



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, May 6 First Holy Communion 10:30am Mass

Monday, May 7

Legion of Mary, Parish Center, 6:30 pm



Tuesday, May 8

Wednesday, May 9

Thursday, May 10

Friday, May 11

Saturday, May 12

5:30 Mass Server: S. Lucas

Lector: M. Vinovich & E. Marks

Communion: S. Lucas, E. Pierce & G. Matthews

Sunday, May 13 – Happy Mother's Day

8:30 Mass * **10:30 Mass** Server: C. Wagner

Server: R. Jannise *

Lector: D. Hogan * Lector: S. Williams &
& J. Jones * N. Burton

Communion: R. Jannise * Communion: B. Bavinger,
S. Hunter & S. Teates * M. Johnston, A. Neckel & A. Vinh

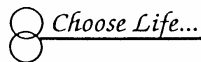
Coffee Hour: J. Adams & K. Elsasser

Opportunities for Service

Social Concerns Activities: Call Stacie Mruk at (202) 543-3483, with inquiries.

McKenna's Wagon: Contact Gary Bockweg at (202) 544-3767 with inquiries or to sign up for a Sunday afternoon shift.

Project Rachel: Are you or someone you love suffering from a past abortion? Call Project Rachel for confidential help at (202) 269-HOPE.



Join the Knights of Columbus as they pray the Rosary and then gather for an hour of social conversation. Meet on the steps of St. Joe's at **7:30 pm on the 4th Wed. of the month.** For information please contact Gavin Daniels 202-243-9080.



Opening Doors to Help and Hope

Did you know: Catholic Community Services of the Archdiocese of Washington operates 15 shelters for homeless people in the Archdiocese? On any given night, Catholic Community Services houses 1,500 people who have no home of their own. To learn more about Catholic Community Services, visit www.ccs-dc.org.

Announcements



Congratulations! to Austin Anderson, William Haislmaier, Aivas Kubaitis, Grace McCrery, Christopher Peranich, Anthony Ponichtera and Anne Ryan on receiving their First Holy Communion - May 6th at the 10:30 Mass.

Megan McKenna this Summer at Washington Theological Union Renowned storyteller, spiritual writer and lecturer Megan McKenna, PhD, is back again this summer at Washington Theological Union to teach two courses. *Geography of the Soul: Spirituality of Place* will be offered in the evenings on June 18 – 22 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. *Preaching the Gospel of Matthew*, taught with the Union's Rev. James A. Wallace, CSsR, PhD, will be held on June 18 – 22 from 9:00 – 11:30 am. Many additional courses and workshops are being offered on prayer, spirituality, the arts and more. Summer sessions: June 13 – July 3; July 9 – July 27; August 1 – August 17. Visit <http://summer.wtu.edu> for details. Washington Theological Union, a Catholic Graduate School of Theology & Ministry, located in historic Takoma Park 3 blocks from Takoma Metro Station (red line). Call 202-541-5210 or 800-334-9922 x 5210 or email admissions@wtu.edu for information.

Come Watch our Priests Play B-Ball! The Archdiocese of Washington has a basketball team, called DC' Hood, which is comprised of priests and seminarians. "DC Hood" is playing a game against St. John Neumann on Fri., May 18th, 7pm at Watkins Mill High School's gym, located at 10301 Apple Ridge Rd., Gaithersburg, MD. It promises to be a Fun Friday Night Out for all ages and vocations. Come out to cheer on DC Hood, Admission is free. Form more info contact Carol Flannery, flanneryc@adw.org or call 240-432-4340.

Memorial Day at Catholic Cemeteries This Memorial Day, come pray for loved ones, friends and fellow citizens at a special Memorial Mass, Monday, May 28, 2007, at the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington. Masses will be held at 10:00 a.m. at

- Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 301-871-6500
- Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, DC, 202-399-3000
- Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD, 301-868-5141
- St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville, MD, 301-475-5005

Has your marriage become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? There is a Catholic Program called Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) that can help you rediscover one another. Our next weekend is May 18-20, 2007. All calls and inquiries are confidential. For more information please call (410) 647-0350 or (301) 468-1199. Or visit our web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

St. John's College High School, a Catholic college preparatory high school in Northwest DC, is offering three different weeks of a non-contact day football camp for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (June 18-22, June 25-29 and July 16-20).

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For information and a camp flyer, please call 202-363-2316 ext:3071 or visit www.stjohns-chs.org

Attention Baseball Fans: St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church is parking cars in their lot for Washington Nationals baseball games. *There is no fee, just a request for a donation.* The lot is located behind the church at 21st and C streets, NE across from RFK Stadium. For info or directions call the church at 202-397-3895.

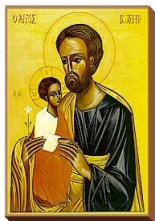
Engaged? Catholic Engage Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of matrimony. For more information or to register visit the website at: www.dcengagedencounter.org or call 1-800-820-2701.

Reunion! Plans are being developed to hold a reunion of Catholic *Elementary* School students who attended the following schools during *any* of the years between 1951 and 1961: Tentatively, it is scheduled for late summer or early fall 2007.

- ❑ Our Lady Queen of Peace - S.E. Wash D.C.
- ❑ St Francis Xavier - S.E. Wash D.C.
- ❑ Mt. Calvary - Forestville, MD
- ❑ St Theresa Avila - S.E. Wash D.C.
- ❑ Assumption - S.E. Wash D.C.
- ❑ St Joseph's on Capitol Hill - N.E. Wash D.C.
- ❑ St. Margaret's – District Heights, MD

- For information contact: Danny Malesky 410-987-0919, Marie Marino 301-468-1088, or Cmdr. John Polley 757-490-3605.

Saints Preserve Us:



Blessed Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i, (died 1889), priest, May 10.

Father Damien de Veuster was a Belgian priest who volunteered to care for the lepers on the island of Moloka'i in Hawaii. Because of fear of contagion lepers were condemned to live isolated from their families and society,

abandoned by all, suffering from great poverty and despair. Father Damien completely transformed Moloka'i. By constant prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to his people he regenerated the spirituality of the lepers. He built houses, a hospital, a chapel and a water-supply system for the leper colony. Father Damien ministered to his people for eighteen years, never avoiding personal contact with them. Three years before his death he began his Sunday sermon with "We lepers" for he too had become a leper. Near the end of his life Brother Joseph Dutton from the United States and three Franciscan Sisters came to help him in his work. **Nereus and Achilleus, (died 304?), martyrs, May 12.** The early fourth century was a dangerous time to be a Christian. The saints we honor today were Praetorian soldiers who left their military service when they converted to Christianity and were then exiled and executed for their faith. The church dedicated to Sts. Nereus and Achilleus in Rome is Cardinal McCarrick's titular church. Because each cardinal throughout the world is considered a priest of Rome, he is assigned a particular church in the city of Rome. **Pancras, (died 304?) martyr, May 12.** This saint, a young man of about 14, was probably martyred on the same day as the other two martyrs we honor today, St. Nereus and

St. Achilleus. St. Pancras was born in Syria and when he was orphaned, he was taken by his uncle to Rome where they both converted to Christianity. At about the same age young people now prepare for Confirmation, St. Pancras was asked to demonstrate his faith by dying for it! Such extreme sacrifice seems far removed from our everyday experience. But St. Pancras undoubtedly knew that Christ had warned his disciples about the persecutions that would precede the end of time.



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26

- 8:00 The Cordes Family
- 12:10 Timothy Joseph Hanlon

Tuesday, May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31a

- 8:00 Vincent Kreder
- 12:10 Anamary & Bernard Lantzy

Wednesday, May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8

- 8:00 For the Intentions of the Honorable John H. Bayly Jr.
- 12:10 Jerry & Connie Rubino

Thursday, May 10

Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest

Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11

- 8:00 Emily Caplis Slocum
- 12:10 Anamary Lantzy

Friday, May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17

- 8:00 Eileen and John Crowley
- 12:10 Dorothy Enzi

Saturday, May 12

Nereus and Achillaus, martyrs; Pancras, martyr

Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21

- 9:00 James Ventry
- 5:30 Vocations

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Rv 21: 10-14, 22-2
Jn 14: 23-29

- 8:30 Benefactors
- 10:30 Parish Community

