



St. Clare of Assisi Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2010

My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life.

-John 10:27-30

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES FOR THIS WEEK...



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR PRIESTS

SUNDAY



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
(turn over for more info)

THURSDAY



ST. PIUS V

FRIDAY



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

SATURDAY

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY



Nicholas Arianna - son of Michael Mario and Melisa
 Farrah Mary Bussoli - daughter of Davide and Sinead
 Sasha Isabella Cautillo - daughter of Giovanni and Linda
 Max Hans Degasperis - son of Robert and Daniela
 Gabriella Maria del Rosso - daughter of Riccardo and Filomena
 Marisa Farrugia - daughter of Mark-Anthony and Diane
 Madeline Fragnelli - daughter of Johnny and Daniela
 Jospeh Umberto Galati - son of Antonio and Diana
 Gianluca Gioia - son of Giovanni Lucio and Concetta
 Gabriel Jurcic - son of Adrian and Silvia
 Alexis Mary Ko - daughter of Bennett and Charmaine
 Maksimir Giovanni Michielli - son of Frank and Irena
 Anthony Luca Pasqua - son of Luciano and Daniela

God bless and guide these little ones through the faith and example of their Parents, Godparents and Family.



LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE, LEWISTON, NY PILGRIMAGE- JUNE 13TH, 2010
 LEAVING ST. CLARE'S AT 8:00AM AND RETURNING AT 6:00PM. \$35.00 PER
 PERSON. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT (905) 653-
 8000.



COMING SOON!!! Mother's Day Craft, Bake & Flower Sale - MAY 8
 & 9th in the Parish Hall. There will be many crafts and assorted
 baked goods. Buy your Mother's Day flowers here at St. Clare's
 and help support your parish.



York Catholic District School Board

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As a parish, we encourage you to register as a Catholic School supporter on your municipal property assessment notice. Why should I support

Catholic Schools? * A Catholic who is not registered as a separate school supporter would not be allowed to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections. * School support is one of the indicators the government can use to determine overall support for, and strength of, the publicly funded Catholic school system in Ontario. * School support is used to track demographic trends for educational planning purposes.

Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope "Rejoice in the Lord always ... and the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:4,9) **Catholic Education Week** will be celebrated from May 2 to May 7. This year's theme, *Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope*, comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always and the God of Peace will be with you." (Phil 4:4,9) During this week, schools will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with special prayers and presentations. We ask that the Parish continue to pray for our Catholic schools, that they may be marked by God's hope and joy. Contact your local Catholic school for more details.



St. Catherine of Siena - Patroness of Europe and Italy, Hero of the Church

- With her Feast Day this coming Thursday, April 29th, let us invoke the help of this great saint as an inspirational model for a Church in troubled times. Born in 1347, into a very large family, she began her mystical life at the age of 6, having visions of Jesus, Mother Mary and the Saints... her life seemed ordained from the beginning to have a great impact on the Church. Amongst the many fascinating events of her life, that which she is best known is for her convincing the Pope to return back to Rome... In the year 1376, there was at this time a severe crisis in the church. Ongoing wars in Rome made it too dangerous to conduct the affairs in Rome and so, the pope left St. Peter's and shifted the Holy See in favor of Southern France in the city of Avignon. This was a time when the country of France produced a succession of popes and outranked Italy by way of political and ecclesial influence in Europe. This had particularly bad effects on the Italian States, who were always at strife with the French papal representatives. When Florence declared war on the papal states in protest against the Papal rule, eighty towns joined them in ten days. At a certain stage in this war, Florence asked Catherine

to go to Avignon and there intercede with Pope Gregory XI on behalf of their embassy. She at once agreed and led a group to pursue resolution to the conflict. The ensuing three months were among the most fateful in the whole history of the Church. Catherine had to endure every kind of rejection in Avignon: the high-ranking ladies who had great power in the papal court openly made fun of her; inquisition-minded officials subjected her to a merciless examination in doctrine; when the Florentine diplomats arrived, they rudely refused to accept her mediation: Florence had merely used her as a pawn in order to gain time. But the pope favored her, and now she fully understood his irresolution of character and his difficulties. She succeeded in convincing him that peace could be won only by restoring the papacy to Rome. The might of France, the Sacred College and the pope's own family immediately closed in around him to prevent him from taking his step. It was a terrifying struggle of wills in which the victory went to Catherine. Pope Gregory XI left Avignon forever on September 13th, 1376.



On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca