

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Swine Flu – All Flues and Sickness

At last Sunday's Marriage Anniversary Dinner one of the couples mentioned that they had run the Flying Pig Marathon that very morning. Just for the record the couple was not the one who was celebrating their 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary; they were celebrating their first anniversary this year, being married for only seven months right now. When they told me that they had been in the Flying Pig Marathon I mischievously took a step back – and took them aback. My response, "You may have contacted the swine flu," brought a groan.

The Swine Flu is no joking matter, although we do well to keep a sense of humor about our response to the presence and the contagion of the flu. We want to be alert and take reasonable precautions, but we do not want panic, over-react or unnecessarily sound the alarm. We have before us an opportunity, in charity to others, to review our standard operating procedures, and to recommit ourselves to good, ole' fashion common sense.

In an email from the Archdiocese, we pastors have been informed that, in accord with a recent statement from the Committee of Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "the need for the introduction of widespread liturgical adaptations for the prevention of the transmission of influenza in the diocese of the United States of America is not evident at this time." Therefore, we will not be making any adaptation in the distribution of Holy Communion and the Exchange of the Sign of Peace here at St. Andrew.

I have reviewed with all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion the procedures that they were taught – and suggested a few other things that we can do as an exercise in caution. What I suggest to you, as members of the congregation, is to continue to practice good hygiene. If you are sick, stay home; sickness removes the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If you have just sneezed or just coughed, or have seen or heard the person near you sneeze or cough, make your sign of peace be a simple, sincere nod of the head or wave of the hand rather than a handshake. No offense will be intended. No offense will be taken. And if you feel ill or have recently been in contact with someone who has been ill, don't receive from the cup. Our response to the presence of this flu – and any other flu or virus – is another indication of our continued kindness and service to others in our worshipping community. A great gift and blessing is given to us in being fed by the Lord in Holy Eucharist – and in our being allowed to assist the Lord as he feeds his flock.

The Lord is our Shepherd. We know him. He knows us. He leads us to green pastures and restful waters, and revives our drooping spirits. When we travel through any dark valley, he is right beside us. He spreads before us – do you see the reference to our Sunday Mass? – a banquet in the sight of all that might oppose us and threaten to do us in. Goodness and kindness will follow us all the days of our life. For not only is the Lord our Shepherd; he is our Host. We know him. And even better, he knows us.

*Father Rob Waller*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 11

7:00 p.m. Betty Jones (Ashpaw Family)

### Tuesday, May 12, Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras

7:30 a.m. Lucerita Holenchak (Holenchak Family)

### Wednesday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 a.m. Bev Strottman (Lois & Bob Wagner)

### Thursday, May 14, St. Matthias

7:30 a.m. "Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion"

### Friday, May 15, St. Isidore the Farmer

7:30 a.m. Jack Litzinger

11:45 a.m. Robert Tanner (Clayton Family)

### Saturday, May 16

7:30 a.m. John Soellner (Frank & Phyllis Samoya)

5:15 p.m. James Roberts (Trombley Family)

### Sunday, May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

9:30 a.m. Robert Martin (St. Andrew Choir)

11:00 a.m. Don Chandler (Pat & Terry Forte)

#### *SEM Villa*

10:00 a.m. Joseph Kormelink (Applegate Families)

#### *SEM Terrace*

11:00 a.m. Betty Sheets (SEM Laurels Residents)

### *Altar Flowers*

that grace our altar this weekend were donated by The Holy Name Society in celebration of all mothers of the parish. Thank you.

### *Vocation Views*

Jesus, the true vine, promised that if we live in him we will produce abundantly. Look for the signs of new life in you. Find ways to nourish your relationship with Jesus. (John 15:1-8)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all the sick of our parish, our shut-ins, nursing home residents, recent hospitalized parishioners and hospitalized.

Bethesda North: Laverne Messink

University: Connie R

**Pray for the recently deceased family members of our parish,** may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

### *Serving in the Armed Forces*

Let us offer our prayers and our care now, and work to bring all military personnel of all nations back to their families safe and sound and whole. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the Parish Office.

### *First Holy Communion*

Welcome to our First Communicants who will be receiving their First Holy Communion next weekend. On Saturday, May 16 at the 5:15 pm Mass: Connor Gleim, Grace Hughes, Michael Carraro, Ryan Carraro, Sara Casagrande, Nicholas Jordan, Katie Smith & Megan Krieger. On Sunday, May 17 at the 9:30 am Mass: Damon Jordan, Nicholas Randolph, Isabelle Dadosky, A.J. Dickerson, Catherine Gottasacker, Gigi Hill & Jordan McGraw and at our 11:00 am Mass: Charlie Geers Jack Potter, Emily Potter, Samantha Wolf, Nolan Buck, Gunnar McAfee, Benjamin O'Toole and Max Cullen. There will be reserve seating for the students and their families at these Masses. We hope you will join in their celebrations and welcome our children to the Table of the Lord.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

**I will praise you,  
LORD, in the assembly  
of your people.**

### *Girl Scout*

#### *Day Camp*

Girl Scout day camp is taking registrations now through May 11. This year's camp theme is "Everyday is a Holiday" and will be held at Stonelick State Park from June 15 through June 19. The hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The program offers crafts, nature skills, ice cream making, songs, hiking, guest speakers, the making of new friends, and much, much more. The cost of the camp is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and a picnic lunch on Friday. Not a registered Girl Scout? We can register the girls so that they may participate in a week's worth of fun. Call Kimberly Smith, 625-3649 for more information and registration forms.

#### *Bingo Parent Workers (Team #2) for May*

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Ashley, Cunningham, DeJesus, Devolve, Evans, Jaspers, Meyer, Miller, Robinson, Wanamaker & Wolfe

**Bingo Caller:** Roger Buening

#### *St Andrew Book Club*

meets Wednesday, May 13. Join us for an inspiring discussion of "John Dear On Peace" led by award-winning author and St Andrew parishioner, Patti Normile. Copies of the book are available through St. Anthony Messenger Press. Meeting time is 6 p.m. in the Parish Library. All are welcome.

#### *Men's Softball*

every Wednesday at 6:30 pm and every Wednesday at the SEM Villa fields. All men and high school boys are invited to join us.

#### *St. Andrew Parish Healing Touch Ministry*

is inviting parishioners to receive a powerful healing experience of mind, body or spirit. It also can be helpful just to maintain wellness. Healing sessions are scheduled for Saturday, May 16 in the Church Hall at 9:30 am, 10:10 am, and 11:00 am. Come and bring a friend or family member. We will start on time so be a few minutes early.

#### *May Crowning*

On Sunday, May 24 at 2:00 pm the May crowning will take place. We will process from the Church towards the grotto where we will read the readings, pray, sing and crown the statue of Mary. The children's choir will lead the singing. Everybody is welcome to join us in this beautiful devotion!

#### *Come and See FAMILIA!*

Strengthening our marriages – building families for a lifetime. That's what we're all about! Join us from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Thursday, May 14 for a wine/cheese party at the home of Jill and Rob Reineck, 1582 Hunt Club Dr. Hosts: the current Familia team from St. Andrew & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes: Carrie Birkle, Joy Zielinski, Jill Angeline, Robin Barkimer & Jill Reneck. RSVP to Joy Zielinski, 965-0391 ([joymariez@yahoo.com](mailto:joymariez@yahoo.com))

#### *Calendar for 2009-2010*

All group and organizations, who have used our facilities this past year, think about the coming year and what you want to schedule for 2009-2010 (July – June). All requests for the use of parish facilities by any group, organization or individual should be submitted the Parish Office by May 26.

*"Buy It In Milford" Coupon Books are now available.*

Each book costs \$20.00 and you receive a \$10.00 Savings Card free with purchase. All proceeds go toward the **SASEAS School**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C.** in the spring of 2010. Books are available at each school office, or call to reserve a book; Seton Campus, 575-0093, St. Andrew Campus, 831-5277, Seton Parish Office, 575-0119 and St. Andrew Parish Office, 831-3353.

#### *Congratulations*

to the following students from *St. Xavier High School* who attained honors for the third quarter of the 2008-2009 school year: **First Honors:** Andrew Majoras

**Second Honors:** Brendan Roa

#### *PARISH SUPPORT - May 3, 2009*

Sunday Envelope Collection (344).....	\$12,053.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$538.30
Electronic Fund Transfer.....	\$6,549.00
Dimes Collection.....	\$2.00

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR BINGO.** Bingo is searching for someone to assist with concessions each Tuesday night. Two or more people could share this position. If you can assist, please call George Morrison, 260-0451.

**MONTHLY WINNER OF KROGER GIFT CERTIFICATE – 367 806 527** – Check the back of your Kroger Rewards card to see if you are the winner of a \$25 Kroger Gift Certificate. If you are not using your card, now is the time to do so. If you are the winner, please contact Shirley in the Parish Office.

**MATCHED GIFTS** – Did you know that some employers will match your donations to St. Andrew? Over 500 companies in Cincinnati will match your gift. Some of the larger matching companies include GE, Abbott Laboratories, Procter & Gamble, PPG Industries, and US Bancorp. If you need assistance, please contact your Human Resource Department, or call Shirley in the Parish Office, 831-3353.

#### *Vacation Bible School 2009*

##### *God's BIG Backyard*

When: June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Who: All children from preschool (3 yr old) – 5th grade

Where: St. Elizabeth Seton Campus

Cost: \$25 per child, \$35/two children and \$40/family

Registration information available in the church vestibule. Please complete registration and return to the Parish Office (or collection) ASAP. Registration due by June 8. We also are seeking adult and teens to help sow the seeds of service into the hearts of our children. For more information, please contact: Julie George, 965-0207 ([julie@thejagwiregroup.com](mailto:julie@thejagwiregroup.com)) or Carrie Birkle, 831-6488 ([carrie@reachouttechnologies.com](mailto:carrie@reachouttechnologies.com))

**Take Steps Be Heard for Crohn's & Colitis Walk Sunday,** May 31 at Sawyer Point. Registration is at 4:00 pm – Walk begins at 5:30 pm. Please call Pam Cerveny, 831-4892 if you would like to walk with me and my sisters, if you would like more information, or if you would like to make a donation.

**EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES!** Come and see what a lay ministry formation can do for you. The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is officially sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and allows busy men and women to study theology and ministry while maintaining current work and family schedules. Classes will be starting in the Fall of 2009 at the Main Campus, 6616 Beechmont Ave. For more information call, 231-1200 or email [kboss@athenaeum.edu](mailto:kboss@athenaeum.edu).

**Grief** is with us in the many big and small losses we experience throughout our lives. It is a necessary part of healing. This program will explore the stages of grief and how to walk through the twists and turns on the journey, to experience a sense of peace. This free program will be held on May 14 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at Gate of Heaven Cemetery Chapel. To register, call Sandy Keiser, 241-7745.

The College of Mount St. Joseph announces two employment transition workshops to help displaced workers in the community. Sessions include, "Coping with Job Loss/Job Search Strategies," on Tues, May 12, 6:15-7:45 p.m. in the Corona Room, & "Resumes, Cover Letters and Interviewing," on Wed. May 20, 2-3:30 p.m., side entrance. The workshops are free and open to the public. To register, contact Maggie Davis, 244-4824.

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Bulletin deadline is Monday at noon in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail: [standy@cinci.rr.com](mailto:standy@cinci.rr.com)



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, May 11

6:30 pm SMILE Game Night at The Saul House  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish Office,  
Room #1  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish/Women's Team #6  
Andrew's House  
7:00 pm PTO Board Meeting Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
7:30 pm Holy Name Meeting  
Church Hall

### Tuesday, May 12

10:00 am Staff Meeting Parish Office  
Kitchen  
5:00 pm Children's Choir  
Church  
7:00 pm BINGO (Team #2)  
Parish Center  
7:00 pm SASEAS School Advisory Council  
Church Hall

### Wednesday, May 13

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
6:00 pm St. Andrew Book Club  
Parish Library  
6:00 pm Regional Diaconate Meeting  
Church Hall

### Thursday, May 14

2:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Parish Office,  
Room #1  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
Church  
7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #7  
Andrew's House

### Saturday, May 16

9:30 am Healing Touch Ministry Sessions  
Church Hall

### Sunday, May 17

11:00 am RCIA Meeting Room,  
Parish Center  
2:30 pm Confirmation at St. Peter in Chain Cathedral