

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 22, 2007 - EASTER II - Ss SOTER & CAIUS, PPM

Today is the Third Sunday of the Month, *Good Shepherd* Sunday. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** follows all Masses. **Confessions** will be heard *before and during* the morning Masses.



WEDNESDAY - ST. JOSEPH
Wednesday is St. Joseph's day each week, but more especially so this week, when a grateful Church keeps the Solemnity of his patronage. Come to honor the great patron saint of the Catholic Church, whose patronage is needed more today than ever. His **Feastday Mass is at 11:30 AM.** *The St. Joseph Novena begins on Tuesday after Mass.*

THE GREATER LITANIES

Wednesday is also the observance of the Greater Litanies. A **solemn procession** will take place at **6:30 PM**, the **High Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM** to commemorate the first entrance of St. Peter into Rome, to keep away calamities both spiritual and temporal, and implore the Divine blessing on the fruits of the earth. At the same time, beseech the Lord, in His mercy, to remove from us the chastisement which we have deserved for our sins, and to grant us the grace to avoid committing fresh offenses, as well as the grace of persevering in our spiritual resurrection. It is a most powerful prayer!

ST. MARK / OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
Thursday, April 26th, is the feast of St. Mark, transferred due to Wednesday's feast of St. Joseph. It is also the feast of **Our Mother of Good Counsel**. Come to the Mass of St. Mark and the opening of Our Mother of Good Counsel's Triduum to plead for her help and guidance for *our church* as well as Holy Mother Church. The Triduum concludes Saturday, April 28th.

NITE OF RECOLLECTION
The Holy Name Society *Men's Evening of Recollection* is this **Friday** evening, with **5:45 PM Mass, Benediction, Confessions** and a *Spiritual Talk* at **7:00 PM** with opportunity for questions and discussion. Refreshments conclude the evening.

✠ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

Confirmation will be administered on **Saturday, May 26th**, during the Pentecost Vigil Mass.

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos are scheduled at the conclusion of the Pentecost Vigil. The **obligatory Day of Recollection for all confirmands is Thursday, May 24th, from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM.** This day will include testing appropriate to each age group. *Children need to KNOW all the questions pertaining to Confirmation.* If you have questions you may contact the Church Office. *Again, children must be registered in advance if not already registered for First Confession and get the necessary Confirmation questions they MUST KNOW.*

If you or your children are not yet confirmed in the Traditional Rite, contact the office to arrange to be confirmed.

First Holy Communion will be administered during the **9:00 AM High Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 10th.**

NEXT SUNDAY
Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Month. **Children's Confessions** are at **10:45 AM.** **Vespers and Benediction** are at **4:45 PM.**

Set your missal: April 29th. Solemnity of St. Joseph. Vidi Aquam, with the commemoration of the 3rd Sunday after Easter and Proper Last Gospel of St. Joseph. **PREF:** St. Joseph.

Washers
SUNDAY - APRIL 29, 2007
7:30 AM J. Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus, John Wiesman, Kent Maki
9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Bernie Brueggemann,
11:30 AM R. Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Tim Carney
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers
APRIL 23, - APRIL 29, 2007
•WED 04/25 6:30 PM PROCESSION/MASS: T. Simpson, G. Wneck, G. Miller, T. Simpson, G. Keavney J. Bayer, C. Ritze
•FRI 04/26 5:45 PM LOW: Keaveney, Briggs, Ritze, Bayer
•SAT 04/28 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
N.B. Special Time:
8:30 AM HIGH: Keaveney, Bayer
•SUN 04/29 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, D. Poepelman; AC: R. Hill, L. Schappacher; TH: S. Cozzens;
TORCHES: Poepelman Bros., Eilerman Bros.
11:30 AM LOW: C. Ritze, F. Pugielli
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ POETRY CORNER

THE VIGIL OF JOSEPH

BY ELSA BARKER

"Ah, what am I, that God has chosen me
To bear this blessed burden, to endure
Daily the presence of this loveliness,
To guide this Glory that shall guide the world?
Brawny these arms to win Him bread,
and board.

This bosom to sustain her. But my heart
Quivers in lonely pain before that Beauty
It loves – and serves – and cannot understand!"



TEARS SHED

BY JOHN SEYFRIED

During Advent tears are shed
contemplating why our
Lord's coming was needed.

During Lent they're shed
because His words and
teachings, by us, were not heard.

And at Easter they're shed
because it's by His
infinite love that we're greeted.



ALL THINGS NEW

BY KRIST ENGEL

I make all things new –
the earth in spring, a bud not yet unfurled,
and from Calvary to Easter, Myself
for love of you.

You must be crucified to the world
and die to yourself on the cross you carry;
so you may be like dust made into a pearl.
Ash to ash. Dust to dust. Your body they'll bury,
but your soul will be with Me and
My Mother Mary.



A LITTLE PARABLE

BY ANNE REEVE ALDRICH

I made the cross myself whose weight
Was later laid on me.
This thought is torture as I toil
Up life's steep Calvary.

To think mine own hands drove the nails!
I sang a merry song,
And chose the heaviest wood I had
To build it firm and strong.

If I had guessed – if I had dreamed –
Its weight was meant for me,
I should have made a lighter cross
To bear up Calvary.

✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 04/23/07 ST GEORGE, M**
 11:30 AM **High Mass** *Mr. Hall's Intentions (Bishop Dolan)*
 4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharonville Park)
 St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Library)
- TUES 04/24/07 ST FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M**
 Opening of St. Joseph Novena
 11:30 AM **High Mass** *Benefactors of St. Gertrude School*
- WED 04/25/07 SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH**
GREATER LITANIES
 St. Joseph Novena II
 11:30 AM **High Mass** *Special Intention In Honor of St. Joseph (The Wanke Family)*
 6:30 PM Greater Litanies Procession
 7:00 PM **High Mass** *For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (Paul & Lisa McConnell)*
- THUR 04/26/07 ST MARK, EV - Ss CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PpMm - OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**
 Opening of Our Mother of Good Counsel Triduum
 St. Joseph Novena III
 11:30 AM **High Mass** *Special Intention (Ellen Scheeler)*
- FRI 04/27/07 ST PETER CANISIUS, CD - ST TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BpC**
 Our Mother of Good Counsel Triduum II
 St. Joseph Novena IV
 11:00 AM Confessions
 11:30 AM **High Mass** *†Mrs. B. L. Villaescusa (Tom & Stella Simpson)*
 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
 5:45 PM **Low Mass**, Novena, Benediction & Confessions *Poor Souls (B. & R. Brueggemann)*
 7:00 PM Holy Name Society Men's Evening of Recollection
- SAT 04/28/07 ST PAUL OF THE CROSS, C - ST VITALIS, M - ST LOUIS DE MONTFORT, C**
 Conclusion of Our Mother of Good Counsel Triduum
 St. Joseph Novena V
 7:15 AM Confessions
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** *†Catherine Wozny (CKW & MAW)*
 8:30 AM **N.B.:** Special Time - **High Mass** *Pro-Life (Rosary Confraternity)*
 9:30 AM **Jog-A-Thon!**
 12:00 PM Cookout at Church
- SUN 04/29/07 SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH - EASTER III**
 ST PETER OF VERONA, M - ST JOSEPH COTTOLENGO, C
 St. Joseph Novena VI
 Opening of Doctor Jesus Triduum
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** *Special Intention (Kathy Schweitzer)*
 9:00 AM **High Mass** *†Sr. Gerard Vincent - April Birthday (Fran Amico)*
 10:45 AM Children's Confessions
 11:30 AM **Low Mass** *Doug Poepelman's Intention (Bernie B.)*
 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** *For the People of St. Gertrude the Great*

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

We have enjoyed having three of our seminarians with us for their two week Easter break. They have returned to Florida now for the last semester of classes. Fr. Saavedra has returned from his trip to Mexico, and is again teaching each week at our school, as well as conducting the young Knights of the Sacred Heart on Mondays after school.



Rumor has it that both Fr. Cekada and Fr. Saavedra will be jogging in the Jog-A-Thon on Saturday. I think I will park myself safely on the sidelines, but I hope to see you there on Saturday morning to cheer our runners on, as well as at the barbecue with which we will conclude the activities, which promises to be one of our more successful fundraisers.

This afternoon I'm heading off to Michigan for a quick visit to my mother, and Father Cekada flies to Tampa for his April teaching week. Fr. Saavedra will be offering the daily Masses the first part of the week, as usual.

There has been a flurry of activity at the new rectory, with colors selected and rooms painted, ceiling fans and light fixtures on the way as well. Each step takes us a bit closer to the longed for day of residency right next to the church. We can then start on the little convent project. We are not wanting for projects.

I take particular satisfaction in the long desired repair of the "original leak" (I'm sure we will miss it!) which showed next to the sacristy entrance. Now everything is patched and repainted.

Would it were so easy to fix up Holy Mother Church! We have at least an excellent opportunity this Wednesday. How about helping? Let me explain. Wednesday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron and Protector of the Catholic Church. It is also the anniversary of St. Peter's first entrance into Rome, marked by the Greater Litanies — the chanting of the Litany of the Saints, followed by a purple penitential Mass of petition.

The festive Mass of St. Joseph our protector (repeated on Sunday morning) is at 11:30 AM, and the procession is at 6:30 PM (the same time as Teffebrae this year) followed by Mass at about 7:00PM: Can I count on you to pray with me? There is so much to pray for.... The sky's the limit, as they say. How true. Pray with us for the poor battered Bride of Christ, beset with heretics, with schismatics claiming to be her most faithful subjects.

See you on Wednesday. May St. Joseph protect you, and lead us to Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel. Under this title she has helped our church enormously, and continues to do so. Thursday, then, would be another good day for Mass as we pray for this church and the Church.

Yours in St. Joseph and His Virginal Spouse,

Bishop Dolan

May the world burn with love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

✠ CONGRATULATIONS...

Our prayers and best wishes to Alfonso and Emily Capetillo on the baptism of their son, Timothy Isaac, yesterday.



✠ KNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

Knights of the Sacred Heart and St. Angela Merici Girls' Group will begin meeting again at Sharonville Park and the Library on Monday, April 23rd at the usual time and place.

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 4th & 5th:** 2nd Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Consolation, along with All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- **May 13th:** Mothers' Day - May Crowning and Procession following the morning High Mass, and at 7:00 PM a second procession (*de Maria numquam satis!*) for the first of our Fatima Rosary Processions.)
- **May 19th:** Italian Spring Wine Tasting
- **July 24 - 26th:** Boys' Camp

✠ OUR FIRST ANNUAL JOG-A-THON

Next Saturday, April 28th, is **THE day!** Please see today's full-page flyer for complete details of the day's events; when it begins, ends, the grill-out and picnic that will take place here at the church plus information about the awarding of prizes. **DON'T MISS NEXT SATURDAY!** Everyone will be there! Will you?

✠ LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS...

My Lord Bishop,

Since 22nd February, I've had a particularly trying time. During the night intruders plundered every inch of the copper piping carrying water to the house. They also took taps, and shower and heavily damaged the property. On the following night, thugs damaged the railings erected to give some security to the presbytery. Thank God, most of the damage has been repaired. I now have to reinforce the security and install a radio control in the house and some sort of external security. The escalation of crime here is most worrying and the authorities seem unable to tackle the problem. Indeed, I believe that, by their legislating for and financing of abortion, the ruling party and its cronies have encouraged the perpetration of crime.

I ask our Divine Saviour and His Immaculate Mother to bless you and your community abundantly. I remain, my Lord, devotedly yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Father Eldred Leslie

(Fr. Leslie, is a traditional missionary priest in South Africa. For the last several years his mission has been the designated recipient of our Advent alms. Periodically he will write to thank us for our generosity and let us know how things are progressing in his mission. Please remember to keep him and his mission in your prayers.)

The U.S. House of Representatives, in an act of what President Bush angrily called "political theater" (he never touches the stuff), has narrowly voted to require that all U.S. troops be brought home from Iraq by September of next year — two months before the elections. The bill won't pass the Senate (which has just as narrowly passed a similar bill), and even if it does he will veto it; but still, he will now find it harder to launch the Iran war — toward which, ironically, many Democrats are more favorably disposed than toward the Iraq war.

After all, Bush himself has warned the Iraqi regime — created by Bush's own regime change — that "America's commitment is not open-ended. If the Iraqi government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people."

"In a sense," notes Farced Zakaria, "Congress is merely following through on the president's promise." And Robert Novak reports that Bush's support among Republicans in Congress is even lower than Richard Nixon's when he faced impeachment.

Before the November elections, I used to get blistering smoke signals from angry Bush supporters who accused me of helping the Democrats (and thus effectively promoting abortion, sodomy, etc.) by criticizing Bush. I sense that the elections have sobered those folks up and that the truth is sinking in: Bush himself, with his obsession with his odious war, has left the old conservative agenda in ruins.

I happened to see a movie about a blind man who insists on driving a car through New York City and terrifies his passenger by flooring the accelerator. The city's cabbies (you know how they are) express annoyance. A metaphor? The last-ditch defense of Bush is that he has made some good judicial appointments. That's true. I don't belittle it. Alas, he has also done his best to ensure that future judicial appointments will be made by liberal Democrats.

Last summer it was reported that Bush was reading Shakespeare's tragedies. Was this merely an edifying cultural piety, or did he actually reflect on what those plays say about the fateful decisions of rulers, on the disastrous abyss between intentions and results? "Our thoughts are ours, their ends

none of our own."

The great critic A.C. Bradley observed that the premise of Shakespearean tragedy is that "men may set off a course of events which they can neither calculate nor control," bringing destruction on themselves and their societies. I wonder if this reflection has ever occurred to Bush, or does he just read the Bard for wise adages like "Neither a borrower nor a lender be"? — though, come to think of it, I wish he would take that one to heart.



Canine Atheism

"If he is an atheist," Samuel Johnson remarked of a dull contemporary, "it is as a dog is an atheist, in that he has never given the subject any thought." Those words could still describe countless people.

Time magazine has just run a heartening cover piece on whether knowledge of the Bible is essential to education. (Answer: Yes.) I am delighted to see that Stephen Prothero's book *Religious Literacy*, discussed here two weeks ago, is getting the attention it deserves. How can you begin to understand American and European history, philosophy, and literature if you don't know a fair amount about the Scriptures?

Abysmal ignorance of the most basic cultural facts is among the rotten fruits of secularism. Would anyone try to understand the Middle East without knowing the Koran? It would be like studying ancient Greece without getting familiar with Homer.

The Decider, the Uniter, the War President, the Leader of the Free World, the Compassionate Conservative also styles himself the Education President (actually he would be Education President II; his father was Education President I), and maybe we deserve him. This country may be no more ignorant than some others, but it has less excuse. It's enormously rich and spends extravagantly on teachers and paraphernalia, yet remains, in this Information Age, disgracefully uneducated about basics, semi-literate, "innumerate," and as unfamiliar with its vaunted Constitution as with Holy Writ. I think of this whenever I hear our groveling polls speak piously of "the American people." Twain and Menckhen had it right.

✠ EASTER THOUGHTS

(On Wednesday of Easter week, we have the Gospel of St. John, in which Our Lord feeds several of His apostles, including Peter, with fish and bread, after they had been fishing all night. Following this breakfast, Our Lord confers on Peter the primacy. "Simon, son of John, doest thou love Me more than these do?" He said to Him, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love Thee.")

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
'Tis the answer I hope to give to Thee some day.
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
Even when, those many times, I went astray.

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
Knowing well, the many wrongs that I have done.
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When the world, with all its allurements,
egged me on.

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
Through every temptation, fight, and victory.
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
Though those victories were few and far between.

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When my weaknesses won out, and I gave in.
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When I despaired of ever being good,
giving in to sin.

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
So You stepped in and offered me Your hand.
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When I recognized Your grace and took a stand.

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When You opened up my eyes and helped me see.
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When I realized Your tremendous love for me.

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When I tried my best to earn that love from Thee.
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
When I tried to be the person You meant me to be.

Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I loved Thee
As I worked so hard at wanting You to know.
And, Yea, Lord, Thou knowest I still love Thee
So Your love for me, for all eternity, I hope
You'll show.

—JOHN SEYFRIED



HEART OF JESUS, OUR RESURRECTION

Resurrection! What a hope-inspiring word! It means a return from death to life. Its very sound brings Easter joy into my soul.

Our life here below is as the life of a criminal awaiting execution. Because of sin that marred our human nature all men have received the sentence of death. An Infinite Judge has spoken. His judgment is just and inexorable. There is no escape. All must die.

That is the death of the body. But there is a more terrible death—the death of the soul. This death comes not from God. It is self-inflicted. It is the horrible spiritual death of the soul caused by deliberate personal sin.

From the death of the body and the death of the soul the Heart of Jesus is our Resurrection—the blessed Cause of our return from death to life.

Jesus submitted to the death of the body and by His own power conquered the tomb. His glorious Resurrection is a model and pledge of our resurrection on the last day. In the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar He gives us His glorified Body as our food with the wondrous promise: "He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath life everlasting and I will raise him up in the last day."

In the merciful sacrament of penance the Divine Heart of Jesus laves the soul, dead through sin, in His Precious Blood and restores it again to the life of grace.

How truly, then, is Jesus our Resurrection! But what has been my gratitude for such a wondrous blessing? How have I appreciated the blessed means He offers me of rising from the death of sin and preparing for a glorious and immortal resurrection on the last day? Let me pause and reflect.

Heart of Jesus, our Resurrection, have mercy on us.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

BY REVEREND JOHN J. RAUSCHER, S.M.

On a wind-swept cliff bristling with thorns
A sheep hangs helpless. Nearby,
The shepherd, spent and bleeding, scorns
All danger, till, with a cry
Of joy, he rescues his struggling sheep
On the wild and craggy steep.

Into this world of sin and pain
The Good Shepherd came for souls.
He love them, labored for them, was slain
For them. Always He consoles
And guides them along the narrow way
That leads to eternal day.



O JESUS, Who didst confound all Thine enemies by clothing in glory and splendor that body which had been the victim of the cruelty of man, give me grace to die to myself that I may rise again with Thee, and after Thy likeness lead a new, divine, immortal life: new, by change of conduct, divine by the generosity and purity of my love, immortal by perseverance in well doing. Work in my heart, O Lord, this happy change; make me pass from death to life, from darkness to light, from a life full of imperfections to a life perfect and worthy of Thee. Make me go on from light to light, from virtue to virtue, till I come at last to Thee, O God of virtue, source of all life, and of all light. To thee also I turn, O holy Virgin, who had the greatest share in the sufferings and the glory of thy divine Son; deign to make me a partaker of that divine joy which thou didst feel on the blessed day of His Resurrection. Dry my tears and free my heart from all oppressive sadness. Let Thy risen Son enter into my heart, as through the closed doors, into the upper chamber. Let Him say to me, as to the Apostles, "Peace be to thee," let Him show to me, as to Thomas, His sacred wounds; let Him abide with me continually, and never more depart from me. Amen.

FLUMEN CHRISTI

For the next fortnight the Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for:

†DECEASED MEMBERS OF HAGERTY
AND DIEHL FAMILIES

ANNE HAGERTY-SMITH





This Saturday

April 28th

9:30 BE THERE! Lakota Freshman Track

10:00 "AND THEY'RE OFF!!"

12:00 Cookout at church (Bring your appetite)

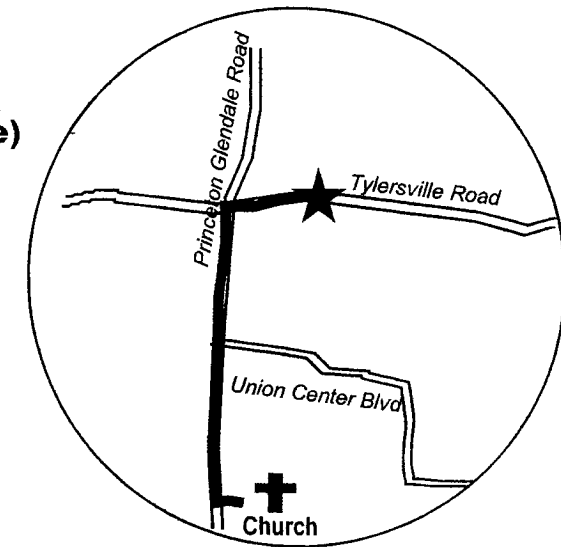
You have done great! Now, let's go have some fun!

Remember who this is all for. Come dressed appropriately.

Girls of all ages - skirts or split skirt / culottes.

Boys of all ages - shirt and walking shorts / jogging pants.

And please, NO TANK TOPS.



1. Turn *right* out of the parking lot.
2. Turn *right* at Princeton Glendale Rd
3. Continue on OH-747 2.1 mi 4 mins
4. Turn *right* at Tylersville Rd 0.6 mi 1 min
Park near the track

When you arrive, there will be a table at which you sign in. Take a card for the correct age group, (adults are white) and print your name at the top.

Pin this card on and when you pass your starting point it will be punched to keep track of your laps.

This is a 1/4 mile track, so run for an hour and we will times by two.

Water will be available on the track.

When you finish your, "good stretch of the legs", just remove the pin, place it and the card in the container provided. Go to St. Gertrude's for the Cookout, and some good parish camaraderie.