

FROM THE PASTOR

Stand with Your Godparent

My baptismal garment is framed and dresses up my living room. It is funny to imagine myself being so tiny and to see how simple my baptismal "dress" was. I remember mom giving it to me, "Here, I know that you are into baptism." She used to tell me that my Aunt Rita and my dad's cousin, Don, stood up for me at baptism. Interesting expression, isn't it? My godparents stood up for me at baptism.

Brenda Langdon will stand up for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Brenda is an "elect" this year. That is, she chooses to be baptized and is chosen for baptism, hence, an "elect." On the Saturday night before Easter, after the homily, I will say, "Let she who asks to be baptized stand with her godparent." Her godparents will not stand up for her, as mine did. She will stand up with her godparent. As she walks toward the baptismal font during the singing of the litany of the saints, tears will flow from her eyes as abundantly as the water will flow over her head during baptism.

Dear friends, let us pray to Almighty God for our sister, Brenda, who is asking for baptism. God has called her and brought her to this moment; may God grant her light and strength to follow Christ with resolute heart and to profess the faith of the Church. May God give her the new life of the Holy Spirit, whom we are about to call down on the water.

Let Holy Week Begin

Dear Friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered into triumph into His own city, to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began His saving work and follow Him with lively faith. United with Him in His suffering on the cross, may we share His resurrection and new life.

The Great Introducer

Andrew the apostle, our Andrew, is often referred to as the Great Introducer. In John's gospel Andrew introduced his brother Simon to Jesus and to ministry in the church. Andrew introduced Jesus to the lad with the five loaves and two fish. When some Greeks wanted to see Jesus, they went to Phillip. Phillip went to Andrew. Together they took them to see Jesus. In the spirit of our patron and in accord with the charism of our parish we will welcome all who come to pray with us on Easter. They will come to St. Andrew wanting to see Jesus. The parish of St. Andrew has served the people Milford since 1854. Believers have prayed in our church building for more than eight-five years. In this place we continue to serve and to pray – and to be blessed.

Father Rob Waller

**MY GOD, MY GOD,
WHY HAVE YOU
ABANDONED ME?**



Liturgies for the Week

Monday, April 6, Monday of Holy Week

7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Betty Miller's 80th Birthday (Gene Miller)

Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 a.m. Special Birthday Intention for Ruth Wallace

Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 a.m. Louis Fahrnbach, Anniversary of Death (Family)

Thursday, April 9, Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 p.m. Night Prayer (in the Church Hall)

Friday, April 10, Good Friday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (in the Church Hall)

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

10:00 p.m. Night Prayer (in the Church Hall)

Saturday, April 11, Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (in the Church Hall)

8:45 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Intentions for the People of St. Andrew Parish

9:30 a.m. Intentions for the People of St. Andrew Parish

11:00 a.m. Intentions for the People of St. Andrew Parish

12:30 p.m. Intentions for the People of St. Andrew Parish

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Intentions for the Residents of SEM Villa

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Intentions for the Residents of SEM Terrace

Vocation View

Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! (Philippians 2:6-11)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

all the sick of our parish, our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized:

Remember in your prayers all of our recently deceased.

especially Robert Steinkamp, Jr., whose funeral Mass was Saturday, April 4 and for Mary McCormick, wife of Frank, whose funeral Mass took place at St. Aloysius in Bridgetown. May all of our deceased rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Easter Flower Church Offering



This is the last weekend to donate to the Easter Flower Fund, sponsored by the Ladies Sodality. Place your donation (suggested \$8.00) in a "Holiday Flower Offering" envelope, which can be found in the vestibule. Include the name of those to be remembered/any special intentions. Place your envelope in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office by Monday, April 6.

New Ministry Schedules

for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Attendants are being created for May, June, July and August. If you are going to be away or not available during these months, please call or e-mail (standy@cinci.rr.com) the parish office before Tuesday, April 7. Thank You.

Altar Attendants Ministry



St. Andrew PREP students, Home Schoolers, SASEAS School students or any parishioner interested in becoming an Altar Attendant at St. Andrew (4th grade or older), please call the Parish Office so we can schedule a training session so you can

Palm Sunday

become a part of this important ministry in our church.

New Pictorial Directories and Guide Books available this weekend, after ALL Masses in the Church Hall (basement). Directories are also available during regular office hours at the Parish Office. One directory is free to each Individual or family pictured in the "Portrait" section of the directory. Others may receive a copy for \$10. Additional copies are also \$10 each.

The SMILE Youth Group

is having a meeting this Sunday from 7-9pm in the Church Hall. All 7th-12th grade students are welcome. Hope to see you there!

SASEAS Boosters

April meeting will be Monday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in the St. Andrew Parish Center

The Family Caregiver Group

will meet on Tuesday, April 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Church Hall. If you are responsible for the care of a loved one, please join the group.

Bingo Workers: Team #5 for April 7

Biel, Bowling, Cayla, Heuker, Hofmann, Hogue, Keri, Richards, Sager, Tenhundfeld & Watford **Bingo Caller:** Frank Veneziano

*Library Book Review and April Book Club
discussion book*

We have a special treat for our April 8th Book Club Meeting. The author of our April discussion book, (and St Andrew parishioner), Patricia Normile, S.F.O, will be joining us. In addition to being an award-winning writer and author of several books, Patti is a wife, mother, grandmother and former teacher, chaplain and retreat director. In *John Dear on Peace*, Patti introduces the man, John Dear, and focuses on selections from his most relevant statements on living a nonviolent life. Each selection is followed by a brief reflection to engage us to act on Jesus'- and Dear's – call to peace and non violence. Call Chris Nunner, 575-2116 if you wish to order a copy of this book (\$10). Whether or not you have read the book, please join us on Wed., April 8th, 6 p.m., in the Parish Office Library (downstairs). A chair lift is available for those who have difficulty with stairs. Light refreshments will be served.

Seniors April Luncheon

will be at the Blue Water Restaurant (formerly the Village Kitchen) in Mariemont on Tuesday, April 21st at 12 noon. We will order from the menu. For reservations or transportation, please call Metchy Hance, 831-5383 or Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278.

Ladies Sodality News

Annual Flea Market - Plant Sale - Bake Sale

Scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Now is the time to clean out that attic, garage and basement; there must be something you don't need in one of these spots. Save those items for our Flea Market. **Volunteers needed:** if you would like to help, even for an hour, on Thursday and Friday, when items are dropped off or on Saturday, the day of the sale, please call Janet Hartmann, 248-1844 to offer your assistance. Be sure to ask Janet about the perks. **Plant Sale:** Remember that resolution to divide those large clumps of perennials, move over-grown edging plants, and eliminate an unwanted flowerbed. We need those plants for our annual Plant Sale on May 2. Put up those plants and bring them to the Parish Center on Thursday, April 30 or Friday, May 1. Need pots? Call Mary Phillips, 683-2048 or Ruth Mary Sullivan, 831-4387.

Men's Softball

All men of the parish, high school boys included, are invited to join us beginning Wednesday, May 6 (thru August 26) and every Wednesday throughout the summer at the SEM Villa fields.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at noon in writing or e-mail: standy@cinci.rr.com



Monday of Holy Week, April 6: Mass: 7:00 pm
Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7: Mass: 7:30 am
Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8: Mass: 7:30 am
Holy Thursday, April 9: Mass of Our Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm
 Night Prayer: 10:00 pm
Good Friday, April 10: Morning Prayer: 8:00 am
 Way of the Cross: 12 noon
 Good Friday Liturgy: 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm
 Night Prayer: 10:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 11: Morning Prayer: 8:00 am
 Easer Vigil Mass: 8:45 pm
Easter Sunday, April 12: Mass Times
 8:00 am – 9:30 am – 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Thank You to Our Sponsor of the Week
 The Arbors of Milford

PARISH SUPPORT March 29, 2009	
Envelope Collection (360 envelopes used).....	\$11,034.00
Loose Collection.....	\$582.84
Dimes Collection.....	\$6.40
St. Vincent de Paul (45 envelopes)	\$2,811.50
Electronic Fund Transfer.....	\$6,549.00
<u>19</u>	Envelopes with \$100 or more
<u>45</u>	Envelopes with \$50 or more
<u>62</u>	Envelopes with \$30 to \$50
<u>63</u>	Envelopes with \$20 to \$30
<u>97</u>	Envelopes with \$10 to \$20
<u>119</u>	Envelopes with \$1 to \$10

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners at St. Andrew who have made a gift to the 2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. We ask every family to participate – every gift matters. You can pick up a pledge information packet in the vestibule, with a pledge form inside. For more information, please visit www.CatholicAppeal. Info. Thank you!

Congratulations

to the following students who received honors the third quarter of the 2008-09 school year:

Covington Latin School

First Honors: Rafael Ortiz & Tomas Ortiz

Ursuline Academy

Honors: Meagan Majchszak & Hanna Sherman

Life. Pass It On.

Did you know that you can help to save up to 8 lives? Today in the United States alone, more than 100,000 men, women and children are in need of a life-saving organ transplant. In the Tri-State area, nearly 4,000 individuals wait for a second chance at life. Lives can be saved by donation and transplantation, but only when generous individuals and families say “yes” to donation. During April, National Donate Life Month, you can make a difference by registering your wishes to become an organ and tissue donor. Simply visit www.lifepassiton.org for more information or to register to become a donor. **LifeCenter** is a local non-profit organization working tirelessly each day to prevent the loss of life by educating the public about the need for organ and tissue donation. To request more infor, please contact Jeannie Kuhn, jkuhn@lifepassiton.org. or 961.5200 ext. 17.

Franciscans - 1859-2009 St. John the Baptist Province

Please join us in celebrating our province's 150 years of Franciscan Life. On Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm. Evening Prayer & Renewal of Vows at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. A reception in the Cathedral undercroft follows the ceremony. RSVP by April 8 – 721-4700 or 150anniversary@franciscan.org.