

# Ascension of the Lord

## Pastor's Corner

Many of us remember the oldest and best definition of prayer: "raising the mind and heart to God." I suspect that most of us practiced the first part, raising our mind to God, better than the second part, lifting up our hearts. That imbalance can too often make the experience of praying "dry" or "unfulfilling."

What this definition probably intended to say was that prayer involves our whole person in a *relationship with God*. Using the various relationships of our lives as a guide, we can come to new insights about prayer.

A wise spiritual guide once said, "We are as good at praying as we are at the other relationships of our lives. If you want to get better at prayer, work on the key relationships in your life."

Relationship always involves a strong desire to be with. A relationship will fade if we have no continuing interest in spending time with the other, or connect with the other. Even when our time together might be limited, we have feelings for the other which sustain the relationship. The closer the relationship, the stronger those feelings. In a marriage relationship, I might not see my spouse as much as I'd like, but I know that my job or my care for our children or time shopping - whatever I do when we are apart - is all done **because** of our relationship, to further the goals of our life together and our mission together. Intimacy in the bedroom is an important, but small part of the relationship's bond. If the other intimacy and connections are there, then the bedroom time is wondrous. If the relationship of the heart is not connecting us when we are apart, intimacy in the bedroom can become quite problematic.

Words, gestures and rituals express and give shape to the relationship of the heart. "I love you." "Thank you." "You are wonderful." "I need you." "I'm sorry." A smile, an embrace, a gesture of vulnerability, a self-revealing story, a gift full of meaning, doing something together. Our song, our favorite place, a special reading, a special menu, a tradition we've developed. These are just a few examples of the hundreds of ways a relationship develops and grows.

How could prayer be a relationship with God, if it only remains a lifting of our minds to God? We need very special times of intimacy with God, but that time needs to be prepared for and built up to. To enrich our relationship with God, engages our hearts. That involves finding intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday busy lives, much like we do with the other important relationships of our lives. Perhaps as we pay more attention to what gives life and intimacy to these relationships, we might grow in the affective side of our relationship with God.

*Your Brother in Christ...*

Fr. Roy Farrell



## Liturgical

### 1st Communion Wrap-Up & Distribution of Certificates

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm  
(for April 19<sup>th</sup> & April 20<sup>th</sup> Masses)  
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm  
(for April 26<sup>th</sup> & April 27<sup>th</sup> Masses)

### Confirmation Rehearsals

Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
(for Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm Mass)  
Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm  
(for Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm Mass)  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
(for Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30pm Mass)  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm  
(for Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00 Mass)  
**\*\*Please be Prompt!\*\***  
**Sponsors & Confirmandi**



### Confirmation Students

Please make sure you finish your Stoles, Confirmation Journal, and Community Service Hours before your Confirmation date.  
**All journals and service project forms to be dropped off at the parish office.**

### An Invitation from Rev. Mr. Joe Gorman

As you have shared in my preparation for the priesthood by your prayer, friendship and encouragement, I invite you to join me at my Ordination, Reception, First Mass

Ordination: Sat. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 10am at  
St. Michaels Cathedral

Drop - in Reception: Sat. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 1- 4 pm at  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving: Sun. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
12pm at St. John Chrysostom Church. Reception to follow  
in Parish Hall

May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Fr. Kenneth Lebanc  
will give a reflection on Mary,  
the Mother of God  
at St. Elizabeth Seton.

This evening is open to all ladies of the parish.  
This evening will provide an opportunity to reflect more  
deeply on Mary's role in salvation history.

# Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008



## Organizations & Ministries

### Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade Products will be sold after Masses on May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

### Religious Gift Shop

Looking for that special something for Confirmation!

Don't forget our Religious Gift Shop. Open after all masses on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> except 7pm Mass

### Mother's Day Breakfast

The Annual Mother's Day breakfast, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will again take place after the 8:00-9:30 and 11:00am masses on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008. Give Mom a break from the kitchen and enjoy a great meal in Seton Hall with fellow parishioners.

### For all the Sick and Shut-In Residents of Nursing Homes

There will be a Healing Mass held at St. John Chrysostom Church, 432 Ontario St., Newmarket on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

We cordially invite you to come and participate! For more information please call 905-898-4137



### K4J Vacation Bible School

Registration begins NOW!

Are you ready to surf with the Holy Spirit?!

Date: July 7-11<sup>th</sup>

8:45am to 12noon

Online registration is also available on the parish website.



Mark your calendars for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual

St. Elizabeth Seton - Parish Picnic Organized by the Knights of Columbus Parents & Kids - Schools is Out!

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, @11:00am (Rain or Shine) Anchor Park, Holland Landing

Games & fun for all Ages...Lunch & Drinks Included All this for only a "Twoonie" - Kids 4 & under are Free!



## Social & Other

### Mass Intentions

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Mass for:</u>	<u>Mass Requested By:</u>
<u>Mon. May 5</u> 8:00am	Charles McAteer (I)	Hugh & Carolyn McCartney
<u>Tues. May 6</u> 9:00am 7:00pm	John Chlorakos (I) Maria Froio (D)	Fiona MacKenzie Antonio & Family
<u>Wed. May 7</u> 8:00am	Souls in Purgatory	Lai & Tammy Tran
<u>Thur. May 8</u> 9:00am 7:00pm	Monica Griffith (I) Fr. Don MacClellan (I) Emiliana Lim (D) Erlinda Quinzon (D) Giovanni & Genoeffa Dal Bianco (D)	Friends Cathy MacDonald Alampay Family Cresenciayo The Family
<u>Fri. May 9</u> 8:00am	Joseph Matys (D)	Marlene Campbell
<u>Sat. May 10</u> 9:00am 4:30pm	Bridget Coleman (I) Nicola & Domenica DeCapua (D)	Marian Brown -
<u>Sun. May 11</u> 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	Theresa Lim (D) William Welk (D) John McIninch (D) Pat J. Santos (D)	Lim Family Shorter Family Brother Knights Juliet Sweet

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Those Parishioners who have requested a Mass for either a deceased family/friend (D) or for a Special Intention (I) & who would like to take up the Offertory Gifts during that Mass, are asked to identify themselves to one of the Hospitality Ministers, before the Mass begins. This is especially important for Saturday or Sunday Masses.



**Please pray for those who are sick and those we and minister to them:**

Gail Burgess, Mike Welgan, Marta Lou, Tony Coleman, Frank Kelly, Sara Minatel, Giel Jonkhout, Debbie Howley, Donna Fantasia, Amalia Sirothc, Alana Brown-Wallace, Teresa Sedore, Martin VanLierop, George Ferguson, Connor Thompson, Peter Chatterton, Lorna Hedley, Anne Allen, Gertrudis Henriquez, Fr. Joe Curcio, Anne Dorian, Jim Marrelli, Mary Sorrentino, Christopher Nabuurs, Vincent Masci, Joe Pilienci, Jim Tobin, Pam James, Liz Law, Bronwyn, Carlos Fonseca, Patricia McNeill, Maria Pawliszko, Karen Anning, Angi Sooley, David Sooley, John Flemming, Jaime Bocanegra, Carlos Falconi, Anna Vincent, Mary McIntaggart, ...