



JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN...- AGAIN???



Jesus Christ is risen today, Aaaaaleluuia! The computer tells me the spelling is wrong, but you can probably sing the traditional tune off by heart? As I write this because of time constraints even before we celebrate Palm Sunday, I have cause to think about what it is that we are going to celebrate? As we celebrate every holy day, obligatory or not, we do so year in and year out, the same liturgical celebrations over and over again. Even in our own homes the traditions we celebrate are done so “traditionally” every year. So as I write this 10 days prior to Easter Sunday I have to think, and we should all ask ourselves “what is different about this year?” What is different? If the season we just celebrated is to be one of change and conversion, renewal and new life, how has it affected us? Can we look back on the 40 days of Lent and truly celebrate the resurrection because we ourselves have been reborn in and through our own trials, fasts, charity and spiritual life?

While many questions could be asked, there are only two answers to pick from – yes or no? New life or not? This day is considered to be the holiest day of the year as we celebrate new life in our Risen Lord. We dress in all our finery, but what about our hearts and souls? Are they refreshed and renewed? In many ways, while we celebrate the beginning of the church year with the start of the Advent Season, Easter gives us the opportunity too to begin all over again. To let the person that we were before, the sinful soul be washed clean. As we celebrate the season of New Life, let us open ourselves to the opportunity set before us as we celebrate what we hope to join in resurrected and new life in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord!

God Bless You!
Rev. Kev

- Saturday, April 7 - Easter Vigil**
8:30 pm Saint Wendelin Parish
- Sunday, April 8 – Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord**
7:30 am Faithful Departed Souls
10:00 am Saint Wendelin Parish
- Monday, April 9 - Easter Monday**
7:30 am William J. Graham Family
- Tuesday, April 10– Easter Tuesday**
6:00 pm Carl C. Hesidenz
- Wednesday, April 11 - Easter Wednesday**
7:30 am Eugene Bergbigler, Sr.
- Thursday, April 12 - Easter Thursday**
7:30 am Michale Monheney
- Friday, April 13 - Easter Friday**
9:00 am Faithful Departed Souls
- Saturday, April 14 - Easter Saturday/Vigil of**
9:00 am Faithful Departed Souls
6:00 pm Frank Kocher
- Sunday, April 15 – 2nd Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday**
7:30 am St. Wendelin Parish
10:00 am Ed Feehan



Please keep in your prayers all those in need of our prayers at this time including:

Josephine Hesidenz, Vera (Sis) Geibel, Ed Welter, Neal Arnold, Sally Coyle, Colleen Collins, Ed Murray, Michelle Gould, Debbie Hudson, Lawrence Osche, Bob Mitch, Jesse Kretzer, Alice Waltman, Bernadette Geibel, Leo & Helen Rodgers Sr, Doug Krisely, Norma McCorry, Maxine Bauldoff, Lois Arnold, John Neudorfer, Jay Stephenson, John Stewart, Ed Neff, Jake Ribald, Jim Dillaman, Anna Marie McKivigan, Patty Carben, Mary O'Donnell, Debra Wick, Ken & Charlotte Ross, Barry Porter, Elizabeth Ozella, Joanne Steighner, Marie Kaufman, Cody Fend, Mary Reed, Olivia Smith, Eugene Bergbigler, Sr., J. Manculich, Barb Campbell, Debbie Selfridge, Fr. Lou Pascazi, Nadine Ball, Gary Osche, Ron Kabel, Mary Weiland, Sarah Lucas, Doris Rasch, George Bauldoff, Claire Hilderbrand, Brian Roush, Diane McDonald, Mike Smith, Kim Sutton Pete Green, Jacob Scheidt, Sister Zita Green, and Mamie Miller.

CEMETERY GUIDELINES

All Christmas wreaths and decorations must be removed as soon as possible (No later than April 15). Spring and summer artificial and annual flowers may be placed on the graves beginning now.

SPRING ROUND UP

The Knights of Columbus and parish volunteers would like to help ROUND UP and give a hand cleaning up what winter may have left behind! Please call Ron Hartzel at 724-282-1656 or Gary Geibel at 724-285-4437.



Sanctuary Candles Burn For:



- Immaculate Mary Jay Stephenson
- Sacred Heart..... Special Intention
- St. Joseph Special Intention
- St. Wendelin.....

Please pray for the men and women who are serving in the military, especially those from our parish.

Brian J. Neff Garrett Dietrich
 Brian Stephenson Douglass Swigart
 Derrick Baptiste Jeremy Welter



UPCOMING SACRAMENT EVENTS

April 15 - Confirmation Interviews
April 27 - 4-6 PM First Communion Practice
 - 7 PM Confirmation Practice with sponsor at St. John
April 28 - 11 AM Confirmation at St. John
April 29 - 12 Noon First Communion

Collection for March 31 & April 1 & 8
 Will be published in the April 15th Bulletin
 NEEDED EACH WEEK..... \$3,500.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10 - Parish Council Meeting
April 12, 13, 14 - Reminder that pictures are being taken in the Church hall this week. Thank you for your participation.
Sunday, April 15th - Pancake Breakfast 8 - 12 in the Church Hall

All are welcome!

It's picnic planning time! Do you have some new ideas for our picnic? Could you offer some good old-fashioned hard work for that one day? Please come to a planning meeting for our picnic on April 10 @ 7:30 in the church hall.



8 young people and 2 adults from our parish are going to WYD 2008 in Australia, and the fund-raising begins! They will be selling hoagies monthly to attempt to cover the cost of their trips. The hoagies are 15" in length and are \$5.00 each. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for these. This month the orders are due by Thursday, April 16, and will be available for pick up after masses the weekend of April 28 and 29. Thank you so much for your support of our youth!



MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE

WINNING TICKET #0601
 AMOUNT \$1,135.00
 WINNER St. Wendelin School
 SELLER St. Wendelin School
 WINNER OF 10+ books (\$100) Tracie Williams
 WINNER OF 25+ books (\$200) Rita Beitch

Please pick up your April tickets in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. JOSEPH, North Oakland - Sunday, April 15 - Roast Beef Dinner served 11:30-4:30 PM. Adults \$7, 6-11 \$3.50 and under 5 free.. All take outs \$7.50
ST. JOSEPH, Natrona Heights - St. Joseph High School Drama Department will present, "A Year with Frog and Toad". Performances are April 13, 14, 15, 50 & 21 at 8 PM and April 14, 14, 21 & 22 at 3 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call 724-226-3186. More information can be found at <http://www.saintjosephhs.com/drama1.htm>
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - Saturday, April 14 - Omni Wm Penn Hotel, Downtown Pittsburgh. Fashions by Talbot's. Auction prizes. \$30. Call Ann 412-682-3458 or Dee 412-628-7132.



ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL NEWS

Do you know someone who is looking for an alternative to public schools? Have them give us a call. Registration for Preschool through 8th grade for the 2007-2008 school year continues. For more information call the school at 724-285-4986 between 9 AM and 2 PM.

REMINDERS

April 9 - Classes In Session (snow make-up day)
 April 13 - 12 Noon Dismissal - PM Staff Meeting

DEER HUNTERS CLASSIC

Saturday, April 21 - Noon to 6 PM at Happy Hunters in Fenelton. Admission ticket gets you in: rack judging, entry in drawings for door prizes, five gun raffles, food and drink. Additional raffles for guns and 50/50 will be available. For tickets call school 724-285-4986 or Gina 724-283-7191.

MARKET DAY

Orders are due by April 11.



Saturday, April 14 - 10 to 3 PM at Mater Dolorosa Church (Billar Hall). Nick Serafini is working towards his Eagle Scout Badge and has organized this blood drive. Questions call Karen Serafini at 724-445-7488

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