

22 May 2009, *Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia*

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

The Solemnity of Pentecost draws near and with it the conclusion of the Easter Season. How awesome is the paschal mystery of Christ being lived out in our midst. Surveying the ministries, activities and numbers of families coming to our community to celebrate the Sacraments with us continues to challenge us in our planning efforts in order to rise to the occasion meeting present and preparing for future needs. Holy Week, The Triduum, Easter Sunday were all opportunities for us to gratefully reflect on how God is using us as an instrument for evangelization by welcoming those who wish to celebrate their catholic life in a serious and deliberate way. Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations are visible signs of the future that is rising in our midst. The central way in which this evangelization can continue to happen is through our faithful celebration of the liturgy, most especially the Sunday Eucharist. It is here that we encounter the Risen Lord and one another. It is here that we are encouraged in our discipleship journey of conversion. It is here where we are challenged to become more open to how God desires our conversion to serve as a visible sign of God's redemptive presence in our Church and World.

The **Summer Project for 2009** directly supports this reality. This year we are asking for your direct support in funding two projects that will support and enhance our parish community's worship: at the **ICC** site we will install a new upgraded electrical service which will feed the church building and exterior site with new wiring that will enter the property underground thus enabling us to continue the important site work in developing the Division Street Parking Yard; and at the **SJC** site we will restore the pipe organ which has graced the hallowed walls for our worship since 1923. *(in order to have a better understanding of the particulars of these projects, we have enclosed an attachment to offer better information and to be as transparent to you our parishioners and friends as possible)*

We are living in uncertain times. There is much speculation about our world, our nation, and our economy. Our parish community continues to be a place where members, former members and alumni of our parish schools continue to return and find church buildings that are being maintained and welcoming places for the praying community to gather and continue what those who have gone before us have begun more than a century ago here in the Central New Jersey community of Chambersburg. Now is our time to continue to build upon their dreams and the many sacrifices it has been for them to provide for our needs. What we do is both preserving their dream and positioning our community in a way to develop new priorities and initiatives for continuing the mission of Christ's Church. **THANK YOU** for your generous, steadfast support. May Mary our patroness, under her title of Our Lady of the Angels, intercede for us now and in the future as we continue to build the Kingdom of God in our community.

Peace,

Reverend Fr. Jeffrey E. Lee, *Pastor*

Reverend Fr. Jose Fernandez, *Parochial Vicar*