THE DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT John's Gospel tells us that when Jesus "breathed" on the disciples, the Holy Spirit came into them, empowering them to forgive sins and to gather all people into union with one another. The Book of Genesis had explained the divisions among nations with the story of the Tower of Babel. In rebellious pride, human beings had struggled to become equal to God. The result was chaos, strife, the inability even to speak the same language among themselves. Today's reading from Acts tells how the Spirit has just the opposite effect. Strangers from many nations hear and understand one another, each in his or her own tongue. This message of unity in the Spirit is repeated in the reading from Corinthians. There are many gifts, many ways to serve. One way is not "higher," nor one person "better" than another. There is but one Spirit, who accomplishes all the different works we do, acting through us.
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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Today's gospel tells us that God actually wants to take up residence in our home, as part of our family. Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells.

SEMINARIAN SUMMER ASSIGNMENT Bishop Donald Trautman has assigned Justin Pino to Blessed Sacrament for eight weeks. Justin has completed his first Theology studies at Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland. While he attended St. Mark Seminary, he sang in our choir and served as a cantor. His home parish is St. Basil in Coalport, PA. He is a classmate to Tim Balliett who is assigned to St. George Parish and Nick Fratus who is assigned to St. Jude Parish. We hope our parish seminarians have a good summer experience in their respective assignments. Justin will report to Blessed Sacrament on June 1st ~ please welcome him to our Parish Family.

MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP This summer our plans include filing in the cracks and sealing our parking lot. We also need to make some concrete repairs to the steps in front of the school. If you would like to help make a contribution toward these projects you can use the yellow envelope for maintenance and upkeep.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH CARE MINISTRY National Men's Health Week this year is June 14th – June 20th. This is a great time for men to assess their life style and make an appointment with their physician for an annual check up. Prevention and early detection of medical conditions seem to be the keys to good health. Remember, men's health is not just a man's issue – it affects his family as well. Blood pressure checks today after all the morning Masses in the cafeteria.

FIRST FRIDAY is this Friday, June 4th. Mass will be at 8:45AM in the Church, but Adoration and Benediction will take place **in the chapel**.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day and reopen Tuesday morning at 8AM. ☺

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet this Thursday, June 3rd at 7PM in the Basement Meeting Room.

GRADUATION This Friday, June 4th our eighth graders will be graduating. You are invited to the 8:45AM Mass on Friday where the graduates will be honored. Friday evening at 7PM will be the graduation ceremony.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION will take place on Thursday, June 3rd in the Cafeteria from 8:30-10:30am. Anyone who is interested in learning more about our Kindergarten program is invited to attend. For more information please call the School Office at 455-1387.

WE REMEMBER… On Memorial Day we remember. To prepare for this day we decorate graves and clean up monuments. We fly the flag of our country. We visit cemeteries, go to parades and have cookouts and get-togethers with family members and friends. It's a day to get in touch with who we are! A Memorial is something we can see and feel…a tombstone, monument or other reminder. It inspires feelings in us, of patriotism, love, commitment and compassion. We walk away from it connected to what it helps us remember. We walk away as people transformed and inspired to live our lives in a new and better way. Many of us visit the cemetery on Memorial Day. May we also remember stories of those who have gone before us. May we pray for and honor the memory of the brave men and women who have protected and defended the freedoms we enjoy. May we tell their stories to our own children and grandchildren. Eucharist is a memorial as well. We remember God with us through all of time. We remember Jesus and Jesus' disciples and what they have taught us about love, compassion and commitment. We can receive the very Body and Blood of Christ, and go home in peace to love and serve the Lord. May our remembering be more than remembering. May we enter into the experience and life of those who have gone before us. May we enter into the experience of God's commitment and love for all of us. May we go home transformed and inspired to be the best we can be. May we build a land of peace and freedom, where all people are cared for, respected and nurtured. May we be inspired to build God's kingdom!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miss Melanie Bradish and the music department at Blessed Sacrament School. They have been approved to receive a $1,000 Krug grant. The money will be used to purchase musical instruments to start a sixth grade band.

Mrs. Stephanie Ackman for receiving a grant from SACP (Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh). The grant will be used to purchase four triple beam balances for the students to use in the science lab.

Liz Venuto and Stephanie Torok who were the winners of the Cary Kaufmann Memorial Scholarship. They each won a $300 scholarship.

THANK YOUTHANK YOU***THANK YOU*****

A great big thank you to Nancy Makowski for the wonderful job she did with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Many hours of preparation go into making the program a success and without Nancy's dedication and hard work our program wouldn't have been such a success this year! All you have to do is look at the children's smiling faces (and their art work!) when they come back from "their class" and you know that they had a wonderful time learning about God's love. Thanks Nancy!

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS for couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries in 2004 will be held on Sunday, August 1st at Holy Rosary Church at 2:00pm. Bishop Trautman will preside at the celebration which will include Mass, presentation of scrolls to the couples and a reception for the couples and their families. To register please call the Parish Office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH EVENT Attention all students entering grades 7 & 8 in the fall; join us for the launch event on Sunday, June 6th from 12:30-3:30pm at Sunview Miniature Golf. To register or for more information, contact Cindy at the Parish Office by Wednesday, June 2nd.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet on Wednesday, June 2nd from 7-9 in the library. Come and bring a friend and help us plan out the activities for the summer.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE KIDS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL You are invited to the Orient for a Vacation Bible School adventure! But you don't have to go far, just come to Blessed Sacrament! It will be held Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23 from 9:00am – 12:30pm for children ages 4 through Grade 4 (grade entering in the fall) fee is $20 per child. Space is limited, please register by June 4th. Any questions or to volunteer to help at VBS, please call the Parish Office. Registration forms are available in the back of Church or at the Parish Office.

SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM Blessed Sacrament School is offering a summer program starting June 14th - August 20th from 7:30am – 5:30pm. Contact the School Office at 455-1387 for more information. This is also open to families not attending Blessed Sacrament School.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS/HIGH SCHOOL ALTAR SERVERS The new schedule for June and July is available in the Sacristy. Please pick up your copy after Mass today.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for all of the sick and shut-in of our Parish Family.

Baptized into the Christian Community
through the waters of Baptism:
EMILY MARIE PIECUCH
Daughter of Marius and Gerri [Bruno] Piecuch

Wedding Banns

II – Dawn Harper and Jason Goss

Congratulations to Jennifer Steiner and David Roose who were united in marriage last Saturday.

PARISH DAY TICKETS The Annual Parish Day School fundraiser raffle tickets will be available soon! This year the Parish Day raffle is combined with the annual school raffle and will prove to be bigger than ever! There will be three BIG MONEY prizes including a $10,000 Grand Prize to be drawn at Parish Day on September 12th. Watch for an announcement soon when you can pick up your tickets.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Monday 5/31 – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 6/1 – Tom Gorny, Barb Sala, Marie Elsesser, Gina Lintleman, Eileen Widomski
Wednesday 6/2 – Joni Medvec, Marion Inman, Don Delo, Vince & Joan Jaskiewicz
Thursday 6/3 – Marianne Zimmerman, Frank & Marilyn Sowieralski, Jim Zink, Cindi Orlando, MaryJo Polatas, Kay Bender, Pat Monacello, Jack Peterson
Friday 6/4 – Wendy Horn, Carol Crock, Lucille Mook

31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday 5/31 – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 6/1 Marilyn Balliett
Wednesday 6/2 Lee Zaremba, Susan Shannon
Thursday 6/3 Jackie Presutti, Holly Konopka
Friday 6/4 Carl Braeger
Saturday 6/5 Marianne Zimmerman
Sunday 6/6 Mary Lou Peterson

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the Special Intention of Reverend August P. Coccarelli from Gary & Linda Cirrillo.

Masses For The Week

Monday, May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 +Joseph Kuhn / Family
Tuesday, June 1 – St. Justin
7:00 +Robert Bellomini / Georgini & Gil Manzi
8:00 +Claude Stranigian / Family [Birthday]
Wednesday, June 2 – Ss. Marcellinus & Peter
7:00 +Lawrence J. Senger, Sr. / Marie Senger
8:00 +Anna Makowski / Peg & Bill Muck
Thursday, June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
7:00 +Gertrude Kobylka / Alessi Family
8:00 +William T. Spaeder / Marie Senger
Friday, June 4 - Weekday
7:00 +Michael Terrella / Wife & Family [Anniversary]
8:45 +Paul Kulich / Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Chetoni [Wedding Anniv]
Saturday, June 5 – Vigil: Trinity Sunday
5:15 +Barb Prenatt / Carol & Ted Krawiec [Birthday]
Sunday, June 6 – Trinity Sunday
7:30 +Josephine Manzi / Georgini & Gil
9:00 +John & Margaret Winiecki / William Hayes [Wedding Anniv]
11:00 +Leroy Hintz / Family [Anniversary]
7:30 *People of the Parish

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
MAY 23, 2004

Weekly Need:	$ 9,798.15
Adult Offering:	$ 6,737.51 – 567 envelopes returned*
Loose Collection:	$ 679.80
Youth Offering:	$ 56.00 – 45 envelopes
Total:	$ 7,473.31

*1309 envelopes mailed out

SINCE JULY 1, 2003 (START OF FISCAL YEAR)

Offertory Budget YTD:	$ 423,112.50
Offertory Received YTD:	$ 390,644.32
Surplus/Deficit:	$ -32,468.18

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Assessment:	$ 56,699.00
Pledged to Date:	$ 29,948.00
Paid to Date:	$ 19,153.00
# of Pledges	322

CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledged to Date	$503,644.06
Paid to Date	$377,861.27
# of Pledges	696

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES

St. Anthony's Parish Festival will be held on Friday, June 11th beginning at 6pm and Saturday, June 12th beginning at 1pm. Casino games, children's games, raffles and karaoke on Saturday at 1pm, ham or stuffed cabbage dinner on Saturday starting at 3:00pm.

St. Paul's Italian Night on Saturday, June 5th – cocktails at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Donation of $20 per person. For tickets, information or reservations call 864-0231.

Annual Novena in honor of St. Anthony of Padua the week of June 5-13 at 8am Mon-Fri; 5:15pm on Saturday and 9:00am on Sunday at St. Paul Parish.