



# The Cardinal Flyer

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## BJ's Corner

Holy Week is a time of great solemnity. I am reminded of my visit to the garden of Gethsemane. A quiet place, at the bottom of a hill, filled with olive trees and lovely walkways. I sat there looking up the hill reflecting on the place called Golgotha where Christ was crucified and I felt sadness. So many of Christ's people disappointed him. Peter, James and John fell asleep when asked to watch over Jesus while he prayed, and yet, they fell asleep a second time! As he left the garden, Judas arrived and said, "Rabbi, and he kissed him." Jesus Christ, Son of God then began his long walk...

During this week take time to think about all you have to be grateful for; but, also reflect on those who have disappointed you. Can you forgive as Christ did? Do you stand up and admit what you represent in front of others as Jesus did when asked, "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?" He answered, I am.

Wishing you a safe and Happy Easter Sunday.

B.J.

### Teachers as Heroes

An essay written by an assistant principal in Ohio.

By J. Bradley:

"Where are the heroes of today?" a radio talk show host thundered!

He blames society's shortcomings on education. Too many people are looking for heroes in all the wrong places. Movie stars and rock musicians, athletes, and models aren't heroes; they're celebrities. Heroes abound in public schools, a fact that doesn't make the news. There is no precedent for the level of violence, drugs, broken homes, child abuse, and crime in today's America. Education didn't create these problems but deals with them every day.

You want heroes?

Jane Smith, a Fayetteville, NC teacher, was moved by the plight of one of her students, a boy dying for want of a kidney transplant. So this woman told the family of a 14-year-old boy that she would give him one of her kidneys. And she did. When they appeared together hugging on the Today Show, Katie Couric was near tears.

## Calendar Update

April 9 – 12:30 Early Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

April 10- Stations of the Cross 12:00 led by students

April 14- Progress Reports

April 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – DRA Assessments

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

May 7 – International Art Festival

May 22 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 6 – 9 p.m.

May 28<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 6:30 p.m.

May 29- Kindergarten Graduation 8:30 a.m.

You want heroes?

Doris Dillon dreamed all her life of being a teacher. She not only made it, she was one of those wondrous teachers who could bring the best out of every single child. One of her fellow teachers in San Jose , Calif. , said, "She could teach a rock to read."

Suddenly she was stricken with Lou Gehrig's Disease which is always fatal, usually within five years. She asked to stay on job ... and did. When her voice was affected, she communicated by computer.

Did she go home? Absolutely not! She is running two elementary school libraries! When the disease was diagnosed, she wrote the staff and all the families that she had one last lesson to teach .... that dying is part of living. Her colleagues named her Teacher of the Year.

You want heroes?

Bob House, a teacher in Georgia, tried out for "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?". After he won the million dollars, a network film crew wanted to follow up to see how it had impacted his life. New cars? Big new house?

Instead, they found both Bob House and his wife still teaching. They explained that it was what they had always wanted to do with their lives and that would not change. The community was both stunned and grateful.

You want heroes?

Last year the average school teacher spent \$968 of their own money for student necessities ... workbooks, pencils, supplies kids had to have but could not afford. That's a lot of money from the pockets of the most poorly paid teachers in the industrial world.

Schools don't teach values? The critics are dead wrong.

Public education provides more Sunday School teachers than any other profession.

The average teacher works more hours in nine months than the average 40-hour employee does in a year. Imagine how much the really good teachers work!

You want heroes?

For millions of kids, the hug they get from a teacher is the only hug they will get that day because the nation is living through the worst parenting in history. An Argyle, Texas kindergarten teacher hugs her little 5 and 6 year-olds so much that both the boys and the girls run up and hug her when they see her in the hall, at the football games, or in the malls years later.

A Michigan principal moved me to tears with the story of her attempt to rescue a badly abused little boy who doted on a stuffed animal on her desk...one that said "I love you!" He said he'd never been told that at home. This is a constant in today's society...two million unwanted, unloved, abused

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children in the public schools, the only institution that takes them all in.

You want heroes?

Visit any class and watch the miracle of personal interaction, a job so difficult that fellow teachers are awed by the dedication they witness. There is a sentence from an unnamed source which says: "We have been so eager to give our children what we didn't have that we have neglected to give them what we did have."

What is it that our kids really need?

What do they really want?

Math, science, history, and social studies are important, but children need love, confidence, encouragement, someone to talk to, someone to listen, standards to live by. Teachers provide upright examples, the faith and assurance of responsible people.

You want heroes?

Then go down to your local school and see our real live heroes - the ones changing lives for the better each and every day!

## **BE A PART OF ST. CHARLES JOG-A-THON THURSDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**K-2 8:30-9:30**

**3-5 9:45-10:45**

**6-8 11:00-12:00**

**Permission/pledge sheets are available in the front office.  
We are still in need of several items for the jog-a-thon.**

## **May Service Project**

**M is for the MANY ways you help us.**

**O is for the ONE that we adore.**

**M is for how MUCH we love you!**

**Put it all together and you have MOM.**

What better way to honor your mom than by helping other mothers in need. This month, each class will be making a gift basket for the mothers at the Presbyterian Hospital that are in need of assistance. These baskets will include various new baby items (clothes, diapers, crib bedding etc.). Students bring these items to your homeroom by May 13<sup>th</sup> where they will be picked up by our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and delivered. Thank you

## **Buy Scrip every week!**

Please remember to buy Scrip on Tuesdays. Remember – shop for those items you normally do and a percentage goes to St. Charles. It only takes a few minutes of your time. Thanks for supporting our school. **Soon you can go online to buy your cards and reload them all from the**

comfort of your home.

## **Recycling Plastic Bags Campaign**

Please continue to bring in your plastic bags – we can get a head start for next year's contest.

## **Author and Illustrator Neecey Twinem Visits**

With grant money from Camino Real Reading council, we are bringing famous author and illustrator Neecey Twinem to speak to all St. Charles students on April 14th. Parents are also invited to hear her presentation. She is an author and illustrator of many books for children but her book [E is for Enchantment](#) was the inspiration for our C is for Cardinal book. She will also be signing her books after her presentations. More information on this will come in email blasts.

Neecey will talk to the students about how she became an illustrator and author encouraging them to use their talents to become authors and illustrators. She will show them special techniques to use when illustrating and will even illustrate for them.

The presentations will be in the gym on April 14: Grades 5-8 9:00-10:00 and Grades K-4 10:30-11:30. We would love to have you join us and meet a famous author and illustrator.

## **From the Finance Office:**

You can apply online for the Maloof and the Archbishop scholarship with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The deadline is April 15, 2009. To apply a nonrefundable \$20.00 fee is due.

Apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com)

Step 1: Select Applicant Sign In

Step 2: New Users select Create an Account or returning users enter their existing username and password.

If you forgot your password, click on the "trouble signing in," link to retrieve your existing username and password. If you are unable to retrieve your username and password continue as a New

User and click on Create an Account.

After completing the online application you will need to mail or fax the supporting documentation

Award decisions are made by the Catholic Foundation for the Maloof in August and the Archbishop scholarship in October.

## **From the Pastor's Perspective:**

Due to production schedules, I am not able to share with you our pilgrimage diary – but I wanted to make sure that you have a copy of the prayer of the month for April and other announcements that are vital to our participation in the parish events that are coming up, especially church services. I'll share more with you in my next Cardinal Flyer report. Meanwhile, please take some time to enjoy the Lord's Day and the following notices below.

### Called & Gifted – A Lent & Eastertime Series

A series of one-hour (6:30 to 7:30 PM) sessions, every Wednesday in April that will explore our call as children of God and members of the Body of Christ in this place and time. Secondly, We will examine how we have been gifted individually and corporately to fulfill that mission. We will accomplish these goals through scripture, theology, ecclesiology, and spirituality as experienced in our specific social, geographic, cultural and ethnic niche. There will be notebooks so that the participants can save the handouts, exercises and notes they may want to take. Please register at the Front Office (so that we may order the appropriate amount of materials – and live your baptismal covenant with God; renew it during this time. Presentations will be led by Carol Giannini and to be held in the Youth Center at Saint Charles. This is sponsored by Mature Members Ministry and Pastoral Council of Saint Charles.

### Operation Rice Bowl

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that we are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of those who have no clean water to grow crops or to nourish their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about agriculture programs in Honduras. **Please bring your Rice Bowl back on Good Friday! Let's all support our Middle School students by being present for the Stations, Good Friday at Noon.**

### The Blessings and Challenges of Family Caregiving - A Day of Reflection

If you are now (or will be) a caregiver for a parent, spouse, sibling or child, learn to take better care of your emotional and spiritual self, and about federal and local resources:

Date:	April 30, 2009
Time:	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Lunch provided)
Location:	Spiritual Renewal Center, 6400 Coors Blvd NW
Register:	Call (505) 877-4211
Cost:	\$25.00
Mail to:	SRC, PO Box 67860, Albuquerque, NM 87193
Info:	Call Dolores Martinez at 255-9916

Respite Care Financial Assistance may be available through the Alzheimer's Association  
505-266-4473, <[www.alz.org/newmexico](http://www.alz.org/newmexico)>

### Family Therapy of Albuquerque Now Has Office at Saint Charles

If you or your child would like to have a professional counselor to talk with and work on certain issues, please see me, Father Lane or Dr. Joanna Majors at the Parish Center.

### Calendar & Other Reminders:

- **REMEMBER YOUR CANNED FOOD ITEMS:** Thank you for placing food items in your car and bringing them to church during the procession of the gifts. We also remember to bring rice, since we contribute this staple to the Food Panty.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during Lent and on Good Friday, there will be the celebration of the Way of the Cross at **Noon**. If you would like to help carry the cross or a candle, please let me know. The STATIONS are celebrated in Vietnamese each **Friday night at 7 p.m.**
- **MATURE MEMBERS MINISTRY:** First weekend of the month blood pressure screening continues! **Next organizational meeting:** Tuesday, April 7, 12:45 p.m. in Mahady Meeting Room

- **REHEARSAL for HOLY THURSDAY:** Join us Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m. for those who have a role in the Holy Thursday liturgy. (That's 7:30 p.m. the next day.)
- **REHEARSAL for GOOD FRIDAY:** Liturgical ministers are asked to be 30 minutes before the two services to review the procedures for the liturgy.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ASSOCIATES:** All are welcome – come for one, or for all of these special times/or events, **Thursday (the day of the Eucharist), April 16:**
  - 4:15 p.m. Rosary (shrine chapel)
  - 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (shrine chapel)
  - 5:30 p.m. Novena with Saint Peter Julian Eymard (shrine chapel)
  - 6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner (Mahady Meeting Room, bring a dish to share for 10 – sign up on the bulletin board next to the Shrine Chapel)
  - 6:30 p.m. Eucharist Talk (after or during supper in the MMR depending on the topic)

**APRIL TOPIC: Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Come and learn if you wish to be an associate member of the Blessed Sacrament (yes, as a lay person!), following in the footsteps of Saint Peter Julian Eymard. Father Eymard founded the order for priests, brothers, deacons, sisters and laity. Now, the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament is renewing it's lay associates and formalizing this relationship, especially as the brothers and priests leave. With laity continuing the mission, our special lay associates will continue the mission of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Learn about this special church law, canonical status of aggregation – lay people living the mission of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up to officially be a member – a special ceremony will be held in May. **FILL OUT AN AGGREGATION FORM at the Front Desk.**

- **FINANCE COUNCIL:** Come here a presentation on the Catholic Foundation with Mary Dunn, **Monday, April 20, 4 p.m.** Committee Room. We will also work on the parish budget and make decisions for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Monday, April 20, 6 p.m. Cardinal Bistro
- **PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Monday, April 20, 7 p.m. Mahady Meeting Room
- **CONFIRMATION:** Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. for our collaboration of adults and high school students, with Archbishop Sheehan presiding.

### Holy Name Happenings

- **RETURN OLD MOBILE PHONES:** Don't throw away your old mobile phone! Give to the Holy Name who will return it for cash and raise funds for the church's building fund.
- **DONUT SUNDAY:** Our next donut Sunday is **April 26 after the 9 & 11.** Thank you for donating a dollar or two to support the hospitality ministry for the donuts and drinks.
- **MORNING PRAYER & SCRIPTURE SHARING:** Join us on our special Sunday, (coming on April 5) for Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. During the Morning Prayer in the Shrine Chapel, we will also reflect on the Gospel reading and share how the Gospel touches our lives.
- **HOLY NAME CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS & MEETING: Sunday, April 5, 9 a.m.** Meet in the gym for the palms and process to our special pews. After the Mass, join us in the Mahady Meeting Room for our special meeting. Members from the Maintenance Committee, Finance Council, Pastoral Council and Liturgy Commission will remind the Holy Name of the process and purpose for the kneelers in church and how blessed we are to have a parishioner restoring our pews.

### Sacred Triduum: April 9 - 12: Holiest Days of the Liturgical Year

*(Beginning at sunset on Holy Thursday (4 p.m.) until sunset Easter Sunday)*

*Each morning, help with clean up and organizational things at 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Thanks!!!*

Rehearsal for the ministers helping with Holy Thursday is Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

**AGAPE MEAL:** In the early church, Christians would gather for a potluck meal and then celebrate the Eucharist at the end of the meal. Join us for our special event, **5:45 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 9.** Sign-up in the vestibule – and please bring enough food to share so that all may eat during the Agape Meal.

**FOOT WASHING:** As we have done for five years, we will invite all who are present during the Holy Thursday, or Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, to have their feet washed by one of the priests or deacons and members of the Liturgy Commission. There will be 5 stations throughout the church so that we may keep the mandate that Jesus instituted on the night before he died. Let us not behave like Peter, but rather learn from Peter and allow ourselves to be ministered to so that we may minister to others. The early church had this ritual as a sacrament, preparing one for Eucharist. We will have members of our parish who lead us in service be the first to have their feet washed.

**Holy Thursday, April 9:**

- Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. (in church)
- Agape Meal (Potluck) in Gym: 5:45 p.m. (all bring something to share)
- Liturgy of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m.
- Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (in Shrine chapel)

**Good Friday, April 10: Rehearsal for these events, ½ hour beforehand**

- Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. (in church)
- Stations of the Cross: Noon (led by school students)
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. (tri-lingual)

**Holy Saturday, April 11:**

- Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. (in church)
- Practice Easter Vigil for the Procession of Flowers and Easter Vigil: 10:30 a.m. (*The procession will be during the Easter Vigil after the "Glory to God."*)
- Easter Vigil Service: 8:30 p.m. (tri-lingual)

**Easter Sunday, April 12:**

- 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. (regular schedule)

**Easter Monday, April 13 HOLIDAY:**

- 12:10 p.m. Eucharist only (Office Closed, No communal Morning & Evening Prayer or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for this church holiday.)

**Infant Baptisms:** Saturday, April 18, 5 & 7 p.m. & Sunday, April 19, 9 & 11 a.m.

## **Procession with Flowers: Donate Easter Flowers & Plants**

Please donate a plant or flower in memory of a loved one, living or deceased, for the Easter Season. Please drop off an envelope in the collection basket or at the Front Office, with your name and who you would like to remember. Thank you for helping us keep the Lenten rule – no flowers in church during this liturgical season until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil, when we process and decorate the church. The only exceptions to the "no flowers" rule are the Solemnities of the Annunciation of the Lord and Saint Joseph Day. Please note that the flowers and plants will be inside and outside and around the campus, even at the new rectory.

## **Novena for Peace and Social Justice**

Plans for the upcoming annual rosary novena this May 3 - May 13 at St. Charles is underway! If you'd like to join the planning committee, please call Fatima Portugal at 235-5773. (We will not join for the novena on Sunday, May 10 due to Mother's Day). The novena ends on the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and Fatima. To help us with our costs for the prayer booklet and novena, **please consider** sponsoring an ad for the prayer booklet. **The school will have a special MAY CROWNING on Wednesday, May 6 at 9 a.m.** Please plan on bringing flowers to school and being in the procession.

## **Forum on Nuclear Weapons & Gospel Justice Principles:**

Our recent exhibit, hosting the Hiroshima traveling exhibit for peace caused many parishioners to have multiple feelings and opinions. Miriam Benedict and Father Lane will have a listening session, for us to learn from each other, share our stories and review our history in a special session **Tuesday, March 31**, 6:30 p.m. This is also being co-sponsored by our Mature Members Ministry.

## **Statues of Saint Peter Julian Eymard & Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament**

Have you ordered your statue(s) today? Father Lane showed us these statues during the Masses, they are \$20 a piece and are a nice treasure for your home altar or the perfect gift for Easter or someone making their First Communion. Both saints

are "Apostles of the Eucharist." Please contact the Front Office or Father Lane, SSS to order them.

### **Training for Liturgical Ministers:**

We invite everyone to come again for a refresher or be trained for the first time in our liturgical ministries – especially those who serve during our weekday Masses. Here are the following sessions in church:

- **ALTAR SERVERS:** Wednesday, April 1, Saturday, April 18, and Wednesday, April 22.  
Wednesday sessions at 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday session at 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Let us continue to pray for each other.

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS  
18<sup>th</sup> Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Community

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### **Prayer of the Month for April 2009:**

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

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