

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

MAY 1, 2011

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” — John 20:29b

Liturgy Intentions for the Week
May 2nd - May 8th

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- Monday
7:00 PM
- Tuesday
9:00 AM
- Wednesday
9:00 AM
- Thursday
No Liturgy
- Friday
9:00 AM
- Saturday
5:30 PM Intentions of Josephine Wilson by her son & family
- Sunday
8:00 AM Intentions of Bishop Joseph Gossman, D.D. by the parish
11:00 AM



Today's Readings

First Reading - All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).
Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading - God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).
Gospel - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

Readings for the Week

Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
Monday	St. Athanasius
Tuesday	Ss. Philip and James
Thursday	Cinco de Mayo
Friday	First Friday National Day of Prayer
Saturday	First Saturday



On May 24th, Tuesday, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will be making a Pastoral visit to St. Mildred. He will celebrate the Eucharist at 12:00 noon with a reception to follow. All are invited to attend, more info to follow right here!



Anyone wishing to drop Fr. Gene some well wishes may do so. Please send mail to the following address:

Fr. Gene Grabowski
c/o John Fischer
6514 Kodes Clay Court
Spring, TX 77379-7729



He has been very grateful for the cards and well wishes he has received and says everyone remains in his prayers. The cards are very beautiful & uplifting!

Happenings for the Week

Monday—May 2

- 6:30 PM Respect Human Life Rosary
- 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus business meeting

Tuesday—May 3

- 8:30 AM Rosary for Life
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration commences

Wednesday—May 4

- 8:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group
- 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration concludes

Thursday—May 5

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

First Friday—May 6

- 8:30 AM Pro Life Rosary
- 6:00 PM Friday Night Live Card & Game Party

First Saturday—May 7

- 5:00 PM Pro Life Rosary

Sunday—May 8

- 8:30 AM Rosary for Lost Souls
- 10:30 AM Rosary for the Military & their families

Stewardship

April 16th & 17th: Offertory: \$ 5,597.67
 Building Fund: \$ 3,219.06

Appreciation to our parishioners and visitors for their generous support and contributions.

Good work from Jim & Joanne Flexer and Gloria Majewski on the collection count team for their hard work and efforts.

The **first Sunday of each month** we will be doing a food drive for Infant of Prague Catholic Church, in Jacksonville for their food pantry, which is in dire need. IOP averages about 100 bags of groceries each month & help all surrounding areas. Please consider putting this necessary cause on your shopping list.



Please pray for those of our parish and the community who are ill or may be in distress as well as those deceased who may be in need of our prayers. If you would like to submit a name for special prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain via **Terri Speciale at 252.393.6678**. You may also email her at terispeci@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a part of the Parish Prayer Chain, call Terri and she will add your name and phone number to the list.

Go **GREEN**. . . Read this online at stmildred.info

Upcoming Meetings

The Knights of Columbus will have their business meeting on May 2nd at 7:30 PM, **after** attending the 7:00PM Liturgy.

Our **Parish Council** will hold their next meeting on May 9th at 7:30 PM. All parishioners are encouraged and welcomed to attend. See you there!

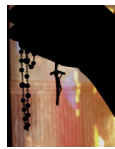


The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 11th beginning with Mass at 10 AM. The meeting will follow Mass and a luncheon with the Scholarship Award recipients and their families. The luncheon will be at The Icehouse in Swansboro (see page 4 for details).

The **4th Degree Assembly** of the Knights of Columbus will have their next business meeting at 7:30PM on May 16th **after** the 7:00 PM Mass.

The next **Homeschool** Mass will be May 18th, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

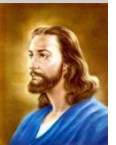
Music Ministry News - Anyone 6th grade to adult is invited to join in on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just join in!!



The Rosary is a prayer about life - all life. Please join our crusade for life at 5:00PM Saturdays before Mass to pray the Rosary for Life. The Rosary for Life also offered on Tuesdays and Fridays before Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place weekly starting at 9:30am on Tuesday and continuing until 8:30am on Wednesday. All are welcome. Come & spend some quiet time in the Lord's presence. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or substitute for maintaining the vigil during Adoration, please call Don Keating at 252.393.6106.



In the 1680's Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacogue, "I promise in the excessive mercy of my Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in the last moment."

Please Note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration this Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

awesome job!

Vicky Stump, the Director of Youth Ministries would like to extend her deepest thanks and appreciation to the following youth that did an AWE-SOME job at the Easter Egg Hunt that was held on Palm Sunday. They handled the entire day professionally and made a whole lot of little ones very happy! Thanks goes to the following kids:

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| Steven Stump | Roni Sabisch |
| Robert Gasperson | Gus Cariker |
| Julia Ayers | Michelle Ayers |
| Siobhan Mahoney | Michelle Braun |

A huge thanks also goes out to Francine Sabisch for popping all the popcorn and all her "behind the scenes" help and to all the parents that helped us out during the hunt. You are all very appreciated!!



All are invited to join us for Mary's May Crowning at the 11 AM Mass on May 8th. At the beginning of Mass anyone wishing to bring flowers to put in front of Mary, are encouraged to do so. Any child, any age, will proceed in at the processional and place the flowers at the Statue of Mary.



The ladies of the parish are invited to the May Luncheon for The Women's' Guild. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at the IceHouse Restaurant in Swansboro at 11:30 AM. The forms for choice of menu and sign up sheets are in the envelope on the back bulletin board. Please sign your name, make your choice and add your \$15.00 check to cover the cost of your food. The \$15.00 is an all inclusive cost with tip, non alcoholic beverages and tax included.



Mark your calendars! The Women's Guild is sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser entitled "The Church Ladies present **Friday Night Live Card and Game Party, May 6th, 6:00PM** with a Barbeque Dinner and all the fixins', a Chinese Auction, and 50/50 raffle. BYOG: Bring Your Own Game and join in the fun! Open to **ALL** in the parish! Tickets are \$12. If you have any questions or require more information please contact Anne Jelinek at 252-764-2351

DOUBT

There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds. —Alfred, Lord Tennyson



An Enchanted Evening An evening of amazingly delicious food and music! On Thursday, May 19th at 5:00 until 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Entertainment provided by students of the Middle School, many of whom are parishioners of St. Mildred.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and include a full course dinner (tantalizingly scrumptious appetizers, crisp greens tossed with fresh vegetables, penne pasta & marinara with homemade meatballs, and a delectable desert) catered by Portofino's Restaurant from Emerald Isle.

Please see Francine Sabisch or Kristen Vizneki for tickets.



Children are a Gift from God and we would like to celebrate that! Beginning May 1st, we will start our **2nd Annual Baby Bottle Drive** and you may pick up a baby bottle from the display in the Vestibule and fill with coins, dollars or checks. Once you have it full, we ask that you return the bottle by May 31st. The proceeds will benefit two different organizations.

The first - Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center - a local organization which has trained peer counselors to help moms cope with an unexpected pregnancy. They *do not* refer any for abortions, nor do they assist in finding a location for an abortion. They have a high success rate in deterring abortions and are a recommended center from the Priests For Life Organization.

The second - Room at the Inn - this is a home located near Belmont Abbey College, a Catholic college here in North Carolina. This home will provide housing for pregnant moms and their children. Room at the Inn is a safe haven for moms, who may otherwise be homeless or end up in the never ending cycle of poverty. The Knights will be matching a portion of the funds raised for Room at the Inn.

Please note the information on the bottles as to whom to make the check out to! We request that bottles for both be returned by May 31st. Please call 910-326-5589 for any questions.

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2011

Are you celebrating your 25th, 50th or more anniversary of marriage? If so, join Bishop Michael Burbidge at the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 pm at St. Peter Church, 2700 East 4th St., Greenville, NC to celebrate your calling to the vocation of marriage. Family members are welcome to attend. Please register through your parish office by Friday, May 6th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Linda Bedo, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at 919-821-9753 or bedo@raldioc.org.

For those of you who missed it . . .

We are having another Living Rosary! The rosary will be said to our Lady in honor of all our military on Friday, **May 27th** at 7:00 PM in our Parish Center with light refreshments to follow. We hope to have, once again, all 60 chairs filled! Please say you will come out and pray for our brave men, women and their families.



SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.—Anonymous

Parish Social Ministry

What can St. Mildred do for its Parishioners? Info is available in the pamphlet rack located next to the Religious Education bulletin board. If you need more info please call the church office at 326-5589.

The Mission of St. Mildred Parish Social Ministry is to assist the parish community in exercising charity to others. The Church acts in the parish community to heighten awareness of our parishioners to the issues of the needy & provides services to fulfill unmet needs. The parish social outreach ministry services people through advocating for social & economic justice as well as addressing immediate needs with emergency resources or direct services.



Helping Hands, which is part of the Parish Social Ministry, has a dedicated group of volunteers who are ready, willing & able to assist in numerous ways. Perhaps you need a ride to the doctor's, or maybe you know of someone who would benefit from a friendly chat. If you have recently had a setback in your health or been hospitalized please call & let us see if we can help make things a little easier.



Tradition teaches us Christ was conceived on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of "Jacob" in the womb beginning on March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) until December 25.

Development of "Jacob" Jacob's heart is now pumping blood. All four chambers of the heart are working. The lungs start to appear along with the brain. Arm and leg buds appear. Soon Jacob will be doing summersaults in the spacious world of the womb. His mother is probably tired and may experience morning sickness as her body adjusts to the baby. "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps 139[138]: 13-14)



Looking to join in the fun at the parish picnic? Join us for a softball game! We'd like to organize a youth (ages 10-18) vs. adults game (ages 19 and up) - no experience is necessary! Please call or e-mail Marcie Friesner for more details 910-937-7117 or threelittleblessings@juno.com

THE DATE IS SET!!

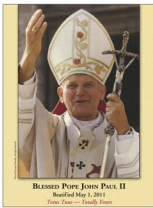
The Parish picnic will be held on May 22nd from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The parish will provide hotdogs & hamburgers, live sing along entertainment, a dunk tank, moonwalk, and a double slide with plenty of games for kids. All are welcome!



The Parish Council also requests your assistance in setting up for the May 16th picnic or in cleaning up at the end of the picnic. Please indicate your willingness to help on the sign up sheets for desserts and salads the weekend of May 7th and 14th.



Furthermore, the Parish Council would like to get a count of the number of people who plan to attend the picnic. Please indicate how many family members and friends plan to attend on the sign up sheets found at the doors, the weekends of May 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th. In signing up, families whose last names begin with the letters A-L will be asked to bring a dessert & M-Z will be asked to bring a salad.



Bl. Pope John Paul II
1920-2005
Beatified May 1, 2011

Karol Józef Wojtyła, born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, was ordained a priest in 1946, a bishop in 1958, was appointed archbishop of Kraków in 1964, and elevated to the College of cardinals in 1967. When he was elected the 264th successor of Peter in 1978, he became the youngest pope since Pius IX 100 years before and the first Polish pope. John Paul II visited every continent except Antarctica, logged over 1,000,000 miles, and greeted hundreds of millions of the faithful through his travels and papal audiences. He opened dialogues with Protestant denominations; visited Auschwitz, a Jewish synagogue, and a Muslim mosque; and made pilgrimages to Orthodox countries where no pope had ever been. His legacy includes more than a dozen encyclicals and scores of apostolic letters, constitutions, and exhortations. He beatified and canonized more than 1,000 men and women from all walks of life. He was tireless in his work for the poor and powerless, speaking out against war, economic injustice, political oppression, and what he called the industrialized world's culture of death. Pope John Paul II's ultimate homily was his own life, characterized by unshakable faith, a charismatic personality, heartfelt prayer, moral vision, global evangelism, and tireless advocacy for human dignity and political and religious freedom.

FEAST OF FAITH—The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

The changes to the Roman Missal will take place the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. To help us understand them a little better, we will be running several articles from the Diocese, each week, explaining some of the changes. Here is the conclusion of:



The Eucharistic Prayer

When the priest prays this prayer he prays **we bring you these gifts; we ask you ...; we offer.** That we signifies that all the baptized present at this Eucharistic celebration make this offering in union with Christ, pray this prayer in union with Him. And what is most important, we do not offer Christ alone; we are called to *offer ourselves*, our lives, our individual efforts to grow more like Christ and our efforts as a community of believers to spread God's Word and to serve God's people, to the Father in union with Christ through the hands of the priest. Most wonderful of all, although our offering is in itself imperfect, joined with the offering of Christ it becomes *perfect* praise and thanksgiving to the Father.

And so, during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, we have more to do than to look forward to the moment of consecration and remain there while the prayer of the priest continues. Before the consecration we join in the prayer of praise and thanksgiving to the Father known as the Preface and affirm that praise and thanksgiving in our singing of the Holy, Holy, Holy. Following the Consecration we join together in the Memorial Acclamation which proclaims our common faith in Christ's real presence and is an acclamation expressing our gratitude to Christ for His wonderful gift of salvation. But then our prayer moves on and we are called to offer Christ, and ourselves with Christ to the Father: 'We offer to you, Father, this holy and living sacrifice...' and to pray with the priest that 'we who are nourished by His Body and Blood may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ...'; we then join our prayers with the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints for our Holy Father the Pope, our bishops and clergy and all God's people, living and dead. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the priest sums up all that has gone before: 'Through Him (Christ), with Him (Christ), in Him (Christ) in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.' And we who are privileged to make our own offering through, with and in Christ, respond with the most important acclamation of the Mass, the great AMEN by which we profess the action of Christ to be our action as well. © 2010, USCCB

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