

Sixth Sunday of Easter — *May 17, 2009*

Sixth Sunday of Easter B 1 **Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

When Plans Go Wrong

Some things don't work out the way you plan them. Even when you pray over a matter, and you decide on an action that you truly believe fits the will of God, things can turn out different from what you had in mind.

Sometimes God takes matters out of your hands.

Take Peter, for example. After the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came upon him and other disciples. Peter preached repentance to converts from Judaism. They were baptized and then received the gifts of the Spirit. It formed a neat program: Find some Jews. Preach to them. Baptize them. Watch for the gifts of the Spirit. What could possibly go wrong?

Cornelius. Peter wasn't counting on Cornelius.

One day, while Peter was at prayer, he realized that God was calling not just Jews, but Gentiles to belief in Christ. The Gentile Cornelius, who had also been praying, sent friends to find Peter.

When Peter came, his neat program fell apart. The Holy Spirit came upon the household of Cornelius before they were baptized, and before these Gentiles could even become Jews!

God had another plan.

Sometimes when things don't go our way there is a very simple reason. They are going the way God planned them.

Readings For Next Sunday

May 23 & 24

1st Reading...Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading...Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Gospel...Mk 16:15-20

ALTAR SERVERS

(Week of May 18)

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas, L. Sturgill
Tuesday	Noon	H. Thiersch, J. Vining
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, M. & T. Clark
Thursday	Noon	+Steve Sternberg, A. & E. Judge
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+N. Spoelker, C. Hoehler, T. Spalding
Sunday	10:00am	+A. McCormick, J. Powers, T. Murphy

+denotes Crossbearer

MASS INTENTIONS

(Week of May 18)

Monday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Thomas & Lally Family
Tuesday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Creed Family
Wednesday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Gallitelli Family
Thursday	Noon	Vincent & Ann Emrich
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Dec. Mem. Of the Leonard Meyer Sr & Mudd Family

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

(May, 2009)

4:30pm....David Worland, *Cpt*, Joe O'Toole, Norb Wine, Richard & Mary Anne Stamp, Marty Ernst

10:00am... Mark (cpt) & Donna Kaelin, Gerry Cambron, John Sullivan, Mike Henry, Pet Markwell, Mark T Clements (sub), Brian Hickey (sub)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(May 23 & 24)

4:30pm...Team C...Jack Raque, *Cpt.*, Kathleen Gumbel, Bud Koshewa, Kevin Raque, Carolyn Marcum

10:00am...Team D...Dolores Lally, *Cpt.*, Frank Lally, Mary Lou Craven, Pet Markwell, Bill & Jane Wagner, John Mudd

LECTORS

(May 23 & 24)

4:30pm...Rebecca Marcum & Zach Montgomery

10:00am....Stephen Guenther & Jim Mueller

GIFT BEARERS

(May 23 & 24)

4:30pm...To Be Contacted

10:00am...To Be Contacted

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for May 10.....\$13,065

The good steward is not a servant but a friend of God's. Stewardship flows out of our friendship with God and is primarily a response to that friendship.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Leadership Training

The Youth Office of the Archdiocese of Louisville will be having **CLI** this summer. CLI stands for Christian Leadership Institute. It is a five-day program that provides Christian leadership development for young people. The CLI program lasts from July 6 until July 10 of this year. It includes a series of training workshops, prayer, daily Mass, group activities and team building to enhance leadership potential, while foster personal spiritual growth. It is an attempt to show that the youth are not the "church of the future" but a gifted, motivated and essential part of the Body of Christ today. Our parish is allowed to send up to three youth that have finished their freshman, sophomore or junior year of high school For more information please contact Nick Cummins at: nkcummins@bellsouth.net by May 19, 2009.

Opportunity to Travel:

National Catholic Youth Conference or **NCYC** will be held November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. Our parish is allowed to take up to **6 youth group members**. NCYC is for High School Youth Group members that **actively participate** in their parish programs. Two years ago the Archdiocese of Louisville took 300 hundred youth to Columbus, Ohio. We joined 20,000 other young Catholics in prayer, mass, small group sessions, and worship. More information about NCYC will be available at High School youth nights on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm.

For more information about any of the above info, contact Nick Cummins at: 458-2500 ext 141 or write to nkcummins@bellsouth.net.

St. Raphael Community,

We want to thank everyone who have kindness and support to our family when our mother, Linnie Holland passed away. We appreciate all of the prayers, the food, all those who came to the funeral home and funeral, Fr Fowler, Don Watson, the servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society, Bereavement Committee and everyone who helped in any way. Please keep us in your prayers. God bless all of you.

Sincerely
Julie Donahue & The Holland Family

New Picnic Booth...Donations Needed...This year, the St. Raphael Giant Picnic will be having a gently used book booth. We're asking parishioners to donate new or gently used books (hardback or paperback) that will be sold at the picnic. Paperback books will be sold for \$1 each and hardback books will be sold for \$2 each. Please bring your donated books to church and put them in the donation box located in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

Thanks...From the volunteers of the Pregnancy Resource Center: We wish you could know how blessed we feel to have friends like you. We cannot thank you enough for your participation in our Mother's Day Rose Sale. Through your purchase of roses, you have helped to ensure that our doors will open each day to offer a warm, welcoming place to those whose crisis pregnancy may be the biggest challenge they have ever faced. We can assure you that precious lives will be saved because of your generosity! May God bless you and your family .

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS

The St. Raphael Parish Council has 3 vacancies to be filled as a result of terms that will be ending June 30, 2009. We are looking for interested parishioners who would be able to serve on our Council beginning in August for a 3-year term with an opportunity to serve a limited number of additional terms. Any lay person who is 18 years of age and a registered member of the parish in good standing is eligible to nominate themselves and others. The second Sunday in June (June 14th) a drawing of discerned candidates names will be held at Mass and the drawn names will be declared new members of the St. Raphael Parish Council effective July 1, 2009.

The Parish Council provides leadership for the work of our five primary Parish committees: WORSHIP - PARISH LIFE - ADMINISTRATION - SOCIAL CONCERNS - FORMATION and the sub-committees which fall under those committees. It requires a commitment of a once monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday except for December and July and includes an overnight annual retreat which this year is Friday, Saturday August 7-8.

This is a very fulfilling way of serving your Parish, so if you or someone you know would be interested or if you would like more information, please contact Fr. Jim at 458-2500 or Marty Purcell, 456-4924 or 727-3018.

Picnic News

The St. Raphael Giant Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 20. There will be Yard Signs in the back of church the next two weekends for pickup.

Catholic Charities Senior Services in partnership with other community agencies is offering its **Semi-Annual Expired Drug Toss Day** at six sites around Jefferson County. The site nearest to your parish is: Christopher East (4200 Browns Lane) on Thursday, May 21 from 10am-12noon. Items accepted: Expired tablets, capsules, syrups, eye drops, nasal sprays, creams, ointments, prescription as well as over the counter. Prior to arriving at the drive-thru site, mark out all personal data. For more information call Jackie Gahlinger at 637-9786.

SARAFUN MEMBERS

The Sarafun meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17 in the Blue Room after the 10am Mass. Refreshments will be served.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day

There will be **no** noon mass on Monday, May 25.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Bob Bethards, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, Katherine Boone, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Kay Forsthoefel, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, Albert Knabel, George Koestel, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Phyllis Lippy, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Bob Moore, Charlotte Nall, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Donna Pohl, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)