

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The most sacred moments of the entire Liturgical Year will be celebrated this week under the title "The Sacred Triduum" (i.e., still using the Latin word for "three days" in the title). The violet color of Lent is put aside as Holy Thursday calls for white, Good Friday for red and Easter for the color of the glorious Resurrection. These three days celebrate the salvific days of Jesus' triumph over death through the experience of the Resurrection; but they also celebrate what is happening right now among us as the People of God. All parishioners, and Catholics throughout the world, are urged to join us for three days of wondrous liturgical celebrations as our Parish Family comes to the apex of the Liturgical Year.

HOLY THURSDAY: THE LAST SUPPER

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening with the accent upon the Blessed Sacrament. After the liturgy, the sacred species will be placed in the area of reposition for private adoration. The church will remain open until 12:00 midnight for those who wish to come and "keep watch with Jesus."

GOOD FRIDAY: THE DEATH OF JESUS

We are asked to return to the church on Good Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. as we commemorate the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. The tri-part celebration includes the Liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross and the reception of the Eucharist from the consecrated species of the previous night. The church will be closed 30 minutes after the service to decorate for Easter.

12:00 NOON TO 3:00 P.M. FRIDAY

For those who would like to keep the 3 hour vigil from noon to three in church in commemoration of Jesus' hanging of the cross, we will begin at noon with a reflection on the mystery of the Cross that will lead into the service beginning at 1:30 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL: THE RESURRECTION

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday evening and calls for all of us to be present to announce the Alleluia of the Resurrection. The four-part liturgical celebration is the high point of the entire Liturgical Year and beckons to all of us to join the Community of Faith in proclaiming this central mystery of our lives in Christ.



Palm Sunday

IMPORTANT HOLY WEEK NOTICES

There will be a 1:00 p.m. liturgy added to our Easter Sunday schedule along with the regular times of 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Parishioners who wish to avoid the great crowds of the three earlier liturgies may choose to participate at this one o'clock liturgy.

The Blessing of Baskets will take place at 12:00 noon on Holy Saturday. All families are invited to gather in church at that time for this ancient custom of preparing for the Resurrection.

There will be a collection on Good Friday as prescribed by the Diocese. There is an envelope in our packet for this collection, all of which goes to maintaining the sacred places of the Holy Land.

There will be no confessions scheduled during Holy Week. A person who wishes to celebrate Reconciliation may simply call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.

The Holy Thursday Church Visit tradition will begin immediately after the services that evening. We will spend time in visiting local churches for the adoration of the reposed Blessed Sacrament. Those wishing to travel with the group should call 412-486-5521 to make reservations.

Today is the final day to submit names for the Easter Flower Memorial. There is an envelope included in our packet for this purpose. We ask a donation of five dollars with each name submitted. Please print clearly on the envelope the name(s) of each person to be memorialized.

Parking for church services during this week becomes a significant issue because of the great crowds. We ask all those who attend these liturgies to be faithful to the lines that have been drawn in the back parking lot and to not block anyone else throughout the entire parking area. Vehicles parked in "no parking" zones might be towed --- which will then come at the owner's expense.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

- 4:00 p.m. Leo Mueller (Family)
- 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. Francesco Paolo Fusca (Joseph & Grace Mantella Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Charles A. Foley (Todd & Candy Luniewski & Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Sp. Int. John Connelly (Tim & Carol Murray)
- 6:00 p.m. Bob Corrigan (CYM)

Monday, April 10 - Monday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. Pamela Mankowski Nese (Mom & Dad)
- 10:00 a.m. Livia Richert (St. Mary's Widow/Widowers Group)

Tuesday, April 11 - Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. John, Barbara & William Lorkovic (Dick & Carrie Druzak)
- 10:00 a.m. David Dulemba (Josephine Blythe)

Wednesday, April 12 - Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. Esther Finn Mogus (Rita & Jim Finn)
- 10:00 a.m. Ed Graf (Family)

Thursday, April 13 - Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral
- 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

- 12:00 p. m. Meditation
- 12:00 p.m. Live Stations Crosswalk (Youth Group)
- 1:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 15 - Easter Vigil

- 12:00 p.m. Blessing of Food Baskets
- 8:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Catherine Lazzaro (Dr. Eldo Frezza & Patrizia Costa)
- 9:00 a.m. Chuck Kozak & Charlie Ghastin (Grace & Sophie)
- 11:00 a.m. Michelle Sanderbeck (Grammy, Pappy & Family)
- 1:00 p.m. Special Intention

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus emptied Himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! (Philippians 2: 6-11)

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Gullo, John Kirby, and Jerry Eisel, brother of Bonnie Sapsara, Ernest Dorner, Grandfather of our Seminarian, Bill Dorner.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- II. Julie Meyers (St Mary's) -Nicholas Hill
- II. Gabrielle Shriver (St. Gabriel - Whitehall - Chad Hodgson (St. Mary's

DAILY



READINGS

- April 10: Is 42: 1-7; Jn 12: 1-11
- April 11: Is 49: 1-6; Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
- April 12: Is 50: 4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25
- April 13: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9, Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4: 16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13: 1-15
- April 14: Is 52: 13—53: 12; Ps 31; Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Jn 18: 1—19: 42
- April 15: a) Gn 1: 1—2:2 {1: 1, 26-31a} b) Gn 22: 1-18 {1-2,9a,10-13, 15-18}; c) Ex 14: 15—15:1; d) Is 54: 5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3: 9-15, 32 —4: 4; g) Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6: 3-11; I) Mk 16: 1-7
- April 16: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7 (or at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24: 13-35

April 2,2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	829	\$18,429.57
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	706.00
Children's Offer.	47	55.13
Human Devel.	14	254.00
Easter Flowers	13	185.00
Parish Share	18	3,015.00
Parish Needy	22	301.00
TOTAL	943	\$22,945.70

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

R.C.I.A. meets today following the 9 a.m. Liturgy in the Rectory Dining Room. The topic: Holy Week. Please call Father Ed or Jim Finn with any questions at (412) 486-4100.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: As we begin the majestic season of Easter, we shall return to celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. We remind those couples who are planning a celebration of their child's baptism that they must meet with the priest or deacon in a pre-baptism session. We strongly recommend that the parents have this session "during the pregnancy" of the mother so that it does not become a last minute rush for the baptism itself.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Bishop Bradley will be in our church on Tuesday evening, May 2nd to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with all our properly prepared candidates. This is a special moment for our entire Parish Family and all parishioners are invited to join us for the celebration in church that evening.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST: All parishioners are reminded that the Group First Eucharist will be celebrated on the final weekend of this month. Those families with a child now ready to celebrate First Eucharist may choose any one of the liturgies celebrated on that weekend. We hope that all those parishioners coming to the liturgy that weekend will be mindful of the many visitors that will be in our church that day and join in the joyful celebration of their family event.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: We remind those couples who are planning a sacramental marriage in the church that there is need for a notice to be given to the Parish Family at least six months before the planned date. Please do not make other arrangements with the hall, caterer, photographer, etc. 'before' you contact the church to make sure that the date and time that has been chosen is available. Dates and times are given out on a first come, first serve basis.

SACRAMENT OF ORDINATION: Again this year our Parish Family will celebrate with one of our parishioners who will be ordained to the diaconate for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our own Bill Dorner will be ordained to the diaconate on June 3rd and will celebrate his new orders with us on Pentecost Sunday. All are asked to keep Bill in their prayers as he comes closer to this ordination date.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Pilgrimage on Bus/ Holy Thursday Church Visits

Visiting SEVEN churches on this sacred night is an opportunity to recall and reflect on the seven places JESUS was taken after the Last Supper. Our pilgrimage will visit St. Ursula, Divine Providence Motherhouse, St. Alexis & Alphonsus, Wexford, St. Sebastian, St. Bonaventure and return to St. Mary's around 11:30 PM. ALL WELCOME; call 412-486-5521 TODAY to reserve a seat on the bus.

Faith Sharing - HOLY Week

Jesus is called the "paschal lamb". What does this image tell you about the suffering of Jesus and Jesus' selfless love?

REGISTRATION Information for Catechesis Sessions-Sept. 2006-2007 available NOW at our Faith Formation Office. Forms were given to a member of each family currently enrolled.

Monday Faith Formation, April 10

All meet in classrooms at 6:30 PM.

Bring any item you planned for the SEDER. See your YELLOW April Newscard for info about our last FORMAL session on April 24.

Saturday Faith Formation, April 22

NO session on Holy Saturday-Use your Gospel Weekly activities for the Triduum at home. Refer to your YELLOW April Newscard for info about our last FORMAL session on April 22.

Confirmation Candidates with Parent/

Guardian be sure that you plan to participate in the 6:00 PM Liturgy on **Saturday, April 22** which includes practice for Confirmation. Sponsors do NOT need to, but MAY, attend the practice. Gather in Marian Hall by 5:40 PM; bring snack to share for AFTER Mass. Line up for procession.

YOUTH MINISTRY

T-ROC – SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

- Our topic is “Jesus’ Passion and Death”
- Gather at 5:45 PM in the church, **Liturgy begins at 6 PM.**
 - **Bring a snack to share** (see chart below).
 - **Teens** will be meeting with our **T-Team** up in the church after snacks!
 - **Parents** will stay in Marian Hall for an adult session on “Spiritual Enrichment from Liturgy”.
 - **Middle school (grade 6-8) youth are welcome to celebrate liturgy and then will have their own session with the T-Team.**
 - The evening will conclude around 8:30 p.m.

T-ROC Snack - Please contribute the following items. If your **last name begins** with:

- A - E** Desserts
- F - K** Non-caffeine soda or beverage
- I - L** Chips or pretzels
- M - Q** Fruit
- R - Z** Veggies and dip

TEEN HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Holy Thursday, April 13th, the youth of our Parish traditionally attend the **Chrism Liturgy at St. Paul’s Cathedral at 10 AM** to pick up the chrim oils for our parish. **Students from Shaler, Fox Chapel, and Hampton are all on scheduled days off from school. We will depart at 8:40 AM from our Church Parking lot.** Students in Grades 8 – 12 please call the CYM Office at 412/492-9344 to register. **CYM WILL HOST HOSPITALITY FOR VISITORS TO OUR CHURCH DURING HOLY THURSDAY EVENING. JOIN US AFTER THE LITURGY IN THE LOBBY OR PLAZA.**

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sun. Apr. 9** **BREAKFAST & BIBLE – 10 AM -Noon** at JAM Center
- Sun. Apr. 9** **CROSSWALK PRACTICE 5 PM-Church**
- Sun. Apr. 9** **TROC 6 – 8:30 PM – Palm Sunday**
- Wed. Apr. 12** **CYM Play reunion 7 PM**
- Thurs. Apr. 13** **Chrism liturgy. Meet 8:40 AM at church.**
- Thurs. Apr. 13** **CYM hosts visitors after Liturgy till 11 PM**
- Fri. Apr. 14** **Crosswalk and Lenten experience. All youth gather in Marian Hall at 9:30 AM.**
- Fri. Apr. 14** **Noon – Crosswalk begins at Epworth Methodist, ends at St. Mary’s ~ 1 PM**
- Fri. Apr. 14** **Veneration of the Cross at 1:30 PM with meal for participating teens to follow in Marian Hall.**

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION - Registration for students in preschool (3 and 4 year-olds), kindergarten, and grades 1 through 8 for the 2006-2007 school year are still being accepted in the school office. Children registering for kindergarten **MUST** be 5 years of age by September 1, 2006. Requirements for registration include your child’s birth and baptismal certificates and the child’s social security number. A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee is also required at this time which will be applied to next year’s tuition.

PTG BINGO - Be sure to mark your calendars for another Super Bingo will take place on Friday, May 5, in Marian Hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35.00 by calling Coleen Sarosi at (412) 486-6622 or \$40.00 at the door. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. Admission includes 12 cards for each regular game and 5 specials. Additional cards may also be purchased at 6 cards for \$5.00. 50 points will be awarded for each of the 40 regular games; 100 points for each of the 5 specials; 500 points for one jackpot, and 1000 points for another jackpot. The evening includes refreshments, good food, baked goods, raffles, and instant lotteries. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - Once again we are asking that you continue to save your Shop 'n Save receipts, Labels for Education from Campbell’s products, old cell phones, and empty ink cartridges. We are also in **GREAT** need of one-sided paper. All donations can be dropped off in the school office. **THANK YOU ---we appreciate your continued support!**



Palm Sunday

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:

A post-baptism ministry for parents with children five years of age and under. A variety of activities are scheduled and seasonal calendars are mailed to the homes. Each week a family perspective written by national columnist, Bud Ozar appears in the bulletin. To find out how you can become part of this dynamic ministry to our youngest members, please call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel tells us Jesus was "sorrowful, distressed and troubled" in the Garden of Gethsemane. He did not use this as an excuse. Rather, He surrendered to the will of His Father. Family conflicts often start when we impose our will. Imitate Jesus by letting go of controlling behaviors; let peace enter your family.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO SO MANY! The members of the Worship Commission extend their appreciation to all those who attended the Lenten Series and the presentation of the "Living Stations" by St. Ferdinand Youth Ministry. A special thanks to all those who participated in their particular ministries, particularly the Music Ministry and the variety of liturgical music each week. **THANKS** is extended to **MARTHA'S HANDS**, who prepared a delicious meal for the approximately 100 crew and cast members from St. Ferdinand's. May God bless and reward all of you!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LADIES GUILD: Monthly meeting April 20, 2006. Please join us for 7:00 p.m. Mass followed by a short meeting. We will be having our Springtime Tea Party. Please bring your favorite tea cup and wear your favorite Spring Bonnet.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: All are reminded of the nine days of prayer beginning on Good Friday, April 14th, and ending on Mercy Sunday, April 23rd. One can say these prayres at home or join in the group that will meet in Church each of these nine days from 3-4 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word with Children to be

celebrated April 23 at 9 and 11 AM Liturgy. If YOU will like to be part of that team call Donna, 412-492-9312 or Mary Sue, 412-767-5234

RICE BOWLS may be brought to church during THIS or NEXT Week. Thank you for sacrifices you made to provide for the most NEEDY who are served through the Catholic Relief Services.

SHOW YOUR FACE as a team member for our Parish PHOTO DIRECTORY project

Every family who participates in the photo take will receive a FREE directory and a FREE family portrait. An organizational meeting will be held AFTER Easter to discuss and set a timeline. A FEW more willing helpers needed. Call Ruth Dollin, 412-486-0614.

EXTENDED STAFF APPRECIATION

All members of the Extended Staff are invited to our traditional appreciation event that will take place on April 23rd. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Marian Hall. A evening meal will be included in the event for those in attendance. We remind all parishioners of the importance of all those who serve on the "Extended Staff" since they offer their magnificent talent and devoted generosity to the service of all members of the Parish Family throughout the year. We would not be able to offer the magnificent service to all our parishioners without the dedication on the "Extended Staff."

"DECODING THE SYMBOLISM"

Have you been intrigued by all the materials being published in anticipation of the film version of "The DaVinci Code?" Would you like to have an upclose and personal look at the real FACTS concerning the novel itself? Does all of this chatter peak your interest? Come, join us on Tuesday evening, April 25th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall for a "decoding of the symbolism." It will be a very appropriate evening of information and formation concerning the FACTS of our Faith!

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

The HOLIEST week in the year! It has come upon us so quickly, has it not? I hope that we do not let it slip by without spending a few minutes reflecting upon its significance in all our lives. It is during this coming week that we celebrate once more the magnificent events that relive for us the mystery of the DYING AND RISING of the Lord Jesus. For all of us who believe, it is the central mystery of our Catholic Faith and of our individual lives. The Church herself, who shapes the Faith of our lives, was born out of this mystery. Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection from the tomb is the central event that gives meaning to all that is THE CHURCH! We all belong to this community of Faith, the Church. Yet, it is in belonging to this Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*, we now have a new destiny created by the events that we celebrate this week.

Death no longer possesses a fearful grip on our human lives, for the Lord Jesus has broken the bonds of death with eternal life. We are now free to live in the beauty of each day, for our Faith raises our awareness to a life way beyond that of this world. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus guarantees that those of us who live in his stead will also share his fate.

Holy Week captures in liturgy the splendor of these events. This is not just another week, when we go to church a little more often. These are sacred moments when we celebrate the meaning of life at its very core. As Jesus prepares to enter into the final week of his life, we also prepare ourselves for the final moments of our own personal lives. Follow Jesus during these days and ultimately we will share in his eternal glory.

It is times like these that remind us how important our Parish Family is to each of our lives. The generosity of so many people in offering their time and talent makes this week's liturgies so sublime. From the heavenly sounds of the music to the noble décor of the building from the reflective proclamation of the Word to the dedicated commitment of those in the sanctuary from the prayerful postures of the assembly to the faithful service of the ministers WE all have an opportunity to share our presence around the Table of the Lord. Please, do not let all of this pass you by without reflecting upon its significance for all our lives!!!

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