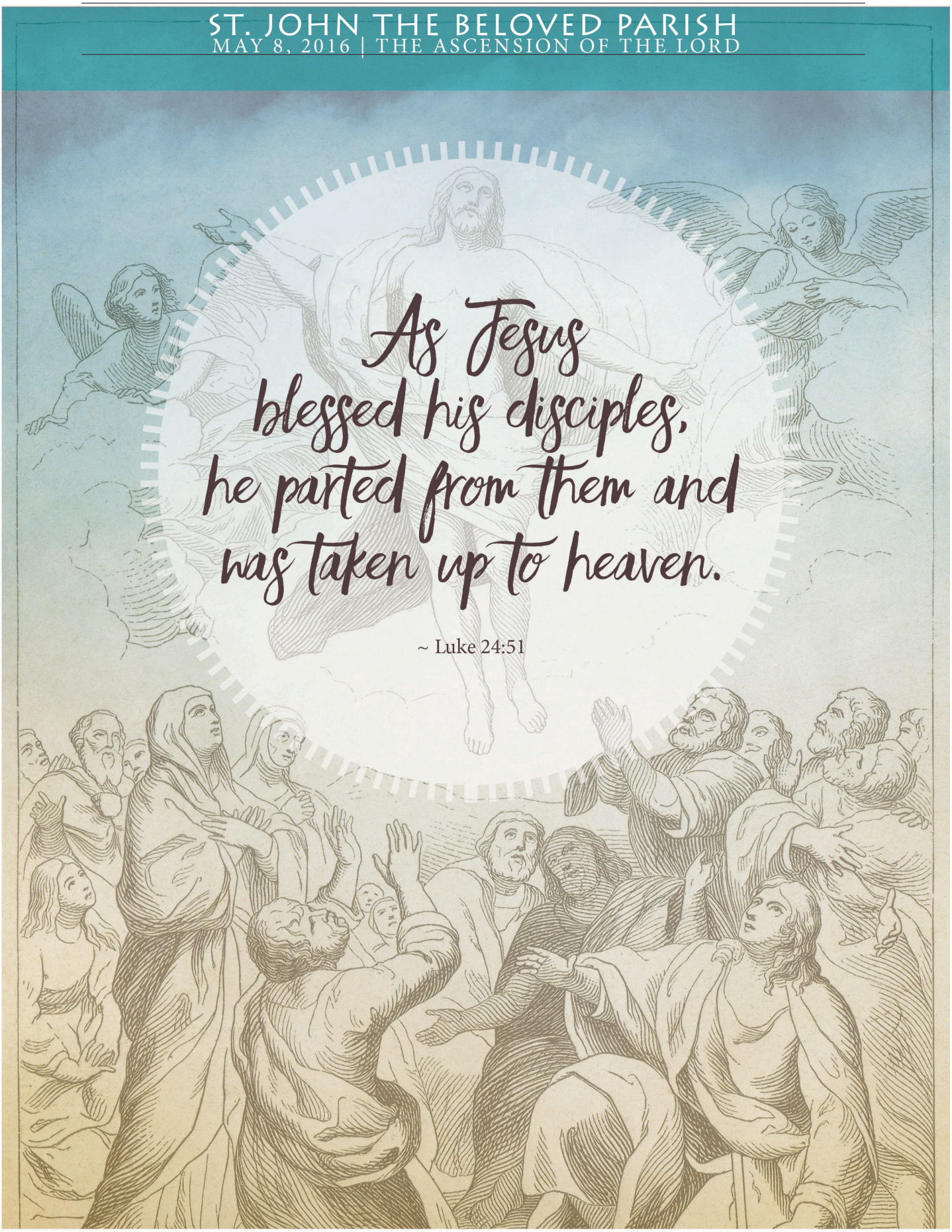

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Ascension of the Lord is part of the Easter story. As a Church, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Afterwards, for forty days, He ate and drank familiarly with His disciples and taught them about the Kingdom. His resurrected glory remained veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. When Jesus ascended into heaven, His humanity enters into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where He is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.

The Easter story continues as we recall Christ's promise not to leave us orphaned but that the Holy Spirit would be given to the Church to continue Christ's mission. Next Sunday, we will celebrate the great feast of Pentecost that concludes the Easter Season for the Church. Let us rejoice and be glad!

To our Mothers, we extend our gratitude for who they are. They are responsible for delivering the life God created. Mothers nurture us in every way and their love seems limitless. Of course, their guidance and protection is given while their patience is acclaimed. For everything big and small...mother...we are grateful.

We ask special blessings upon all maternal women in our lives who share in the responsibilities of being "mom" to us. To expectant and new mothers we ask God's insight. To tired and stressed mothers we ask God's strength. To the struggling mothers burdened with insufficient needs we ask for God's provision. For those wanting a child and those who lost a child, may the miracle of healing be yours.

And may our moms and grandmothers, Godmothers and the like who have left this world, have the endless reward of heaven for all their love. May Our Blessed Mother watch over them. Happy Mother's Day Mom!

Fathers Piekarski, Etim & Lewis, Deacons Bailey, Wuebbels & Fontana & Staff

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To schedule with priest, please call the parish office.

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Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class.

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Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - (RCIA)
Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or in learning more about the Church? For information please call the parish office.

HOLY DAY MASSES
As announced

DEVOTIONS—Mondays
Adoration, 6:00pm
Novena and Benediction, 7:00pm **First Saturday Devotions** are held each month at St. John the Beloved Church beginning with mass at 8:00am.

PRAYER GROUP - Tuesdays
Bible study, praise music, intercessory prayer
St. John Bosco Conference Room
9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcomed.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at the 7:30 am mass to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

REFRESH - Wednesdays
(weekly retreat with evening prayer and praise music)
Church 5:45pm-6:45pm

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LITURGICAL INSIGHTS
The Light of Christ III

Finishing the series of insights on the newly-installed transoms and the Sacraments of Initiation that they represent, this weekend, the focus is on the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, represented by the center transom as you enter the church.

Instantly recognizable as the last Sacrament of Initiation, the elements of bread and wine in this transom remind us of the Last Supper, when Jesus institutes the Eucharist.

Taking unleavened bread, Jesus blesses it, breaks it and gives it to His disciples, saying "Take this, all of you and eat of it. For this is My Body, which will be given up for you" (Matthew 26:26).

Likewise taking the chalice, Jesus blesses it and gives it to His disciples, saying "Take this, all of you and drink from it. For this is the chalice of My Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me" (Matthew 26:27-28).

Participation in the Eucharist is the culmination of initiation in the Catholic Church, which is why it is the final of the three Sacraments conferred on the elect at the Easter Vigil, with Baptism and Confirmation preceding it, in that order.

Participation in the Holy Eucharist, then, is participation in the full sacramental life of the Church, which rightly considers the Eucharist as "the Source and Summit of the Christian life" (*Lumen gentium,* 11).

All in the Church flows from the Eucharist and all in the Church flows toward the Eucharist.

This is represented by the upward movement of the wheat and grapes that surround the Chalice and Host, which is marked by the letters IHS, the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek *ΙΗΣΟΥΣ* (pronounced, Iesous).

Those who participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are participate in the very life of Christ Himself, for we receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and therefore participate in the inner life of the Holy Trinity.

The Light of Christ shines in those who receive the Sacrament, because, as we read in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist."

Let us, the parish of St. John the Beloved, then, be like the transoms above our doors and let the light shine in us and through us so that those who see us see the Light of Christ.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Week of May 8:

Mon	6:30	Mario Renai, Sr.
	8:00	Mary Ann Thomas
Tue	6:30	Bill Rose
	8:00	Mike Luzetsky
	11:00	Sarah Miller
Wed	6:30	Vivian Smith
	8:00	Elsi Pacelli
Thur	6:30	Edward Glavin
	8:00	Shinya Kikuchi
Fri	6:30	Mary Volzone
	8:00	Joseph Rizzo
Sat	8:00	George and Mary Kay Helmer
		Lucille Smith
		John J. Walsh
		Dolly Bove
		Phyllis Strysowski
	5:00	Joe and Julia Rizzo
	7:00	Our Parish Family
Sun	7:30	Betty Lou Button
	9:30	Deceased Members of Parish Life
	11:30	Weston Family (living intention)
	5:00	Stephen Kenney

5/1/16

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

If you have unwanted and/ or broken rosaries, please place them in the container in church next to the magazine rack.

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Religious Education

Thank you to all the families registered thus far. We are very excited for all the wonderful events to come this year for our students. We have many returning catechists as well as new catechists who are joining us from the Education departments of University of Delaware and Wilmington University as well as several students from our local high schools. There is so much enthusiasm from the catechists to teach about our religion and to help the students develop their faith practices. If you have not had a chance to register your child(ren), please do so at your earliest convenience by visiting the RE website.

A reminder that there is a meeting on May 17 at 6:30pm in the Church for all families registered for the summer program. The students are asked to join you as we will be discussing the expectations for this new program. Should your family not be able to join us, please note there is an alternate meeting on May 18 at 10am in the Bosco Conference Room located in the Parish Hall. As students most likely will not be able to attend the 5-18 meeting, it is strongly recommended that families attend the 5-17

Thank you to all the families that joined us for the May 3 Confirmation Information Session. If you were unable to attend, please be advised that there is a follow up meeting on May 18 at 6pm in the School Library. Please enter through the Library door on the side of the school nearest to the Church. This session is for parents and candidates. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ballintyn via email: dballintyn@sjbde.org.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is also gearing up to be a great experience. We have many exciting events planned and many catechists excited to share their faith and love of the Church with the children. Please visit the RE website for more information if you would like to enroll your child. There is availability in the Pre-K through fifth grade programs.

Ministry Minute

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We are excited to announce that "**CONNECT**", ministry Sundays will begin in September. These will be designated Sunday mornings to welcome our new parishioners and show them all we have to offer as a church community. All parishioners will be invited to attend. Keep posted!

Habitat for Humanity

Have some time this summer to build homes on your weekend? We are partnering with Habitat for St. John the Beloved build days. Please email gboulden@sjbde.org for more information!

Youth Ministry Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday 6:30pm-8:00pm in the John Bosco Conference Room (Hall)

SCHOOL NEWS

Follow St. John the Beloved School on the web:
www.saintjohnthebelovedschool.org

We are always excited to recognize the achievements of St. John the Beloved's students, both present and past. It is with the greatest pleasure that we congratulate Grady McPeak, currently a student at Charter School of Wilmington, on his recent writing achievement.

Grady's play, ***All for Her***, was performed at the Delaware theatre Company in April. Following the adjudication, it was announced that Grady Earned third place for his writing efforts.

Well done, Grady! All of SJB are so proud of you. We look forward to hearing about your further writing successes over the coming years.

MILK PROGRAM: Milk is supplied by our school to the students at a reduced rate. All can participate in the special milk program offered at SJB School regardless of race, color, creed, etc. The U. S. Department of Education subsidizes the school for the milk program and we encourage all students to participate.

8th Grade Sports Banquet

A special evening to honor all 8th grade SJB and Religious Education athletes will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm in the hall. All athletes who participated in the SJB sports programs this year are invited to attend. The event includes dinner, awards, and a video presentation. All coaches are encouraged to attend this event to support the athletic program while honoring the athletes. Please contact Nicole Guariano at 369-2913 for tickets and information. The tickets are $8.50 each and should be purchased in advance. All athletes receive a complimentary ticket.

"Spirit Wing", will bring its highly-acclaimed Native American music to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bear, Delaware for a concert on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. "Spirit Wing's" music comes from strong folk/acoustic roots, along with traditional Native songs that date back hundreds of years. Bring your lawn chairs for this exciting outdoor concert event. Come early for flute lessons at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 (12 and under, free) and includes food, drink, and the concert. Native crafts will be on sale. Concert sponsored by the Journey with the Bear Kateri Circle of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and Diocese of Wilmington Native American Ministry. For tickets or more information, call Sharon Ward at 302-545-3383.

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Book Club:

June 13

When Elizabeth I ruled England, the Catholic Church was outlawed, Catholic priests were considered traitors, and every person had to choose between loyalty to country and fidelity to faith. *Treason* by Dena Hunt chronicles seven days in the lives of a young priest who continues to minister to hidden Catholic communities and a young woman who must hide her faith from her Protestant husband. We invite you to join us in the parish Family Center on Monday, June 13, from 12:45 to 2 p.m. The meeting immediately follows the 12:05 Mass, and you are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. To register, contact Michelle Hogan at 302.622.8878 or hogan514@verizon.net. For more information and directions to St. Joseph on the Brandywine parish in Greenville, go to our website: stjosephonthebrandywine.org.

OUTREACH

St. Benedict Food Pantry

The Outreach Office handles donations of food and clothing only. You may drop off your items at Church in the vestibule bin. To serve our families each week, we need the following: (Please feel free to use this list as your grocery checklist)

Cereal	pancake mix	pasta	spaghetti sauce
Mac and cheese	tuna fish	canned meat	peanut butter
Jelly	canned fruit	rice	beans
Whole kernel corn	soup	canned vegetables	juice
Coffee	cleaning supplies	tea	toiletries
Laundry detergent	toilet paper	baby food(fruit only)	diapers (all sizes)

Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center is searching for an Office Manager who will organize and coordinate office operations. This person will be exceedingly well organized, flexible and enjoy the administrative challenges of supporting the goals set by the Board of Directors. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office and have a working understanding of Quickbooks Pro. Please send Resume' and contact information to:
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*LEISURE GROUP

Come One, Come All Seniors to help us celebrate our 41st anniversary!!!

After the 11am Mass on Tuesday, May 10, Leisure Group will meet in the hall for our celebration luncheon. Join us for the fun, games and prizes.
Bring a friend!!

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Wilmington

To honor Mother's Day, Catholic Charities is sponsoring a diaper drive to support our Diaper Bank. As the only affiliate of the National Diaper Bank Network in Delaware, we provide diapers to families in need. Currently, our Diaper Bank serves over 100 families! To help support our Diaper Bank, please make a donation of diapers, baby wipes, or other baby hygiene items. Donations can be brought to any Catholic Charities location throughout the month of May. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. You can also donate gift cards or cash. Visit our website at www.cdow.org/charities to donate online using a credit card.

If you know someone in need, have them call Bayard House at 302-654-1184 to learn how to participate in the program.

Spring cleaning? Catholic Charities can turn the household goods you no longer use into a welcome addition for a household in need. We need your clean and useable furniture, appliances, beds, mattresses, and household goods.

Do you have any items to donate? Bring them to our Wilmington Thrift Center, 1320 E 23rd Street, Wilmington 19802. Store hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Have large items? We can provide pickup!

For additional information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for a large donation, please call 302-764-2717 or email at Thrift@ccwilm.org. Don't forget - all donations are tax-deductible.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, May 15th, tune in to hear the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade winners of the Knights of Columbus Vocations Essay Contest present their winning essays. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at catholicforumradio.libsyn.com or search "Catholic Forum Radio" on iTunes podcasts.

VOCATIONS
The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Jesus reminds His disciples that they are witnesses to His death and resurrection as well as to the forgiveness of sins. Priests, deacons, sisters and brothers bear witness to these saving mysteries by their ministry in service to God's people. Are you interested in finding out what opportunities exist for you to serve in this great venture? Call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Ministry of Caring Sandwich Schedule

May 12 & 13

Lectors

Donations of sandwiches are welcome from all parishioners. Delivery can be made to the hall kitchen door on Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 7:00pm and Friday morning before 9:30am. These sandwiches are taken to the Emmanuel Dining Room to help feed those in need. We are especially in need of sandwiches on the 1st and 4th Fridays of the month.

PARISH LIFE HELP

We will be making ravioli spaghetti for the carnival on the following days: May 17th and 24th from 8:30 until noon in the hall kitchen please join us, any help is needed. For more information call: Ceil at 998-9544 or Irene at 999-7840.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

May 8: "That they may be one, as we are one." (John 17:22) Although you and your beloved are united in spirit there still may be many things you disagree on. The crucial thing is not that you are 100% alike, but that you find ways to manage your differences. What's a difference that you've compromised on? What have you agreed to do your spouse's way?

PARENTING POINTERS

May 8: Mother's Day. What's a father to do on Mother's Day? It's not your job to get a gift for your wife but rather to coach your son or daughter (if need be) in deciding how they can best honor their mother. Be there, but not the primary giver.

This invitation has been sent already to approximately 60 people who have converted to the Catholic Church through the RCIA process at St John the Beloved Parish. We would also like to extend this invitation to all other members of our parish and their families who are converts to Catholicism.

What is unique about participants at this reunion is that you all CHOSE to respond to God's call to become a member of our community. As converts you decided that the Catholic Church offered you something special and you said, "YES"! This reunion is an opportunity to come together to share your experiences of faith and hear how others are using their gifts. Father Anthony will guide this discussion, and as we know from his previous ministry with us, you will be blessed by being there.

Just bring your favorite dish to share – it is a pot-luck supper and families are invited, too!

Please respond to merriegbailey@verizon.net to sign-up or if you have questions about this special event.

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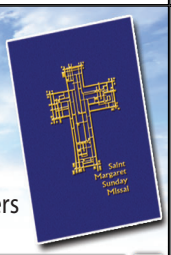

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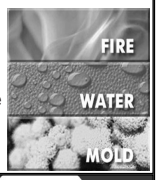

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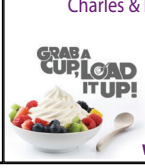

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