

FROM FATHER BILL: BISHOP'S APPEAL – 2008. Catholics throughout the Diocese of Albany are joining together in support of Our 54th Annual Bishop's Appeal. As in the past, each of you will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church of Albany. Our Bishop's Appeal provides essential operating support for more than thirty offices that provide direct services to both St. Paul/St. Peter Parishes and thousands of people throughout fourteen counties that comprise the Diocese. I am asking every family within our Parishes of St. Peter and St. Paul to join me in supporting Our 54th Annual Bishop's Appeal. **YOUR SUPPORT** ensures that our schools and our religious education programs remain vital sources of learning and support for the young people who will one day lead our Church. It ensures that the profound needs of the sick, the troubled and the elderly are continuously met by the various offices of Catholic Charities, it ensures continuous and essential training for all those who are called to ministry within our Diocese, and it ensures that your Diocese remains a vital, faith driven community. **PLEASE PLEDGE OR GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

God bless **JORDAN THOMAS REED** who was baptized at St. Paul's last weekend. Congratulations to his parents, Phillip and Sarah.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be celebrated at all of our Masses on May 3 and 4. **THE CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** will take place at the 4 PM, 9 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, also **THE SAME WEEKEND.**

THE 25th ANNUAL DEVOTION MASS to OUR LADY of FATIMA will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM. **THE PUBLIC** is invited. Father Bill will be the Celebrant and Homilist.

THE ANNUAL REV. THOMAS K. FLANIGAN HUMANITARIAN AWARD DINNER, to honor one who displays selfless devotion to God and dedicated service to the people of Troy, will be held on June 8, 2008 at the Franklin Plaza. This event will be preceded by a Mass at 4:00 PM at St. Peter's, celebrated by the Rev. William A. Gorman, Administrator of St. Peter's Church. He will also preach the Homily. Honorees are Representative Michael McNulty for his service to the Community, State and Nation and Cornelius Vanderbilt Thomas, a St. Peter's Parishioner, for his devoted service to the Parish. Frank Curley, active at St. Peter's for many years, will be honored posthumously.

SAINT PETER'S CEMETERY PROJECT: Father Bill has accepted a bid from Grethen-Cahrenger Memorials to upright almost 100stones/monuments at our Cemetery. The project will cost \$16,000.00 and work is scheduled to begin, Monday, June 2.

ST. PETER'S RECTORY YARD needs a new, large flag. Please contact Father Bill.

WHY IN-PEW SIGNING NEXT WEEKEND? Every family will be asked to make a commitment to our 54th Bishop's Appeal by completing a special Appeal envelope (see today's Bulletin Insert), in pew, next weekend at homily time. From the pulpit, Father Bill will lead you in the signing of the envelope (no down payment will be necessary – the Stewardship Office will send SIX reminders throughout the year). The ushers will collect the envelopes by way of a separate pass of the basket. You need not bring cash or check next weekend for this process- just come prepared to make a commitment to our 54th Bishop's Appeal. **THANK YOU** ahead of time!

54th Bishop's Appeal Prayer

Father, our Creator and Giver of all good gifts,

We praise You and we thank You for the gifts That You have bestowed upon us.

Nourish our hearts with the spirit of abundance so that we may share generously and joyfully the gifts that we have received.

Bless our parishes and our Diocese and strengthen our faith.

My we reflect our love for You by providing for the needs of EVERYONE.

We pray this through Christ Our Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LITURGIES:

IN PEW SIGNING of BISHOP'S APPEAL Commitment ENVELOPES at our Masses,
NEXT WEEKEND, April 26 & 27.

HOLYDAY, FEAST OF THE ASCENSION of OUR LORD, THURSDAY, MAY 1.

Masses to be announced!

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

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Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM.

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

FATHER FLANIGAN MASS and AWARDS DINNER, Sunday June 8 – 4 PM Mass at St. Peter's followed by
Awards Dinner at the Franklin Plaza.

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

PRAY for the souls of JOETTE P. CURIANO and SHEILA "SUSAN" REILLY. God grant them Eternal Life.

EVANGELIZATION: "Rest in Peace"....."En paz descansa"!