

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends,

According to Bennett Cerf, right after World War II Ed Sullivan used to perform a particular worthy service several times each year. It was not uncommon for Sullivan to persuade a group of high power Broadway stars to accompany him to Halloran General Hospital on State Island to entertain the wounded war veterans there.

On one particular occasion, Ed sought out their beloved veteran entertainer Jimmy Durante, who accepted the invitation but explained in advance that he had a very remunerative date to perform at a private party later that night and would, accordingly, be able to do only one number for the boys.

The number he chose, naturally was his famous "Inky Dinky doo," (you kids be sure to ask mom and dad or grandma and grandpa to sing it for you!!!) and at its conclusion, the audience was so ecstatic that he grabbed the microphone back and did eight more complete routines.

When he finally staggered off the platform, exhausted, Sullivan cried, "You were just great, Jimmy, but didn't you see me signaling to you? What came into you? You'll never make your private party now!"

"Look at the front row of that audience," Durante told him, "and you'll see why I forgot all about that private engagement."

Ed Sullivan poked his head through the curtain and spotted two lieutenants in a first row couch, applauding happily. The lieutenant on the right had lost his left arm; the one on his left his right arm. With no semblance of self-consciousness, they were clapping their two remaining hands together, and giving Jimmy Durante the most soul-satisfying round of applause he ever in his life had received.

When I say that a something "touched me" or that a story like the one above "touched my heart" what do I mean? Usually the phrase refers to the fact that I was moved affectively; my emotions were stirred. Most people I know like to be touched in this manner. It helps them realize that life is more than just what we have or who we are. Being touched seems to put them in touch with what really matters in life. I've noticed that most people feel "touched" when it comes to a situation dealing with relationships in some way, whether in a movie when good triumphs over evil or in church when a little child reaches for mom or dad to give them a kiss at the Sign of Peace. Most people look forward to being "touched."

Something which I find curious is that so many of those who like to be "touched" by a movie or the like won't consider touching in the literal sense—you know, physical contact like hugging, holding hands, etc. It seems a shame to me that the only time some folks will reach out and touch someone is over the phone.

Did you ever notice in the gospels how many times Jesus touched the hearts of people but also demonstrated physical affection? How he would pick up children and hold them close, or touch ill people and cure them? God touches our world daily but uses us to be his hands. So many broken hearts are mended; so many feel alive when we reach out.

Love,

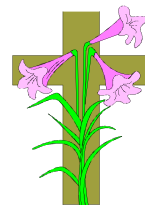


Fr. Dave

Schedule of Liturgies

April 18—April 25, 2004

- SATURDAY**, April 17, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter
 4:30 PM Clara Vera; Gen Smith; John Panuto; Frederick J. Schmitz; Martha Fleck; Donald R. Gibson; Michaelina Paulus; Bob Schleiter
 6:30 PM Harold & Loretta Collet Families; Joe Lonsway; Joseph L. Brickner Family; Barbara N. Somers
- SUNDAY**, April 18, Second Sunday of Easter
 Divine Mercy Sunday
 8:00 AM Rosemary Yandura; Joseph T. Simmons; Intentions of H & K; John Weatherholt;
 10:00 AM Francis Theis; Donald Reinhart; Rita Keller; Mary Rose Deibert; Maria Gaietto
 11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family
2:00 PM First Communion Mass
- MONDAY**, April 19, Easter Weekday
 7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
 8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert
- TUESDAY**, April 20, Easter Weekday
 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:30 AM Ed & Pauline Boehler
4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent
- WEDNESDAY**, April 21, Easter Weekday
 7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
 8:30 AM Berry Baltes
- THURSDAY**, April 22, Easter Weekday
 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:30 AM
4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent
- FRIDAY**, April 23, Easter Weekday
 7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
 8:30 AM Philomena Longo
- SATURDAY**, April 24, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 1:30 PM Daniel Aller & Robbyne Gill Wedding
 4:30 PM George H. Elchert; Philomena Longo; Donato Monaco; Joseph J. Paradiso
 6:30 PM Marie Hartzell; Ted Espejo; M/M John Paulus Living & Dec'd Maurice Ink Family
- SUNDAY**, April 25, Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM Ellen Kapelka & Bill Thomas; Paul Lang
 10:00 AM Albertha Rumschlag; Joe Weisenberger; Adam Perna
 11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family



EASTER FLOWERS:

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. The PEACE that Jesus offers escapes us, because we don't believe that others forgive us and we don't forgive ourselves. Once we accept that we are forgiven, then we can forgive others. PEACE is the result; FORGIVENESS, the source.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: 10:00 AM

Mass, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month.

BINGO WORKERS for April 18: Coordinator, Mike Lucius; Gate, Mike Lucius, Mary Huffman; Instants, Leroy Coleman, Carolyn Price; Floor, Berta Alvarado Poland, Fred Rubeck, Dave Huss, Beth Mullen; Concessions, Theresa Keefe.

JUNE FEST' 2004: Help is needed with the Black Jack Booth. If anyone is interested, please contact Mark or Libby Zimmerman, 443-0617. The silent auction booth needs items. To date we have 0 items. To donate-please call Marguerite Bernard, at 447-9173, if no answer, please leave a message.



CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE: Hosted by the St. Wendelin Prayer Group, April 19, 7:30 PM. All who seek healing in any way please come!

COMMUNITY HOSPICE: "Living with Grief: Alzheimer's Disease" teleconference will be on Apr. 28, 1:30-4:00 PM. For more information call 447-4040. Continuing education credits are available.

DIVORCE: Someone you know is hurting. Beginning Apr. 18, a Divorce/Care seminar/support group will meet Sundays from 6:30-8:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church, 550 Smith Road, Fremont. For more information call Sr. Dean, 332-7339.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM: St. Michael-East, Findlay, will be offering an education series for the ongoing formation of adults. Next session will be May 3, 7:00-9:00 PM, "Introduction to Church". For more information call 422-2646.



BAKERY BINGO: Sun., Apr. 25 1-4 PM in St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Republic. Come enjoy an afternoon of FUN! \$3.00 for one card or \$5.00 for two.

ST. MARY WELCOME COMMITTEE: will meet Tuesday, Apr. 20, at 2:00 PM with Sr. MaryAnn Orians at St. Francis Convent.

SCAT DRIVERS - April 25, Mike & Jack Magers.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Tuesday, May 4, at St. Francis Convent dining room, 7:00 PM. For information, contact Gretchen Franklin at 448-0913. Everyone welcome.

CALVERT ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT: Saturday, May 8, 6:30 PM. Cost per car, \$75; six people per car; limit 50 cars. Proceeds benefit the Athletic Boosters. For information call 443-1235, 443-8781, or 448-7342. First prize, \$225.

Sacrificial Giving — April 11, 2004		
Description	Amt.	Env.
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	\$ 6,784.00	259
Difference	\$ 6,216.00	
Easter		
(Includes loose money & checks)	\$ 20,923.61	473
Repair & Maintenance	37.00	6
Deposit	\$ 27,744.61	
Bishop's Overseas Aid	\$ 10.00	1
Holy Land	\$ 403.00	
Tuition Assistance	0	
High School Offering		
(Includes Easter)	\$ 18.25	12
Children's Offering	\$	

"52" Club Winners

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| 1. Mindy Park | |
| 2. Roger & Cindy Ardner | 4. Louis E. Steyer |
| 3. Rachel & Samanta Nedlik | 5. Mike Margraf |

GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP:

All high school age youth are welcome to attend the general meetings to learn about what is happening in the God Squad, interact in directed group discussions about important issues involving teen faith life and meet others through an organized social activity. Meetings are usually in St. Mary's school cafeteria.

Coming events:

General Meeting: Sun., April 18, 7:00 PM, adoration, 8:00 PM
Dead Theologians Society: Sun., April 26, 7:00 PM - Church basement. Time is spent in reflective thought, sharing the lives of the saints. Prayerful time is spent remembering the dead. This is a very unique group; come and see!

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TIFFIN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS:

The Tri-School Council has begun researching the feasibility of restructuring the organization of our Catholic Schools in Tiffin. This will be a long process involving many people within the school system as well as parishioners and community members. In no way has an outcome been predetermined. The Tri-School Council is simply looking at the possibilities available to maximize the quality of Catholic education we are able to provide for our children.

The process we are embarking on will help us to examine the strengths of Calvert, St. Joseph and St. Mary schools while joining the Catholic Community of Tiffin together to explore positive changes in our school system.

A Tri-School Council committee is also in the process of beginning to gather information regarding the present dress code. This dress code was established in 1992, and it is prudent to periodically revisit the dress code and ask for input.

EASTER VIGIL 2004: Lela Gaietto, Ryan Hampshire, Mary Longanbach & Kimberly Simonds received full communion into the church (Eucharist and Confirmation); Amanda Fresch, Kimberly Kerschner & Penny Kreais made their Profession of Faith (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation); Trey Fresch & Todd Simonds were Baptized; Kylie Simonds received her First Holy Communion We welcome all of you into our St. Mary Parish Family.



TREASURES UNDER THE SEA: luncheon, card party, bake sale, and raffle sponsored by St. Francis Home Auxiliary. Wednesday, May 5, doors open at 11:00 AM

ST. MARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB
Sunday Night BINGO
 ...in the Recreation Room of St. Mary School
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m.
 Two Specials Two Jackpots
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