

May 2011

Making Connections - Fr. Gerry Reinersman

One Friday night during Lent I was at the Newport Elks for the fish fry. I met up with several people I know and invited them to the Eighth Grade production of "Without Strings", opening that evening. I also mentioned that the Junior High teacher who produced and directed the play, Ms. Anne Gerner, was struck by a flair-up of kidney stones just the day before. We weren't sure she would even be able to be at the play she directed.

One of the persons I was speaking with said, "Oh my, I hope the children behave." That comment seemed very odd to me, because it did not even occur to me or anyone else that our students would take advantage of a teacher's absence or not give their best effort.

That the statement seemed very odd is a tribute to our school's faculty and students. A verifies a fundamental assumption of our school's administration, faculty and staff; that is that young people will almost always rise to the level of expectation of those whom they respect and trust to guide them. It is also a tribute to our students who want to live up to their best self.

By the way, Ms. Gerner made it to the play and "Without Strings" was an overwhelming success. Congratulations Eighth Graders, Ms. Gerner and all who helped make the play such a success.

Heard Around the Parish

One day in March, after school began for the day, the electricity went out on in the surrounding area, including the whole parish campus. **Dennis Brennan**, "chief" of STPs, entered one of 1st grade classrooms to see if anything was needed. This classroom had windows and lots of day light coming in. He put his arms up to say "You have light". At that very second the electricity came back on.

No wonder our first graders are in awe of Mr. Brennan.

Pat Vinson, our rectory cook told Fr. Reinersman she had an ultrasound of her swollen knee. She went on to say the ultrasound image made the growth on her knee look like a child.

The next day a staff member was heard saying, "Have you heard Pat is pregnant in the knee."

To set the record straight, Pat is not in any way pregnant.

-From -Fr. Josh Lange

'Tis the Season...The Wedding Season! – By Fr. Josh

As we enter May, we hope that all the April showers bring May flowers! (At least, we hope they bring something besides flooding all our basements!) But April brings another kind of shower – the wedding shower. And May brings wedding bouquets. Now we enter into one of the two greatest wedding seasons of the year.

The marriage of any couple is a new vocation – a new calling. And since every vocation is meant to serve God in and through his Church, marriages are an occasion of great joy for us all. As we enter the wedding season, I thought I'd offer some reflections on one of the most recognizable symbols of the marital covenant: the Wedding Rings.

As I bring my preparation with an engaged couple to a close, I always show them an image of wedding rings as they are often portrayed. It's a familiar sight. In fact, in our "Wedding Window" in church, the window portraying the Sacrament of Marriage, two rings are portrayed this way. They are overlapping, or rather, interlocking together. As we discuss this image, I always point out to the couple that the way the rings are portrayed is important. They are still two separate rings. And yet they are locked together. And there is a space that is shared between the two.

So I always use that opportunity to invite the couple to allow their marriage to be like that image. It's important that, like the rings are two, and maintain their individual identity, so do they. In marriage, the members of the couple still maintain their individual personhood, and they should respect that, give each other space, and allow each other to be themselves. But I also remind them that, by its very nature in the plan of God, Marriage is holy. By its nature, it should include God. It is a covenant by which the two are joined into one, as Christ is one with his Body the Church, as St. Paul tells us. Back to our image. That space that the two rings share is where God is. He is what holds them together and makes them one. And they must strive to keep him there. For trying to have a marriage without Him in it is like trying to have a marriage without mortar in a building – it all falls apart. But when God is kept at the center of a marriage, it will be like those interlocked rings: strong. A great fortress of love, life, and blessing.

So, if your vocation is marriage, how is your mortar? Do you keep God at the center of your marriage by inviting him in? Do you pray together? Do you worship together? I'll end with a cliché. But I think it's a true one. I truly believe that "A couple that prays together stays together." And a couple that invites God into their bond will have a relationship that is, in a very real sense, truly divine.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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Congratulations and Welcome!

Please welcome these newest members of our Church and parish community who joined us in the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 23:

Baptized, Confirmed and Received First Communion:

Jerry Robinson

Received into the Catholic Church, Confirmed and Received First Communion:

Sandy Appel

Seth Hall

Kunthea Long

Michelle Martin

Brenda Palmer-Wolfe

Please pray for them all as they continue on their faith journey.

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

For more information fill out and return the form below and we will contact you to set up a meeting.

I'm interested in RCIA for myself. I'm somewhat interested, but have questions.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I'd like to refer someone for an invitation to RCIA.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Referred by: _____ Phone: _____

Please use my name when inviting the person I have suggested: Yes No

I'm Catholic, but have questions about my faith.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please tear off and return this slip in the collection basket or drop off or mail to the parish office.

The Giving Fields Community Farm for Food Pantry

The Giving Fields Community Farm for Food Pantries - Update

The wood fence around the perimeter of the farm has been mended or replaced and all of the brush cleaned out. A ton of organic fertilizer was added to the soil. Tarp has been laid on all the rows with hoses underneath to provide drip irrigation and fertilization as well as deter weeds. The well is now operational and bringing water to the garden via underground pipes (although we have not needed much water yet!). The 7' high electric fence is up and being powered by solar energy. We have a half dozen bee hives and are raising bees for cross-cross-pollination for a more productive garden.

With all of the rain, we've only gotten one planting in, but it is doing well. Our second planting will take place April 30th with about 3 more plantings following. We are very appreciative of all of the donation of services from the local business community and the support of our volunteers.

The Giving Fields are having a fundraiser to try to raise money to support Giving Fields. The fundraiser takes place in Melbourne near the farm and is on May 7th (Derby Day). We are looking for volunteers to help with set up/tear down & also working the party as bartenders, silent auction hosts, etc.

Do you have any interest in participating in this?

Here are some things we are trying to get for our fundraiser.

1) Tables, chairs & table linens for seating about 100 people. Would St. Joe's allow us to borrow such from their facility? If so it would significantly reduce our cost.

Military Corner

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| 1) | E61stClass Petty Officer Master at Arms
James . R Pelgen U.S. Navy
Stationed at San Diego California | 2) | LCPL Steward John K U.S. Marine
CE-S-2
22D MEU
Unit 74040
FPO AE 09502-4040
Serving on a US Navy Ship |
| 3) | LCPL Jesse W. MacDonald U.S. Marines
St Joe Grad 05 BBHS Grad 09
Stationed at Camp Lejeune North Carolina | | |

Lord hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Of all the gifts we can give our troops, prayers are the very best ones. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS - MAY 14, 2011

Samantha Arnold

Catherine Branch

Evan Brondhaver

Michael Clines

Tyler Cook

Brooke Eckert

Maria Ehlman

Madeline Enginger

Connor Enxel

Brandon Enzweiler

Wyatt Enzweiler

Nathan Ford

Sophia Gamble

Logan Hatfield

Matthew Hickman

Chloe Hicks

Abigail Jones

Eli Karnes

Faith Kindberg

Mary Kruse

Tyler Malay

Juliana Mardis

Madison McCloskey

Grace Moloney

Cody Orth

Jack Piscitello

Jenna Planeaux

Olivia Reckner

Corey Robinson

Brett Rottinghaus

Raele Ruschman

Josephine Scharf

Carson Schirmer

Claire Schmidt

Sydney Schroder

Jacob Schroeder

Andrew Sena

Turner Shelton

Zakkary Steffen

Daniel Trunick

Nicholas Vennemann

Pete Williams

Nathaniel Wisher

Victoria Wurtz



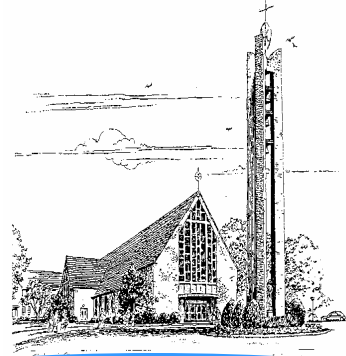
CARPENTER'S CONNECTION

May 2011

St. Joseph Church, 4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

OUR PARISH MISSION

The people of St. Joseph's Parish strive to be a dynamic, Catholic faith community, following the example of Jesus Christ through liturgical, communal and personal prayer. We value education, especially education in the faith. Through parish ministries and organizations, we serve others by offering our gifts of time, talents and treasures. We seek to fulfill this mission with the help of Christ, Who leads us to oneness with God.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH FAMILIES.....

Bryan & Julie Lockwood & Family,

Cold Spring, KY

Aren & Elizabeth Enderle & Family,

Newport, KY

Clint Icard Family,

Alexandria, KY

James Kalp,

Taylor Mill, KY

James & Jean Hemsath & Family,

Alexandria, KY

Jerry & April Robinson & Family,

Cold Spring, KY

Roger & Jennifer Keller, Jr. & Family,

Alexandria, KY

Gary & Amy Orth, & Family,

Cold Spring, KY

Paul VanBenschoten,

Alexandria, KY

Bonnie Stesch,

Alexandria, KY

Christopher & Elizabeth Vande Water Family,

Alexandria, KY

Andrew & Samantha Goetz,

Alexandria, KY

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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:

6:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Holy Days: regular morning mass times and & 7:00 p.m.

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