

The Gospel passage today is the culmination of Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd in John's Gospel. In it, we hear that our salvation is grounded in the degree of commitment that Jesus has to us.

Jesus claims that his sheep follow him and that he gives them eternal life (John 10:27-28a). Then he says three times that no one can take the sheep from him or from the Father who is one with him (10:28b-30).

This emphasis on the security of Jesus' followers is the result of the danger in which they find themselves. Earlier in John 10 Jesus describes this danger with the image of a wolf coming upon the flock (10:12). Jesus' response is to meet the danger even to the extent of laying down his life for his sheep (10:11,13,17,18).

Jesus presents security in terms of the love that will not run away when trouble comes. The instinct for self-preservation when the group is under attack is not present in Jesus, as it would be in the hired shepherd, because Jesus identifies us as his own (10:12-14). The sheep imagery shows the dangerous conditions in which people can find themselves. But it is the family imagery, found elsewhere in John's Gospel, that shows how close we are to Jesus and to the Father. Confidence in God's salvation should be the result of the Johannine notion that God's love will go to any extent to save a family member. What Jesus did for his disciples is what God always does through Jesus for us because of the unity of the Father and Son.

Chaos theorists often talk about how turbulence introduced into a stable physical system can result in chaos, undermining the stability of the whole system. Life can easily get out of control. John's Jesus introduces lasting stability into the always potentially chaotic situations that we experience. Ultimate stability is rooted in the greatest love that is always present to us when the wolf lurks nearby.

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2010

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17;
Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Saints Peter Chanel, priest, martyr; Louis Mary de Montfort, priest
Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Saint Pius V, pope
Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Saint Joseph the Worker
Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a,
34-35



Please join us in congratulating those who will make their First Communion on April 25th at 2:00pm

Samantha Caballero
Caitlin Conrad
Destiny Durbin
Eddie Eling
Isabel Ely
Ethan Emmons
Jack Feenstra
Mason Hershner
Samantha Laflin
Michael Madden

Alex Moss
Logan Ortt
Katherine Ropka
Joslyn Schaffer
Emily Smith
Jillian Smith
Kayla Stein
Donovan Watkins
Trey Williams

Steel Drum Music of the Islands

You are invited to attend an amazing evening of Caribbean steel drum music that is guaranteed to be a great time! "Heavenly Metal: steel drum band will be performing at St. Joseph Consolidated School (925 S. 2nd St, Hamilton, OH 45015) on Saturday May 8th, 2010 at 7:00pm. "Heavenly Metal" is a Christian Steel Drum Band from Richmond, Ohio whose motto is "Do Your Best and let the Lord do the Rest!" Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. \$5.00 for Adults/\$3.00 for Students. Please call St. Joseph School at 863-8758 or email at tstenger@sjcshamilton.org

RIGHT TO LIFE Pro-Life 5K Run Walk May 8th

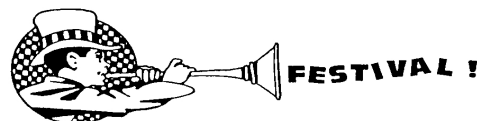
Men, women and children of all ages are invited to enjoy the Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati 28th annual Pro-Life 5K Run/Walk for Life and Family Fun Walk – Mother's Day Weekend, **Saturday May 8, 2010, 8:30am at Winton Woods/Harper Meadows' Owl Overlook, Cincinnati.**

Register online at 5kRun4Life.org, by mail, or by phone for credit card payment. Pre-registration deadline is **Friday, April 30th and May 5th (online)** Race Day registrations also accepted.

Individual Registration is \$25 including T-Shirt

Family Registration is \$45 per family of three or more including one t-shirt

For more information call 513-728-7870



We **STILL** need volunteers for our FIESTA on July 23rd & 24th. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help with our success this year! Contact Geri Smith at the Parish Office or email her at gerismith@live.com. Thank You!

Fourth Sunday of Easter



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 25th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 2:00 p.m. *First Holy Communion*

Tuesday, April 27th

6:30pm Brownies Meeting

Wednesday, April 28th

1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation Pictures
 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Thursday, April 29th

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Friday, April 30th

8:00 a.m. Mass/Grade 1

Saturday, May 1st

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

Sunday, May 2nd

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



Saturday, April 24th

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 25th

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

Monday, April 26th

7:15 a.m.

Tuesday, April 27th

7:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 28th

7:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 29th

7:15 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 30th

7:15 a.m.

Saturday, May 1st

7:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 2nd

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Philiberta Kirk (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 Robert Toerner (Family)
 For the intentions of 1st Communicants

Easter Weekday

Don Hingsberger (wife)

Easter Weekday

Therese Reumann (Dick & Shannon Sorg)

Easter Weekday

Alberta Groh (Ed Wagner Family)

Easter Weekday

Communion Service

Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Easter Weekday

Rose Toerner

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Margherita Moretti (Women's American Italian Society)

Cy Narker (Ellie)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 For the Intentions of Andy & Freddie Lampf
 (Rosemary Hingsbergen)

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

The weather was beautiful Sunday, and so was the St. Ann School Centennial/Alumni Celebration. Beginning with the first song at Mass until the last piece of fruit and coffee cake was eaten, everyone in attendance had a fantastic time. The mood was one of the thankfulness, remembrance, faith and friendship as everyone gathered for this wonderful occasion. Thanks to all who participated in any way. The school children, the Centennial/alumni Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the musicians, the readers, the distributors, all those who donated food, money etc. You made this celebration such a wonderful one. Thanks again for all you continue to do for our parish!

St. Raphael Donations needed

Please consider contributing laundry soap powder, shampoo, toothpaste & toilet paper to replenish our supplies at St. Raphael. Food stamp recipients are not able to buy these items. There are containers at the exits to donate. Thank you.

DINE TO DONATE! APPLEBEES FUNDRAISER!

Dine at Applebee's and 10% of your bill will be donated to St. Ann!! Present the enclosed flyer to your server, Sunday May 2 from 11:00 am to close. A great place to go after 10:30 mass perhaps? Carside to go is included!

St. Ann Financial Stewardship <i>Thank you!</i>	
Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
04/18/2010	\$ 8,275.46
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 503,227.46
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 410,156.94

St. Ann Gardening

Help is needed to keep the St. Ann's grounds looking beautiful. If you want to help, please come to church on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 11:00 AM. You will be much appreciated. Questions, call Patty Ferdelman at school 863-0604.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Poor are hosting a workshop for personal and spiritual growth for adults 35-65+ entitled: Celebrate Mid-life! Rediscovering our Passion for Living...at the Centennial Barn, 110 Compton Road, on the border of Wyoming and Hartwell. For more information or to register, please call Sr. Jo Ann at 761-1697 x103 or email joannjackowski@franciscansistersusa.org.