see me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet believe!”***

Gospel of John 20:19-31

During the 50 days of Easter the Scriptures call the Church to conversion – conversion as the People of God. It is helpful to see the seasons of lent and Easter as parallel. The focus of both the 40 days of lent and the 50 days of Easter is conversion. The word the Scriptures use is *metanoia*, meaning a *total turn around* of self. Sometimes this is spoken of as being *born again in the Spirit*.

As the readings of lent prepared us to enter the holy waters of Baptism and approach the Table of the Lord, the readings of Easter help us to reflect upon and better understand the meaning of the *Easter Sacraments* - Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist. At Easter the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and on Pentecost the resurrection of the Church, the People of God, is celebrated.

Through the years I have come to appreciate more and more the role Scripture plays in coming to understand both the meaning of sacraments and the meaning of *Church*. With the lectionary promulgated after Vatican II as part of the *novus ordo* of Paul VI (Roman Missal) we have been feted with a rich and succulent entrée of the Scriptures, especially from the Old Testament. In fact, an important motif for both Easter and Pentecost is the Exodus experience – the feast of the Unleavened Bread and Succoth.

The normal arrangement of readings for the Sunday liturgy is to take the first reading from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures), the second from one of the New Testament Pastoral Letters and the third from the gospels. Sadly the Tridentine Mass made little use of the Old Testament!

During the 50 days of Easter the Church foregoes the first reading from the Old Testament, replacing it with the *Acts of the Apostles*. The reason for this change is to help the Church in its reflection on what the Church is called to be through the celebration of the Easter mysteries. The *Acts of the Apostles* in some sense could be considered a continuation of the *Gospel of St. Luke*. The gospel leads us to Jerusalem and *Acts* opens in Jerusalem and then out to the nations. Pivotal to understanding Lucan theology of the Church and its mission is the Jewish feast of Pentecost and our understanding of that feast.

The *Acts of the Apostles* gives insight in how the early Christian community came to understand what Jesus intended it to be. One sees the early Christians or followers of the *Way*, as the early Christian Church was known, wrestling with both understanding the significance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead and what that meant for them and how they were to live as His disciples.

I would suggest that one might do well during these days of Easter taking time to read through and prayerfully reflect on the *Acts of the Apostles*. It is important to consider that if Peter and the early Christian Church were to visit us in the 21st century they would probably be somewhat surprised by the Church as we know it. Indeed, much has changed both for the good and sadly at times for the bad over the Church's history. This is why it is critical that we as Church take this time to revisit the early Church of the *Acts* and ponder at the same time the meaning of the Easter sacraments. Indeed, the Church is ever called to renew itself in the Word and in sacrament.

- Fr. Bill Conway

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April 1, 2010 - June 26, 2011



BREAD OF LIFE
COVENANT OF LOVE

PAN DE VIDA
ALIANZA DE AMOR

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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

June 26, 2011
Lewis University
Romeoville, IL

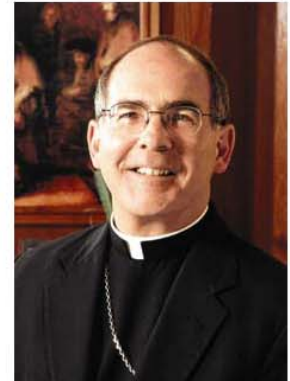


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You are Invited

to a talk by **Bishop J. Peter Sartain**
“**Bread of Life & Covenant of Love**”

Join Bishop Sartain as he reminds us that as Jesus gives Himself to us in the Eucharist to be our spiritual nourishment, He also draws us into a deeper relationship with Him and with all the members of His mystical body, the Church.



No registration required.

- **Wednesday, April 14, 2010 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

St. Paul the Apostle Church
18 Woodlawn Avenue
Joliet, IL 60435

- **Tuesday, April 27, 2010 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

St. Petronille Church
420 Glenwood Avenue
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

- **Wednesday, May 5, 2010 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

- **Lunes, Mayo 17, 2010 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – (Español)**

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo
(Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)
205 E. Jackson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Aunt Mary's Storybook Project



The Christian Service Commission will be collecting new children's storybooks for a program called "**Aunt Mary's Storybook Project**" under prison ministry. This collection will take place the weekend of April 17th and 18th in the Narthex.

This project restores the love and sharing of a mother or father to a child in a family relationship. With the help of trained volunteers, incarcerated mothers and fathers are given the opportunity to pick a book appropriate for their child. The books are then sent to their children as a gift from their mother or father.

You may choose your own soft covered book or call for an updated list. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. Working together for the benefit of keeping family ties close, especially for children, is a goal in our ministry and a goal for this program.

Please direct any questions to Bev at 630-852-2716. Thank you for your generous help!

The Christian Service Commission



PRISON MINISTRY

It is time again for another Kairos Prison weekend (April 22nd to April 25th). We invite you to participate in this Christian movement by baking cookies, having children participate by tracing their hands and making placements. The cost for the weekend is \$200 per team member to cover Kairos expenses. Any monetary help would be appreciated.

There are Ziploc bags in the Narthex with recipes and a brochure describing the full scope of the Kairos Prison Ministry for your use. The cookies and donations will be picked up after all of the Masses next Sunday, April 18, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact George B. Welch at 630-783-2481. Thank you for your generosity!



Please keep Father Robert Sum in your prayers. He was recently diagnosed with colon and rectal cancer. He is currently undergoing treatment and we pray for his speedy recovery. If you would like to send him a get well card, his address is:

St. Procopius Abbey
5601 College Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4463



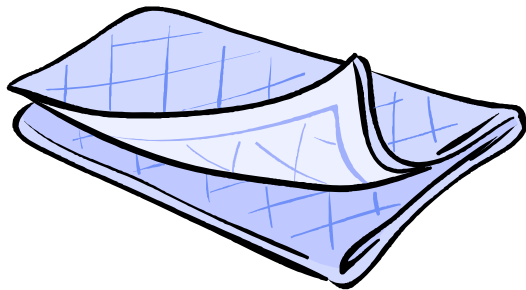
Please plan to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 16-18, 2010. Contact our Parish representatives, Ray and Jan Walters at 630-963-2453 or visit our website at www.mejoliet.org.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB



Come join us for our April meeting this Monday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Prayer Blanket Ministry



Have a loved one who is in physical or emotional distress? Wrap him or her in a blessed prayer blanket or shawl made by members of Divine Savior's Prayer Blanket Ministry. Call Jackie Griffith at 630-737-0755.



Project Love

You are invited to
Project Love's
Second Annual
Rise and Dine Breakfast Benefit

Sunday, April 25 at 11:00 AM
Naperville Country Club
25 W 570 Chicago Avenue
Naperville, IL

(1/4 mile west of Naper Blvd. on Chicago Ave.)

Project Love, the charitable division of Illinois Citizens for Life, has been providing financial assistance to pregnant women and new mothers through the state of Illinois for 14 years. All proceeds will help us to bring help and hope to women in need. Mr. Tom Brejcha will be presented with the 2010 Caritas award for his outstanding contributions in the pro-life movement.

Tickets are \$30

Advance reservations are required
Entertainment, raffle, silent auction



DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY

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PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces overseas, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners could include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to bulletin@divinesavior.net. Please notify us when the service person returns home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Mark Lara—Marines, Iraq
- Nicholas Leamy—Navy, Okinawa
- Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- Steve Baker—Army, Afghanistan
- Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- Nicholas Zefeldt—Army, Afghanistan
- Joe Giltug—Army, Afghanistan
- Claven Ourrum—Air Force, Afghanistan

We reflect on the love Jesus shows us in forgiving us and inviting us to reconcile with him. Jesus is the source of peace in our hearts. He is patient with us, as He was with Thomas. If our faith falters or grows weak, Jesus does not abandon us, but continuously calls us to renewed faith and holiness. We are stewards of God's forgiveness and are asked to offer that forgiveness to one another.



Total Weekly Contributions 3/28/10	\$12,564.00
Blue Envelopes (Development Fund)	311.00

Please remember the good works of our Parish in your will. Contact Fr. Conway for information on how you can accomplish this.



Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for e-giving. This is an easy and convenient way to have your weekly offering automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card (you can get points).

So far 34 families are participating in the program.

If you would like to be a part of the e-giving program, visit the parish website at www.divinesavior.net and complete instructions are available or if you do not have access to the internet, you can stop in the parish office during regular business hours and fill out a form. Thank you again to all who have participated.

LLAMADOS A SER TESTIGOS

Tomás probablemente sería el tipo de hombre que uno quisiera tener de su lado en un tribunal de justicia real. Aunque estuvo dispuesto a seguir a Jesús hasta la muerte (Juan 11:16), no se lanzaría a ir al mundo ahora e intentar dar testimonio de Cristo resucitado cuando sólo cuenta con “relatos de tercera mano” de otros apóstoles. No, él quiere evidencia inmediata, experiencia directa de Cristo resucitado y presente. Al final, Cristo resucitado le provee a Tomás la experiencia y la prueba que él necesita.

Muchos, cuando luchamos con nuestra fe y o con lo que creemos, nos podemos identificar con Tomás. Pero aunque nuestra fe fuera bastante sólida, encontramos a personas que son un poco como Tomás, que no creerán si no pasan por una experiencia creíble de Cristo resucitado. Entonces, somos llamados a dar testimonio. Como Cristo, no podemos avergonzarnos de mostrar las heridas del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. Hasta tenemos que permitir a otros que toquen y examinen las heridas. Pero también debemos saludarlas con la “paz” y saber que, en la gloriosa vida eterna de Cristo resucitado de entre los muertos, nuestras heridas no serán nuestro destino final. Nuestra alegría final es una vida transformada por toda la eternidad.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los apóstoles hacen muchas señales y maravillas entre la gente. (Hch 5:12-16).

Salmo — La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Juan, contagiado por el Espíritu, tiene una visión del Señor glorificado (Apocalipsis 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Evangelio — Jesús resucitado visita a los discípulos con su paz y con el Espíritu. Tomás, ausente, duda de la aparición de Jesús (Juan 20:19-31).

SAN MARTÍN I (año 656)

13 de abril

Martín nació en Todi, Italia. Fue diácono de la Iglesia romana y posteriormente elegido Papa en el año 649. Fue notorio su ministerio porque no esperó la aprobación del emperador Constante II, sino que más bien, convocó a los obispos de Occidente en un Concilio para combatir la herejía monotelita que sostenía que Jesús no había tenido voluntad humana, sólo divina. Puesto que el Emperador era monotelita, ordenó que lo mataran. Quien iba a hacerlo se acercó para comulgar de manos del Papa y en el momento en que sacó el cuchillo quedó ciego. Martín fue arrestado en el año 653 por orden del Emperador acusado de usurpar el papado y tramar contra Constantinopla (Turquía). Fue llevado prisionero en un viaje que duró 15 meses en el cual se le torturó y se le expuso a la vergüenza pública. Dos años después fue desterrado y ahí sufrió el abandono, el frío y el hambre, hasta que le llegó la muerte. Ante su sufrimiento dijo: “Hagan de mí lo que quieran. Cualquier clase de muerte será un bien para mí”.

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Pascua;
Domingo de la Divina Misericordia;
Yom HaShoa (Día en memoria de las víctimas del holocausto)

Martes: San Martín I

Jueves: Día de los Impuestos



				
Saturday, April 17 5:00 PM	Father Conway	Payton Buresch Brooke Buresch Olivia Porcaro	David Brockmann Bev Goste Beth McNeeley Christine Pietrucha Beth Svetich	Maureen Chmel
Saturday, April 17 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			
Sunday, April 18 7:00 AM	Father Conway	Carolyn Heinrich	Pam O'Donnell Helen Bienik Carl Lambiasi Barbara Fidanza	Ginny Munson
Sunday, April 18 8:30 AM	Father Conway	Christopher Neumann Allison Hietpas Hayley Stankiewicz	Frank Frodyma Art Leamy Rosanne Widrechner Mercedes Selvarajan Fe Asuncion	Dave Gallagher
Sunday, April 18 10:00 AM	Father Tapper	Luke Dosen Rachel Pfeifer Jack Loris	Geri Parker Mary Barton Beth Heidel Kathy Perez Cathi Loris Margaret Panatera	Religious Education
Sunday, April 18 11:30 AM	Father Tapper	Michael Dizon Jack O'Sullivan Marissa Cervantes	Eric Dizon Bridget O'Sullivan Mary O'Sullivan Joan Deutschmann Jackie Griffith	Joann Halpin

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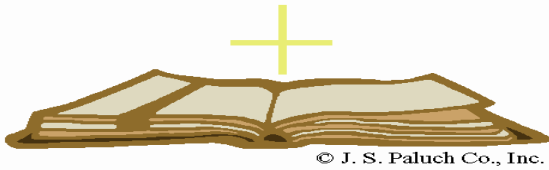
Bible

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
 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 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Mass Intentions



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Monday, April 12-Easter Weekday

8:30 AM— † John Campbell

Tuesday, April 13-Easter Weekday

8:30 AM— Barbara Lietz
† Darlene DiFranco Holek

Wednesday, April 14-Easter Weekday

8:30 AM— † Mary and Margaret D'Onofrio

Thursday, April 15-Easter Weekday

8:30 AM— † Bernice and Stan Zielinski

Friday, April 16-Easter Weekday

8:30 AM— † Dora Wrobel

Saturday, April 17-Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM— † Jim Sommer
6:30 PM— † Maria Esqueda

Sunday, April 18-Third Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM— † Julia Spiewak
8:30 AM— † John & Ethel Scott
10:00 AM— † Dolores Corbett
11:30 AM— † Joel Thomas Hasken



Monday, April 12, 2010

Senior Social Meeting	1:00 PM	PC
Lay Apostle Prayer Group	7:00 PM	PC

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

RCIA	7:00 PM	PC
Legion of Mary	7:30 PM	A

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Religious Education B [14]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Education B [14]	6:30 PM	PC
10:00 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Religious Education C [14]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Education C [14]	6:30 PM	PC
8:30 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Friday, April 16, 2010

Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00 PM	PC
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Saturday, April 17, 2010

Catholic Ministry Promotion		M
Prison Ministry Aunt Mary's Storybook Collection		N
Jubilation Rehearsal	9:00 AM	C

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Blue Envelope Sunday		
Catholic Ministry Promotion		M
Prison Ministry Aunt Mary's Storybook Collection		N
Grade 8 Mass	10:00 AM	M

Key: C=Church; N=Narthex; M=Mass; A=Away;
PC=Parish Center; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
CR=Conference Room; G=Grounds



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY:	8:30 AM
SATURDAY:	5:00 PM
	6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY:	7:00 AM
	8:30 AM
	10:00 AM
	11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Mass of anticipation the	
Evening before	7:00 PM
Holy day	7:30 AM
	12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.