

## PENTECOST

May 27, 2007



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday - Visitation of Mary

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Edgar Turpin by George Pearson  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Jim Kelly by Carl Bowers & Family  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Novena to St. Anthony starts at 8:40 a.m.;  
George Tessier by Cecile & Yvon Rainville  
**First Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass, Adoration & Benediction**  
Claire Runyon by Don & Lana Charron  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Harry O'Heare by Helen, Carole,  
Gail and Penny  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (1) Rita McGuire by Mary Callahan & Family  
(2) Linda Sloan by Weltevreden-Davis Family  
11:00 a.m. Pastor's Mass for the Parish Community

Today the great fifty-day celebration of Easter reaches its climax as the Holy Spirit is poured forth on all believers. Throughout the history of Salvation, God's spirit has breathed upon all creation, bringing life and renewal. As we commemorate those events today, we pray for an ever more generous outpouring of that same Spirit. Let our cries of gladness greet the good news, proclaimed in God's living word, that the Holy Spirit is in our midst.

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS:** \$2227.90

**MEETING:** Baptism preparation, Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**ST. MARK'S SPRING CONCERT:** Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. "Benefit Concert for Development and Peace". Come join us for an evening of musical variety. Invite your family and friends. No entry fee – Donations to "Development and Peace."

**THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., our parish will be hosting the official launch of the year-long preparation for the 49<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Quebec City from June 15 to 22, 2008. Mgr. Roger Ebacher will preside over the launch. This launch will be the beginning

of a journey of spiritual preparation and an opportunity for all of us to engage in and to deepen our understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. Hope to see you all here on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The musical portion will be directed and performed by the Marie-Jeunesse Family.

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT “Louis Roy”**: to benefit « La fondation des services de santé d’Aylmer ». **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Champlain Golf Club**. Golf, dinner & prizes: \$90.00. Dinner only: \$30. **Contact:** Jean Vautour 819 684-2508, Josée Dufresne 819 684-4357 or Hélène Proulx 819 684-6922. Organizer: Claude Gravelle 819-684-3864. More info posted on bulletin board in church hall.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISER - ACCESS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**: **Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** in St. Mark’s parking lot from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **Anyone wishing to donate items, please contact Art at 819 684-5832 or Pierre at 819 684-2242.** Rain date: Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S GUILD**: The Parish supper was a huge success. Thanks to all the volunteers that donated food, helped set up and decorate and to all those who came to enjoy the evening and also to those who stayed to clean up afterwards. A special thanks to Beauchamp Funeral home for donating the beautiful basket raffled off that evening.

**CAMP AWESOME**: This year, Camp Awesome will take place at Aylmer United Church 164, rue Principale on August 20 - 24, 2007 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm for children aged 4 -12 years. **Cost:** \$40.00 per child. It is an ecumenical event sponsored by the churches in the Aylmer Ministerial Association (St. Mark’s Catholic Church, Christ Church Anglican, Aylmer United, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian, Potter’s Wheel Christian fellowship and Vendocia Ministries). **For Registration: Please register by June 30, 2007** (The first 40 children will be accepted). Application forms are available at the office or call: 819 684-5345, 819 682-2401 or 819 685-2059

**MESSAGE FROM THE ZONE PASTORAL COUNCIL**: A good number of us went to Our Lady of Annunciation Church in Hull on Saturday, April 28 for the Zone Pastoral Council (ZPC) meeting. The topic was ***Becoming Communities that are Schools of Catechesis***. That is one of the key notions in the diocesan document of ***2004 Discovering Jesus Christ: the Path to Freedom*** which has set the basic pastoral orientation for our diocese.

That document is admittedly not an easy document; it spells out the vision. It is based on the 12-25 years of study of the situation of the church in our diocese and in all of Quebec.

The topic we wrestled with last month followed the topic we worked on in November of last year: ***Moving from the practice of preparing for sacraments to the practice of formation to the Christian Life***. What both topics refer to is the dangerous situation we find ourselves in today; all faith formation or religious instruction tends to be reduced to preparing for one or the other sacrament. That is disastrous, because that also implies that it is something for children, something that we adults are no longer in need of. While all sacraments are important, the Christian life is much bigger than sacraments. How do we get formed in that Christian life? Just recently someone wrote on precisely that issue: *The task of training others in the Christian life belongs to the entire Christian community. This challenges the long-standing practice in many parishes of assigning the task of initiating new members to a select group while everyone else carries on with other matters. Initiation is the work of the entire community of the baptized.* In that case how do we all become convinced of that and how do we as a parish community act accordingly? (Fr. Bill)

**AMITIE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**: We invite you to come and visit us if you wish to purchase souvenirs for First Communion, Confirmation or Baptism. We have rosaries, plaques, medals, books, statues and

crucifixes. For seniors, if you are unable to come to us we will come to you. We do not charge tax. From now until the end of June 2007, we will give an extra 20% off. Call Carmen and Gerry Proulx - 819 682-2269.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kindly remember Marlies Sloom, Eileen Lennon, Wandaw Bobrowski, Hilda Preslawski, Estelle Chenier, John Foran, Danica Havlina, Lillian Robertson and their families in your prayers.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the Mondor Family on the loss of Donald, and to the Graham Family on the loss of James.

**NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS ARE WELCOME!** If you are new to St. Mark Parish, please introduce yourself to our pastor (Fr. Joy) after Mass, and follow up on Monday with a call to the office (819 684-6926) to register. We are glad to have you join us. Welcome!