

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Troubles of the heart, doubts of faith, pangs of guilt – Easter joy may not entirely mask these feelings. But the risen Lord is the way to our peace, the truth for our doubts, the life for our lethargy.

THE READINGS:

Acts 6:1-7

A community need is met by a community service. The first deacons demonstrate that what the church determines the way it acts.

1 Peter 2:4-0

Great is the gift God has given us in Jesus. He is the firm foundation of our faith.

John 14:1-12

The acclamation of the assemble following the consecration appropriately ends by expressing the eschatological thrust, which marks the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. 1 Cor 11:26): "**until you come in glory.**" The Eucharist is a straining toward the goal, a foretaste of the fullness of joy promised by Christ (cf. Jn 15:11); it is in some way the anticipation of heaven, the "pledge of future glory." In the Eucharist, everything speaks of confident waiting "in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: **they already possess it on earth**, as the first-fruits of a future fullness which will embrace man in his totality.

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 18

Offertory Collection

April 17, 2005

\$1061.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – John Edwards, 9 a.m. – Linda Michel.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from April 16th – 30th in memory of Wilbur Curlett by Judith Johnson.

Mother's Day Cards are available in the vestibule. All mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers will be remembered at all Masses during the month of May.

Annual Catholic Appeal – to date pledges totaling \$7645.55 have been received from 47 families. Please complete your pledge card and return it as soon as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	April 23,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	April 24,	9:00 AM (rip) Zenon Marusa, Jr. by M/M Paul Allen
Monday,	April 25,	8:00 AM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Tuesday,	April 26,	8:00 AM (rip) Jennie Wisowaty by M/M Robert Janiszewski
Wednesday,	April 27,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	April 28,	8:00 AM (rip) Rose Meli by Louise Meli
Friday,	April 29,	8:00 AM (rip) Irene Melton by Susan Walker
Saturday,	April 30,	5:00 PM (rip) Rosemary Hamilton by Susan Walker
Sunday,	May 1,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next available dates for Mass Intentions are May 31, June 3, 6, 2005. Mass stipends are \$10.



Congratulations to our new First Holy communicants: We pray for these young boys and girls who received their Eucharistic Lord, may they be faithful to him always. Margaret Bowers, Emily Bryant, Lucatamo Duncan, Victoria Edwards, Juliet Kaczmarczyk, Rebecca Schulze, and Gregory Yazidjian.

Habemus Papam "We have a Pope"

Pope Benedict XVI – the 265th successor to St. Peter the Apostle. His eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was elected by the Cardinals of the Church as the new pope.

Born April 16, 1927 in Markt Am Inn in Germany, southern region of Bavaria

- 1951 ordained a priest

- 1977 appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising

- 1977 elevated three months later to the rank of Prince of the Church, as Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

- 2005 elected the 265th successor of St. Peter the Apostle

With Catholics throughout the world we rejoice and congratulate our new pontiff and offer our prayers for him as he begins his reign as supreme pontiff, bishop of Rome, and pastor of the universal Church.

Let us pray:

God our Father, shepherd and guide, look with love on Benedict XVI your servant, the pastor of your Church.

May his word and example inspire and guide the Church, and may he, and all those entrusted to his care, come to the joy of everlasting life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

"I share with the entire Catholic world the heartfelt joy in the news that we have a new Shepherd. Although our hearts are still filled with the memory of our late lamented Pope John Paul II, we thank God for this new successor to Peter. I share with the entire world the great hope and expectation that we place in Benedict XVI and we pray that the promised Holy Spirit will give him the courage and the grace he will need to assume the great burden of steering the bark of Peter even in these challenging times. 'You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church.' Benedict XVI you are Peter – you are our Supreme Pastor, you are our Shepherd, you are our Pope. Viva il Papa!"

Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli, Bishop of Wilmington