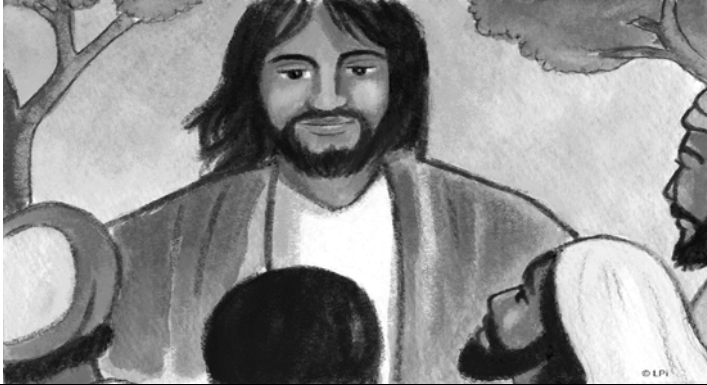


**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 20-21, 2006 (XXI-41)**



THEME OF TODAY'S MASS

Spring and approaching summer is a season that reminds us about the timing of the gift of God's Holy Spirit. As we await the signs for the return of the Son – the glorified Jesus – the signs of the returning Sun's warmth are both subtle and scarcely noticeable – especially if we take a short-term view of the season. A seed, planted in the Earth, images the words of Jesus, "No one can have greater love than to lay down their life for their friends". The imagery implies that in time, new life and fruit will surely come out from the 'earth/tomb'!

THINGS TO LISTEN FOR IN THE READINGS

In the First Reading

God's Spirit overturns human planning and control. Pagans receive the Spirit from God's Self, before receiving the Sacrament of Baptism from the community! This is both a revelation to Peter and a charge about the universal scope of the Church's mission.

In the Second Reading

God is love – the tangible proof is the coming of the Son of God among us in history. In future, when Christians love one another, they show that same reality – that God is love!

In the Gospel

In the Gospel passage, Jesus shows the disciples the foundation of their unity among themselves – the unity which exists between the Father and the Son. When disciples love one another, they are inserted into the very life of God – they are 'in God' and anything they ask will be given them!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, May 25th is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holyday of obligation for all Catholics. Masses in this church will be as follows:

- Wednesday, May 24 – Vigil Mass 7:00 pm
- Thursday, May 25 – 12:10 pm and 5:00 pm

All Masses will be in the church

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Sember, Seufert, Severino, Sexton, Sharkey, Shea, Sheahan, Sheehy, Shepherd, Shingara, Shortell, Siemieniewicz, Siglinger, Silva, Simmons, Simon, Simpson, Skellington, Skodien, Skurat, Skuret.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS

Assumption School is now taking registrations for the 2006-2007 school year. There are openings in the Three-Year-Old Prekindergarten Program, the Four-Year-Old Prekindergarten Program, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 thru 6. Please call the school office for more information (203) 734-0855.

PARISH-WIDE MEETING



Steve Allegretto listening to Parishioners at first Parish-Wide Meeting

The first Parish-Wide Meeting was held last Wednesday evening to get your input for a 10-Year Plan concerning all aspects of our parish. There are two remaining dates – Monday, May 22, and Thursday, May 25. The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and be held in the Church Hall. The broad topics to be discussed at these meetings are: Sacraments and Liturgy, Faith Formation, Finances and Facilities, Parish Structure and Leadership, and Community Relations. Please plan to attend one of these meetings. Your input is very important and needed.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION | ANSONIA

**Generations
of Faith**



If you are interested in taking on the challenge of teaching a Religious Ed. Class for any grade, 1 thru 9, please call Christine Ring, 734-2701 X 34, or Mrs. Gail Miller at 734-2701 X 37. If you know someone who is a teacher, or has been a teacher, please pass on this information and ask them to call for more information.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday (May 22)**
 - 7:00 pm-Parish-Wide Meeting-Hall
 - 7:00 pm-Bereavement Group-Rectory
- Tuesday (May 23)**
 - 7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory
- Wednesday (May 24)**
 - 6:00 pm-Shelter Meal-Hall
 - 7:00 pm-Vigil Mass (Feast of the Ascension)-Church

Thursday (May 25) Ascension Thursday

12:10 pm-Mass-Church
 5:00 pm-Mass-Church
 7:00 pm-Parish-Wide Meeting-Hall

Friday (May 26)

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall

Saturday (May 27)

7:00 -10:00 pm-School Dance-Hall

UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday (May 28)

9:30 am Mass-Kids' Liturgy

Monday (May 29) Memorial Day

7:00 pm-Bereavement Group-Rectory

Tuesday (May 30)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena

Friday (June 2) Early School Dismissal

7:30 pm-Mass for Life-Rectory

COLLECTIONS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Offertory	\$7,745.15	\$7,682.00
Monthly	\$2,964.00	\$2,837.92

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is

\$3,864.48

more than last year.

Our goal is \$36,000.00 more than last year.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL-2006

This Weekend is "Commitment Weekend" at our parish for the 2006 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or a one-time gift today. Please be as generous as possible. Our parish's Archbishop's Annual Appeal activity is coming to a close. Thank you to all those who have made a gift or pledged a commitment to the 2006 AAA

BAPTISMS

We wish to welcome into our parish family **Mackenzie**

Margaret Phillips, who was Baptized last weekend at Assumption Church.

HELPING HANDS RAFFLE

For each \$25,000.00 that Assumption School makes through Helping Hands, we can raffle \$1,000.00 to participants. We are able to keep track of this. If you give cash, please make sure that the seller takes your name and the amount given. The money must be made by June 30, 2006. As of May 1, we have made \$18,045.00. Thank you very much for helping.

HOME/SCHOOL RAFFLE RETURNS

Please make Home/School raffle returns in the Offertory Collection, or you may drop them off at the school office during school hours. Many thanks for your support.

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

We wish to thank the family and friends of **James E. Smith** for \$1,890.00 donated to Assumption Church in his memory.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

If the members of the family for whom a Mass is being celebrated would like to bring up the Offertory gifts, please notify one of the ushers before Mass. Thank you.

Saturday (May 20) Vigil Sixth Sunday of Easter (W)

4:00 pm-HM-Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Phipps (Phipps Family)

Sunday (May 21) Sixth Sunday of Easter (W)

7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners

9:30 am-HM-Open

11:30 am-Mass of Thanksgiving-50th Wedding Anniversary
 Ted & Agnes Haussler (Their Children)

Monday (May 22) Easter Weekday (W)

8:00 am-LM-Phyllis Clifford (Family)

Tuesday (May 23) Easter Weekday (W)

8:00 am-LM-Lillian Sullivan (Assumption Rosary Society)

Wednesday (May 24) Easter Weekday (W)

8:00 am-Open

Wednesday (May 24) Vigil Ascension (W)

7:00 pm-HM-Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sedor (Mr.&Mrs. O. Walter Sedor)

Thursday (May 25) Ascension Thursday (W)

No 8:00 am Mass

12:10 pm-HM-For All Parishioners

5:00 pm-HM-Helen Hines (Lorraine Greski)

Friday (May 26) No Mass

Saturday (May 27) No Mass

Saturday (May 27) Vigil Seventh Sunday of Easter (W)

4:00 pm-HM-John Boanno (Lucy & Justina)

Sunday (May 28) Seventh Sunday of Easter (W)

7:30 am-LM-For All Parishioners

9:30 am-HM-Thomas Shortell (Family)

11:30 am-HM-Louise Biggs (Greski Family)

KNIGHTS DEFEND MARRIAGE

The Knights of Columbus has joined the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in calling on the U. S. Senate to approve a "Marriage Protection Amendment".

At the request of Bishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Knoxville, Tennessee, chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family, the Knights are providing millions of postcards to Catholics who wish to express their support for Senate Joint Resolution 1, the "Marriage Protection Amendment," which is scheduled for a vote in the Senate during the first week of June. The measure would amend the U. S. Constitution to provide that "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of a legal union of one man and one woman."

Post cards are included in today's bulletin so parishioners can send them to both Senators Dodd and Lieberman before a scheduled June vote. Additional cards are available in the rear of the church.

SHELTER MEAL

Thanks to Jean Sember and her group for doing a great job at the April feeding of the shelter group. As usual, the food was great and plentiful. Thanks again.

APPRECIATION COOKOUT

We would like to invite anyone who volunteered for anything in the parish during the past year to an appreciation cookout on Sunday, June 11, at 12:30 pm on the grounds of the old rectory. Just fill in the form below and drop it in the Offertory Collection or in the mail. Please respond by June 4th.

Name..... No. Coming