

Epiphany Cathedral

Established 1955

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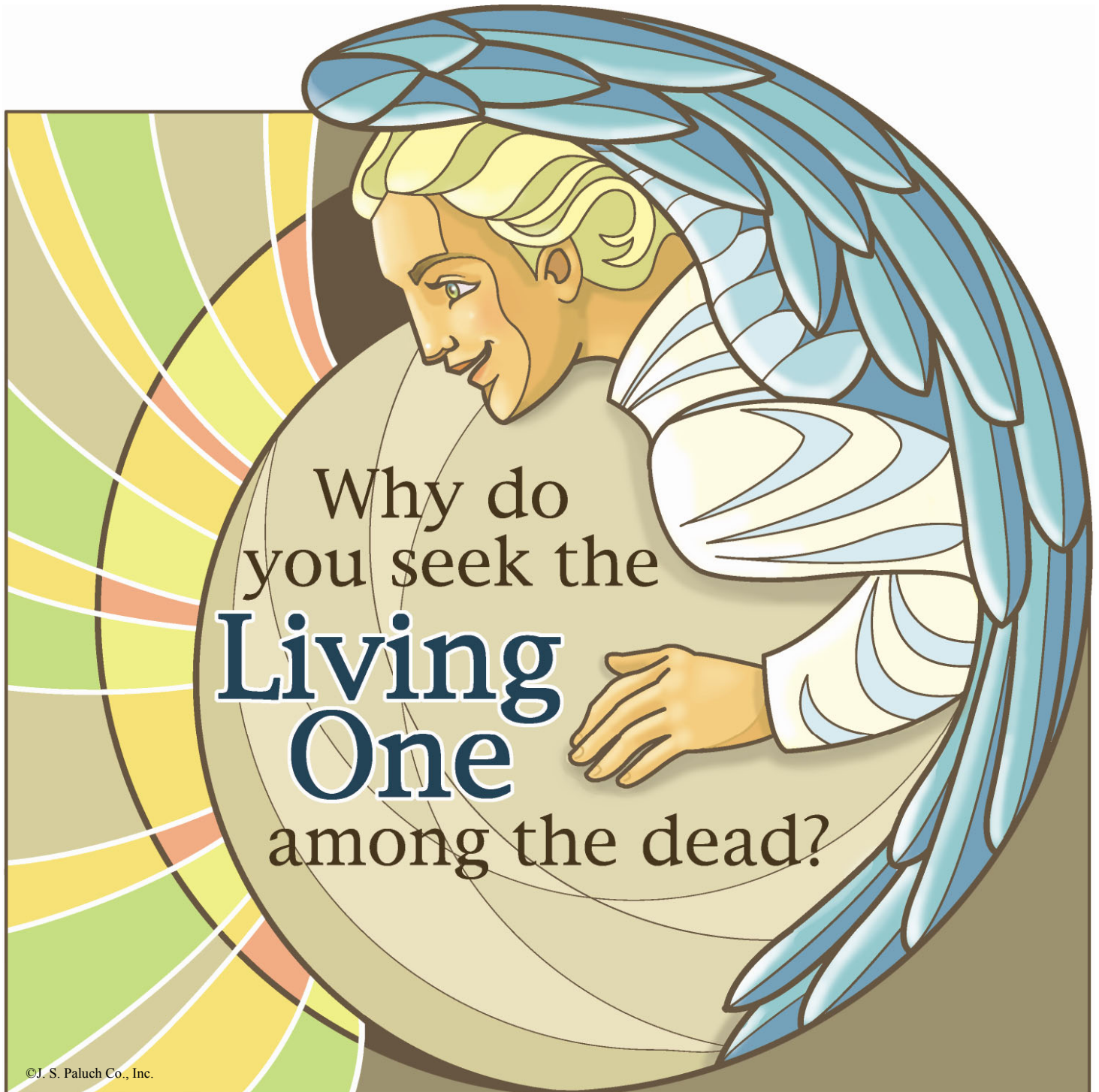
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Mass Intentions



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Monday	April 5
7:00	Sophie Kulacz
8:30	Liam Walsh & Ann Fucito
Tuesday	April 6
7:00	Edward Connor
8:30	Jenny DeNuccio & Paul DeNuccio
Wednesday	April 7
7:00	James Ritchie
8:30	Ann Nolan
Thursday	April 8
7:00	Michael Regula
8:30	Miriam Cadigan
Friday	April 9
7:00	Fred Zito
8:30	Joan McCarthy
Saturday	April 10
8:30	Ann Ochen
Sat. Vigil	
4:00p	Paul A. Fino, Sr. Celebrant: Fr. York
7:30p	Spanish Mass Misa en Español (Cathedral Chapel) Celebrant: Fr. Kawalec
Sunday	April 11
7:30	Parishioners Celebrant: Fr. John
9:00	Mary Sujet Celebrant: Fr. Shea
11:00	Fred Janczuk Celebrant: Fr. Mayer
12:30p	Mass in Polish MSZA Polska (Cathedral Chapel) Terry Diokun Eugenia Perkowska Celebrant: Fr. Sniosek
5:30p	Bogdan Merena Celebrant: Fr. Costello



To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.
— Acts 10:43

Joe Vuono is the parish advocate to contact in April if you have comments or questions about Epiphany Cathedral Parish. He can be reached at 497-9840.

Happy Easter

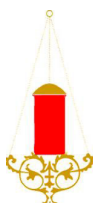
NEXT SUNDAY: AN OPPORTUNITY TOO GOOD TO PASS UP—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

With so many (so-called) Catholics away from the practice of their faith, there is a great need for evangelization. Not only are we all called to actively evangelize all peoples, we are called to bring home our lost and alienated brethren. Our Lord has given us a great gift called Divine Mercy Sunday that if used properly, can restore our Church to overflowing. If you have family members, friends, or neighbors who have strayed away from the Church, this is a perfect opportunity for them to return through the healing love and mercy of our forgiving Father.

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order “to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by the plenary indulgence. *The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!).*

The opportunities for Confession here at Epiphany Cathedral are Saturday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and our regular Confessions after the 4:00 p.m. Mass (April 10). Then come to Mass next Sunday and receive Holy Communion.

Jesus I Trust In You!



**The Sanctuary Light
In Memory of:**
Americo & Stephanie
Zeneri
Catherine Delia
Kay Breslin

**We pray for our beloved deceased,
especially:**
John J. Rogers
Lawson E. Gunn
Linda Smith Gunn
Mary Hanis
William D. Cotter
Rex Thompson
Terry Johnson
Stephanie Tarala



OUR CHURCH WELCOMES
Ann & James Cicchetti
Sandra M. Colon
Carol Spitz

**Additional Offering Next Week
will be for**

Epiphany Cathedral School
If you wish to give to the School,
and do not have offertory envelopes,
please use the white envelopes in the
pew and mark on the outside
School.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light or Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, Call-Chiara Shanika at 484-3505 or email at Shanika@EpiphanyCathedral.org

A Message From Our Rector

Dear Epiphany Cathedral Faith Community,

Peter's speech about the risen Lord in today's first reading takes place in the home of Cornelius, who had called together his relatives and close friends to hear the message Peter spoke. On this Easter Day the initiative of Cornelius can serve as an example for us. We hear the message that Christ is raised from the dead. We believe that through baptism in Him we share in eternal life. What good news about the risen Lord are we ready to share with our relatives and friends? Cornelius did not hesitate to invite others to know more about Christ.

Question for Children: What is good and new in your life?

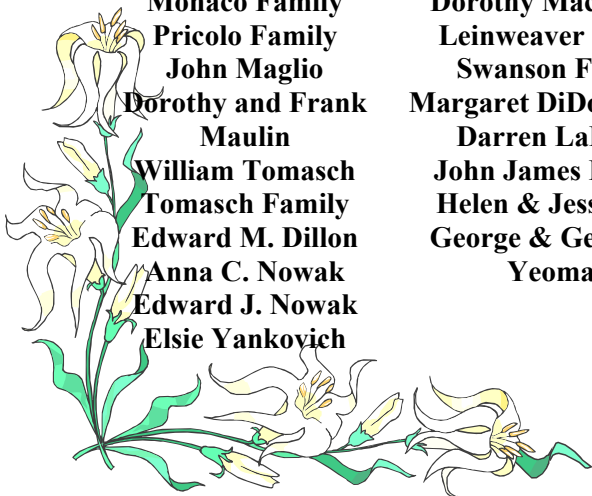
Question for Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your own life over the past year?

Question for Adults: In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

Easter Flowers In Memory Of:

Pascarella Family
Carnevale Family
Monaco Family
Pricolo Family
John Maglio
Dorothy and Frank Maulin
William Tomasch
Tomasch Family
Edward M. Dillon
Anna C. Nowak
Edward J. Nowak
Elsie Yankovich

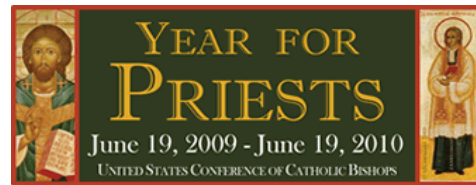
William W. Yankovich
Timothy Vitanza
Dorothy MacDonald
Leinweaver Family
Swanson Family
Margaret DiDominzio
Darren LaBonte
John James Keenan
Helen & Jesse Bone
George & Genevieve Yeoman



Adults Who Have Missed Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes begin on Tuesdays, Apr. 13– May 18, 7pm, Soy Bldg., Room 109

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will confer the Sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd @ 11am Mass. Please contact: Sr. Christa Cunningham (485-2325).



Fr. Richard York will be celebrating Mass and praying the Rosary during the Year for Priests on the third Saturday of each month. Please join him on April 17th, at 8am to pray the Rosary with Mass following at 8:30am. The Homily will be *The Holy Eucharist and a Holy Priesthood-The Mass as Personal Sacrifice*. All are welcome.



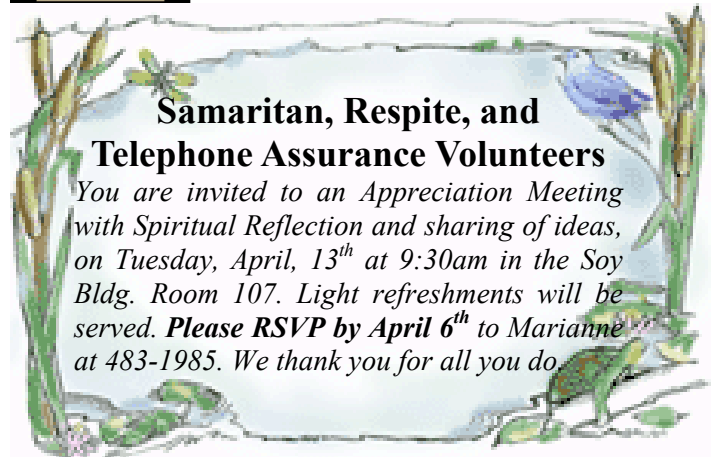
The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 5th.

The Parish Library will be closed until Wednesday, April 7th. You can return library books to the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Samaritan, Respite, and

Telephone Assurance Volunteers

You are invited to an Appreciation Meeting with Spiritual Reflection and sharing of ideas, on Tuesday, April, 13th at 9:30am in the Soy Bldg. Room 107. Light refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP by April 6th** to Marianne at 483-1985. We thank you for all you do.



Baptism Class

The required class for parents who wish to baptize their child is Tuesday, April 6th from 7-8:30pm in Santa Maria Chapel. Parents must contact the Parish Office to register for this class, complete the necessary paperwork, and return it to the Parish Office before attending class. In the event that no one registers for the class, the class will not be held.



Please do not choose a date for your child's baptism until contacting the office and attending the baptism class, as we may not be able to accommodate your first choice for a baptismal day.

Baptisms will take place on Sundays at 12:30pm in Santa Maria Chapel located in the school courtyard.

Spring Schedule Starts Next Week

Starting on Saturday, April 11th there will be only one Mass at 4pm and confessions will be at 5pm each Saturday until Jan. 1, 2011. Also there will be no 12:30pm weekday Masses.



**Jesus the Way
The Path of Christian
Discipleship**

Facilitator: Sr. Christa Cunningham, OP
Wednesdays, Apr. 14, 21, 28
7-9pm—Soy Building 107

Two fundamental questions lie at the heart of Christian identity: (1) Who is Jesus? (2) Who am I called to be as his disciple? This video workshop, by Tom Zanzig, will help you discover solid and life-giving answers to those questions. The themes are *Understanding Jesus, Following Jesus and Identifying with Jesus*.



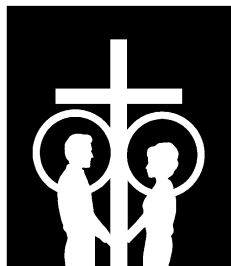
**The Resurrection
& the Life**
Threshold Bible Study
Sue Barone & Fred Englert
Mondays, Apr. 19-May 24th
9:20am-11:15am—Soy #109

Jesus is God's greatest victory and likewise he is the fulfillment of humanity's deepest longing. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, a new age has dawned and

life will never be the same again. What exactly did happen on Easter morning? Why did it impel the disciples to begin a journey that would transform the world? This book will help you understand what the Scriptures teach us about our own resurrection and how that hope gives purpose to everything we do.

Catholic Faith Appeal

This year Epiphany's goal is \$380,000. This goal is readily achievable for the Cathedral of the Diocese of Venice and as a parish that serves the Catholic Community of Venice. It is also a guaranteed goal that will be met, one way or another. When you make your gift to the CFA, your contribution counts dollar for dollar to meet Epiphany's assessment. When you do NOT donate to the CFA, the parish must make up the difference by writing a check to the Diocese out of the operating funds—essentially paying one assessment with funds that have already been assessed. Last year we were short \$150,000 and this year Epiphany will have to write a check for that amount to the Catholic Faith Appeal. Make this the year we stop doing that. Let's also make 2010 the year we blow that goal out of the water and get back the overage to use as unassessed funds for the parish needs! The 2010 CFA envelopes are in the pews. Please give a gift, place it in the CFA envelopes and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office. Make a pledge to continue giving throughout the year. This year help us reach our goal and



**Marriage Enrichment:
Best friends forever, it's
what marriage is all about**
Mary & Mark Murray, MA,
LPC, NCC
Sat. Apr. 17th—8:30am-3:30pm—
School Lunchroom

When it comes to loving the most important people in our lives, no one can ever learn too much. Research shows much of what goes wrong in loving relationships has much to do with never having learned the skills and principles associated with successful relationships.

Come to experience (PREP), Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program. PREP is one of the most comprehensive and well respected marriage enhancing programs in the world. This day will provide a straightforward approach to teaching you and your spouse how to further deepen your relationship. *Donation, \$20 couple (lunch included)*

Mark and Mary Murray are licensed professional counselors and certified presenters of the PREP program. They bring great enthusiasm and exceptional talent to their teaching. Others who have profited from the PREP program have said, "We are very grateful for the tools you have given us. This course has been a true blessing."

Donation, \$20 per couple (lunch included.)

Plan to go to 4pm Mass after the retreat and to a local restaurant with the group, *Dutch Treat*.



Save the Date!

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will host Yom Hashoah at Epiphany Cathedral at 2:30pm, Sunday, April 25. This event will bring together members of the Jewish and Christian communities to remember the victims of hate and to help build a climate of respect where such tragedies may never again be possible. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this historical hour of remembrance to help keep the Holocaust a part of our collective memory. A reception follows in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.



The computers in the offices at the Parish Office as well as the offices in the Soy Building are getting to be 5-6 yrs. old. There are 18 computers on the parish network that will eventually need replacement. We are hoping to do six a year @ \$650.00 for each. If you can help us with this replacement project, your generosity will not go unrewarded. Mark the special Epiphany envelopes that are in the pews with "Computer" or drop off your contribution in the parish office. Further questions, contact Br. Peter at 484-3505.
We have donations for three with three more to go!

Epiphany Cathedral School News

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



MISSION STATEMENT: Epiphany Cathedral School provides excellence in education which nurtures a loving relationship with God and builds a caring community that serves others.

EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PROVIDES EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:

Enrollment continues for the 2010-2011 school year. Give Mrs. Bauer a call at 484-8556 if you would like to be a part of our Early Childhood Center. The "BIG" school is also accepting applications for enrollment. Please contact the office at 488-2215 to schedule a tour of our beautiful campus. Come see our blooming butterfly and vegetable gardens!



Mrs. Bo's Sunday 4th Level Religious Education Class prayed the *Living Stations of the Cross* on Mar. 21st. All the Sunday classes and families were invited. Thanks to them for a wonderful journey in the *Way of the Cross*.

Needed at Mercy House

Mercy House (the parish's temporary housing facility) is in need of twin size bed linens, twin size blankets, and twin size bedspreads. There is also a need for towels and face cloths. Drop these items off at the parish office or at Mercy House (205 Harbor Dr. N.).

Your Help is needed!

We have wonderful volunteers who help clean the Church, but they need **your help**. PLEASE after the 11am and the 5:30pm Sunday Masses, put the music sheets at the end of the pews so they are easier to pick up. ALSO, please take your trash with you (**tissues, etc.**) and leave the pews as clean as you found them. Please do not use the envelopes or hymnals in the pews as a coloring book or toy for your children or as a waste receptacle for your trash. Let's be good neighbors for the people who use the pews next. Thank You!



WE NUTURE A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

Happy Easter to all our school families and parishioners. Our students have been praying, fasting and giving alms throughout this Lenten season to prepare themselves for the risen Christ. They have attended special Masses during the past six weeks and received the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the third graders reenacted the living Stations of the Cross for the entire school community.

EPIPHANY IS A COMMUNITY THAT SERVES OTHERS!

The time is drawing near for annual weigh in of our aluminum tabs for the Shriners Children's Hospitals. Last year the money we raised from collecting the tabs was used for their Wheelchair Repair Fund. If you have any tabs to donate, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you!

Visit Epiphany Cathedral School on the web!!!

www.ecstigers.com



Epiphany Cathedral Gift Shop

First Communion/Confirmation Gifts Available and Special Orders (with advance notice.)

We also have many beautiful items to decorate your home or to give as gifts for that "special someone". We are open before/after weekend Masses and Monday thru Friday from 9am-12noon for your shopping convenience.



The 6% Solution

The Today and Tomorrow of our Church



There is no Life Teen program tonight. See you next Sunday, April 11th.

Remember the story of the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus after Jesus' death? The disciples were despairing. They thought they had lost their best friend forever. They were really down in the dumps. They were losing hope. Then Jesus appeared and walked with them, and restored their hope.

Call out to Jesus to remain with you always along the many roads to Emmaus of our time. May He be your strength, your point of reference, your enduring hope.

Pope John Paul II

This Wednesday, April 7th, bring a friend to our gathering, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Soy Bldg.

Think about the way Jesus lived His life. He visited the sick. He went out of His way to be with people whom others didn't want to be around. He helped people up when they were down. He shared in people's sorrow when they were sad. This is what we are called to do, too.

There, in the midst of humankind, is the dwelling of Christ, who asks you to dry every tear in His name, and to remind whoever feels lonely that no one whose hope is placed in Him is ever alone.

Pope John Paul II

Epiphany Tours

Presents: National Parks—June 19-30, 2010. Highlights: Scottsdale, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Bighorn Mountains, Sheridan Custer State Park, and Mount Rushmore. For more information please call Katherine at 941-412-0571



CCW

CCW Board Meeting: Members of the Epiphany Council of Catholic Women will attend the 8:30 Mass on Tuesday, April 6th. Following Mass, members of the Board of Directors will hold their monthly meeting in Room 107 in the Father Soy Building.

The Annual Meeting of the CCW will be held on Tuesday, April 13. It will begin with the Rosary at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Substation Rd. at 11 AM, followed by a brown bag lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served. Members are asked to bring newspaper clippings and memorabilia relative to CCW events throughout the year. Father Mayer will be on hand to tell members about "his journey to the priesthood" Members are asked to turn in the *Seminarian Banks* they have received at the beginning of Lent. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. Hostesses are Roz Desrosiers and Diane Hale. This is a meeting all members will want to attend. For information call Roz at 685-7959.

A Mass for all Living CCW Members will be held at 11 am on Thursday, April 22 at Epiphany Cathedral. Following Mass, members will journey to Pelican Point Country Club for the Annual Spring Luncheon. There will be a 12:00 Social hour followed by Luncheon at 12:30pm. The program will consist of Installation of New Officers and the Presentation of the Woman of the Year Award. Hostesses for the event are Marie Gibson and Maggie Surwillo. For information and tickets call Marie at 493-9206 or Maggie @496-9282.

It is from the blood of Christ that all draw *the strength to commit themselves to promoting life*. It is precisely this blood that is *the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious*.

Pope John Paul II , *The Gospel of Life* , no.25

Epiphany Cathedral School Students ... Looking for ANGELS!

Epiphany Cathedral School is currently registering students for the 2010-2011 School year. Due to the recent economic downturn, many of our current families are in need of tuition assistance. There are a few students who may not be able to return without help from an Angel.

If you have been blessed and are in a position to assist in even a small way, please consider helping a student fulfill their dream of a Catholic Education.

Angel donors are asked to contact
Chris Coviello at 615-0284.



Parish Support - Offertory Collections

March 28, 2010

Collection	Actual	Budget	Prior Year
All Collections	\$	\$	\$

Thank you for your generous support!



Exploring the Mighty Love of God
Vacation Bible School

June 14—18

From 9am to 12noon

\$10 Fee per child for VBS

(Optional) Aftercare Info

12noon to 5:30pm

Location: School Lunchroom—Crafts, movies, directed activities, etc. Bring a lunch. Afternoon snack provided.

Rates for the Week— No Daily Rates

\$40/1 child ♦ \$50/2children ♦ \$60/3children

Required Forms Available-Go to Website

- ♦ **Aftercare Registration Form Required**
- ♦ **Medical Form Required**
- ♦ **Copy of Health Insurance Card (please note if no insurance.)** *Payment required with Aftercare registration.*

- ♦ **Participants must be going into Kindergarten through 5th Grade 2010-111 School Year. The VBS begins in the Parish Hall.**
- ♦ **Youth (going into 6th grade through age 17) and Adult volunteers needed. Sign up on the website.**
- ♦ **Register by website: www.epiphanycathedral.org and click on the Vacation Bible school link. Call Religious Ed. 485-2325**



We are gathering supplies for the High Seas Vacation Bible School held here in June, 2010

If you have rope, deck rope or a barrel that you would like to donate or loan to us. We have to rig a sailing ship and that takes a lot of rope.



Knights of Columbus #7052
 512 Substation Road (off US41 at Burger King)

Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C

Elections of Officers for the coming year will be held on April 8th at 7pm at the regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council # 7052. This is a very important, so please come to vote.

On Sunday, May 9th at 11am will be the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion at **Epiphany Cathedral**. Installation of officers and brunch will follow at the **Knights of Columbus Hall**. Please make your reservations early. R.S.V.P. by May 5th to Myrtle Diestel at 488-0672. Ladies Auxiliary members are free. Guests are \$7 per person. Reservations a must.

Hope to see a large crowd at our April 8th meeting. And please try to attend our Corporate Communion. It is always a lovely affair.

Epiphany's 40+ Singles Ministry The next monthly meeting is on April 12th at 7pm in the Soy Bldg. Room 107. We will be planning our *Game Nights, Coffee on the Beach, Dinner and a movie, and concert band.* Business first and then a social hour. Suggestion donation is \$3pp. For more information, call Pat at 781-254-3531.



The Weeks Ahead:

- **AL-ANON** - Mondays, at 11am-12noon, in the Soy Bldg., Room 107. Sandy at 484-1713.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Tues. 7:30 to 8:30pm in the School Cafeteria. Charlie - 492-4134.
- **Adoration & Benediction** - Fri., 12-3pm, Cathedral Chapel *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Rosary for Life immediately following.*
- **Bereavement Support Group** - 1st & 3rd Thursdays 4pm—Parish Library, (Phyllis Jackson at 493-5436).
- **Bible/Faith Sharing Group** - Tuesdays, 9:10-11:00am, Parish Library. Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Parish Library. Starting Dec. 1st. Sunday, 10:00-11:30 in Santa Maria Chapel.
- **Centering Prayer:** Mon., 10:15am - Parish Library. Mary Murphy - 486-5212.
- **Compassionate Friends:** the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm, Soy Bldg. Room 107.
- **CURSILLO -Ultreya** - First Tues. of the month at 7pm, Soy Bldg. Room 109. Weulcia at 484-3076.
- **Emmaus Women's Group** - 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:15am in Room 109 in the Soy Bldg.
- **Epiphany's 40s Plus Singles-** Regular meeting is the 2nd Monday of each month in the Soy Bldg. Room 107. Game Night—2nd and 4th Fridays. Breakfast at South Jetty—1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Pat - 781-254-3531.
- **Justice and Peace** - Last Tues of Month, 7pm in the Soy Bldg. Room 107.
- **Legion of Mary** - Sat., 9:15am - Parish Library.
- **Men's New Beginnings Scripture Group**, 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30pm in Soy Bldg., Rm. 109.
- **MMP Cenacle** (Marian Movement of Priests) M-W-F after 8:30am Mass (in the Cry Room).
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 4th Monday of each month at 1 to 2:30 pm, Parish Library. Gladys Cole @ 488-5443.
- **Red Tent Prayer Group** - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 to 2:30pm, Parish Library. Gladys Cole @488-5443.
- **Senior Program** - Call Liz Bruckman for information at 484-1522.
- **Serendipity Bible Study** - Thursdays at 10am in the Soy Bldg., Room 109.
- **SHARE Registration** -Thurs. April 8. 11am - 12pm, Soy Bldg. Room 107.
- **Spirit of Love Prayer Group** - *1st Thurs.*, Praise & Worship 7pm - Mass in Cathedral Chapel at 7:30pm, *Other Thursdays* - Worship & Praise, School Cafeteria at 7:30pm.
- **Voice of the Faithful** - Third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Library. Starts in May.

For Your Info:

- **Adoration Coordinator** - Jenny Holaday 441-7495.
- **Altar Server Coordinator (Children)**-Susan Hanks @ 485-1496 (**Adults**) Albert Howes @ 484-3368.
- **Cathedral Chapel Hours** - Everyday, 6:30am-4:30pm.
- **Communion for the homebound** -Call Marianne at 483-1985.
- **Coordinator of Readers**- Michaela Geary 485-1027.
- **Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister Coordinators:** Ken & Joyce Aubrey - (Weekends) 484-1788 joyce0219@verizon.net and Pat Pettit (Weekdays) pettitp@comcast.net.
- **Gift Shop Hours** - Before/After weekend Masses, Mon. though Friday from 9am-12pm. For info, call Maggie Stewart at 485-5376 or 484-3505.
- **Parish Library** -Wed., Fri., 9am-12pm. -Service to the homebound available. -Books can be checked out in church vestibule Sat., 3:15-5:30pm & Sun., 8:30am-12:15pm.
- **Prayer Chain** - Anne Gable 493-7929 or email at requestprayers04@aol.com.
- **Prayer Companion**—Marianne Maas 483-1985.
- **New Parishioners Coordinator:** Jane & Rol Kesler 926-8696.
- **Respect Life Issues** - Al & Margaret Cantanno 488-9603.
- **Respite** - Marianne Maas at 483-1985.
- **Spiritual Direction** - Sr. Maureen Byrne, SSND 416-3446.
- **St. Vincent de Paul** - Evelyn Marino 493-2027.
- **Sunday Mass for Television: Comcast; 8am**, WFTX-TV Fox Channel 4; **Ion Television Network: 10am**, Verizon, Bighthouse, (channel 17); Universal, (channel 18); Dish Network, Direct TV (channel 66); Comcast (channel 2).
- **Transportation for the elderly/sick** - Call Marianne Maas at 483-1985.
- **Ushers/Greeters** - Jim and Joanne Gianopulos UsherGreeter@aol.com, 484-3505



Knights of Columbus #7052

512 Substation Road (off US41 at Burger King)

Pancake Breakfast Sun., April 18, from 8-11:00am at the Council Home. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, juice, and coffee. Cost is \$5.00/pp. Children 6 years and under FREE with paid adult.

Bingo every Sunday at the Council Home. Doors open at 12pm. For info, call Harry Brown at 493-3293.

Want to be a Knight? Call Sal Fontana at 408-7829.

Hard Rock Casino Trip to Tampa on April 12. Cost is \$32.00 per person (with paybacks of \$25 machine play and \$5 food voucher). Call Ed at 408-0805 for more info.

Pot Roast Dinner April. 10th. Social at 5pm, dinner at 5:30pm starting with salad and including dessert. Cost is \$10 per person. Call Myrtle at 488-0672 for reservations.

Around the Diocese

Help Our Mother's House

Enjoy a meal at Outback and help Our Mother's House - The Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities Luncheon will be held April 10 at noon at the Outback Steakhouse located at 4220 U.S. 41 in Venice. Enjoy a special selection of grilled favorites and Outback originals and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Our Mother's House, a residential/transitional program committed to helping homeless mothers and their children become self sufficient. Tickets are \$26 and can be purchased by calling Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities at 941-484-6264.

For Couples Planning Marriage

The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on April 17, at St. Michael Parish in Sarasota, to give engaged couples the opportunity to dialogue honestly about aspects of their future life together within the Sacrament of Marriage. Registration is \$65 per couple and it includes breakfast, lunch and printed materials. This fee is non-refundable. For information please call Betty Karsokas at 941-484-9543.

To Trust Again

A program designed for those contemplating a second marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on April 24, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Sarasota. The session will cover such topics as the Sacrament of Marriage, Open and Closed Communications, Decisions in Marriage, Becoming a Family and Commitment. Dress is casual appropriate. The cost for the class is \$65 per couple which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information and/or reservations please call Betty Karsokas or Louise Tokarski at 941-484-9543.

Benefit Art Fest

Saturday, April 10, 2:30 to 6pm and Sunday, April 11, 8am to Noon - before and after mass - opportunity to purchase original paintings by Dee Winterhalter, internationally acclaimed painter. One fourth of the purchase price donated to OLMC. Payment can be made by cash or check. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is located south of Walmart, in Osprey, on Hwy. 41.

Mass With Prayers for Healing Celebrant: Fr. Costello

Thurs., April 8th @ 7pm
Cathedral Chapel
Spirit of Love Prayer Group
All are Welcome!



Join us for our weekly praise and worship meetings of the Spirit of Love Prayer Group on Thursdays in the School Lunchroom @7:30pm

Spiritual Reflection

TRANSFORMATION

The high point of our Christian faith and the most holy day in the Church year is celebrated today. "[I]f Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith" says Saint Paul (1 Corinthians 15:14). It is not easy for us to imagine the reality of Christ's passion and then the great glory of Easter. Even artists have difficulties portraying the risen Jesus. The glorified, risen Jesus seems beyond even the greatest artistic imagination. He must have looked different in some ways, as his followers fail to recognize him at first, even the ones who know him best, and Jesus has to assure them that he is not a ghost. He invites the skeptical Thomas to touch his wounds, he appears and eats breakfast with Peter and six others on the lake shore and—in the intimacy of a shared meal at Emmaus—two disciples realize who he is as he takes bread, blesses and breaks it, and gives it to them. They "see" him by his actions. We receive this same Jesus as the bread blessed and broken at every Eucharist, and this is not just a symbol: the Lord truly gives himself to us. Dorothy Day found that we know the Lord and each other in the breaking of the bread, and this puts an end to our loneliness. She discovered this faith as an adult, becoming one of the last century's greatest champions of the poor, forsaken, hungry, and homeless. True faith, like Dorothy Day's, transforms us. Some have a sudden conversion, while for others it is a slower process that unfolds over time. If we come to know the truth of Easter it will overflow from our own life into those around us.

Living Stewardship Now

We can only put our skills and time to work for God if we are nourished by Jesus himself, who will sustain us in our efforts. Decide to receive the Eucharist on another day of the week in addition to Sundays.

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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 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).