

Second Sunday of Easter

"Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God.' "

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter II -- Year B

MON. April 20

12:05 PM † **JIM PETERS**
--Norma Peters

TUES. April 21

12:05 PM † **GEORGETTE CORMIER**
--Edmund Cormier & Family

WED. April 22

9:30 AM St. Joseph's School Mass in the Church
12:05 PM † **LORRAINE DOYLE**
--Susan Hale & Ken Hodgson

THURS. April 23

10:00 AM Mass at Extendicare
12:05 PM † **JOSEFINE HAMMER**
--Hermy & Stan Zverina

FRI. April 24

12:05 PM † **PATRICK & MARIE KEARNEY**
--Joe & Bob

Saturday, April 25

5:00 PM † **PHILIP HOGAN**
--Catherine

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Special Intentions of **JEAN ELLIS**
--Alex Laliberte

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **3rd Sunday of Easter**
1st: Acts 3.13-15, 17-19 2nd: 1 John 2.1-5
Gospel: Luke 24.35-48

REFLECTION

Because they still did not understand all that Jesus had told them, the disciples were huddled together, frightened, in a room. The doors locked, notwithstanding, Jesus entered the room and greeted the disciples with a sign of peace. Some have interpreted this sign of peace as more than the all be well with you, variety but more of the shalom type which entails a perfect harmony with God. In any case, the disciples received the Holy Spirit and came to understand the peace Jesus intended. The authority and power to forgive sins was also given to the Church at that time. It happened that Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared, but the following week, Jesus returned and Thomas was present. He would only believe what he had heard about Jesus' appearance if he could touch the wounds in Jesus' body. Jesus invited Thomas to do so, but also told him that the people who believed without seeing or touching were truly blessed.

Reflection for Families Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them. And after reading today's gospel, we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children that we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not lack of faith that causes us to not know. It is a lack of knowledge because, it's true, none of us knows exactly.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sheilagh Goguen, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Joyce Hall, Jim Corkery, Alice Heffernan, Willard Cochrane, Marion Maguire, Jack Baggaley, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, James Thatcher, Charles Potier, Shirley Ferguson, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Phillips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Bill Vincent, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, Greg Heenan, *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

COLLECTION REPORT

∞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ∞

April 12 Easter Offering & Sunday Offertory \$9211.

Good Friday \$2255. Restoration Fund \$150.

Thank you for your support!

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon. 20—7:30 PM Ultreya Meeting in Parish Centre

Tues. 21—7:00 PM KofC 2nd Degree at Columbus Community Centre

Wed. 22—12:30 PM Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Thurs. 23—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 23—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

Sun. 26—4:30 & 6:30 Beef Supper at Columbus CC

CWL Spiritual Day –May 2

The Catholic Women's League invite all Parishioners and friends of the Parish, to a Spiritual Day, Saturday, May 2. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 AM in the Church. Followed by a presentation by Laszlo DeRoth, Professor (Ret'd) University of Montreal. The theme: Science, Scientist and Faith. Lunch is included. Call Pat at 905 372-8658.

St. Michael's Cemetery Notice

Please note that all artificial floral arrangements currently at the Cemetery must be removed by WED. APRIL 30, 2009. After this date, they will be removed and discarded. For the summer months, just a reminder that proper metal stands must be used for flowerpots. No pots are allowed to be placed on or in the ground, nor can anything be planted as per St. Michael's Cemetery Board bylaws. Copies of these bylaws are available from the Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Spring Beef Supper –April 26

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary are hosting once again a Spring Beef Supper next **Sunday, April 26, 2009**. There are two seatings: 4:30 & 6:30 PM. Cost for Adults-\$12.00 Children-\$6.00. Call for tickets at 905 372-2991.

In support of Parkinson Research

Ease the Burden; Find the Cure



The Buttermilk Café, 44 King St. will be donating a percentage of the day's sales on Thursday, April 23 from

7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Reservations recommended at 905 373-7247. *There are many promising research projects underway to find and understand the causes of Parkinson's disease and to help develop better treatments. Members of the Northumberland Parkinson Support Group will be happy to give you literature and answer questions. For more info call 905 342-9858.*

Volunteer Marché

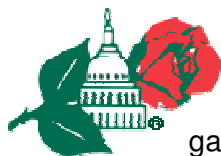
Want to volunteer? Don't know where to start? Visit United Way's third annual Volunteer Marché on Wed. April 22 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM at CDCI East High School on King St. East. Over 40 agencies will be showcasing their volunteer opportunities and answering your questions. All ages can participate. Free Admission.

Still looking for talent...

The Folk Group, which plays at every other 9:00 am Mass is looking for a guitar player. Anyone out there... please contact office at 905 372-6844.

National March for Life 2009

Exodus 2009: A Future without Abortion



The 12th Annual National March for Life events will be held in Ottawa from Wed. May 13 to Fri. May 15. Each year thousands of Canadians gather in Ottawa to challenge our government to protect our most vulnerable citizens, children in the womb. *A bus has been arranged to travel on Thursday, May 14 to Ottawa. Cost is just \$20. Contact John Meade at 905 372-3885 to register. Only a few seats left!*



Villa St. Joseph Retreat Center

The Villa is offering a **Retreat Day** on the theme "*Desert Wisdom Letting Go and Living Simply*" on Wed. April 22 at 9:30 am until 4:00 pm. Also offered in April are **Personal Retreat Days** from April 28 to May 1. You are welcome to spend a day of stillness for one to four days in the quiet of their Villa. Call 905 372-2741 to register.

KofC Community Breakfast Buffet Today

Sunday, April 19, the Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast buffet from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Columbus Community Centre (corner of D'Arcy & Spencer St.). Everyone is welcome to join in this Community breakfast. Cost is Adult - \$8.00, Children 5 to 12 years \$2.50.

"Engage in Healthy Eating for Our Children"

St. Mary's Catholic School Council are hosting, for parents, educators and community members this special presentation on **Wed. April 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM** at St. Mary's Secondary School. Free admission, fun activities, refreshments/food, door prizes are some of the activities. Several guest speakers and information displays will also be available. *No cost, but a non-perishable food donation is appreciated for the local food bank.* For more info contact Pennie at 905 373-0289.

Volunteer Drivers

Volunteer Drivers are currently required to provide transportation for seniors and adults with disabilities to medical and social appointments. Dialysis drivers are urgently needed to transport patients to Northumberland Hills Hospital Please contact Community Care Cobourg at 905 372-7356 if you are able to assist.

Congratulations

Please welcome, and continue to pray, for John and Eilisha who were received into our faith, through the RCIA programme, last weekend at the Easter Vigil. We wish them the best as they continue to grow in their faith filled journey.