

The Lord
has done great things for us:
WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.

The Gospel passage for today is the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery. In this passage we learn that people are never to be made the pawns of larger disputes.

The Pharisees have such a dispute with Jesus. They criticize their guards for not bringing in Jesus as they had told them to do. In the process the Pharisees say that the only ones who have been deceived by Jesus are the crowd "which does not know the law" and which is "accursed" (John 7:49).

In today's passage the scribes and the Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery to Jesus and make "her stand in the middle" of the crowd that is listening to him (8:2-3). There they accuse her before everyone. Their purpose is to test Jesus. They tell him that the Law says that this woman should be stoned, and then ask him what he says about this (8:4-5). They make the woman a pawn in their attempt to prove that Jesus should be arrested. They show no concern for her plight; she is not only in danger of death but becomes the object of public scorn.

Jesus bends over and does not look at her, though (8:6). He does not subject her to his glance at a time when she is suffering the profound humiliation of being a public spectacle. What he does is advocate for her a broader mercy based on the knowledge of how fallible all of us are. His comment, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her," compels everyone to leave the woman alone (8:7). It is then that Jesus straightens up and speaks to her, when looking at her does not add to the unbearable weight of scrutiny (8:10). His message to her is that he will not condemn her; rather, he exhorts her to sin no more (8: 11).

The person is never to be sacrificed to political issues.

Commentaries by Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
Ps 23; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Lk 19:28-40; Ps 22; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

SAVE THE DATE:

The St Ann School Centennial Mass

St. Ann Catholic School of Hamilton, OH is celebrating 100 years of educating our young people. All Alumni and former teachers are invited to attend this event on Sunday, April 18th, beginning with the 10:30AM Mass. A reception and Open House will follow the Mass. If you would like to help with this event, our meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the school meeting room. We also need help with food for the reception. We will be serving breakfast food. If you would like to donate donuts, coffee cakes, muffins, bagel, fruit etc., call Carol Mulcahey at 863-7886 or Ruth Madden at 898-2411. It will be a great time. Please come and celebrate with us.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - We have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters all throughout our Archdiocese. Giving is the measure of love: how much we ask of another is the measure of the relationship we want with that person. Jesus asks each one of us for everything. A gift is important, not for its amount, but because of what we become through the act of giving it. Please decide on your CMA gift in this spirit.

**WATCH SPECIAL EWTN HOLY WEEK
AND EASTER PROGRAMMING**

Join EWTN in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and Live Easter Masses from Rome and The Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Locally, you can watch EWTN on Time Warner Cable Channel #23.

Father John A. Hardon – Basic Catholic Catechism

If you are interested in understanding more fully what we believe as Catholics, a sixteen-lesson Basic Catholic Catechism Home Study Course will be offered covering the essentials of the Catholic faith in a systematic and comprehensive way. Written by Servant of God Father John A. Hardon S.J., this challenging home study course is open to everyone. It will help you grow to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. Study is done independently then participants meet twice a month to review the questions and answers and engage in a lively discussion of the lesson. An informational meeting will be held at St. Ann's Parish Center on Wed., Apr. 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Course materials will be explained and will be available for purchase. For more information or to register, contact Viv Sullivan @ 868-9865 or Mary Eichhold @ 8633345.

The Benefits: Adult education at home; participation in the New Evangelization as requested by our late Holy Father Pope John Paul II; greater confidence in knowledge of your Catholic faith; deeper love for the Lord.

The Annunciation and Life "The angel's Annunciation to Mary is framed by these reassuring words: "Do not be afraid, Mary" and "with God nothing will be impossible" (Lk 1:30, 37). The whole of the Virgin Mother's life is in fact pervaded by the certainty that God is near to her and that he accompanies her with his providential care." (Evangelium Vitae, 105). What happened at the Annunciation overcomes the fear and despair that lead to violence. It has been said that the false god transforms suffering into violence, while the true God transforms violence into suffering. Mary, in her "yes," gives courage to all mothers who know that being a mother will involve some suffering. She assures them that they are not alone. The Christian community, following Mary's example, accompany these mothers with their prayers and their active charity, providing alternatives to abortion. The Feast of the Annunciation falls on March 25.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 21st

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, March 23rd

8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, March 24th

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
 5:30 p.m. Confession
 7:00 p.m. St. Ann School Centennial meeting

Thursday, March 25th

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Friday, March 26th

5:30 p.m. Soup & Bread in the school cafeteria
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 27th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, March 28th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:00 a.m. Confession
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass



Saturday, March 20th

5:00 p.m. Doris Landrum (Family)

Sunday, March 21st

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. David Vinson - 16th Anniversary (Family)

Monday, March 22nd

7:15 a.m. Therese Reumann (Barb Schuk)

Tuesday, March 23rd

7:15 a.m. Don Hingsbergen (Ruth Schlabach)

Wednesday, March 24th

7:15 a.m. To End the Assault on All Innocent Human Life (St. Ann Respect Life Committee)

Thursday, March 25th

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, March 26th

8:00 a.m. Therese Fontaine (Scott & Gail Emmons)

Saturday, March 27th

7:30 a.m. George Baker-2nd Anniversary (Family)

5:00 p.m. Don Hingsbergen (Freddie & Andy)

Sunday, March 28th

8:00 a.m. Lois Schindler (Jim & Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

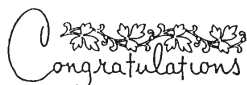
ST. ANN P.A.C. GOLF OUTING Saturday, May 1st at Hueston Woods. 1:00 shotgun start. \$70.00 a man, \$280.00 a team. \$5.00 skin optional. Please contact Dick Cepluch at home at 863-6319 or cell 616-4535.



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the following members of St. Ann Parish who have been buried from our church.

Bernadine Tegge
 Russell Isgro
 Richard Weber
 Margie Gardner



*Emilee Elizabeth Willis, daughter of Renee and Kevin Willis,
 baptized February 28, 2010 at St. Ann Church.*

La Rosa's Buddy Cards sale Cards expire October 3, 2010. Cards reduced to \$5.00 each. Cards can be purchased at the parish office. Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Alumni fund.

The Knights of Columbus, Father Roettle Council #8115 of Fairfield is hosting their 18th annual Fish Fry on March 26th and April 2nd, 2010. It will be held, as in past years, at the Sacred Heart Church School Cafeteria, located at the corner of Nilles and River Roads in Fairfield. The dine-in serving time will be from 5.30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on all the dates. There will also be a carry-out service during the same times, by calling (513) 858-4218 in advance to place orders, which can be picked up at the marked entrance door.

St. Ann Financial Stewardship *Thank you!*

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
03/14/2010	\$ 6,845.05

Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 434,592.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 356,781.68

"Keep Holy the Lord's Day" by attending a *Day of Recollection* on **Sunday, March 28** at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue, KY (next to Newport) on the Ohio River. We invite you to be enriched by Rosary at 12:40pm, then Sunday Mass at 1pm, 2 talks, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration. We will conclude around 4pm and then join us for refreshments! Come for part or for all, and no cost required. For information, please call Divine Mercy Parish (859-261-6172) or Joe Martino (513-891-7301)

Theology of the Body speaker, *Damon Owens* is coming to Miami University to share with us about God, Sex, and the Meaning of Life. Damon will be at Miami University's Hall Auditorium on Sunday, April 11th at 3:30 pm. This event is free and is open to the public. Damon Owens is the founder of Joy-Filled Marriage New Jersey, a non-profit organization that supports engaged and married couples, as well as the NFP Program Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. He also keeps a full schedule speaking at national conferences, parishes, high schools, seminaries, and more.