



**Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. - Jn 20:8-9**

**Readings for the week of April 12, 2009**

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
- 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
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...**

**THIS WEEK – (April 12<sup>th</sup>) Easter Sunday**

No Classes or Sessions

**NEXT WEEK (April 19<sup>th</sup>)**

10:00 PK – 6<sup>th</sup> Recognition Sunday

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

The Rite of Confirmation for St. Joseph will be celebrated next Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM in MQP church. Most Rev. Francis Christian, DD will preside. All parishioners are invited to join our candidates and their families in celebrating this special occasion of community and personal grace.

**REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION**

Rehearsal for the Rite of Confirmation will be held next Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM in MQP church. All candidates and their sponsors are expected to attend this rehearsal.

**QUILT GROUP**



**Meets in St. Julie Hall every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00PM and every third Wednesday (the 15<sup>th</sup>) 6:30-9:00PM.** All are

welcome to make quilts to warm the hearts and bodies of those in need. Call Anna Willis for more information at 898-5729.

**RCIA NEWS**

Congratulations and welcome to the following new Church members:

Winona Collins, Amanda Soucy, Adam Soucy and Emmah Ndungi. The RCIA team (David Costello, Bill Richard and Ann Halloran) would like to thank all the parishioners



who kept the candidates in prayer, the many people who shared their faith with them during the Saturday evening Masses, and all those who welcomed them after the Easter Vigil service. We appreciate your help.

**ETERNAL LIGHT**



Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and the Sanctuary Candle reminds us of His True Presence. **Our Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.**

**Mary Queen of Peace & St. Joseph Parish Youth Group Meetings**

Monday night, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30PM

Monday night, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30PM

Family Room, St. Joseph Church

Nights to share your faith, to laugh and make new friends. Join us.



**Wish List:** Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, Pudding/Jello, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Canned Meats (tuna, stew, chicken) Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Boxed Potatoes, Sauce, Pasta, Macaroni and Cheese, If you can

help us provide food for the needy, please bring food to the Rectory during the week, or to the basement of the church on the weekends. Thank you.

**GOOD NEWS! SMILE!**

*WE HAVE A NEW DATE FOR PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN FOR OUR PARISH DIRECTORY:*

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** at St. Julie Hall. If you missed the last round of pictures due to snow, ice or whatever, **call Carolyn Donovan at 382-1063** to reserve your time slot for your **FREE 8x10 Individual or Family Photo!!**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

We will have Eucharistic Adoration in **St. Joseph Church on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to Noon on Saturday.** Sign up sheets are near the church exits. All are welcome to come experience His peace.

*St. Joseph Parish*  
*Centennial Celebration*



Plans are underway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph Parish in 2010. A group of parishioners, Father John, Deacon David, Claire Simensen, Mike Courtois, Edie Shea, Brian Grady, Marty McDonough and Cathy & Shawn McDonough, have come together to begin the process of planning the 100th celebration of our parish community. We are looking into the following possible centennial events:

- Celebration of the Eucharist
- Social Hour and a Dinner
- St. Joseph Day at Canobie Lake Park
- A Parish Talent Show
- Display of Pictures on the Story of our Parish
- A Centennial Memento to Remember the Celebration

Production of a DVD to honor and remember the people and events of our parish

We are looking for more individuals to serve on the committee to assist with the planning and the celebration of our parish centennial. If you would like to be part of the Centennial Committee, or have pictures or stories that recall the history of the parish, please feel free to call Fr. John or Deacon David at 898-4933, or Cathy or Shawn McDonough at 893-0144.

**\*\*OPEN HOUSE\*\***

**ST. JOSEPH PRESCHOOL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2-7PM**



Located behind St. Julie Hall, our preschool is based on living out the gospel by preparing preschoolers through prayer, crafts, reading, playing and service to others. We extend an invitation to all families to come to our

Open House and register for the 2009-2010 school year. We have a morning and a full-day program. If you have any questions, please call Cathy McDonough, Director, at 893-5232.

**Crafters...**



**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for our big craft fair in the Auditorium. Call Annette Smith, 898-4246, to reserve your table. The Parish will also have a table to sell donated crafts. Most of the key positions are filled, but we still need a few good people to round out our team. If you are willing to serve as Advertising Manager, Bake Sale Manager or Parking Director, please call Lee Alphen, 898-1927.**

**Community Breakfast**  
**and Blood Pressure Screening!**

Next weekend is our hot, delicious community breakfast! **Join us on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in St. Julie Hall from 8:00-10:30am** for pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and more! Just \$3 per person! **You can also have your blood pressure checked for free by a member of our Parish Health Ministry team! Mark your calendar and bring your appetite!**



**COMBINED FAITH COMMUNITY**  
**PARISH PICNIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

We are in the planning stages of this year's parish- faith community *picnic*, which will be held on **Sunday, September 13th from noon to 4:00pm**. Each year it is fun to come together as a community and celebrate family, fun, friends and eats. **If you would like to join in to help out in the planning stages, please come to the next meeting for the picnic which will be held on Monday, April 13th at 6:30 PM at Mary Queen of Peace.** At this meeting we will also be discussing an upcoming Yard Sale to be held at the Mary Queen of Peace parking lot, as well as a proposed dinner dance for both parishes. Please come and share your input – expertise – ideas – etc.!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Holy Saturday, April 11**

7:30p Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 12**

7:30a Celebrant's Intention (Church)

9:00a Easter Flower Remembrance (Church)

11:00a Celebrant's Intention (Auditorium)

**Monday, April 13**

7:15a Bill Smith r/b his Family (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Tuesday, April 14**

7:15a Inten. Al & Carol Righini r/b Yvonne Greenwood

**Wednesday, April 15**

7:15a Eucharistic Service

6:30p Mass for the People of the Parish

**Thursday, April 16**

7:30p Intentions of Jeanette Ratte r/b Yvonne Greenwood

**Friday, April 17**

7:30p Armand & Reina Bisson r/b son, Richard

**Saturday, April 18**

4:00p Adrienne Cusano r/b Ron & Elaine Gover

**Sunday, April 19**

7:30a Mass for Respect Life

9:00a Ryan P. McGrath r/b his parents (Birthday Rem.)

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**PAPER RECYCLING AT SJRCS**

St. Joseph School has begun paper recycling! Please drop off your newspapers, catalogues, and all paper recyclables in the bins in our parking lot. All proceeds will be used by our Student Council to fund programs at St. Joe's School. All your paper donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

**Your Sacrificial Offering**

April 4-5, 2009, Palm Sunday

Loose: \$1586 Envelopes: \$4871 Total: \$6457

Second Collection: Capital Reserve: \$1385

Many thanks to all of you who support our Parish.



**He is Risen!**

**Divine Mercy**



**NEXT SUNDAY is Divine Mercy Sunday.** We invite you to join us for the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy which will be sung in St. Joseph Church at 3:00pm on April 19<sup>th</sup>.** All are welcome to come before the Lord and receive His Grace and Mercy!



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,  
“Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away... ‘Woman,’ he asked her, ‘why are you weeping? Who is it you are looking for?’”

Like Mary Magdalene and the apostles on that Easter morning, there are times where we can only see the darkness. We don't know where to turn. We live in a society where “real” news has to be bad news, where the media neglects to report on the people who are fed because of every Brown Bag Sunday, where the wonderful work done by Padre Donahue in Honduras and the work done by Lee Alphen and her team in a small Mexican village are not considered significant, and where the thousands of hours of donated time given to religious education, to the elderly, to cancer research and other worthy causes merit, at best, a picture.

Now, like on that first Easter morning, Jesus asks us to lift up our eyes, to see that in Christ we have the dawning. As he did to Mary, he speaks our names and asks us to see in him a new possibility for us and for our world. Christ is the Risen One. In him love has conquered even death. So let us cast off our gloom. Let us recognize that Jesus is in our midst. Let us recognize that we need to come to him each week, to receive him in the Eucharist and to draw near to him in prayer. Too often we are caught up with the question, “What are you looking for?” and think that things can make us happy. No, Jesus tells us that it is relationship, it is love that we are created for. Who are you looking for? In the end, we are looking for the love of God that has come to us in Christ Jesus.

On behalf of the whole staff, may God bless you and your family in this holy Easter Season. May you rejoice in the one who is our Dawn, Jesus the Lord.

Peace and joy in the Risen One,  
Fr. John