

Keys

Parish News

Alpha Means Food, Fun Fellowship

By Warren Lee

Deacon Gerry Almeida stressed these words at the inaugural meeting of the Alpha program at Sts Peter & Paul Parish: Food, Fun and Fellowship. Alpha was designed to be “A Practical Introduction to The Christian Faith,” covering all the basics of Christianity in language understandable to the layperson. But it was also a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather each Saturday morning to share a meal and renew our understanding of the faith we share.

This is the first time Alpha has been offered at Sts Peter & Paul Parish, and one of the few times it has been tried in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The program began on February 1st and ran for ten weeks, ending with a retreat on April 5th at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. Seventy-seven registered participants squeezed into our parish hall each Saturday to enjoy the fellowship, and to be inspired by videotaped presentations by Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican Minister and one of the founders of the Alpha program.

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Fr. Xavier & Fr. Michael present a cheque to Bishop Ruotolo and Msgr Ruotolo in Italy on behalf of the Padre Pio Prayer Group.

Capital Fund in Action

By Warren Lee

With summer fast approaching, many parishioners at Sts Peter and Paul are looking forward to attending Mass in an air-conditioned church. A new furnace/air-conditioner will replace the old unit, which is at end of its service life, providing cooling for the warm weather. The contract for the job has been awarded, and work is expected to begin soon after Easter. According to Father Tad, the price of the new heating/cooling unit is close to \$90,000. This amount includes an upgraded electrical transformer needed to bear the increased load. Unfortunately, the transformer has to be situated in the storage room at the Southeast corner of the parish hall, further reducing the useable space there.

The cost of this major upgrade is to be covered by the Capital Repair and Replacement Fund. Renewal of the central heating system was one of the principal reasons for the creation of the Fund three years ago. Thanks to the generosity of many in our community, we have been able to raise nearly \$180,000 since its inception. Most of that will be depleted by the furnace replacement.

Over the past three years, the fund has supported a number of other essential maintenance projects including repairs to the sidewalks, the rectory basement, the church pews and various plumbing and electrical problems. In addition, upgrades to office equipment and audio-visual equipment were required. Together, these projects cost \$87,820.

Father Tad sees the need to replenish the fund on an on-going basis. “We may have to continue the Fund indefinitely,” stated the Pastor in an April 3rd interview. “It’s a good idea to have a reserve to deal with future maintenance needs.”

The Parish’s finances are in good shape generally, with mortgages on the church and rectory at expected levels. Continued support from the parish community is essential to maintaining a healthy balance between expenses and income, so please give generously to the hard-working Capital Repair and Replacement Fund.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Greetings everyone. In the beginning of my message I would like to wish everyone a very blessed and peaceful anniversary year. As you might know we have all kinds of events and celebrations going on during this year to make it a special year and to celebrate our anniversary. We have our 25th Anniversary Committee, different subcommittees, groups and people involved in these celebrations. Thank you for what you and many other people are doing to help us to prepare for this special event.

I know that some of you remember the beginnings of the parish when Mass was celebrated at Metropolitan Andrei School and then at Canadian Martyrs School. We did not have the facilities we have now but I am sure that it was a lot of fun to come together, get to know each other, build up the parish community, and eventually to build up our present church. The beginnings of a parish are always exciting and special as usually the community is smaller and it is easier to get to know each other.

It must have been special to watch not only the parish community grow but also to watch the church grow as it was being built. Under the leadership of Fr. George Pfliger the parish accomplished its goal and the worship has been moved to the present site. Looking at our parish now I think Fr. George, Fr. John, Sr. Deanna and hundreds of volunteers did an excellent job to make Sts. Peter and Paul Parish a vibrant, caring and welcoming community of faith.

Building on what others have done we need to keep moving forward and by reflection, prayer and action make God's Reign and God's Kingdom even more visible among us. That is why a few years ago we started our Pastoral Council, and why we introduced the 'Alpha for Catholics' program so that we would have a chance to reflect on our faith, get to know our faith more and also increase the bonds of community in our parish. In the present complicated world we need to know our faith. We need to have a special and strong relationship with Jesus and the Church in order to be able to defend our faith and to make a difference in our world.

Over the last several years we undertook different projects in our parish, some of them were connected with renovations and improvements to our church building and the rectory. At the moment we are working on three things. We installed electronic candles for our chapel area to beautify our church and also give you an opportunity to light them in memory of your loved ones. The candles, being electronic, are safe and hazard free. At present we are also working on our stained glass windows, which will be in place before the end of June. They will make a big difference in how our church looks. The last big project that we are working on is the heating and air conditioning, which should be in place for the coming summer.

As you see, this is a very exciting and special year, but also a very busy year. Fr. Xavier, Deacon Gerry, Jenny, Robert, Mariush, the other staff members and I cannot do everything. That is why we are glad to have you, and to be able to call on you to help us in our ministry in the parish. It is your parish. We are all the Church, and all of us need to feel responsible for it. We are very glad that so many of you come forward to help us and to be more a part of this community of faith. With your help, and with God in our midst, we certainly feel like "*celebrating 25 years and embracing the future*".

Happy 25th Anniversary Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, and God bless,

Fr. Tad Walczyk

Pastor

'Cause You Are The Reason

by Fe Perez

Think of the moments of silence
I am the Lord your God.
Think of me in the moments of darkness
I will be your guide.
Remember me and always think of me
And everything will be all right.
'Cause you are the reason why
my heart burns bright.
I'll think of you when I'm praying
Be it day or night.
I'll think of you when I'm dreaming
In the still of the night.
Remember me and always stay with me
And everything will be all right.
'Cause you are the reason why
my world is bright.

Amazing Grace:

A new play by Fr. Ho Lung and Friends

By Rose Marie Tokar

Once again Father Ho Lung and his fantastically talented troupe from Jamaica have mesmerized their loyal audiences with a power-packed musical drama. The true life story of Grace Christie is presented to us in such a way that it could only have been written through divine inspiration.

Grace Christie loses her son, a talented and youthful singer, who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. A drug-related street fight took place and Christopher was caught in the line of fire. Grace's policeman husband Justin (Wynton Williams) is determined to bring the drug dealer to justice – to him that means the dealer must be shot ... by him. Then Grace discovers that Robby, the drug dealer is a young man who grew up with no love, no father, and a mother who was too busy trying to survive to show her son love. Grace is a God-fearing woman, and from the depths of her heart she begs her husband to spare Robby, to give him a chance. She forgives her son's killer and she begs those around to try to help him, to show him how God's love can make forgiveness a living reality.

Marriage Preparation

An Important Step to a Successful Marriage

By Willy Chan

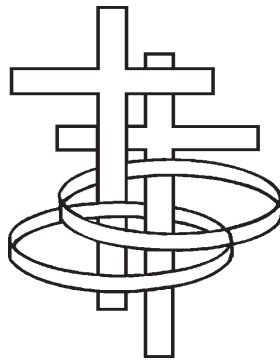
In five months, I'll have the pleasure (or so I've been told) of experiencing one of the most exciting and joyous moments in my life – I'll be getting married and kissing goodbye to singlehood. In taking this quantum leap into marriage, my thoughts as well as my fiancée's have invariably focused on the all-important wedding. Preparations are well underway with the reception, photographer, videographer, and church already booked months in advance.

In booking our wedding at Sts. Peter and Paul, my fiancée Helen and I discovered that we couldn't get married at the church unless we took a marriage preparation course. Thoughts of listening to uninteresting lectures coupled with impractical advice crossed my mind. My initial course of action was to look for a weekend retreat where everything would be crammed into three days and it would be over with the blink of an eye. Unfortunately, when I contacted the Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre, they were fully booked. I was then informed that my own parish, Sts. Peter and Paul, offered an eight-week marriage preparation course. I conducted a little research and found out that the course had been in place for a number of years with Grant and Cheryl Arnold as the main facilitators. That seemed all right since I knew them, and besides, there was still space available! Dutifully, I registered for the course with my fiancée, with the thought of just fulfilling the minimal requirements.

On the first day of class, accompanied by my fiancée, I arrived with a sense of trepidation and fear, not really knowing what to expect. As I walked into the room, I was surprised to see many familiar faces including Mike and Cora Bryce, Doug and Natalie Meier, and Flavian and Olive Rego. I soon learned that they would be assisting Grant and Cheryl with the presentations and group discussions, and this definitely helped put my mind at

ease. With twenty-two engaged couples in attendance, we were told that we were the largest class ever. During introductions, it was also explained to us that the intention of the course was to prepare us for a successful marriage, to help us start communicating about different issues before the wedding, and not afterwards. It's ironic that many people spend so much time preparing for their wedding, which lasts for just one day, while they spend very little time contemplating about the marriage itself, which lasts for a lifetime.

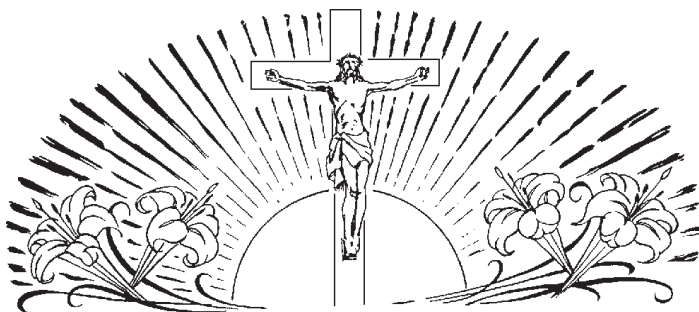
The format for each week was quite straightforward beginning with an hour's presentation by a lead couple and then continuing with smaller discussion groups to allow everyone an opportunity to share their views with others. The topics that were touched upon during the course included Readiness for Marriage, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Responsible Parenthood, Natural Family Planning, Sexuality, and the Sacrament of Matrimony. One of the key topics emphasized during the course was Money Management, since 70% of married couples actually divorce over financial issues.



Surprisingly, with each passing week, I began to appreciate the course more and more. No longer was I attending out of obligation, I actually was looking forward to each and every class. The classes as well as the resultant course notes provided the impetus for many of the discussions that Helen and I had on topics that we had never thought about. It was time well spent.

With the last day of the course finally upon us, I knew I would miss attending class every Wednesday. To celebrate, a mass was held for all the engaged couples and a nice surprise occurred when the facilitating couples renewed their wedding vows. An informal, catered dinner in the church hall followed, providing a fitting finale to the eight weeks. Everyone passed the course with flying colours, although I thought my success was in doubt until the very end.

Thanks to all the facilitating couples for their hard work and dedication in making the marriage preparation course a success. Good luck and congratulations to all of the engaged couples as they prepare for their upcoming weddings!



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Pilgrimage of Faith

By Audry Dutton

In the afternoon of November 11th, 2002, thirty-six pilgrims met at Pearson Airport to begin our fifteen-day Pilgrimage to France and Italy. Arriving in Paris the next day we settled into our hotel, strolled the streets of Paris, had dinner at a lovely French restaurant and took an evening bus tour of the city.

The following morning Fr. Xavier celebrated Mass in the Church of the Miraculous Medal. Here we viewed the incorrupt body of Saint Catherine Labouré to whom the Blessed Virgin had appeared on July 18, 1830, displaying a vision of the miraculous medal. She asked Catherine to have struck and distributed. Later she showed Catherine a model of the green scapular. Our Blessed Mother promised bountiful graces for all who wear these sacred articles. We then had a full day tour of Paris including Notre Dame Cathedral and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart – Basilique de Sacré Coeur, The Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and other religious and historical sites. We enjoyed lunch at Montmarte amid the homes of many artists and strolled the square to view their work.

The next day we flew to Lourdes, a small town nestled at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains in southwestern France. We had Mass in a tiny, intimate chapel in the Basilica at Lourdes and then proceeded to view the Basilica, the grounds and the Grotto of Massabielle where the Blessed Virgin had appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. Since formal evening candlelight processions are held only from May until the end of October we had our own procession from the hotel to the Grotto carrying lighted candles and reciting the rosary. Although there were not many pilgrims in Lourdes in November, two other groups joined us. Despite the language differences it was an incredible experience to pray the rosary together and sing Marian Hymns in unison in Italian, Spanish and English. The following morning we returned to the Grotto to go into the baths, to light candles, to drink water from the miraculous spring and to fill containers with the water to bring home to family and friends. In the afternoon we had a walking tour of Lourdes to visit places associated with the life of Saint Bernadette including the home where she was born, the chapel where she received her First Holy Communion and the Parish Church containing the Baptismal Font where she was baptized.



No picture can adequately represent the awe-inspiring sights we enjoyed on our tour of Rome.

Our next stop was Avignon, steeped in medieval historical heritage. Following Mass in a small chapel of the Cathedral we toured the Palace of Popes, a fourteenth century Gothic architecture and of course we danced on the Bridge of Avignon.

Then we traveled to Nice and Monaco. In Nice we visited the Chagall Museum where we were treated to an exhibit of paintings depicting scenes from the Old Testament. In Monaco again we celebrated Mass in a small chapel in the Cathedral and then toured the picturesque Principality of the Mediterranean.

After an eight-hour bus trip the next day we arrived in Assisi, approximately ninety miles north of Rome. This is another town steeped in medieval heritage. We visited the Basilica of St. Francis, the Church of Santa Chiara, dedicated to St. Clare, and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. We also saw the Franciscan Monastery and the Poor Clare Convent. In the Church of Santa Chiara, which contains the body of St. Clare, we saw the San Damiano Crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis. It was wonderful to walk the streets of Assisi and to feel the simplicity and peacefulness of the town.

Our next destination was San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St. Padre Pio who was canonized on June 16, 2002. Here we met Father Michael Perrella who had come from his nearby home town to be with us and was delighted to see so many friends from Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. Here Fr. Xavier had the privilege of celebrating Mass, concelebrated by Fr. Michael and a retired priest friend, in the

very chapel where Padre Pio had so often celebrated mass. We were all thrilled and honoured to be present. In that chapel we saw the confessional where Padre Pio had sat so often hearing confessions, counseling and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also visited the tomb of Padre Pio, the church and sanctuary, the room where he lived and died, and we beheld the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. It was an awesome, peaceful and humbling experience to be in that place where such a great saint of the twentieth century had lived and worked until his comparatively recent death in 1968 at the age of eighty-two.

Our final destination was Rome, a wonderful place to complete a pilgrimage. Of course we had a tour of the Vatican and viewed the recently restored ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, the Pieta and the interior of Saint Peter's Basilica. We also visited numerous other churches as well as Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, The Pantheon and the Coliseum.

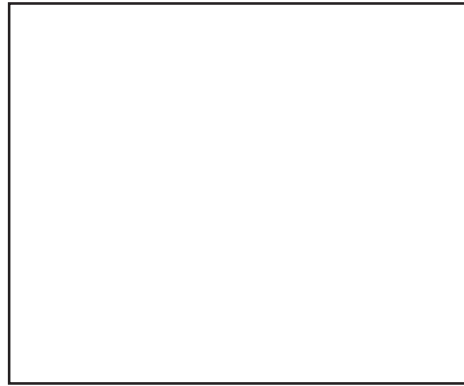
A pilgrimage, however, is not just about visiting holy sites, praying in sacred places, learning about the lives of holy people and immersing oneself in Catholic and historical tradition. It is also about building community; helping one another; sharing meals, stories and experiences; singing and dancing; sharing joy, laughter sadness and disappointment; it is about traveling together in peace and friendship and rejoicing in the knowledge that God has blessed us in a special way by bestowing on us the privilege of sharing our faith with others in such a special manner.

Volunteer Appreciation Party

By Cynthia Potopsingh

On Saturday, February 22nd, despite the cold and snow, the volunteers of Sts. Peter & Paul came out to party at their Volunteer Appreciation Night. It was heartwarming to see over 350 people brave the frigid weather to get together for this annual event.

St. Charles Garnier was the venue for this party. In the middle of the hall, were beautifully decorated tables with sumptuous food prepared by Dalma Catering. The special night was catered so



Pastoral Team ready to party.

the members of the Social Committee would have time to mix and mingle with their fellow volunteers. Two large, beautifully decorated cakes were donated by Linda Cervini who is a friend of a parishoner.

After everyone partook of the food, we were entertained by Nicola who played the accordion. Esmyn Martinez also serenaded the audience. There were many door prizes handed out to lucky ticket holders. Presentations were made by Fr. Tad to several volunteers who for many years have given of their time, dedication and love to serve their church.

Of course, no party is complete without music, which was provided by DJ Kelly Topacio who had most of the people up and dancing the night away. Fr. Xavier and Deacon Gerry entertained us with the "Ketchup Dance" to the delight of all. Not to be out done, Fr. Tad and Mariush donned baseball caps wearing them backwards and danced to the song "Jesus On Line."

It was a fun night and everyone had a good time. Thanks to all our volunteers for your dedication and hard work.

Alpha (from Pg. 1)

Alpha takes a "soft sell" approach to Christianity, relying on the reasonableness and relevance of Christ's message to draw participants into a personal relationship with Jesus. Reliance on compelling biblical references is very much in the tradition of Christian apologetics, but Gumbel also injects humour and entertaining personal stories to create a warm and engaging atmosphere. The course was well supported by related publications to assist learners. Following each presentation, participants engaged in small group discussions on the day's subject.

The highlight of each Saturday's gathering was a hearty breakfast provided by different table-groups of participants. In a remarkable feat of organization, Deacon Gerry's wife, Stella, managed to coordinate the preparation and service of breakfast for the entire group each week. Participants contributed their own specialty dishes to create our own Carassauga festival, Sts. Peter and Paul style. No doubt this helped to keep attendance levels high. Throughout the program there was a wonderful spirit of cooperation in the group.

As the name Alpha suggests, this is only the beginning for the participants' renewed journey of faith, as well as for the Alpha program in our parish. With the continuing support and encouragement of Fr. Tad, the program will flourish here at Sts. Peter and Paul. Already the success of Sts Peter & Paul's Alpha program has made it a model program for the rest of the diocese. There is an Alpha conference coming up this fall in Toronto and Deacon Gerry is hoping to attend, along with some of our participants.

Thanks to Deacon Gerry & Stella, and all the Volunteer Leaders and Helpers, the experience was a rich and memorable one for all participants. Far from being a dry course on doctrine, the Alpha program was a chance to grow in our faith in the company of new and old friends. It was truly a celebration of Christ with lots of food, fun and fellowship.



New Initiative:

Printer Cartridge Recycling

By Chantelle Gomes

The Parish Youth Group is about to embark on an exciting fundraising program involving printer cartridge recycling. This program involves collecting old inkjet and laser cartridges from you, the parishioners. Based on the amount and type of cartridges collected, the Parish and the Youth Group will in turn receive valuable funds, which will go towards upcoming projects and events. All we require of you is to put your old, empty cartridges into their original boxes or wrap them up in order to avoid spillage, and deposit them into the green box located next to the main doors of the church. Please note that some cartridges cannot be deposited in the box. There will be a list posted near the box listing which cartridges are acceptable for recycling. Thank you for your cooperation in making the world a better place.

Youth Group:

Putting Faith Into Action

By Mireille Gomes

In order to help lighten the burden of poverty that faces some of the members of our immediate community, the Sts. Peter & Paul Youth Group has initiated youth efforts to help this cause.

Open Door is a centre located in Square One that cares for Mississauga's needy and homeless. On a regular basis, eight to ten members of the Youth Group prepare dinner and serve it at the centre. From the appetizer to the dessert, the youth are presented with the opportunity to meet, mingle, and learn from these integral members of our community.

Street Patrol is an organization that leads people through the heart of Toronto to hand out food, snacks, and drinks to the homeless. On occasion, we coordinate a bus of roughly forty youth from our parish to go downtown and meet with this group. Each youth brings ten sandwiches and drinks on their journey through Toronto's streets. These memorable nights are filled with warmth, laughter, and gratitude.

These endeavors have cultivated in me a spirit of generosity and compassion. It has raised my awareness about the social issues facing my community. Lastly, it has helped me gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for my faith, its morals and values. I would sincerely like to thank the Sts. Peter & Paul Youth Group for allowing me the opportunity to put my faith into action.

The Egg:

a Universal Easter Symbol

By Betty Leardi

The joy and hope of Easter Resurrection has been symbolized for centuries by lambs, rabbits, lilies and crosses. The simple egg, however is perhaps the oldest and most universal symbol of rebirth and new life. The custom of offering Easter eggs, either chocolate or hard boiled and coloured, dates back well beyond the early years of Christianity to the most ancient pagan traditions.

Egyptians and Persians would dye eggs in spring colours and give them to friends as a symbol of renewed life long before Christ was born. The myths of several Eastern and middle Eastern cultures maintain that the earth itself was hatched from a giant egg.

Polish legend has it that on the first Good Friday, a man taking a basket of eggs to market to sell, put the basket down and ran to help Christ carry the cross. When he returned, the eggs were supposedly decorated in beautiful colours and designs, hence the Polish tradition of 'Pisnaki' decorated eggs. Other Eastern Europeans, Czechs, Romanians and Ukrainians followed this tradition. Some of the designs have significant meaning and have been handed down in families from generation to generation. The eggs are always included in the food basket taken to church for the traditional Easter Saturday blessing.

The art of making Ukrainian Easter eggs dates back many years, but in approximately 988 A.D. is when the Ukrainians accepted Christianity, and that's when the egg's symbol took on a different meaning. According to Ukrain-



ian legend, people decorated eggs believing that great powers were embodied in the egg. To them, eggs symbolized the release of the earth from the shackles of winter and the coming of spring with its promises of new hope, new life and prosperity, and that as long as 'pysanky' were decorated, goodness would prevail over evil throughout the world.

Many ancient Ukrainians believed the eggs possessed magical powers and that wealth could be obtained by decorating the eggs with certain symbols. When Christianity was introduced into the Ukraine, the symbols changed and others were added to reflect Christianity, the Resurrection and a promise of eternal life. Making pysanky became a Lenten ritual in the Ukraine. A family produced many eggs during this time to be shared with friends and family and the local priest. Some were planted or placed in the fields or feeding troughs to insure a wealth or abundance in their crops and livelihood. Some were placed by the family graves or placed in the coffins out of respect for their loved ones, and others were kept in the home for protection. Before they would begin to create the pysanky, they would pray "God help me" and they also prayed that the person who received the eggs would be given joy, good fortune, happiness and protection from harm.



Other symbols representative of Easter are not as commercial or as recent as you might think. In fact, their long history may even surprise you!

Wearing new clothes at Easter was an external expression of early Christian faith. Followers who were baptized during Easter wore a white robe as a symbol of new life.

Parades evolved out of an ancient European custom from the Middle Ages. Tradition held that following Easter mass, people walk together in a procession through the streets, usually led by someone carrying a crucifix.

Of course, we are all familiar with the rabbit, a symbol of fertility. The origin of the Easter Bunny seems to stem from a German fable popular in the late 1500's. It was said that a rabbit laid eggs on Holy Thursday and multi-coloured eggs the night before Easter Sunday.

The lily is a symbol of purity as it is white and extremely delicate. White trumpet lilies which bloom at Easter, did not actually grow in North America until about 100 years ago when they were brought here from Bermuda.

Lambs represent new life and are also an ancient Christian symbol dating back to the 7th century. Since the 9th century, when the Catholic Pope popularized the practice, it has been customary in many traditions, to serve lamb at the Easter feast.

Bread too is a traditional part of the Easter feast. In Russia, a round loaf called Paska is prepared, while German tradition involves the making of Osterstollen loaves. Polish Easter cake is called Baba Wielancona, and an Italian custom involves making sweet bread in the shape of a chick, bunny or doll to give as gifts, especially to the children in the family.

And finally, the Easter basket is a Catholic custom. Baskets filled with bread, cheese, ham and other foods for Easter dinner were taken to mass Easter morning to be blessed. This later evolved into filling baskets with chocolate eggs and candies for children.

The following verse expresses what many of us are feeling, in light of the extreme winter we have just experienced. Easter, always a sign of the anticipation of Spring, has just finished but the message lingers.

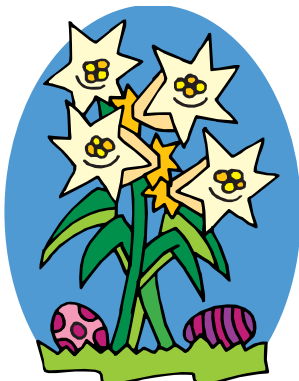
EASTERTIME

By Anne Campbell

March 26, 1948

The world is ready for the Spring,
The winter has been long and cold.
The birds will soon fly home to sing
Of April glories they behold.

The world has need of Eastertide.
It has been plunged in Lenten gloom.
But now upon the countryside,
The bashful crocuses will bloom.



Portuguese Easter Traditions

By Cynthia Potopsingh

Easter is celebrated by Christians all over the world. Each country has its own way of celebrating this special time in the church. The preparation starts from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday leading into Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

In the Portuguese tradition, Holy Week is a week of preparation and prayer. On Holy Thursday, the priest washes the feet of twelve men and give each man bread, a lemon and money.

The significance of these gifts are not quite clear, but this tradition is still carried on today. On Good Friday, there is a procession with a coffin in which lies a statue of Christ. This procession goes along the streets near the church. Afterwards the coffin is placed inside the church until Holy Saturday.

On Holy Saturday, the priest visits the homes of parishioners who are sick and confined to their homes to hear their confessions. On Easter Sunday, he returns to give them Holy Communion.

After Mass on Easter Sunday, the Whole family gathers together for Lunch of small pheasants with new potatoes. Sweet bread with an egg in the centre is served as part of the meal.

April Book Review

Pauline Books & Media presents *Life for the World: A Way of Eucharistic Adoration for Today*, by Marie Paul Curley, FSP. This book illustrates a creative approach to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, featuring adaptable meditations for group or for personal use. Curley explains how Adoration is "a way to deepen our living of the Eucharistic celebration in all its fullness." Through the twelve guided hourly meditations she provides examples of how this can be attained, based on the Pauline method. The Pauline method focuses on integrating spirituality into everyday life by developing a personal relationship with Jesus' Way, Truth and Life. Each reflection includes prayers and Bible meditations. The new Mysteries of the Rosary are also included. This book places Eucharistic Adoration in a modern perspective, for those seeking to find the peace of Christ among the chaos of daily life. Price: \$21.00

Children's Corner

By Dierdre Furlong

EASTER CANDY PLACE CARDS

Mix together thoroughly:

- 1 pound confectioners sugar
- 1/3 cup corn syrup
- 1/3 cup soft butter or margarine
- A few drops of flavouring



Knead the candy until it is soft and pliable.

Divide the candy into 2 or 3 portions - the size of the portions will depend on the number of place cards you will need. Each palm tree needs about 2 teaspoon of fondant - 1 teaspoon of green and 1 teaspoon of brown. The remainder can be stored tightly covered in the refrigerator for several weeks. Using food colours, colour 1 portion green and 1 portion brown.

Shape the palm trees on the cut-out place cards; they should dry in place. Using a table knife, draw parallel horizontal lines in the trunk of the tree, and lines down the middle of the palms. Allow the palms to dry.

Once they have dried, the whole family collaborates to put names on the place cards. Each family member then writes down beneath the names one thing they like best about that person. Each family member is acknowledged and celebrated.

Different symbols can be used e.g. the butterfly (new life), rainbow (hope), egg (new life).

RCIC Class 2003

Front Row: Munisha Basiram, Nychell Ellison, Shannaé Powell, Noor Baja

Back Row: Norma Pitcher, George Ahumah, Monica Ahumah, Fr. Tad, Vedikha Basiram, Marva Morris

Rose Petal



By Rose Marie Tokar

"If someone has hurt by word or by deed, pray for the grace to forgive them."

KEYS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. May 4 th	1 st Communion: Corpus Christi & Sts. Peter & Paul Schools - 2 p.m.
Mon. May 5 th	R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m.
Thu. May 8 th	R.C.I.C. - 6 p.m.
Sat. May 10 th	Youth Bake Sale - 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Sun. May 11 th	Youth Bake Sale - 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mon. May 12 th	R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 15 th	R.C.I.C. - 6 p.m.
Thurs. May 22 nd	R.C.I.C. - 6 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. May 24 th & 25 th	BUNDLE UP FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Sun. May 25 th	1 st Communion: Metro Andre School - 2 p.m.
Mon. May 26 th	R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 29 th	R.C.I.C. - 6 p.m.
Sat. May 31 st	25 TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT - 6 p.m.
Sun. June 1 st	1 st Communion: St. Charles Garnier School - 2 p.m.
Mon. June 2 nd	R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. June 11 th	Confirmation: Sts. Peter & Paul School - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. June 11 th	Confirmation: Metro Andre School - 7:30 p.m.
Thur. June 12 th	Confirmation: Corpus Christi School - 7:30 p.m.
Thur. June 12 th	Confirmation: St. Charles Garnier School - 7:30 p.m.
Tues. June 17 th	Confirmation: Canadian Martyrs - 7:30 p.m.
Fri-Sun. June 13 th - 15 th	QUEBEC ANNIVERSARY TRIP
Mon. June 23 rd	Graduation: Canadian Martyrs School - 7 p.m.
Tues June 24 th	Graduation: Metro Andre School - 6 p.m.
Tues June 24 th	Graduation: Sts. Peter Paul School - 8 p.m.
Wed. June 25 th	Graduation: Corpus Christi at School - 5 p.m.
Wed. June 25 th	Graduation: Corpus Christi at School - 5 p.m.
Wed. June 25 th	Graduation: St. Charles Garnier School - 7 p.m.
Sun. June 29 th	PARISH PICNIC & RAFFLE
Sun. Sept. 21 st	25 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS - 3 p.m. Banquet following at Roma's Place

The Secret

By Ralph Cushman

I met God in the morning
When my day was at it's best.
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered
All day long he stayed with me.
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

So I think I know the secret
Learned from many a troubled way,
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.



Announcements

Saturday May 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

All parishioners are invited to the fourth annual "Meet the Pastoral Council" event at the Parish Hall. Come and share your ideas and concerns about the parish with the Council. This important meeting gives the Pastoral Team first hand input as to the concerns of parishioners and helps the Council find a focus for the coming year.

Friday Prayer Group

We meet every Friday at the Church for praise and worship, teachings on Scripture, and fellowship. We begin with the Rosary at 7:15 pm, Holy Mass at 7:30 pm, Praise and Worship at 8:00 pm. Our focus is the spiritual development of this parish and the surrounding parishes.

Come and be a part of this evangelization! Let the Word of God touch your hearts, and help spread the Good News!

Please Note:

Keys will not be publishing a June issue this year in order to present a larger, feature-packed issue in celebration of our 25th anniversary in September. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!