



## From the Pastor's Desk



### Dear Friends Of Christ

Thank you for participating in our combined effort to support the Annual Catholic Appeal and our own "Ditch the Debt" campaign. Five hundred dollars per household given to the Annual Appeal will accomplish both goals.

As we all make decisions regarding our support for the Annual Catholic appeal and our parish Ditch the Debt efforts, I offer this prayer from the Feast of St. Joseph.

Lord, like St. Joseph, you call me to live and to work, often not knowing your plans. Help me, to follow his example, to work and live untroubled and unafraid. Help me Lord to hold on to your peace I do not understand, but a peace I trust because that peace comes from You. Amen

- Colton Biro, S.J.

### One Of My Favorite Days!!

Congratulations to our First Communion children and families. This weekend we celebrated the commitment of parents and guardians to lead their children from the waters of Baptism to the nourishment of the Eucharist. As many First Communions as I have celebrated, I never tire of the hope and love shared by families and our parish with our young children. Congratulations to parents and sponsors, catechists and friends who helped to shape this day. Thank you for blessing our children with this First Communion day. Congratulations.

### Fr. Jack Returning To School

Beginning May 20th, I will be attending, for the second time, the "Festival of Preachers" in Washington, D.C. This festival brings together 1,500 clergy from varying denominations who have the precious task of preaching to contemporary Christians. I attended this festival about 12 years ago and came away inspired by the dedication of so many women and men whose weekly work is to attempt to reveal how the God of Scripture is still working today in our lives. The opening session begins in the National Cathedral and continues in two other downtown D.C. Churches.

### Our Prayer For This Week

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown  
Will you let my love be known  
Will you let my life be grown in you  
And you in me?

The Summons

Fr. Jack