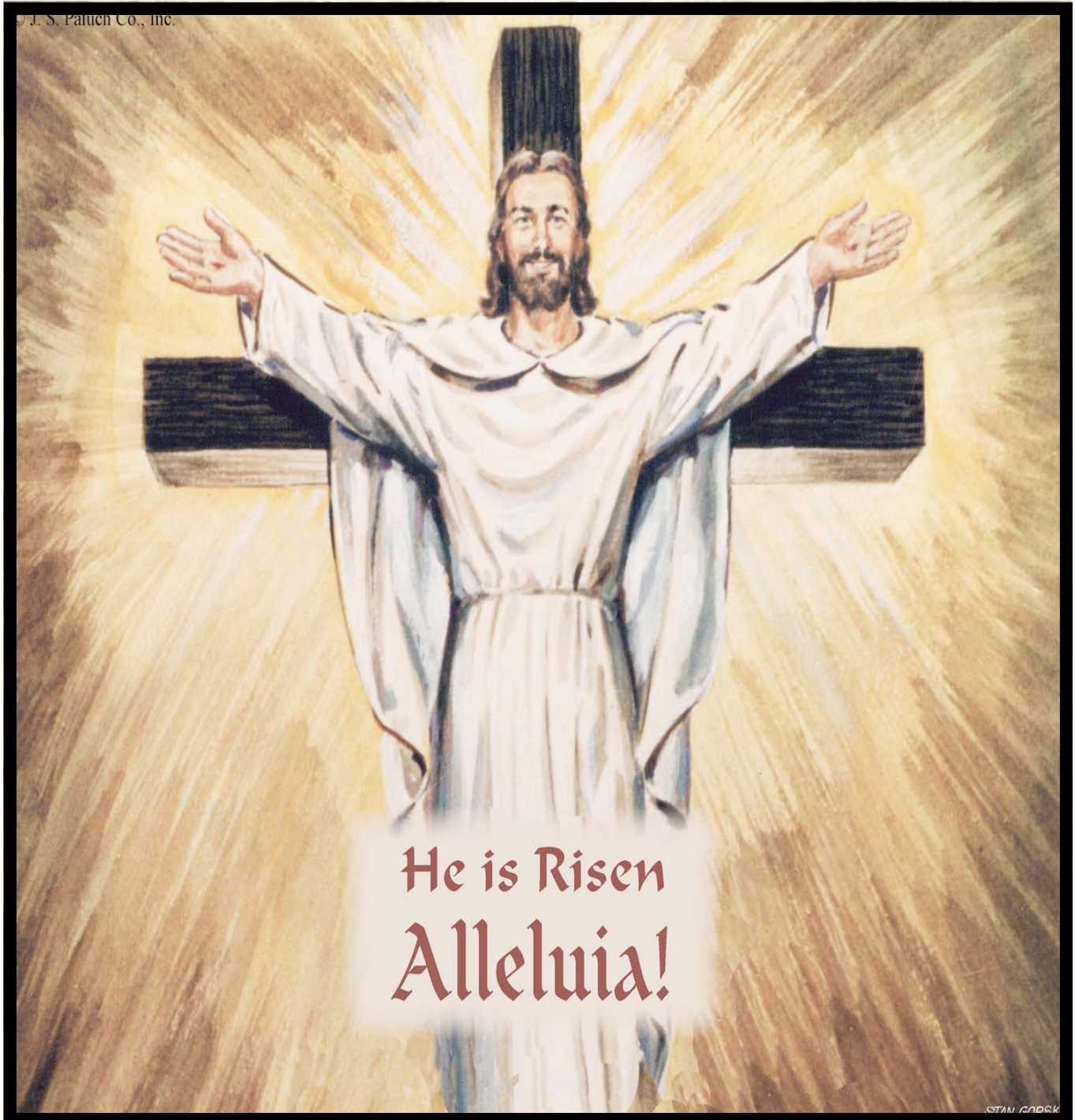




April 24, 2011
Easter Sunday:
The Resurrection of the Lord

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Reflections From the Pastor

*“The earth is charged with
the grandeur of God!”*

- Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ

It's interesting how certain lines of poetry once learned stay with one throughout life. I have always been captivated by the line of poetry quoted above. The English 19th century Jesuit poet wrote with energy about the mystery of God. The whole notion that the earth from which comes all life is somehow charged with a divine energy fascinated me as I reflect upon the great mystery of the resurrection.

Genesis tells us that it is from the earth that one comes and it is back to the earth one returns. Paul, writing to the church at Rome, tells us that unless we die with Christ we shall not rise with Christ. The *Apostles' Creed* states that Jesus died and *descended into hell and on the third day rose*. For many indigenous peoples the earth is mother and from the womb of Mother Earth comes life.

One of the joys of spring is to finally dig into the earth with one's bare hands and feel the warm, moist soil and smell its freshness. As the sun begins to burn away the frost of winter and the earth softens, one begins to see the first signs of new life breaking through the soil.

Be it the crocus or the daffodil one experiences a certain giddiness. No longer is the ground hard, the sky gray and foreboding, the trees bare and lifeless. There is life!

What a precious gift is spring! But more precious and more wondrous is Easter! The resurrection of Jesus! He who was once thought to be dead is now alive. The resurrection is God's great surprise. It is easy to accept the fact of death, even the death of God. But it is another matter to believe that death is not final, but from death comes life.

The renowned spiritual writer, Rabbi Abraham Heschel, speaks of modern man losing a sense of the *awfulness* of God. It is interesting that often one associates the word *awful* with fear or dread. Yet, the word is about *awe*. The awe one feels before the wondrous mystery of life, the more wondrous mystery of God. One is reminded of Moses falling prostrate on the ground before the awesome presence of God. Zachary, the father of John the Baptist, comes out from the *Holy of Holies* in the temple speechless.

Is it a surprise that the outcome of the *Enlightenment*, the age of reason and science, has been the *Disillusionment*. When reason no longer made sense, when the laws of nature fell short of certitude, the philosophers and scientist – Sartre, Russell, Camus, etc – despaired. Life became a farce, a cruel and cynical joke.

Pope John Paul, another philosopher, speaks of this disillusionment as a *culture of death*. Life in and of itself in such a culture means nothing. No longer is there poetry or music. No longer is there a spring in one's dance. No longer is there a sense of the awfulness of the Divine.

For us, this Easter is the challenge to be open and alive to the *grandeur of God* that “*will flame out, like shining from shook foil, gathering to a greatness, like the ooze of oil crushed.*” For us there is the dare to stand in awe before the risen Lord and to hope in tomorrow!

- Fr. Bill Conway

***“La tierra está cargada de
La grandeza del Señor!”
- Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ***

Es interesante ver como algunas líneas de alguna poesía que hemos aprendido se quedan con nosotros de por vida. Yo me he sentido siempre cautivado por las líneas de la poesía que menciono arriba. El poeta Jesuita Inglés del siglo 19 escribió enérgicamente acerca del misterio de Dios. Reflexionando sobre el gran misterio de la resurrección, me fascina la noción total de que la tierra, de la cual proviene toda especie de vida, de alguna manera está cargada con la energía divina,

El *Génesis* nos dice que es de la tierra de donde venimos y que es a la tierra a donde volvemos. San Pablo, al escribir a la Iglesia de Roma, nos dice que a menos de que muramos con Cristo, no resucitaremos con Cristo. El *Credo de los Apóstoles* dice que Jesús murió y *descendió al infierno y al tercer día resucitó*. Para muchas personas de origen indígena, la tierra es la madre y de su vientre es de donde proviene la vida.

Uno de los disfrutes de la primavera es poder escarbar la tierra con nuestras manos y sentir su tibieza, suavidad y la frescura de su olor. Cuando el sol comienza a quemar lo gélido del invierno y la tierra se suaviza, empezamos a ver los primeros signos vida nueva brotando de la tierra. Ya sea en la germinación de los lirios o de las azucenas, experimentamos cierta emoción. La tierra ya no está dura, el cielo ya no está gris y borrascoso, los árboles ya no están desnudos y secos. Hay vida!

Qué precioso regalo es la primavera! Pero más precioso y más maravilloso es el regalo de la Pascua! La resurrección de Jesús! El, quien alguna vez se pensó estaba muerto, está vivo ahora. La resurrección es la gran sorpresa de Dios. Es fácil aceptar la realidad de la muerte, incluso la muerte de Dios. Pero es otro el sentido de la muerte, que no representa un final, sino la muerte de la que proviene la vida.

El renombrado escritor espiritual, Rabino Abraham Heschel, habla del hombre moderno que pierde el sentido de *maravillarse* con Dios. Es interesante como continuamente asociamos la palabra *maravillarse* con la palabra temor o pavor. Sin embargo, la palabra se refiere a *maravillarse*. La maravilla que sentimos ante el intrigante misterio de la vida, el misterio más maravilloso de Dios. Recordamos que Moisés cayó postrado en el suelo ante la maravillosa presencia de Dios. Zacarías, el padre de Juan el Bautista, queda enmudecido ante el más *Santo de los Santos* en el templo.

Es sorprendente como el periodo de *alumbramiento*, la edad de la razón y la ciencia, ha sido *desilusionante*. Cuando la razón ya no tiene sentido, cuando las leyes de la naturaleza se quedan cortas ante la verdad, los filósofos y científicos –Sartre, Russell, Camus, etc.- pierden la esperanza. La vida se vuelve una farsa y cínica broma.

El Papa Juan Pablo, otro filosofo, habla de esta desilusión como una *cultura de la muerte*. La vida misma en esa cultura no significa nada. Ya no hay poesía ni música. Ya no hay primavera en nuestro baile. Ya no hay ningún sentido de maravilla en lo divino.

Para nosotros, esta Pascua representa el reto para estar abiertos y alertas a la *grandeza de Dios* que “*se inflamará, como el brillo de una hoja de aluminio en movimiento, unida a una grandeza, como la suavidad del atractivo aceite*”. Se nos presenta el reto de maravillarnos y postrarnos ante el Señor resucitado y de alimentar la esperanza en el futuro.



SMALL TALK
By Rosemary Bleuher

HOPE BELIEVES

Someone once said, “Hope believes in spite of evidence, and watches the evidence change.”

Certainly that is what happened in a story told by one of my favorite authors, Annie Dillard. In her book *For the Time Being*, she quotes from *Memoirs of a Cape Breton Doctor* who describes the delivery of a transverse-presenting baby:

“I looked after the baby...I think I had the most worry because I had to use artificial respiration for a long time. I didn't time how long I was using mouth-to-mouth breathing, but I remember thinking during the last several minutes that it was hopeless. But I persisted and I was finally rewarded when Anna MacRae of Middle River, Victoria County came to life.”

Birth, though painful, bloody and messy, is the path to new life. And even though expected, when new life happens we are always astounded by this miracle.

The disciples of Jesus must have experienced some of these same feelings after the Crucifixion – hopelessness, fear, then hope. And finally, JOY! The one they loved and thought dead was alive and with them.

Some of us during this time of Lent may have caught a glimpse of new life in ourselves, a “birthing” of God in our lives. We may have even seen what we could become if we persevered beyond Lent! May we continue to explore and experience possibilities for new life and draw closer to Christ who is alive and among us.

HAPPY EASTER TO EACH OF YOU!

*Mother's
Day*



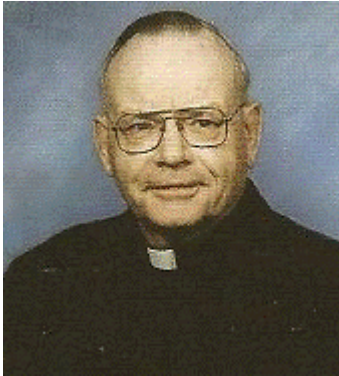
Cards for a Cause

As Mother's Day approaches, you can buy Mom a nice card from Hallmark, or you can choose a much more meaningful card from Project Love. After the masses next weekend, April 30th and May 1st, our parish Pro-Life Committee will be distributing beautiful Mother's Day cards for a free-will donation to Project Love. Each card will read that “A donation to Project Love has been made in the name of _____” (your mother or grandmother, or any mother you would like to honor).

Project Love, based in Downers Grove, is a division of the Illinois Citizens for Life Charitable Trust. It provides aid to pregnant women and new mothers in a financial crisis. They usually need help with rent, utility bills, or food for their children. All proceeds will be used to give help and hope to these women at a difficult time in their lives.

Please stop by the narthex before or after mass next weekend to obtain a special card for a special mom or grandma in your life. All donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your support.

**Help Support Regina Kowalski
in her fight against Ovarian Cancer—
Fundraiser on Sunday, May 1
From 1 PM to 4 PM
1600 16th Street—Oakbrook
Call Mary Barton at 630-408-1389 for more
information.**



Fr. Tapper's 50th Anniversary as a Priest

Date: May 1st, 2011

Time: 11:30 a.m. Mass

Please join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Fr. John Tapper's ordination to the priesthood. Father will be celebrating the 11:30 a.m. Mass on May 1st which will be followed by coffee and donuts in the Narthex. Father Tapper has been a wonderful asset to Divine Savior over the last 2-1/2 years as he has helped out with Sunday Masses, daily Masses, Confessions etc.

Father Tapper has stated that "your presence is his present" and requests no gifts except your prayers and good wishes.

May the Lord bless you, Father, and thank you for your cheery presence and all the help you give Divine Savior.



Join us as we
CONNECT
 our families

We need you to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!



Each family will receive a Complimentary Directory for participating



Exciting Products
turn your portraits into cherished memories

Products may vary



Mass of the Angels

**FRIDAY, MAY 6—7:30 PM
VISITATION CHURCH
ELMHURST**

A Mass of the Angels to remember infants and children who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other causes will be celebrated at Visitation Church in Elmhurst, 779 S. York Road, on Friday, May 6th at 7:30 pm. This special Mass will take place for individuals and family members to commemorate the lives of their loved ones. If you have lost a child, please join us in prayer.

This Mass is sponsored by the Elmhurst Elizabeth Ministry. For further information, you may contact Joan Herrmann at 630-941-7854.



BABY BOTTLES

The Pro-Life Committee is asking you to pick up a baby bottle as you leave the church after mass on April 30 and May 1. Take it home and fill it with change during the next two weeks, and bring it back on May 14.

The baby bottles will help mothers and their babies with much needed items. The money will go to Women's Choice agency. If you have any questions or would like to help us distribute the bottles, please call Carol Smith at 630-964-8761.



As you have previously read in the bulletin, we will be having sign-up for our Church Photo Directory in the near future. As part of our directory this year we will be including all parishioner names, addresses and home phone numbers. Most churches print this information when they publish a directory and we have had many requests that that information be made available.

If you do **not** want this information printed in the Divine Savior Pictorial Directory, please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket, mail it to the office or e-mail Tracy O'Brien at tracy@divinesavior.net.

___ I do **not** want my phone number published in the Divine Savior Pictorial Directory

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___ I do **not** want my name published in the Divine Savior Pictorial Directory

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy O'Brien at tracy@divinesavior.net or Sue Hartig at sue@divinesavior.net



We would like to congratulate Kristie Kwak and Thomas McCulloch who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, April 9, 2011. We wish the new couple many years of blessed and holy matrimony.



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News From Fr. Conway

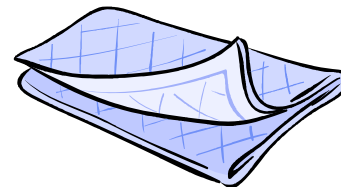
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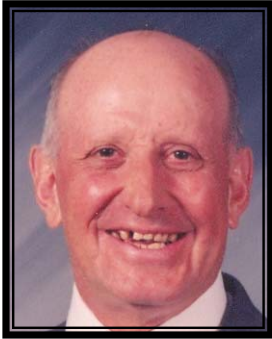
You may have noticed on the lawns of the parish that we have stakes in the ground. No, we are not playing some kind of game, but rather becoming more ecologically minded with our grounds. First of all, it was decided to reduce the amount of grass cutting as a way of tightening our budget. Our maintenance costs for the grounds will be half of what they have been by what we are doing this summer.

And what is it exactly that we are doing? We are going to allow a portion of the grassy areas to go natural. In other words, we will not be cutting the lawn every week or so. Hopefully these areas will eventually become more prairie grass. With that, we are also reducing the amount of chemicals we use for weed prevention and fertilizing. This is all in the spirit of good St. Francis of Assisi.

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.



We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Francisco Scavelli (uncle of Cathi Loris) who passed away on April 6 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on April 11, 2011. Please remember him in your prayers and pray also that his family may receive the Lord's consolation in their time of need.



FOOD DRIVE

APRIL 30-MAY 1

Our next food collection will take place the weekend of April 30-May 1 and will benefit the FISH food pantry. Their needs include canned meat products, peanut butter, soups, jello, canned fruits and vegetables, as well as formula and diapers, laundry and cleaning products, bar soap, and personal care items.

Thank you for your generous support of our monthly food drives!

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:

- Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- Nicholas Zefeldt—Army, Afghanistan
- Gerardo Serriteno—Army, Afghanistan
- Tiffany Nicole Vicha—Army, Iraq
- David Blazina—Army, Qatar

**DIVINE SAVIOR'S
LAY APOSTLE
PRAYER GROUP**

WHEN: Every second Monday of the month
WHERE: Pastoral Center—7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Every meeting starts with the Holy Rosary, offering up our families, our church, personal intentions, and our nation.

Then, we will take a scripture passage each week from the Gospel of Luke. We will ponder, reflect on the meaning together, and try to put ourselves in that Gospel scene, and ask ourselves what we might have done or said if we were present. We will see some things that will surprise us and some things that will challenge us as well. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy ends our meeting.

Come and join us as we discover God's healing touch through group prayer, scripture, and discussion.

				
Saturday, April 30 5:00 PM	Father Conway	Annalia Dolce Grace Januszewski Sarah Major	Bev Goste Kathy Hamilton Beth Svetich Sally Thomas Ray Vicha	Linda Vicha
Saturday, April 30 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			
Sunday, May 1 8:00 AM	Father Conway	Carolyn Heinrich	Barbara Fianza Herb Gosewisch James Guzzaldo George Koltz Art Leamy Joan Wash Rosanne Widrechner	Ginny Munson
Sunday, May 1 10:00 AM	Father Conway	Danny Campagna Rachel Pfeifer Jami Leach	Mary Barton Christine Campagna Debbie Campagna Katie Campagna Donna Dhein Traci Leach Margaret Panatera	Chuck Elly
Sunday, May 1 11:30 AM	Father Conway	Kevin O'Sullivan Brendan O'Sullivan Michael O'Sullivan	Jackie Griffith Alice Henson Pam O'Donnell Bridget O'Sullivan Mary O'Sullivan	Peter Gennuso

Holy

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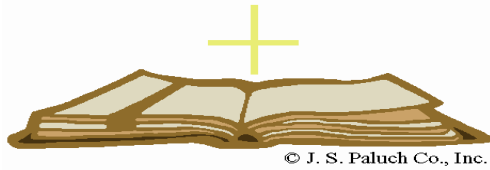
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***You have been given
new life in Christ.
Forsake earthly
materialism, in order
to live life
to the fullest.***

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
 Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions



Monday, April 25-Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM— † Sylvia Walters

Tuesday, April 26-Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM— Luba Georgeff

Wednesday, April 27-Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM— † Mary Baugh

Thursday, April 28-Thursday in the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM— † Henry Garavaglia

Friday, April 29-Friday in the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM— † Henry Garavaglia

Saturday, April 30-Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM— † Mary Jurich

6:30 PM— † Rogelio Villagomez

Sunday, May 1-Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM— † Elmer Suerth

10:00 AM— † Susan Matuck

11:30 AM— 50th Anniversary of Fr. John Tapper's ordination to priesthood
† Patrick Fumo

Monday, April 25, 2011

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

First Communion Parent Mtg. 7:00 PM PC

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Religious Education A [15] 4:00 PM PC

Religious Education A [15] 6:30 PM PC

Come to the Table Meetings 6:30 PM FBO

Christian Service Meeting 7:00 PM CR

Contemporary Choir 7:30 PM C

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Religious Education B [15] 4:00 PM PC

Religious Education B [15] 6:30 PM PC

Come to the Table Meetings 6:30 PM FBO

Traditional Choir 7:30 PM C

Friday, April 29, 2011

Double Wedding 2:00 PM C

- Garcia/Aguilera

- Mendoza/Perez

Children's Choir 4:00 PM PC

Saturday, April 30, 2011

AA Meeting 7:00 AM PC

First Communion Workshop 10:00 AM C/PC

Come to the Table Meetings 10:00 AM FBO

Distribute Pro-Life Baby Bottles N

Food Drive [FISH] N

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Preschool-Parent/Child Session 10:00 AM PC

Baptism Workshop 1 11:00 AM CR

Fr. Tapper's 50th Anniversary 12:30 PM

"coffee and ..." after 11:30 N

Distribute Pro-Life Baby Bottles N

Food Drive [FISH] N

KEY: A=Away; C=Church; CR=Conference Room;
FBO =Fr. Bill's Ofc.; G=Grounds; M=Mass;
MSR=Mother Seton Room; N=Narthex;
PC=Pastoral Center; RB=Rectory Basement



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00), Thursday from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00). 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:	8:00 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 Baptismal Preparation meetings. 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.