PASTORS'S COLUMN—APRIL 30, 2012

Dear Parishioners:

The kindness of Jesus is central to His Gospel Message. Jesus comes to us to soothe us in daily life through the Holy Spirit of Peace which defuses anger that can build up in our hearts. Many times family anger can dominate our hearts and it makes for a pain-filled way to live. It is very draining and consuming and can lead to depression.

Let us pray for one another that we grow in Jesus' kindness in the days to come. Our hearts individually and as parish can be soothed in Christ's Peace more fully which can make for a more joy-filled life. The more we live the freedom of being God's children <u>now</u>, the more we can savor the little and big things of life from the simple taste of an orange to the complex culinary event of a seven course banquet. Life becomes sweeter when anger diminishes and the kindness of Jesus flourishes.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry