

FROM FATHER BILL: WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEAR HOLY FATHER, POPE BENEDICT XVI, VICAR of CHRIST on EARTH! WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY BECAUSE YOU HAVE COME TO VISIT US. Let us ALL pray that Our Holy Father's visit to New York and Washington, DC, ***THIS WEEK***, will be a fruitful one. I hope we will listen to Christ speaking to us through his Vicar on Earth, Pope Benedict XVI. EWTN will present the Pope's visit from beginning to end. I encourage all of you to watch his visit on television. **SEE THE POPE; HEAR OUR POPE; and LISTEN to the CHEERING CROWDS. REJOICE** in your homes as you witness this incredibly important and wonderful visit. President Bush, with his wife and many others, will greet Our Holy Father when he arrives on April 15, about 4 pm, at ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE. This will be BOTH a HISTORIC and JOYFUL moment for our Roman Catholic Church. Our Holy Father will be with us from April 15 through April 20. **GOD PROTECT THE POPE and ALL PEOPLE ON EARTH!! LONG LIVE THE POPE!!! VIVA LA PAPA!!!! TU ES PETRUS!!!!**

Parish Mission Statement:

St. Paul's, St. Peter's, and our Latin Tridentine Community established by Bishop Hubbard are a Roman Catholic Community working together in union with the Vicar of Christ on Earth. As followers of Jesus, we choose to be instruments of peace, healing and a visible sign of hope to one another and to all our neighborhoods. We profess our Faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and therefore strive to have charity toward all and animosity toward none while performing our daily duties according to the will of God.

PRAYER IN TIME OF CHANGE:

Beloved Jesus, anoint us to do your will. May the joy of your dwelling in us draw us closer to each other. Expand our vision to recognize your plan: **Warm our hearts** by the flame of your love; **Open our lips** so that we can embrace each other as your people; speak to us so we can discern the role you have for us, your body, your Church. **Fill us with your Holy Spirit**, empowering us to become a vital expression of growth in your changing Church. Your Kingdom is now! *Help us to discover and live your will. AMEN.*

HEALING of RELATIONSHIPS is the practice of the A-B-C-D-E-and-F of Christian Love: to AFFIRM people, to allow them to BE tHEir eager selves, to SEE Christ in them, to handle things DIRECTLY, to ENCOURAGE them and to forgive them.

TROY AREA UNITED MINISTRIES FURNITURE: Your donation of unwanted furniture in reasonable condition can be a blessing to a person leaving a homeless shelter or a family fleeing domestic violence. They need at least a bed, a table and a chair for a liveable situation. The Furniture Program is DESPARATELY in need of BEDS (any size), dressers, and kitchen tables. To make a DONATION, please call Michael Barrett, TAUM Furniture Program Coordinator at 274-5920 ext. 204. The Furniture Program does not accept appliances. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LITURGIES:

CITY WIDE DEANERY MEETING – St. Patrick’s Church, Troy –this TUESDAY, April 15th, 12:30pm.

CLUSTER PARISHES MEETING –XR Son of Justice, this WEDNESDAY, April 16, 6:30pm.

LEADERSHIP MEETING –St. Patrick’s Church, Troy, this THURSDAY, April 17, 7:00pm.

WEEKEND of April 19th and 20th – Father Bill speaks about the BISHOP’S APPEAL

DRIVE 2008 at the 4 pm, 9 am and 10:30 am Masses.

HOLYDAY, FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, THURSDAY, MAY 1. Masses to be announced!

CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED LADY, Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th at the 4 pm and 9 am Masses at St. Paul’s; and at the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Peter’s.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SATURDAY, MAY 3 at the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Paul’s

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (English) and CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SUNDAY, MAY 4 at the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Peter’s.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE LATIN TRIDENTINE COMMUNITY, SUNDAY, MAY 4 at the NOON MASS at St. Peter’s.

SAINT PETER’S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS, Monday, May 26 at 9:00 am at the Cemetery.

SAINT PETER’S ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ – Sunday, June 22, 1pm to 3pm at the Lyceum, Hutton and 5th.

EVANGELIZATION: “The Holy Father”.....”El Santo Padre”.