



Sunday, April 18, 2010
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
The Lord's mercy is enduring.

SECOND CHANCES
By Ruth A. Puls, Interim Pastoral Leader

I once worked with a very difficult young man who was in a significant amount of trouble. I was placed in a position where I had to make a decision about his behavior and the consequences it merited. He could have been expelled from the program; instead he was allowed to continue. From the moment I told him he could stay, that young man's behavior changed remarkably for the better. At the end of the program participants began to talk about what they had learned; this young man stood up, looked around, and said, "I learned that God is a God of second chances."

God is a God of second chances. There is a great scene in Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* that touches me to my very core. Jean Valjean was imprisoned for 19 years. He received a five year sentence for stealing bread to feed his starving family. He had 15 years tacked on for various escape attempts. Finally, Valjean was released from prison. He carried the mark of a convict, a yellow passport, that denied him entry into lodging or access to jobs. No one wanted an ex-con. Valjean was an angry, bitter man whose anger and bitterness intensified as he is slept at nights on the street.

A kind bishop takes him in; Bishop Myriel was a good and just man who had a heart for people. The bishop made sure that his guest was well fed, and provided him a room for the night. Under cover of night, Valjean returned the bishop's kindness by stealing his silverware and taking flight. The police capture Valjean with the bishop's silverware, and return him to the bishop. So, there is a confrontation; the bishop, the convict and the police. The police inform the bishop that Valjean has the bishop's silverware. The bishop looks at Valjean with compassion, and then says in front of the police that Valjean left in such a hurry, he forgot to take the silver candlesticks. He hands the silver to Valjean. Valjean does not understand the bishop's kindness; he has experienced so much cruelty that kindness has no context for him. The bishop clarifies Valjean's thinking by "reminding" Valjean of a promise he never made. The "promise" according to the bishop was to take the pieces of silver, and use them to make an honest man of himself. Valjean experiences conversion and goes about doing good. All of this happened because of the bishop's compassion and his willingness to see good in a person even when that person could not see it in himself.

In today's Gospel, we see Peter, that same Peter who denied Christ three times, is given the opportunity to state his love for Christ three times.

"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'" Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

I am grateful for many things in life. But one of the things I am most grateful for is that our God is a God of second, third and forty-fifth chances.

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Mass Intentions

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph F. Kitko †
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	William Gouker †
Friday	8:00 a.m.	M. Patricia Zambreny †
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Dagny Ceplickas (L)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Chester Joswick †
	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	12:30 p.m.	Special Intention

This week the Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle burns as a Special Intention for All Parish Volunteers

PRAYERS

Please remember to say a prayer for your fellow parishioners and his/her intention: especially those recently added (names highlighted): Anna L. Baeza; Sue Bard; Geoff Bentlie; Lisalotte Beilke; Roberta Bullen; Louis Bury; Rachel Cannon; Michael Cherer; David Craybill; Mike Davis; William Dement; Chuck Dixon; Michael Dunn; Lorenzo Estrada; Angelo Gant; Ivan Gonzales; Sherri Hendrix; Mickey Henry; Florette Hunter; Sonny Isner; Dawn Jonas; Edward Jondahl; John Kohler; Karen Krywucki; Ron Lanthrip; Maria Lowe, Angie Lyons; Najha Marshall; Cormac Jasper Moran, Joseph Murray; Rita Napolitano; James Nichols; Margaret O'Farrell; John & Olga Panas; Karen Petit; Brian Porter; Wayne Richards; Cindy Roman; Linda Sanford; Elizabeth Schneider, grandmother of Paul Schneider; Teresa Stewart; Nettie Stoner; Jack Sturgis, father of Bill Sturgis; Norma Summers; Eleanor Venit; Peter Walker; Jeanne Young; Bob Zambreny; and especially for **Julia F. Mihalichko**, relative of Michael Ruzicki, who died this past week; **Jean Usilton**, wife of Joseph Usilton, who died this past week; and **Bob Roberts**, brother of Robyn Roberts, who died this week.

Ministry Schedule

For the Weekend of April 24th/25th, 2010

	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SATURDAY			
4:00PM	Donna Mungul-Lunch Jim/Betty Kotlik* Nelson/Sandra Oquendo Fernando Cartagena	Confirmation Candidates	J. Venit M. Prusz J. Holland
SUNDAY			
8:00AM	Barbara Jeffers Amanda Gorski Daniel Gorski Andy Mohnasky* Bob Steibel*	Connie Romero Carol Steibel	Sacristan
10:00AM	Selena Miller Helen Orosz May Alvarez Mary Davis Kathy Leddy Nancy Mical* Jacquie O'Rourke*	Alia Pereira Jim Leddy	A. Sturgis R. Abban
12:30PM	Celina Aragon Migdalia Comulada Oscar Comulada	Heriberto Martinez Heidi Aragon Maria Restrepo	J. Aragon A. Aragon



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Readings for Sunday, April 25th, 2010

(Cycle C)

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Do I get distracted by the voices of false shepherds?
 What helps me focus more on the voice of the Good Shepherd?

FINANCE	
Regular Collection 04/11/10 \$	5,907.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE	
<i>as of April 12th, 2010</i>	
Total Commitments Pledged:	\$ 952,864.00
Total Amount Received:	\$ 134,596.84

A WELCOMING PARISH . . . If you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while and might be interested in coming back, invite them to join you at one of Resurrection's many liturgies, social gatherings or events. Or if you may know someone interested in becoming Catholic, warmly encourage their inquiry! You are invited to contact our Pastoral Associate, Michael Ruzicki, by e-mailing him michael@resurrectionofourlord.com or calling (410-792-7982, ext. 12) in the Pastoral Center or speaking with him after any weekend liturgy in the music area.

TIME TO START SINGING?? . . . The Music Ministry of our parish is excited to be in their new location within the midst of the assembly. We invite you to start thinking about whether you are being called to offer your musical talent at our weekend liturgies. If you are questioning yourself, come sit near the choir and get a glimpse of how we do things! Stop by and talk to us, we would love to meet you! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7pm.

MOTHER'S DAY . . . And Mothers2B Day, this year we will be assisting area pregnant Mothers2B. *We are asking that on Mother's Day each family bring in something that we can give to future mothers and their children.* All items and monetary donations will be given to the Laurel Pregnancy Center and the Gabriel Project. Especially needed are **Diapers** (any size) and wipes, **Baby toiletries** (shampoo, lotion, diaper cream, powder), and **Socks or Booties**. **Donations** can be other than suggested, however they need to be new. Show your love and support for all Moms, by making this a year for Mothers2B. Contributions can be brought in early and left at the Pastoral Center on the weekdays or in the vestibule on the weekends.



OUR ELIJAH CUP PROGRAM . . . Each week a family, individual, or couple takes the cup into their home, putting it in a place of honor. Each day that week, they pray for an increase in and perseverance of vocations, returning the cup the following weekend so that the next family may continue our community prayer. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Let us confirm our faith in the power of prayer by volunteering to be a part of this program.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE CAMP! VBC will take place **Monday, July 19th thru Friday, July 23rd**. Adults are needed to be part of the planning and coordinating team. Pastoral Associate, Michael Ruzicki, by e-mailing him (michael@resurrectionofourlord.com or calling (410-792-7982, ext. 12) in the Pastoral Center or speaking with him after any weekend liturgy in the music area to help plan this fun and faith filled week!



RESURRECTION'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM . . . benefiting the American Cancer Society, needs your help. The team needs people to sign-up and walk for a 2-hour time frames for this year's event, from Saturday June 12th starting at 4pm through Sunday June 13th at 8am. The sign-up sheet for walking is on the bulletin boards located in the hallway. Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be made to the American Cancer Society on either the team's behalf or any member of the relay team at www.relayforlifelaurel.org or by check to the American Cancer Society. If you are interested in walking or would like more information, please call Connie Schneider at 301-725-3362.

TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE . . . Afraid of speaking in front of more than 3 people at a time? Toastmasters can help. Come visit us at our Open House at 6:45pm on Tuesday, May 4th in our Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served.

MUSIC AT MARIOTTVILLE - NANCY KREBS . . . Join us for an inspiring concert by singer-songwriter and recording artist Nancy Krebs. Nancy performs meditational songs of a spiritual nature and will guide us on a creative and imaginative spiritual journey in song. Sun. May 16th, at 3:00pm. Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marriottsville. Free (donations appreciated)

"A NIGHT ON BROADWAY" COMING SOON! . . If you're looking for an adult-only evening of music, food, shopping, and conversation, you have found it! St. Mary's will host their 10th Spring Gala on May 1st at 7pm at Pallotti High School. This **NIGHT ON BROADWAY** will feature delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres, toe-tapping music, and an opportunity to bid on a vast array of themed gift baskets, and silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit St. Mary of the Mills Technology Resources, which makes your participation greatly appreciated. Call Jacquie O'Rourke at 301-490-4692 or Crystal Hite-Ellis at 301-356-8087 for Gala tickets/other info; visit www.stmaryofthemills.org; or e-mail: springgala@stmaryofthemills.org

CARE FOR THE CARE GIVER . . . If you are a caregiver, we want you to be well and invite you to spend a "low key" morning of personal sharing, answer seeking, being cared for and comforted. We will explore emotions and issues about grief and guilt and the joys and satisfactions connected with personal care giving. We will pray for you and your loved ones, and offer spiritual support to help you in your care efforts. Please come and be with us. Sat. May 1st from 9-11am Bon Secours Spiritual Ctr Marriottsville. Suggested Donation: \$15 (or what you can afford). To register, call (410) 442-1320



MOTHER'S DAY GRAND BUFFET . . . Please come join us for an elegant Mother's Day Brunch featuring several specials from our new Executive Chef Andrew Phoebus. Specials include carved dry aged beef, crab cakes, made to order omelets and waffles, chocolate fountain, make your own soda bar and an extensive variety of breakfast and luncheon dishes highlighting local produce, seafood, meat and poultry. Bring along a bottle of champagne and we will be happy to provide freshly squeezed orange juice for you to enjoy a refreshing Mimosa. And a special treat for all the Moms to take home with them. Sun. May 9th from 10:30am to 1:30pm at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marriottsville. Adults: \$29.95, Seniors: \$21.95, Children Under 13: \$16.95, Children 3 and under are Free. Please call to register (410) 442-1320.