

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, May 21st, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **John F. Hegarty**, requested by the Newman Family.
- Sunday, May 22nd, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Ben Nascembeni, Jr.**, requested by Mom & Dad.
- Sunday, May 22nd, @ 11:00AM, Mass for **John Shaw, Jr.**, requested by the Wierbonics Family.
- Sunday, May 22nd, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Jim Frulla**, requested by the Frulla Family.
- Saturday, May 28th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Dorothy Rogers**, requested by Cheryl Caneschi.
- Sunday, May 29th, @ 10:00AM, 1st Anniversary Mass for **James Gianotti**, requested by Mary Giannotti.
- Monday, May 30th, @ 8:30AM, 11th Anniversary Mass for **John Leavitt**, requested by Kevin Adams.
- Friday, June 10th, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Isabell Babbitt**, requested by Marjorie Davis.
- Saturday, June 11th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Hugh & Frances Caldwell**, requested by the Caldwell Family.
- Sunday, June 12th, @ 10:00AM, Mass for **Bernadette Bernier**, requested by the Langlais Family.

Please call the office @ 658-1642 for Mass Intentions. If you would like to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession, please let the usher know when you arrive at church. Mass Intentions remind us of our Christian duty to pray for our dearly departed.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE JUNE, JULY & AUGUST Begins Sunday, May 29th

**Saturday Vigil remains
at 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:00AM & 10:00AM
(no 5:00pm)**



Offertory Collection - May 15, 2011



Regular Collection	\$	8,808.25
Loose Cash/Checks	\$	1,286.25
Envelopes	\$	7,522.00
Budgeted for Week:	\$	9,000.00
Shortage:	-\$	191.75
Catholic Communications:	\$	1,844.45
Cathedradicum*	-\$	484.45
School Tax*	-\$	484.45

Thank you for your generous support!

* 5.5% of Collection paid to the Archdiocese.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CATECHISTS NEEDED!! We presently have openings in Grade 1, 2, 7, and 8. For more details please contact Kathi Bonner, DRE, @ Kathidre@aol.com or call 860/658-4737.

2011/2012 REGISTRATIONS - Registration for returning students Grade 1-10 will be conducted on-line this year. An e-mail alerting you to re-register with an attached re-registration form, parent letter, and other pertinent information will be sent the week of May 23rd. **NEW REGISTRATIONS** - If you are new to the program in any grade, a blue "New Registration Form" will be available in the vestibule and atrium beginning the week of May 23rd. **Registrations are due for all students, new and returning, by JUNE 25TH. Please return completed form with payment to avoid a \$50.00 late fee by JUNE 25TH.** For those families who do not use e-mail, your re-registration form will come through the U.S. mail.



All pertinent Religious Education and Confirmation information plus forms will be available on our new website as soon as it is up and running. Watch the bulletin for this announcement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!



Caroline Alix, Katherine Barnett, Gillian Beerman, Taylor Bidon, Will Carew, James Coen, Nicholas D'Annolfo, Shannon DelGuidice, John DePasquale, Lindsay Dombrosky, Kevin Doran, Shelby Downes, Leah Duford, Margaret Dzenko, James Ferri, Michael Ferri, Jessica Ferrigno, Joshua Figueroa, Matthew Figueroa, Tristan Flater, Jack Genovese, Lydia Haase, Alanna Hammond, Ross Harmon, Michelle Harrington, Kevin Jordan, Kamran Khoshnevis, Andrew Longfritz, Nathan Menoret, Lauren McCann, Casey McManus, Brandon Molnar, Michelle Molnar, Ryan Molnar, Conor Molinare, Seth Moran, Christopher Morrison, Julia Ouellette, Ashton Pane, Allison Patrino, Victoria Peluso, Alexander Ratajczak, Benjamin Reed, Connor Rice, Kate Rogers, Nicholas Sharkey, Amy Sickinger, Isabella Smith, Tyler Stemm, Jill Storey, Paul Sullivan, Sarah Tully, Thomas Vignati, Caila White, Blair Zentek.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO THEIR CATECHISTS... Mrs. Noelle Alix, Mr. Ray Bonner, Mrs. Colette Molnar and Dr. Nate Hagstrom.

FROM FATHER MICHAEL...

Confirmation was beautifully celebrated here at Saint Catherine of Siena on Friday, May 13th, and I just wanted to say Thank-You to each and everyone involved in this year's sacrament. Our Confirmation Catechists—Noelle Alix, Colette Molnar, Ray Bonner, Nate Hagstrom, Manuela Hanshaw, Kathleen Mangiafico, Dan Osborne, and Agnes Dickinson—and especially Kathi Bonner, our DRE, all work so hard to prepare our young adults to understand and to practice the faith and I am so grateful for all that they do for us. I want to thank the choir and our music director, Susan Zybert, for the beautiful music which helped to lead us in worship. It was superb.

I also want to thank our parents—the unsung heroes and heroines—who make it a point in their daily lives to make faith important, and for the way they live out their own Christian lives so as to be true examples for their children. Thanks also to Bishop Christie Macaluso for his time, energy and for his words in the homily that offered some real practical advice about being a Catholic Christian in this modern world. **But most of all**, I want to thank our Confirmandi—these young adults who now have the fullness of their faith given to them in this Sacrament. They own it now! They were, by all accounts, impressive on Friday evening—very mature and very reverent during the entire ceremony—as well as in the whole process of becoming students of the faith. I watched during the Mass and ritual and saw them saying the prayer responses, singing the hymns and acting like respectful, mature adults. I was very proud and impressed. And each and everyone of them looked like a Wall Street banker in their finery. It was not lost on anyone present. We are a blessed parish in many ways, not the least of which is realized in the make-up of our people—young, middle-aged, and “old” alike. **Thank you all.**

The Resurrection Season continues with this the Fifth Sunday of Easter where today's Gospel by Saint John we hear Jesus speaking directly to His disciples about faith, heaven, and Eternal Salvation.

In the first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles we hear of the idea of service, and in a particular way, service of the goods of the community to those in need. The Greek word for service, *diakonia* is used in three different ways: (1) “distribution” as in alms; (2) “ministry” as in of the Word for evangelization; and (3) “serve” as in at table and the distribution of food. What is key about this first reading is that the idea of diversity is made known—as are the natural tensions associated with diversity in a given community. The reading “does not question the value of diversity. Rather, it demonstrates how the tensions that inevitably accompany it can be dealt with in an equitable and satisfactory manner.” It is “dealt with” out of love. In the Gospel today, Christ speaks to His disciples about the Love of God—the fullness of Love—for it brings with it the greatest gift of all—Eternal Life with God.

John's Gospel (14:1-120) is often times a gospel proclaimed at a funeral since it offers great comfort in quoting the Lord Himself: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” Jesus goes on to describe in detail that He will come back and take us to be with Him. He will not only show us the way but He will lead us in the way. In fact, Jesus goes on to note that “whoever

believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these...”

What does this mean? If we believe in Him, we will do His work. If we do His work, our efforts will even be greater—because we do them out of righteousness and by the power of His love—and not simply out of some human desire to “be good,” but rather to “be just.” We are not left alone to muddle through life attempting to do “good” things but rather we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, which is the love between the Father and the Son, so that we can accomplish righteous things: feeding the hungry, caring for our children and family members when it is ever so difficult; caring for neighbors and even strangers not because we feel guilty for lack of action but because God desires us to care. We are empowered by the Spirit to have respect for others if we are a nurse caring for the sick, being both advocate and caregiver; or a teacher passing on faith and reason; if we are a corporate leader making decisions not just for the bottom line but for justice; and, if we are a student who realizes that the “self” is not the most important thing in the classroom or on the team but instead seek to be inclusive of everyone and all needs, even when it is inconvenient. How does this happen? How did the Twelve (the apostles) move to care for the Greek widows in today's first reading? It was the grace of God given in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is the love relationship between of the Father and the Son, and is given to us for the benefit of our lives, for all of creation, and for the empowerment of our souls—our very essence. This is a fact of our faith which we declare in the Creed each and every Sunday. It is not a quaint notion, a sweet story and nor is Confirmation (or any sacrament) just a ritual. Sacraments do something! They open us up to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives so that our lives are conformed to God's will—His life—and thus we act out as the potential He has created in each of us. Friday night was a momentous occasion. It was a real happening. What takes place now is up to us—to our newly Confirmed Catholics and to each of us who have already received the Holy Spirit...will we accept the Spirit into our lives and will we cooperate with God's will? Will we be like the early apostles and build up His Church—the people of God—and make His will our will? What will we choose? How did the apostles do it? How do we do it? We do it by the love of God shared with others in and through our lives.

Peace,
-Father Michael

NEW CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY!

The directory will be a valuable tool helping you to place names with faces, and is an excellent reference and info source for our church community. Photography will be in Russell Hall on the following dates: **May 23rd - May 28th, and May 31st - June 1st, weekdays 2:30pm -8:50pm, Saturday, 10am-4:50pm.** Allow approximately 30-45 minutes for photography, instant viewing and selection of portraits. Every participating family will receive a **FREE** album and a complimentary 8"x10" color wall portrait! **Our goal is 100% participation, so please be sure to sign-up for an appointment.** Schedule your appointment on-line via our website at www.stcatherine.info. For more info or to help with this project, contact **Gina Marecki** @ 860/408-1484 or ginamarecki@comcast.net. Sign-up in the atrium.



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