

April 05 MESSENGER

LADIES – WATCH YOUR PURSES

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Christian Emerson 22 James Gibson
4 April Infantino 22 Janet Casagrande
15 Siham Dabit 28 Jerry Broome
18 Mark Emerson 29 Keith Szen
20 Virginia Bradley

4/23/49 – Faye & Norman Hambridge

THE WOMEN’S GUILD

Please take time to go down to the Undercroft to see the lovely Spring Plants and Easter arrangements Olive Beutler has made. Perhaps one of your friends or relatives would appreciate a breath of Spring.

ROAST BEEF SANDWICH LUNCH

The Women’s Guild will have an Attic Treasures Auction on Wednesday May 4th at noon after their Roast Beef Sandwich Lunch. PLEASE help us by bringing in usable clean items that you no longer need. Someone else could use them. Tickets for the luncheon will soon be available at \$7.00 per person, so plan to attend. It is always fun! Proceeds from the Auction will go to the House and Grounds Committee.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

That Blue Box you see in the Narthex that you take home is how we express our thanks for God’s many blessings of warm homes, food, safe trips, healthy children. Each time you place a coin of thanks in your box, you are helping those less fortunate than you. It doesn’t take long for those pennies to add up. We will have the ingathering of the Blue Boxes Mother’s Day, May 8th.

WNY EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

Spring Weekend is Thursday, April 14 – April 17, 2005 at Camp Pioneer, Angola. For more information, contact Butch/Carol Wiest at 675-8417 or e-mail BCWiest64@aol.com.

TOM NETHERTON FROM THE LAWRENCE WELK SHOW, who is a committed Christian artist, will be performing at a noon time Dinner Theater at Hearthstone Manor Monday, April 25th. Cost including a sit down dinner of Baked Stuffed Pork Chop or Stuffed Chicken Breast Regal is \$45.00. If you are interested, please see Chris or Father Chuck – we plan to car pool from Church at 11:00 and leave the Hearthstone Manor about 3:30.

THE SAFE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS:

A Bishop Brent School for Ministry course will be given on Saturday, May 7th at St. Bartholomew’s Church and at Trinity Church, 371 Delaware Ave. from 9:00 to 3:00. This is a mandatory course for insurance protection for all lay and clerical volunteers, including those who work with children and employees of the Diocese and Congregations. There is no fee. Please see Father Wheeler or call the office at 836-0220 to register.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY

Bob Weekley is singing with both Buffalo and East Aurora. East Aurora’s show is Friday, May 6 at East Aurora HS, and Saturday May 7, at Sweet Home HS. If you are interested in tickets for either show in May, contact Bob Weekley. They are \$10 presale.

Bob tells us he is also going to compete at international convention in Salt Lake City, UT, in July. We knew the Four Counts are good, but to be able to compete internationally is a wonderful experience and shows what great talent Bob and his group have.

PENCE CANS

We know you have been asked to help with roof repairs and restroom remodeling, but we recently had a flooding problem in the basement with storm water backing up and it was necessary to call in Roto Rooter. Pence Can money has been used in the past to help with these expenses. If you have a filled Pence “box” at home, please bring it in to help St. Michael’s. Thank you.

GOOD AND EVIL

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves. One is Evil: it is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is Good: it is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed." Amen.

the temple was a place of great beauty and majesty, so should our churches be today. Thanks to all who care for our precious Eucharistic furnishings. They certainly enhance our worship.

This Easter Season, let us continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in the true beauty of holiness.

Faithfully,
Father Wheeler+

VICAR'S VIEWS

EASTER JOY

Easter Sunday proved a wonderful time of worship and celebration at St. Michael's this year. While we meet every Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection, the Easter feast affords us a very special day when we "pull out all the stops". It is, according to historians, the greatest and oldest feast of the Christian Church. Its importance is emphasized liturgically by the long preparation of Lent culminating in the Holy Week ceremonies. Again we shout "Alleluia", as an expression of our Easter joy. Our first service began with the lighting of the New Fire from which the Paschal candle was lit and carried in procession to the front of the Church. It is lit (first) each Sunday through the Easter season as a visible reminder that the light of the risen Christ is with us. The Easter acclamation says it all:

*Alleluia, Christ is risen
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Yes, the liturgical church affords us the opportunity to celebrate our faith, not only in word, but in symbol; by the use of fire, candles, colorful vestments, hangings, processional crosses and chalices. In the Old Testament, (Exodus 35ff) workmen, gifted by the spirit of God, were commanded to make furnishings for the temple sanctuary to enhance the worship of Jehovah. Just as