

Give thanks to the LORD
for He is GOOD;
His LOVE is everlasting.

The first reading this Sunday provides an example of the courageous witness of the apostles to the resurrected Lord.

The reading is initially a bit ambiguous, and it is important to clarify who is involved and where they are located in order to appreciate the significance of the passage. Readers are told that the apostles did many miracles, and that "they were all together in Solomon's Portico" (Acts 5:12). Who was in Solomon's Portico? The prior verse speaks about the whole church. But it is unlikely that the whole church was in Solomon's Portico because as a result of the activity there we find out in verse 17 that the religious leaders arrest the apostles.

Solomon's Portico was in the temple in Jerusalem. It was in the temple that two of the apostles, Peter and John, had recently been arrested and sternly warned not to preach about Jesus again (Acts 3-4). The authorities do not want Christianity to spread among the people (4:17). Yet here are the apostles once more in the very spot that attracted this hostile reaction, doing the same thing that occasioned the leaders to threaten them: making many converts (5:14).

This explains the sentence that immediately follows the claim that "they were all together in Solomon's Portico" (5:12): "None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them" (5:13). To be precise, none of the other Christians joined the apostles in the temple. For them, the place was simply too hot a spot to enter, given the current climate of intimidation.

By returning and witnessing despite the threats, the apostles provide the means for Resurrection faith to grow exponentially. They model for subsequent Christians the valor through which the Christian message reaches others.

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

Readings for the Week of April 11, 2010

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rv 1:9-11a,12-13, 17-19;
Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Saint Martin I, pope, martyr
Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14;
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Come Join The Celebration!

Next Sunday, April 18th is St. Ann School's 100th Year Celebration. We will begin with 10:30AM Mass and follow with a Reception and Open House in the school. We would love to see many of our Alumni again to meet old friends, tour your school, and visit with former classmates. Hope to see you!

St Ann School Centennial/Alumni Celebration Reminders

1. Rosary before the 10:30AM Mass will begin at approximately 9:45AM.
2. Music before Mass will begin at 10:10AM.
3. We need food donations for the reception. Items needed are: bagels, donuts, rolls, coffee cakes, fruit, cheese, and any other breakfast food that you want to share. These items can be dropped off at school cafeteria on SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, 9AM-NOON OR SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH AFTER 8:00 AM. We'd love to make this a very festive occasion so your help is appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.
4. Any questions, contact school at 863-0604, Ruth Madden at 851-6264, or Carol Mulcahey at 864-7886.

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.

Explore God's call in your life

Maybe it's time to see how The Athenaeum of Ohio lay ministry formation can transform your life and lead you to deeper discipleship. Applications are now being accepted for Fall enrollment at the main campus and at Good Shepherd Parish in Cincinnati. Call 513-231-1200 for more information or visit our website at www.athenaeum.edu. Respond to the invitation.... Grow in faith at the Athenaeum.

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Divine Mercy Sunday



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 11th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tuesday, April 13th

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

Wednesday, April 14th

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
8:00 P.M. P.A.C. Meeting

Saturday, April 17th

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

Sunday, April 18th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
10:30 a.m. Alumni Mass – Reception to follow



Saturday, April 10th

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 11th

8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 12th

7:15 a.m.

Tuesday, April 13th

7:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14th

7:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 15th

7:15 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 16th

8:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Betty Keller (Mary Lou Cox)

Divine Mercy Sunday

For the Intentions of St. Ann People
Cliff Poppel – 26th Anniversary (Family)

Easter Weekday

Alberta Groh (Ed Wagner Family)

Easter Weekday

Tess Fontaine (Ray & Carmella Nichting)

Easter Weekday

Therese Reumann (Barb Schuk)

Easter Weekday

Communion Service

Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Easter Weekday

To End the Assault on all Innocent Human Life
(St. Ann Respect Life Committee)

Saturday, April 17th

7:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 18th

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Patrick Russell (Art & Maureen Myers)

Henry George (Andy Spaeth)

Third Sunday of Easter

Jane Golden

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.

The 6th Annual Dayton Catholic Homeschool Conference is pleased to welcome Ms. Danielle Bean May 22, 2010. Danielle is a popular author and blogger and is highly sought after as a speaker. She will present "What Happy Moms Know"

What: 6th Annual Dayton Catholic Homeschool Conference

When: May 21 & 22, 2010

Where: St. Peter Family Life Center

6161 Chambersburg Rd.

Huber Heights Ohio 45424

Hosted by: Dayton Catholic Homeschool Network

For whom: Open to all parents and High School Students.

Suggested early donation through May 1st: Single \$15.00/Couple \$20.00/Teen \$10.00 Suggested donation after May 1st: Single \$20.00/Couple \$30.00/Teen \$13.00 Additional speakers include: Regina Doman, Maureen Wittmann, Fr. Frank Sherry, Fr. Frank Amberger, Fr. Stash Dailey and Andrew Schmiedicke. Vendors include Seton Home Study School and Sacred Heart Books and Gifts, HSLDA Math-U-See and more. A used book sale will be held Saturday morning only.

For complete conference information and registration, please visit www.daytonhomeschool.com or call Colleen Sollinger 937-235-0585, preferably after 3pm.

"Night at the Races"

Sponsored by St. Peter in Chains School PTO

Saturday, May 22nd 2010

Hamilton F.O.P Lodge Joyce Park (Newly Renovated)

180 Joe Nuxhall Way

Doors Open at 6:30 pm and First Race starts at 7:15pm

St. Ann Financial Stewardship *Thank you!*

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
04/04/2010	\$ 6,707.95
Easter Collection	\$ 10,132.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 20.00
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 470,808.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 391,892.68

CONGRATULATIONS to the newest members of St. Ann Catholic Church, brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil, April 10, 2010. Please welcome them and keep them in your prayers:

*Dan Estridge, Edward Sanders,
George Schultz, Philip Wilder*

Divine Mercy and Pro-life

Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).