

Fiat Lux

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Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center News



From Fr. Joe

Can You Handle The Truth

Looking back to the high drama of HOLY WEEK, Jesus and Pilate are finally face to face. The religious enemies of Jesus who need Rome to do their dirty work, now have Jesus where they want Him. Pilate is the procurator who presides over the territory of Judea on behalf of the emperor. Pilate holds the power of capital punishment. But Pilate is puzzled by the charges of blasphemy brought against Jesus. It was the claim that Jesus was a political revolutionary that required his attention. Wanting to get at the bottom of this odd case, Pilate asks Jesus, “**Are** you the **king** of the Jews?” Jesus turns the question back on Pilate, knowing Pilate will not understand. As Pilate persists, Jesus explains as best He can. Pilate makes a feeble attempt to spare Jesus, but the truth about Jesus is beyond him.



We have all been in situations like Pilate’s. We do not know the truth, and are not really interested in knowing it. How many times have parents ignored the signs that their son or daughter has a drug problem? The changes in behavior are obvious, but the reality is too painful to accept. How many times have intelligent adults ignored the warning signs of some illness? The symptoms are obvious but they postpone going to the doctor because they are afraid of what the doctor might tell them. There are so many times when we fear that we cannot handle the truth. And of course, the truth sometimes hurts. It is always best to learn the truth, especially if we hear and act upon it in time.

Fr. Joseph Bruemmer



*Fr. Rob Jack
2009 Lenten Mission*

From the Director

Wow, aren’t things in the US getting... well I don’t know what else to call them except interesting. According to what I’ve been reading/ hearing from the various news outlets, the governor of Texas isn’t denying that the state may be thinking about seceding from the union. Homeland security is calling single issue causes “like Pro Life” hate-oriented and implying that these causes may be terroristic. The White House requested images relating to Jesus be covered while our country’s leader was speaking at Georgetown University. I’ve also been told that the broadcasting of the Mass over the airways may be banned. With all these “interesting” things happening we might be tempted to be discouraged. Certainly, it is a reasonable reaction to potentially grim circumstances. Instead, let’s remember that God promised to always be with us when we asked him to be and pray for the leaders of our country and the news media that they will listen to and act upon the Holy Spirit’s encouragements.

Maybe the first thing we should pray for the Holy Spirit to do is to impart in our leaders and the news media something I’ve been pondering for the last month, the difference between ethics and morality. The childishly simplistic but, none the less accurate, definition and distinction between the two is that ethics is *the knowledge of right and wrong* and morality is *ethically correct action*. In other words, ethically, you may know that denying God is wrong, morality would be NOT denying Him but acknowledging Him in an appropriate and reverent way. Praying that our leaders and the news media become ethically aware and learn to act morally seems to be prudent. Who knows, we may even get a triple bonus and things may get back on track in the USA.

Lastly, I offer my congratulations to our own Fr. Joel and the Franciscan Province of St. John the Baptist headquartered here in Cincinnati on their 150th anniversary and Franciscans world wide who celebrated their 800th anniversary on April 16th.

As always, you are in our prayers and we are appreciative of being in yours. May God bless you and your family abundantly. And don’t forget to keep the faith!

Tom Leibel

From the Development Office

On behalf of Fr. Joe and everyone at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center I thank you for your on-going support. Since the Center operates primarily on individual donations I would like to offer you some ideas for donating. If you wish you could include the Center in your estate planning. Just contact your professional financial advisor, estate planner or attorney for help. They can advise you of any tax benefits of such a gift. Gifts can be made in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers or in honor of birthdays, anniversaries or graduations. A card will be sent to the individual or their families acknowledging your gift. Also, many companies offer Matching Gift Programs; I have included a list of some companies who match gifts, check with your human resource department to see if your company will match your gift.

3M	JP Morgan
AK Steel	Kroger
Bank One	Merrill Lynch
BellSouth	Morgan Stanley
Chiquita Brands Intl.	PepsiCo Foundation
Cincinnati Bell	Pitney Bowes
Compaq Computer Company	State Farm Insurance
Convergys	The Coca Cola Company
Deloitte Foundation	The Home Depot
Duke Energy Foundation	The UPS Foundation
Federated Dept Stores	U.S. Bank
Fifth Third Bank	Wells Fargo
Ford Motor Company	Xerox
Johnson & Johnson	

If you have any questions or I can help you in any way please call me at 513-351-9800 X334.

Julie Nerl, Development



Bobby Schindler addresses a group

Holy Family Garden

Please join us for a memorial service for **OLHSC** volunteers who have died since our last service in September, 2007 and for the twenty-six Tri-State area children who have died in the first quarter of 2009. The service will be held on Tuesday, May 26, at 1:00 p.m. in the **Holy Family Garden**. A procession will then follow to the **“Cross of Sorrows and Healing.”** A cross for each deceased person will be hung on the memorial. A cross blessed by His Eminence John Cardinal Foley will also be placed on the memorial to demonstrate our devotion to our Catholic Faith.

Check out this Lithuanian custom by Googleing “Hill of Crosses”

Two 10 foot tall crosses have been added to the memorial in the past year. One is a **“Cross for the Unborn”** and the other a **“Cross of Family Unity.”** Families are encouraged to place a cross (under 15 inches in size) on the memorial for a loved one or in defense of their Christian faith.

Rejoice, All Those Who Seek Jesus!

Many of you may remember the bus tours from the Center to Worcester, MA, to pray for “Little Audrey.” Bishop Robert J. McManus of Worcester has given official recognition to the association seeking the canonization of Audrey Santo. This enables the group to present its findings to the Vatican. Unexplained phenomena that seemed to happen in her presence drew thousands of visitors to her home. Many felt she could heal others. Audrey had been in a nonmoving, nonspeaking state from 1987 until her death in 2007. Please pray for her intercession.

Sister Mary Evelyn, RSM

Legacy of OLHSC

The Church invites us to reflect on Mary’s place in the Church and in our lives. Her titles alone are almost too numerous to list. As Mother of the Church and our Mother, we see and understand how the Mother of God is held in such high esteem. Scripture is a constant reminder of her virtue and patience. The Church continues to give credence and witness to the Blessed Virgin in her documents, apostolic exhortations, pastoral letters and encyclicals.

Artists throughout the ages have produced ever so many sculptures and paintings using various forms to depict her. Cultures also reflect their idea of the Blessed Virgin Mary, each in a reverent and unique way - all of them with a distinct sense of beauty, pride and honor of this holy Lady. As a model of faith, she said “yes” to God.

How blest are we at OLHSC to be under her patronage! May her Spouse, the Holy Spirit, continue to inspire us to grow in God’s love.

Sister Lawrence Sickman, O.S.U.

Our Lady’s Farm welcomes visitors. To schedule a visit call (859.654.2379) a few days in advance so the chapel can be open. On the 8th of each month, the Rosary is said at 11 a.m., followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m.

From the Events Office

On Tuesday, May 26, there will be a **Volunteer Memorial Service** in the Holy Family Garden. See article on page 2.

On Tuesday, June 2, there will be a **Charismatic Healing Mass**, sponsored by the **Charismatic Prayer Group and Presentation Ministries**. The celebrant will be **Fr. George Schommer**. There will be praise, worship music, food and fellowship.

On Friday, June 5, **Sacred Heart Radio** will sponsor the first Friday Mass. It will be held in the **Holy Rosary Chapel**.

June 12- 14 Join Kyle Cutler for a pilgrimage weekend retreat. Mr. Cutter is a young, motivational speaker devoted to Our Lady. The weekend will include talks, Mass, confession and a bus tour of Our Lady of Light apparition sites. For reservations and a detailed schedule, call Kyle at (740)506-1708 or email him at kcutler54@yahoo.com.

On Friday, June 19, the **Feast of the Sacred Heart**, there will be **Mass and a Eucharistic Procession**. It begins at 7:15 p.m.

From June 22 -26, **Preschool Pray and Play** will have sessions from 10:00-11:30 each day. Call to register.

On Wednesday, June 24, **Our Lady of Light Ministry** and the **Center's Healing Team** invite you to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady at Medjugorje. This event begins at 5:00 p.m. in Room #116.

On July 24 & 25, there will be a **Garage Sale** at the Center. It is in conjunction with Holy Trinity Parish Festival.

August 31 and September 1 will be the annual **Days of Prayer and Mercy**. Details are in the process of being developed.

On Saturday, September 12, there will be **Marian Conference** with **Fr. Elias Mary** of Mt. Carmel of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. **Do You Know Mary?** will be held in conjunction with the feast of the **Holy Name of Mary**.

From the Retreat Office

We continue to receive young retreatants for both day retreats and overnight stays. It's great to see such happy exuberant faces! For Lent, **St. Catherine of Sienna in KY** held a parish pilgrimage to the Center. Perhaps people in your parish might be interested in a day here - talk to your priest/pastor! We would be glad to arrange a tour. **St. Xavier Parish Book Club** spent a day here for discussion and reflection. If you belong to a prayer group that would just like to spend the day in a religious setting, we can arrange a room and even provide food if you wish. Lastly, encourage your **RCIA** leader to bring the parish's candidates here for the day - **St. Williams** did and it was very powerful for them. For information call L. Tracy at 513.351.9800 ext.305.



St. Ignatius Eighth Grade Mass

Basic Catechism Course

Interested in understanding more fully what we believe as Catholics? A sixteen-lesson **Basic Catholic Catechism Home Study Course**, covering the essentials of the Catholic faith systematically and comprehensively, is being sponsored by **Our Lady of Light Ministries** in the Center's Library twice a month on Sundays at 2 p.m. Written by the late Jesuit Father John A. Hardon for Mother Teresa and her Sisters, this home study course is open to everyone to help grow to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. After independent study, participants meet to review the questions and answers and engage in a discussion of the lesson. An informational meeting will be held in the Center's Library May 3rd, at 2:00 P.M. Course materials will be explained and available for purchase. Cost is \$40.00 or \$55.00 if shared by two people (\$15.00 for an additional answer tablet). For more information or to register, contact Sue Rosebraugh @ 513-353-9800 ext.316, or the **Course Facilitator, Catechist Mary Eichhold @ 513-863-3345**. **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.



Mt. Notre Dame Sophomores on retreat

Mark your Calendars

May 1 - Noon First Friday Mass
May 2 - First Sat. Rosary & Mass
May 6 - The Faith Unplugged
May 15 - Noon Right to Life Mass
May 22 - Noon Mass for Priests
May 26 - Volunteer Memorial Ser.
May 27 - Healing Service
June 5 - Noon First Friday Mass
June 6 - First Sat. Rosary & Mass
June 19 - Noon Right to Life Mass
June 26 - Noon Mass for Priests

Adorers

Anyone interested in a one hour commitment to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Keith Merz at 513.574.4522

Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please call if you can help us!

Cord Rosary Lessons

Anyone interested in learning to make cord rosaries, please join us on May 28 & June 25 from 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 113. Materials supplied. Parts are needed and can be brought to the Center. Contact: Ruth Ann

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Our Lady of Light Foundation: for Books
contact Ken Hinchey 859.341.5232; for
Our Lady of Light Prayer Cards and
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Our Lady's Prayer Line: 513.793.3829
or for requests for prayer to Melody
Osbourne, 7020 Fowler Ave., Cincinnati,
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Mission Statement

The purpose of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is to foster a deeper faith in God and love for Him and for our neighbor through the Holy Spirit and the Hearts of Jesus and Mary with obedience to the Magisterium of the Church under the authority of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.



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Sorrowful Mother Chapel

Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM

Mon. - Thurs. 7:15PM

Holy Rosary Chapel

Friday Evening Services

Rosary: 6:30 PM

Mass: 7:15PM

1st Sat. Mass: 9:30AM

Confessions:

Mon. and Tues. 3- 4PM

1st and 3rd Fri. 6:15-7:45PM

Rosary:

Every Tuesday

11:30AM-12:00 noon

Weekdays 6:20 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Weekdays at 3PM