

# Saint Martha Parish Community

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## MISSION STATEMENT

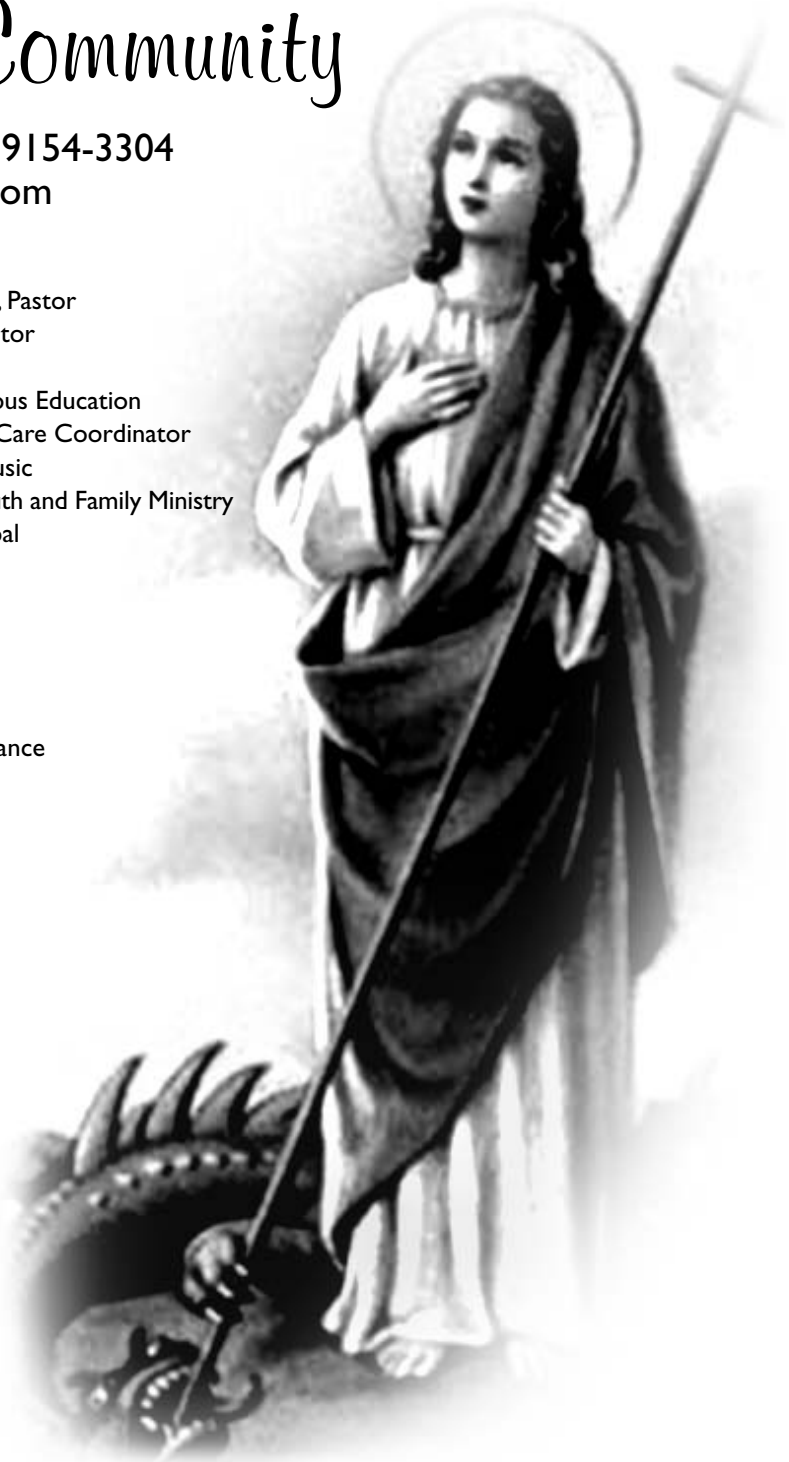
We, the family of Saint Martha Parish, in order to live richly in our Catholic heritage and Parish traditions, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the example of Saint Martha's hospitality, devote our mind, body and spirit to:

Pray to God, through the most exalted mystery, the celebration of the Eucharist and recognize in this Union with Christ the Sacrifice, Sacrament and Real Presence.

Foster a home where Christianity is welcomed as the focal point, which will allow us to continue to grow as selfless, humble Catholic individuals and integral, involved members of our Parish and community;

Proclaim the Good News, as did our Patron, Saint Martha, by expressing our commitment to our faith as shown in our actions, spoken in our words, and reflected in our thoughts. Serve, with humility, the spiritual and physical needs of all God's people, born and unborn, by practicing our faith, both inwardly and outwardly, to ensure and strengthen our Catholic future.

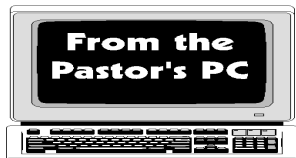
We join in communal and individual prayer to God, with Mary, our Mother, and with the help and strength of our parish patron, Saint Martha, so that we may, like her, carry the Gospel Message and profess our belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elected / Appointed: Claire Cole, Mike Costello, Tracey Drea, JoAnna Galichinski, Bobbie Harrison, Joseph MacGregor, Eileen McGranaghan, Eileen Norton, George Stromeyer, Joanne Trusdell and Michael Young.  
Ex officio: Mrs. Karen Donofry,  
Deacon Ray Gwynn, Fr. Al Masluk

# WELCOME TO ST. MARTHA PARISH



Our nation has just celebrated another birthday. As John Adams foresaw, the day was marked with “illuminations [fireworks], pageants, and parades and the ringing of bells.” If there was one word used over and over again yesterday, it was probably “Freedom.” People were celebrating the freedom of the colonies from England. The freedoms we enjoy as Americans were highlighted. However, we all have to be careful not to make “freedom” an idol, nor confuse freedom with license.

If you ask the average person what “freedom” means, he or she might say things like “the ability to do whatever I want” or “the chance to determine my own life.” Both of these descriptions falls short of the mark. Freedom is, at its core, the ability to choose. A person in jail may not choose to run out to the store at will; they are not free to do so. A person who is keeping a secret may not choose to disclose its contents; they are not free to do so.

The mistake we Americans make, however, is to equate “freedom” with “always good.” We think that just because we can make free choices, they are always good. This is simply not the choice. We often freely choose that which is destructive and disintegrative. We choose sin. You see the insidiousness of the pro-abortion forces in using the term “pro-choice.” They value choice as an idol, something to be worshiped in and of itself, and held up as if it is the ultimate determiner of morality. It is not. One who “chooses”, abortion chooses an objective evil, the willful destruction of human life.

Adam and Eve were free – and abused that freedom. We are free — and often abuse our freedom. Ironically, we are most free when we freely chose to be faithful to our God! Atheists wrongly proclaim that people of faith are slaves to their belief; people of faith know that the true freedom to which mankind is called is the freedom of the children of God!

May we, like Saint Martha, always be friends of Jesus.

God’s Love,

Fr. Al



## SERVICES AND SCHEDULES

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#### Mass Schedule:

Daily Masses: 8:15 AM Monday - Saturday  
Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM Saturday  
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 10:00, 12:00  
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM  
Holy Day Masses: 9:00, 12:00 Noon

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 PM

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

For children, baptisms are celebrated Sunday at 1:15 PM except the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month when they will be at the 12:00 mass (except during Lent). Instruction is required for the each child. Contact the rectory after the birth of the child. For adults, contact the rectory to join the RCIA program. These sacraments are usually celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

#### Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples planning marriage should contact the parish office at least nine months in advance. Weddings are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

#### Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office at the onset of serious illness or before impending hospital stay. On the Sunday before you enter the hospital, please ask one of the priests to administer the Anointing, so that the healing touch of Christ may come to you in this beautiful sacrament.

#### Communion Calls for Shut-Ins:

The homebound can be visited regularly by the parish priests and pastoral staff and brought Holy Communion on Sunday by special ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Sr. Claire if there is a need.

#### Funerals:

Upon the death of a family member, contact the parish office so that a priest or other member of the pastoral staff can visit to offer comfort and help plan the funeral liturgy. Arrangements regarding time and dates of funerals are made through a funeral director.

## PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

RCIA, CCD , Bible Study, Pre Jordan,		
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Deacon Ray	632-3720
Eucharistic Ministers and		
Lectors	Sr. Kate	632-3720
Choir	Sr. Paula	632-3720
Pastoral Care	Sr. Claire	632-3720
Aid for Friends	Chris Hayes	637-4951
Blood Drive	Marybeth Jannotti	637-8347
	or Jerry Bowes	552-9204
CYO	Kevin Keen	637-9644
Garden Club	Bill Jeffrey	632-6358
H.S. CYO	Nanette Sacidor	637-6364
Holy Dusters	Betty Janco	637-6671
Home & School	Eileen Norton	676-6862
Knights of Columbus	Frank Gonzon	632-3756
Lotto	Kathy Cantz	632-4742
Prayer Group	Bobbie Harrison	637-5441
Pre Cana	Harry & Lori Charlton	637-2313
Pro Life	Ed & Ann Markowski	-637-5446
Seniors	David Francis	637-8844
Ushers	Rich Constance	637-5834

#### Parish Registration and Change of Registration Status:

It is important that all Catholics within our boundaries be registered and active members of the parish. Circumstances sometimes change registration status. If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, you need to be sure you are registered correctly in the parish. (1) Have you moved away from your parental home (not just for college)? (2) Have you recently changed your marital status? (3) Are you living with your parents, over eighteen, and not receiving your own mailings and envelopes? If any of these apply, please call the rectory office to update your registration status. New families moving into the parish can stop by the rectory during regular office hours or call if an evening or weekend appointment is needed to register. Welcome!

#### Rectory Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.  
Saturday 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM (Limited Service) Sunday CLOSED  
SCRIP Office Phone # - 215-632-7544

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the rectory by noon on Friday of the previous week. Bulletin inserts should be submitted to the rectory 10 days in advance of printing

**OUR WORSHIP LIFE**



**Deceased: Winifred Durante**

**Sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends**

John Baranosky, Sr., Marilyn Belancio, Elizabeth Bondiskey, Joe Bradley, Michael Buck, Robert Buck, Harry Charlton, Edward Coughlin, Mildred Dewald, Ann Domian, Frank Dorr, Marie Flatley, Helene Forward, Stephanie Gilchrist, Dorothy Godin, Irene Hagenbach, William Holmes, Jacob Jedlowski, Roy Jones, Jr., Thomas Patrick Kane, Loretta Ketner, Maryanne Klinewski, Joseph Kubach, Tracy Lear, Linda Dyken Lesser, Sally Lockwood, Ruth Mair, Michael Masciantonio, Jr., James McDonald, Eileen Mc Granaghan, John McGuire, .Kevin Mc Hugh, Sr., Margaret McNamee, Patrick McNamee, Bridget Metzler, Linda Nasife, Fr. Leo Oswald, Frances Peasley, Irene Russell, Robert Shaw, Mary Skirkie, Kathleen Slane, Lorraine Stromeier, Sr. Rosemary Varra, Jenna Vaughn, Mary Agnes Warner, Alice Wasniewski, Lillian Weeks, Rich Whalen, Richard S. White and Henry Wierzbicki.

**Men and Women in the Service**

Miguel Araujo, Eric Baus, Brigid Burke, Kevin Bury, Michael Byrne, Brian Collins, Allen Costello, Marianne Daniels, Thomas Delaney, Vincent DiRenzo, John Donovan, Joseph Dougherty, Chuck Fassano, Alyssa Garfield, Luis Alexander Gonzalez, Steven D. Greene, Tom Hair, Jessica Harbison, William Hartlieb, Jr., Christopher D. Hingley, Jerry Kean, Jeffery Keating, Samuel Kline, Patrick R. Lewis, Ricky Mallon, Michael McCusker, Brett McMonagle, Eileen Montvydas, Angelo Rillera, Charles A. Rillera, Patrick Rooney, Sean Ruddy, Matthew Steffen, and Connie Kline Whalen.

**WEEKLY MEMORIALS**

The sanctuary Lamp which burns before the Blessed Sacrament reminds us of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It would be a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one who now enjoys the heavenly banquet. If you would like the lamp to burn in honor of a loved one, please send a suggested offering of \$10 to the rectory office with the name of the person remembered. We will publish these memorials in the bulletin. In addition, a donation of \$25 will help supply the bread and wine which are used for the Eucharist, another fitting memorial.

*The sanctuary lamp burns this week in honor of*  
**Patricia McNally**  
*The bread and wine for the Eucharist have*  
*been donated this week in memory of*  
**Patricia McNally**  
*Please keep her in your prayers*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**14<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 4, 2009**

5:00 PM + Charles J. Canuso

**Sunday, July 5, 2009**

8:00 + William Donovan

10:00 + James Cullen

12:00 + Charles Canuso

**Monday, July 6, 2009 ~ St. Maria Goretti**

8:15 + Margaret Corcoran

**Tuesday, July 7, 2009**

8:15 + Margaret Mulligan

**Wednesday, July 8, 2009**

8:15 + Peg DeLise

**Thursday, July 9, 2009 ~ St. Augustine Zhao Rong**

8:15 + Mass of Gratitude

**Friday, July 10, 2009**

8:15 + Peter Pizza

**Saturday, July 11, 2009 ~ St. Benedict**

8:15 + Carmine Coppola

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM + Linda Hudak

**Sunday, July 12, 2009**

8:00 + Annie Kelly

10:00 + Ralph Sando, Sr.

12:00 + Annie Kelly

**Altar Server Schedule For July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 PM**

A. Joyce K. Joyce E. Jeffrey

**8:00 AM**

E. Cooper T. Finnegan W. Hoeckel

**10:00 AM**

L. Mazzarelli S. Concepcion P. Hanley

**12:00 PM**

E. Foreman M. Brady S. Madden

**Weekday July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup> Monday thru Sat.**

8:15AM S. Otero E. Cooper



**BAPTISMS**

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS to the parents, godparents and family of our newly baptized:

**Faith Marie Arevalo**  
 who was baptized on June 28, 2009

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARTHA'S?****Monday, July 6, 2009**

6:30 PM ~ Lotto/Parish Hall

**Thursday, July 9, 2009**

7:00 PM ~ Pre-Jordan/Rectory

**Sunday, July 12, 2009**

10:00 AM ~ Mass CLOW/Church

**PRE-JORDAN CLASS**

Before a child is baptized, the parents MUST attend this class which is held every other month. Call the rectory to register. Instruction is required for each child. The next class will be held on July 9, 2009 in the Church at 7:00pm

**PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****2009-2010 REGISTRATION FOR CCD/PREP**

PREP/CCD class is held on Sunday from 8:15AM to 9:45AM

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:15AM  
Registration for CCD/Prep Sacramental School can be made by appointment only. Call Deacon Ray @ 632-3720.

There will be no increase in the fee for the CCD/PREP for 2009-2010.

Fee is \$80.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> child. \$25.00 for each child over Three children. An extra book fee of \$25.00 for Sacramental grades 2, 3 & 5. For out of parish the fee is \$100.00 per child. We now have a Pre-K class. Pre-K fee is \$25.00 per child.

**Children's liturgy of the Word is held** each Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass for children from the ages of 5 through 10 yrs.

**RCIA**~ Call Deacon Ray @ 632-3720 for information.

**RCIA** stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Our first evening will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM in the Rectory Basement and continues on Tuesday evenings.

**RCIA** is open to any person who has never been baptized, baptized in another faith, or baptized in the Catholic Church, but in need of the other sacraments of initiation.

The **RCIA** process allows the person to come and hear about the teachings of the Catholic church. The person can then decide if they would have the desire to belong to the Catholic Church and be baptized or receive further sacraments. There is no cost involved and we welcome all to come and learn about the love of Jesus.

**LITURGICALLY SPEAKING WITH MSGR. MILLER****BAPTISMS ~ FUNERALS: ALL ONE, 1****As We Came In, So We Go Out**

After reflecting 6 months on the Mass translations we'll be dealing with in coming years, we need something different. So, let's explore and compare how our first and last liturgical rites - Baptism and Funerals - connect - connections you will find engaging. It's a continuation, too, of our earlier series on Baptism as our permanent state of Christian life and being: Infinitely beyond a nice Sunday afternoon celebration, Baptism is the new state of life into which we are permanently born and into which we progressively grow. It is St. Paul's teaching about bounding from glory to glory not just in this world and time, but through eternity! In this light, our funeral rites signal both the concluding earthly moment of living in Christ and the definitive transition into the eternal moment of his dying and rising. As I hope to demonstrate, the externals of our *Order of Christian Funerals* all derive from our *Rite of Christian Initiation*, from Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist.

All our liturgies comprise 4 elements, 2 greater and 2 lesser. The former: the Liturgy of the Word (Scripture, homily etc.) And the Liturgy of the Sacrament. The latter: the Introductory and Concluding Rites.

Our old buddy Amalarius of Metz got it right over 1,000 years ago:

*Lex orandi legem statuit credendi.*

[My favorite translation - according to dynamic equivalency:]  
*How we celebrate the liturgy sets the pattern for how we live our lives.*

Before we can compare Baptism and funerals, we need to update ourselves on the riches the Church has uncovered in both these rites since Vatican Council II mandated their clarifications. So, let's proceed next week first to look again at the foundation Baptism determines in the Church and in our lives.

**THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST****PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

**Ever-living God and father of us all,  
you give to your Church the Priesthood of your Son, Jesus,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
you provide holy priests for a holy people.**

**We pray for all our priests, who announce the Word of God  
and celebrate the sacraments,  
for those who are young and those who are old,  
for those who serve in difficult and trying circumstances,  
for those who are faithful and those who are faltering, and  
for those who have died.**

**We entrust all our priests to the sacred Heart of Jesus  
and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
that they may persevere with fidelity to you and to your  
Church.**

**With Saint John Vianney, patron of priests, we pray  
that our priests may never fail to lead us to you.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**PARISH LIFE**

**ST. MARTHA SENIORS**

Wishing you all God's blessings for a healthy, carefree summer.

On behalf of all the members of SMS, we offer a round a applause to our newly elected officers of the 2009-2010 Executive Board, namely;

- President: Dave Francis
- Vice-Pres. Marie Haitch/Theresa Canuso
- Secretary: Kay Gaus
- Treasurer: Michael Costello

Working together we will make this an enjoyable and memorable year. Look forward to seeing you all at the first meeting on Monday, September 14.

Same Time~ Same Place.

P.S. Don't forget your name tags. By September we (or I should say I) will have forgotten a looot of names. (Just my Humor)

All seniors 55 and over are welcome.

**BRING A FRIEND- YOU'LL JUST LOVE US!!!**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten and new students for grades 1 through 8 is by appointment only. Call 215-632-0320 to schedule an appointment. Yes! Yes! SMS.



**RECTORY SUMMER HOURS**

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**Mon-Thurs 9:00AM ~ 7:00PM**

**Friday ~~~~~ 9:00 AM to Noon**

**Limited Service~Noon to 7:00PM**

**Saturday~~~~~ 9:00AM ~ 1:00PM**

**With Limited Service**

**Sunday ~~~~~ Closed**

**Summer Hours Begin**

**Friday, June 19**



**LOTTO NEWS**

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ FREE TUITION \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

Sounds impossible....it's NOT!

Start the New Year off right by selling LOTTO TICKETS.. SAVE, SAVE, SAVE. There are 3 types of accounts:

**TUITION: Any grade school, High School or College**

**SAVINGS: Vacation Money or \$\$\$ for that rainy day.**

**CASH: Pocket money for the week.**

Interested but have questions, stop by the Parish Hall on any Monday evening starting at 6:30PM to get your answers. See you Monday or call Kathy Cantz 632-4742 after 5:00PM.

**Monday night lottery needs volunteers** to check tickets. Starts at 8:00PM. Refreshments served.

**SCRIP PROGRAM**

Postcards with Scrip credits for the 2009/2010 school year were mailed. If your scrip credit is for St. Martha it will automatically be sent to St. Martha Rectory. Checks for all other schools will be available for pick-up in the Scrip Office beginning Monday, June 22. Thank you for supporting our Scrip Program.

**SCRIP OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION**

Mon.,Thurs & Friday 9:00AM ~ 11:30AM

6:00PM ~ 8:00PM

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday CLOSED

Saturday 4:30PM ~ 6:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM ~ 12:00PM

## GOOD STEWARDSHIP

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We believe that every good gift of time, talent and treasure comes from God, and that we must use them for His glory and our neighbor's good, and return them to God fairly, proportionately and consistently. The good steward faithfully contributes to the Sunday Collection, and supports all major parish fund-raising efforts such as scrip and lotto and shares time and talent with the parish

**DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DEADLINE  
FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY  
THE COLLECTION FIGURES  
FOR THIS WEEK  
WILL BE PUBLISHED IN  
NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

Our budget is based on a weekly collection of \$14,400.00. Parents of school children are reminded that they must donate regularly and fairly to receive a good tuition rate. If you are away on a Sunday we appreciate your efforts to "catch up" Thank You very much for your generous response to God's goodness to YOU!



### ST. MARTHA PARISH JACKPOT LOTTO

**DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING  
DEADLINE FOR  
THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY**

**THE WINNERS WILL BE PUBLISHED  
IN NEXT WEEK BULLETIN**



**Consolation prizes cannot be picked up  
before Wednesday of the following week.**

**Lotto Hotline Number ~1-866-902-3983**

## A LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Deus caritas est*, our Holy Father wrote that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life."

The lives and futures of 37 million Americans who are living in poverty are at stake. For nearly forty years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has stood with poor and low-income people, helping to create permanent solutions to poverty. One by one people are joining local community groups to break the cycle of poverty - and Catholics across our country are part of that change.

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the annual collection to support this domestic anti-poverty program of the Church will take place on the weekend of **July 11-12, 2009**. Through the collection, contributions of the faithful become tools of self-reliance, self-sufficiency and self-determination as anti-poverty projects are implemented across the country and in the communities and neighborhoods of our own Archdiocese. The annual collection also raises consciousness about poverty and the Church's social mission.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is committed to helping people find permanent solutions to the problems of domestic poverty. On behalf of literally thousands of citizens and neighbors whose lives will be offered hope through this program, I thank you for your response to this appeal.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## OTHER NEWS

### IN HONOR OF OFFICER CHUCK CASSIDY

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual CARDS-Soar at the shore - In honor of Officer Chuck Cassidy '70- will be held on Saturday July 18, 2009 at the recently expanded Keenan's Irish Pub in North Wildwood from 2PM to 7PM. Cost is \$25.00 in advance- \$30 at the door, which includes admittance, buffet, entertainment and a donation to the Officer Chuck Cassidy Scholarship fund at Cardinal Dougherty which will benefit the Sons/Daughters of Police Officers & Firefighters. For tickets call 215-276-2300 ext. 286 or e-mail [alumni@cardinaldougherty.org](mailto:alumni@cardinaldougherty.org).