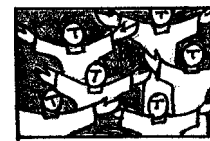




FOR THIS REASON THEY STAND BEFORE GOD'S THRONE



For what reason? For having survived the time of great distress? What distress? One of the many biblical mysteries all in itself is the Book of Revelation. Based on the visions of St. John or one who writes with his penname, these "revelations" have been disputed for centuries. Some look at the visions as based on what was happening during the 1st century, at the early Christians and martyrs alike. Others even to this day relate these happenings to the present day and even base events such as the world wars on these mysterious happenings. All one has to do is look at the fictional novels and movies based on the Left Behind series to see the frenzy John has portrayed. But whether they are based on past or present events, our reading of them today ultimately presents to us either a challenge or a problem. **Where do we stand...before the throne?** If we look at these "ones" as early church martyrs, we too have to ask ourselves "would we – could we give our lives for the sake of faith in Jesus Christ? For these ones "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." They have died then shedding their blood and now they stand anew in the light of the resurrection. They hold palm branches, the sign of a martyr, and worship him day and night. In light of this then, in this present day, if we are called upon to bear witness to Christ and forfeit our life, could we do so? For **THESE** are His sheep, His followers, His disciples! What distress we ask? They could be many? But what about the distress of our God every time we turn our backs, every time we walk away, every time we fail to give witness to the Christianity that we claim is ours? Where do we stand? **THESE ARE THE ONES!**

~CONGRATULATIONS!!!~

Congrats to our very own **Jeff Mitch** who was elected from some 526 teens across the State of Pennsylvania to the position of **2007 Youth and Government (YAG) Youth Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!** Just make sure that if during his campaign he failed to kiss your baby, that you find him in church and put him up to the task? Just ask - we'll point him out to you!

~**Offertory Gift Bearers**~ If you attend a Sunday mass where the intention is offered for your loved one and would like to bring up the gifts, please let an usher know as you enter the church so we don't miss you and ask someone else? **THANKS!!!**

~**Church Greeters needed**~ St. Wendelin's is growing which is always nice to see – new members, new families, new Catholics too! In a family centered parish such as this where families have known each other for so long, it seems odd that someone might feel unknown or unwanted – but newer members often remark that they do? What we would like to start here is a group of usher/greeters that would stand at the entrance to the church, opening the doors and welcoming people as they enter. **We don't need to know each other personally to love one another and make them feel welcome?** Please call the parish office if you would be interested in this ministry.

God Bless You!
Rev. Kev

Saturday, April 28 - Easter Weekday / Vigil 4th Sunday

6:00 pm Glenny Oesterling, Jr.

Sunday, April 29 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am James Furl
10:00 am Faithful Departed Soul
12:00 Noon St. Wendelin Parish
3:00 pm Mass of Anointing

Monday, April 30 - Easter Weekday

7:30 am Belle Crispin

Tuesday, May 1– Easter Weekday - Chrismatic Mass

7:00 pm Elizabeth "Bess" Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, May 2 - Bishop Athanasius

7:30 am For All Your Love & Prayers

Thursday, May 3 - SS. Philip and James

7:30 am Faithful Departed Souls

Friday, May 4- Easter Weekday

9:00 am Faithful Departed Souls

Saturday, May 5 - Easter Weekday / Vigil 4th Sunday

9:00 am Vincent & Rose Neff
6:00 pm St. Wendelin Parish

Sunday, May 6 – Fifth Sunday of Easter / Pray for Vocations

7:30 am Carl C. Hesidenz
10:00 am Bill Hesidenz



Pray for ... 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, Diane McDonald, Mike Smith, Kim Sutton, Pete Green, Jacob Scheidt, Sister Zita Green, Grace Kolander, Paul Young, Kathy Dooley and Donna Young.



Sanctuary Candles Burn For:	
Immaculate Mary	Special Intention
Sacred Heart.....	Jay Stephenson
St. Joseph	Special Intention
St. Wendelin	Special Intention

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

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



Collection April 21/22	
Offertory	2,958.00
NEEDED EACH WEEK.... \$3,500.00	

MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE

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



ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL NEWS

CONSERVATION SCHOOL

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will participate in a 4 day conservation school conducted by Bob Stephenson and the Game and Fish Commissions. They will travel to Jennings Nature Preserve and Butler Hunting and Fishing Club where they will receive hands-on training in various conservation techniques and activities.

Please plan on joining St. Wendelin School students every Tuesday at 10:45 AM during May to pray the Rosary.



CALLING ALL BINGO BUFFS



All Grandparents, relatives and friends of St. Wendelin School students are invited to Grandma's Bingo on Friday, May 11. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM and Bingo will begin about 12:15 PM.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Friday, May 11 - Grandma Bingo
- Friday, May 18 - Walk-A-Thon
- Friday, May 25 - 12:00 Noon Dismissal
- Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day - No School
- Tuesday, May 29 - Snow Make-Up Day
School in session

MARKET DAY

New order forms are available. They are due back May 9.

MOTHERS DAY TRIBUTE

Forms are available in the back of church. Forms and money are due TODAY. \$2.00 per name. Pennsylvanians for Human Life and Life Line again are inviting us to honor all mothers in the Butler Eagle Mother's Day Tribute..



Sincere thanks to all who sent me such beautiful cards and remembered us in Masses and Prayers. All of these made me do well!
In appreciation, a Mass will be said on Wed., May 2 at 7:30 AM for all of you. God bless you Mamie

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY - 12 Noon Mass - First Communion
3:00 PM Anointing of the Sick
- TODAY - Following all weekend Masses you are invited to stop in the church hall for refreshments and visit with other parishioners.
- MAY 4 - Eucharist Adoration - 1st Friday
- MAY 15 - Community Dinner -sign up in back of church



NEIGHBORING EVENTS

- ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL, Butler -TODAY - Pancake and sausage breakfast. Breakfast will be served in St. Michael's School building from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- PILGRIMAGE - on Tuesday, May 1, you are invited on a pilgrimage of Hope and Healing to three nearby Ohio Shrines. Bus departs St. Louis at 7:30 AM, St. Andrew's at 7:45 AM and St. Wendelin at 8:15 AM. Spiritual director is Fr. Kevin McKnight. For reservations call Olivia at 724-894-2434 or Diane at 724-894-2230.
- ST. FIDELIS, Meridian - Bereavement Support Group will help you to heal from your loss. Starting May 7 at 7:30 PM, the program runs for 6 weeks. Registration by May 1. To register or questions, call Jean 724-586-7192 or Ethel at the office 724-482-2690 x 2.

Thank You

To Ken G. Geibel, Happy Hunters Sportsman Club and all the workers in front and behind the scene who helped to make our third "Deer Classic" a success.
Please read the enclosed insert for a list of winners.

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