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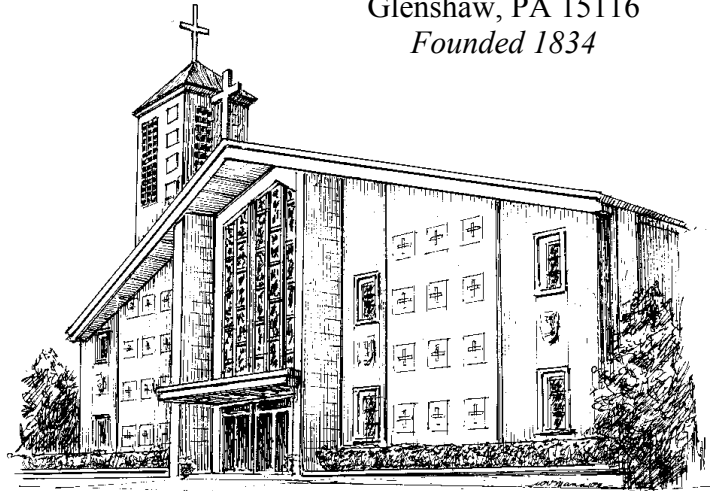
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2007

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SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

DAILY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00 a.m. until final penitent is finished

BAPTISM

On Sunday twice a month after parental interview

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Twice a year in a communal celebration
Individually upon request

MATRIMONY

Saturday weddings at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.
Notification at least 6 months in advance

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00 noon



TODAY "LAETARE" SUNDAY

Two times a year the Sunday Liturgy offers the possibility of wearing rose-colored vestments. Today, the FOURTH Sunday of Lent, sometimes referred to as LAETARE (so named for the first word of the Entrance Song which is "Rejoice" from Isaiah, chapter 66) is one of those Sundays. The other is the THIRD Sunday of Advent, called GAUDETE, again from the first word of the Entrance Song. The usage of this color of rose simple suggests that we have crossed over the half way mark of the Lenten Season and the joy of Easter is on the horizon. Even though we have set aside the Latin wording of the liturgy, the Church reminds us that even in the midst of this penitential season, when we accentuate the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, there is still a glimmer of hope as we anticipate the coming of the Easter glory.

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY

There will be a second collection taken up at all of today's liturgies as we once more reach out to the needs of the Church through the world. Today's collection once was three individual collections taken up at three different times in the year. Now these three have been combined into one second collection: "Catholic Campaign for Human Development" and "Catholic Home Missions Appeal" and National Collection for Black and Indian Missions." There is an envelope in our packet for this collection. This is one of the TEN official collections as sponsored by the Diocese to be taken up in every parish in the country. We ask for your generosity as today's collection meets the needs of those less fortunate than we.

LENTEN ENRICHMENT SERIES

The Worship Commission has put together a splendid Enrichment Series on each of the Tuesdays of Lent that includes the Eucharistic liturgy and a different speaker each night. This week Father Joe Mele, the pastor of St. Sebastian Parish Family, will be our guest. Father Joe has a tremendous reputation throughout the entire Diocese for his magnificent pastoral approach to parish life. Father even teaches a course at St. Vincent for the future priests of the Diocese because of his electric presentations. This liturgy and Father's presentation promises to be quite inspiring and we make an appeal to all parishioners and their friends to join us this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for our very excellent Lenten Enrichment Series.

LENT "EQUALS" SPRING

The seasons of *Lent* and *Spring* will finally overlap this week when we reach the 21st day of March, as the vernal equinox is celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere. It is from this season of new life when blossoms begin to "spring" out of the ground that the season of Lent gets its name. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lenten" which in itself means "springtime." Lent is not an end in itself, but only exists to lead us to the Easter feast where life is awaiting each of us. So as we begin to rejoice with the coming of the spring-type weather and the beauty of the buds that spring forth all around us, we come to understand the wonderful liturgical celebrations of Lent that will bring us the eternal life of Easter!

EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE

All parishioners are encouraged to join us at the Easter Vigil set for Saturday, April 7th at 8:30PM as the most important liturgy in the entire year. Also, we have added a liturgy time on Easter Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon to help alleviate the great numbers of people who come on that day. We encourage all to take advantage of these two opportunities so as to make their Easter Sunday one of unique joy, peace and the celebration of new life.

OVER \$2,500,000 PLEDGED SO FAR!

The Pledge Campaign continues to increase as work on our Parish Activity Center continues to spring up in all areas: from the roof to the basement, from the brick walls to the cement slabs, from the front gathering space to the back connection to the school building. CCC members and the SMAA are reaching out to all parishioners to help us go over the top. For those who thought this PAC would never be a reality, now is the time for you to step up and join other parishioners who have been so generous. A \$2000 pledge will place your name on our "Memorial Plaque" whose deadline is coming very quickly!

TEMPORALITIES COMMISSION

Members of the Temporalities Commission are reminded of their meeting set for Wednesday of this week beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. This group of dedicated parishioners continues to oversee all the improvements being made to our Parish Family in so many areas of parish life.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, March 18, 2007 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00PM Frank Regan - Frank Laird
- 6:00PM Paul Mammy - Don & Joan Frike
- 7:30AM Guisepppe Barbieri - M/M Gregory Distilo
- 9:00AM Eileen Lund - The Arnone Family
- 11:00AM Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Monday, March 19, 2007 - St. Joseph

- 7:00AM Charles Wagner - The Wagner Family
- 10:00AM Patrick Turano - Beth, Ashley & Kelsey Biernesser
- 7:00PM Virginia Winschel - Rose W. Spampinato

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00AM Patricia Schuessler - Emma Grubbs
- 10:00AM Andrea Hacker - Marge Wesolek
- 7:00PM Albert Frontera—Sister, Toni Korbe

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00AM Francis Werling - Family
- 10:00AM Frank Flit - Sharon & Kimberly

Thursday, March 22, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00AM Shirley Kornick - Family
- 10:00AM Mike Blum - Ginny & Roger Sokiera

Friday, March 23, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00AM Leonard Lang - Ann & Alex Arendas
- 10:00AM Mike Blum
- 2:00PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00AM Maureen Lund - Lillian & Kathy McNalley
- 10:00AM Parish Families - Faith Formation
- 4:00PM Grace & Emeric DeLuca - Ron & Angela DeLuca
- 6:00PM Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 25, 2007— Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30AM Louise Sunseri - Claire & Al Sigmund
- 9:00AM Teresa Gullo - Lisa Ruffa
- 11:00AM Maria Antonia Imbarlina - M/M Marco Imbarlina
- 7:00PM Lenten Program—Teen Chorale

A VOCATION VIEW

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God.
(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

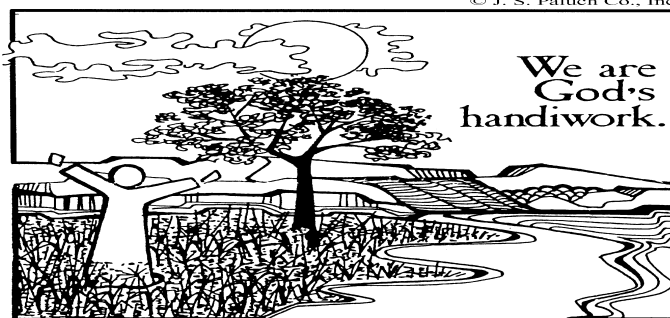
R.I.P. : Clair Rihn, brother of Leo and Patricia Grguras, Stella Verzani, sister of Toni Korbe and Matilda Ferraro, mother of Rachele Heinl.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING FOR LENT?

Here's some ideas to plug into. Right here in the parish, you can attend daily Mass, you can come to the special evening programs scheduled for each Tuesday night at 7:00pm, you can pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00pm or pray them with the school children on Friday at 2:00pm or with the primary students on Wednesdays at 1:45pm.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING RIGHT HERE AT ST. MARY'S beginning at 7:00pm we will host the Teen Chorale and their presentation of WHY MUST HE DIE. This play is a meditation on the life, death and resurrection of Christ through music, drama and liturgical dance. Bring the whole family! There is a

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Offertory Collection

March 18, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	765	\$17,414.17
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$862.00
Children's Offertory	56	\$91.12
Catholic Campaign or Human Deveoplment	8	\$95.00
Catholic School	1	\$15.00
Easter Flowers	86	\$1,440.00
Parish Share 2007	67	\$8,420.00
Parish Needy	47	\$607.00
Total	1,030	\$28,944.29

DAILY READINGS

- March 19:** 2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- March 20:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- March 21:** Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5:17-30
- March 22:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
- March 23:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- March 24:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
- March 25:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 Alternate readings (Year A) Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

COME HOME FOR EASTER

You are invited to come home for Easter! Have you been away from the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who has been away? Are you confused by changes or teachings in the Church? Is a marriage situation preventing you from receiving Holy Communion? Have you tried another church, but miss your own? **We want to welcome you back!** No pressure, no cost, no reservations necessary! Call Fr. John, Fr. Ed, Deacon Francis, Jim Finn to find your way back for Easter at (412)486-4100.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES! There are sign-up sheets in the sacristy for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. **NOTE: There is a 1:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday.**

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO

ME: is a ministry to parents with young children under the age of five. Pray, play and service opportunities are planned throughout the year. All families should have received a newsletter in the mail. Feel free to call Cindy (412)487-5272 for more information. We are collecting items for GENESIS HOUSE until the end of April. Leave your donations in the Children's Liturgy Room marked Genesis House. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday beginning at 10:30AM Bring a basket and friendship! All welcome! We would appreciate the donation of candy and small plastic eggs. Leave your donation in the Children's Liturgy Room. Thank you in advance for your help!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The older son in today's gospel thought he earned his father's love by obeying all the rules. He didn't understand a parent's love is not earned—it just is! This is the sacramental dimension of parental love; it gives us a glimpse of God's love for all His children. We are loved because we are—not for what we do!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING –LENT-Week 4

In the gospel of the forgiving Father, with which character do you most identify? How would you have felt? The son's hunger brought him to conversion; what hungers bring you to conversion? Can you imagine our loving God watching, and longing to run out to embrace you?

MONDAY FAITH FORMATION All meet in classes till the Saint Joseph liturgy at 7:00 PM. Fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers welcome for special blessing.

SATURDAY Faith Formation, March 24, all meet in class till Lenten liturgy at 10:00 AM; Grade 2 children will receive the blessed Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the liturgy.

Confirmation Candidates RETREAT for those who missed Feb.19. WELCOME to youth of neighboring parishes who will join us on Tuesday, March 20, 4:00 PM in our school library.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – last call for late registrations to the *HOSANNA – Palm Sunday Youth Rally, Mass, dinner and Dance*. Parents, you can be sure the place will be *hop-pin!* Call for details !!!

FIRST EUCHARIST candidates with a parent/guardian meet THIS Saturday, March 24, 11:30 AM if you missed the other opportunities to see "Grandma's Bread" and review existential details as the dates for our parish celebrations draw near.

THE WORD AMONG US- special Lenten edition- has been made available on the pamphlet rack in church. This edition contains a special **FAMILY INSERT** entitled "**Follow Me.**" This insert has many excellent articles for parents to read and receive tips for helping their children discern God's will in their lives. This Lent what about giving full attention to what God is calling you to do? Pick up a copy today!

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEEDED

Our Youth Ministry program **needs a laptop and a projector.** We are hoping that someone might be willing to donate these items to assist our efforts in providing visuals to promote our activities. The first time we would like to pilot this promotion would be on Tuesday, May 1 at the Confirmation reception. Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409 if you are interested in helping us.

JESUS WILL CARRY YOUR BURDEN NOW

You might notice the cross placed in the front of the church covered with personal notes about the burdens experienced by some of our teens. This cross will be used on Good Friday for the Crosswalk. Feel free to add your personal struggle to the cross as we all continue our Lenten preparation.

HOLY THURSDAY CHRISM LITURGY

On April 5, the **youth of the parish** traditionally attend the Chrism Liturgy at St. Paul Cathedral at 10 AM to **pick up the sacramental oils for our parish.** We hope to take a large group down which will depart from our parish at 8:40 AM. Students in grades 9 -12 may register by calling the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK

GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK, a joint effort between St. Mary of the Assumption and Epworth Methodist will be on Good Friday, April 6, 2007. All teens and families are welcome to participate, even if you are not one of the actors. We will conclude the day with a meal in Marian Hall after the parish Good Friday service. We could still use a few more teens (in Grade 8-12) to help with the Crosswalk. Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409 or come to our next practice after the 11 AM liturgy this Sunday, March 18.

CYM CALENDAR

- Sun., Mar. 18** Crosswalk practice after 11 AM liturgy
- Sun., Mar. 25** Crosswalk practice after 11 AM liturgy
- Sun., Mar. 25** Teen Chorale 7 PM at the church
- Sun., Apr. 1** HOSANNA
- Thur., Apr. 5** CHRISM LITURGY
- Fri., Apr. 6** Good Friday Lenten experience
10 AM – 4 PM

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION - St. Mary School will be accepting registrations for students in preschool through grade 7 beginning March 1, 2007. If you are interested in becoming a member of our school community or would like additional information, please call the school office at (412) 486-7611.

The 3 year-old preschool program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:00 AM; the 4 year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:00 AM. The school also offers half-day and full-day kindergarten classes as well as an after-school program until 6:00 PM.

Students entering kindergarten must be age 5 by September 1st. A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if Catholic), and social security identification must be provided at the time of registration. A \$100.00 deposit is also required but is applied towards tuition.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Students in grades 4-8 will pray the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays during Lent through March 30th at 2:00 PM. All are invited to come and join us in prayer. Students in grades 1-3 will lead the stations On Wednesday, March 21st and 28th.

CONGRATULATIONS - The Varsity Girls A team also advanced to the diocesan playoffs this year. The girls put forth great effort and energy and deserve to be congratulated on a wonderful season. Congratulations to their coaches as well.

THEY DID IT AGAIN -The St. Mary Forensic Team landed another stellar performance at their third tournament of the season. They place third out of 15 teams at the Southwestern Forensic League Tournament. This was done by both new and veteran competitors who were competing with less than a full roster of team members. Congratulations to Angela Battaglia, Vince Balestrino, James Brunner, Evan Brunner, Patrick Ebbert, Mary Anna Ebbert, Kimberly Flit, Brandon Perrotte, Nicole Masters, Meg Omeene, Caroline Lefler, Christine Sinkovich, Aaron Todorowski, Jared Todorowski, Joe Monahan, Samuel Newcamp, and Katy Hayes. Your coaches, fellow team members, and school community are very proud of your accomplishments.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

HOSANNA 2007 – Faith Rally for Youth

Grades 8 through High School – April 1, PALM SUNDAY, at the Palumbo Center, Duquesne University. Registration information DUE at our Faith Formation Office THIS WEEK !

Gathering of Catholic Men: Those who made a reservation to ride the bus are reminded that the bus will be open for boarding at 7:45AM on Saturday, March 24. The bus will leave for the A. J. Palumbo Center at 8:00Am. Please park your car in the lower parking lot nearest Middle Road. Admission tickets for those riding the bus will be distributed on the bus. If you still want to go we still have some \$35.00 group tickets left. Call Jim Finn at 412-486-4100 by Monday, March 19. All men are invited to the special St. Joseph Day Mass on Monday, March 19 at 7:00PM to receive a special blessing.

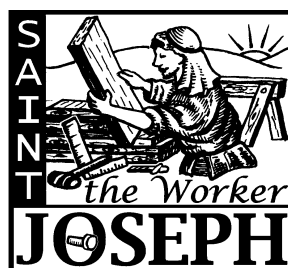
EASTER EGG HUNT- All children under ten years of age are invited to the Parish Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 7th at 10:30am. Meet in church for a family blessing and then hunt for eggs on the church grounds! Call Donna Polito to make a reservation at (412)492-9312. Leave your child's name, age and phone number.

Summer Bible Programs A planning meeting will be held in our school library on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00PM for "Son Force" - the August 13-17 program and Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00PM for Adventure in Galilee. Everyone is welcome! Please call Lee Ann Trout at 412-492-8243.

GO TO JERUSALEM with Father William Fay MONDAYS, March 19 and 26 , 6:30-8:00 PM in Marian Hall. COME even if you missed the past weeks.

A MARKET DAY Special: SEASONED SALMON. Order from a flier in the foyer, at the Scrip, or Faith Formation office, or order online at marketday.com Do YOU know our Market Day leader, Lee Holleran ? Call 724-443-0673 .

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH, Monday, March 19, includes the blessing of BREAD. Men of our parish are welcome to a special blessing during the 7:00 PM Liturgy.

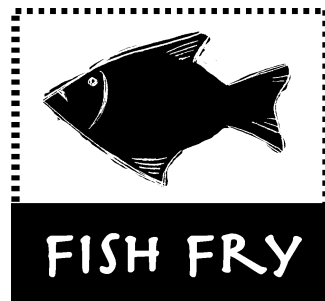


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Around Our Town

Fish dinner will be on Friday, March 16th!
Parish bakers: if your last name begins with the letters M through P, please bring your dessert to Marian Hall before 4 PM.

We will be serving dinners from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. As in the past, ALL proceeds go toward our Appalachia summer work experience sponsored jointly by our parish St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Youth Ministry.



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WHEELCHAIR-extra wide, needed for a shut-in. Call Sister Lois at 412-486-4021.

Lancaster Trip: Final payment is due no later than April 1, 2007. Please make your check payable to Mary Ann Collich and drop it off at the Rectory.

Get-a-LIFE Course, COLLEGE STUDENTS, go online www.nrlc.org or e mail jlittle@wrtil.org to get details about a ground-breaking course which will offer in-depth study of LIFE issues from spiritual and political perspectives. Spend 6 weeks in Washington,DC this summer for this *amazing* experience.

St. Vincent dePaul Society: We are collecting Easter candy for our Easter Baskets for our children who come to our pantry and for the boxes we make for the children at the Shuman Center. If you can help by donating candy please call Sr. Lois at 412-486-4021. Thank you for your consideration.

St. Victor's Church Bairdford: will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 18, 2007 at 8:00PM. Presented by St. Ferdinand Youth Ministry. Come and experience the way of Jesus to Calvary.

VERONICA'S VEIL- The 88th season of "America's Passion Play" is being presented at Veronica's Veil Auditorium on the southside, March 24-April 1, 2007. For reservations or information call (412)431-5550.

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION- Martina Spiritual Renewal Center in West View is sponsoring this evening on Wed. March 28th from 7-9pm. Title: "Not So Desperate Housewives: Insights into the Women of Genesis." Cost: \$10.00. Call (412)931-9766 to register.

CHECK OUT THIS HOLY WEEK RETREAT OPPORTUNITY- begins Holy Thursday with the 7:00pm liturgy and ends on Easter Sunday after breakfast at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. Fr. Mark Gruber, OSB will direct the retreat. On this retreat, the participants will simply unpack the liturgical rites of the Triduum, the richest mysteries of our faith, in a manner unhurried and undistracted. Please call (412)931-9766 to register.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

“IN THE PINK!” In the idiomatic language of America, it means “..the highest form or degree of excellence...” Interestingly enough, it comes from the fact that there is a clove pink flower (called *Dianthus Caryophyllus* for those with botanical exactness) whose powerful scent gives off a “clove-like” aroma. Puts one in mind of clover where a “four leaf clover” represents good luck in a world where most clover has three leaves. “COMING UP ROSES!” Another one of those American expressions that speaks to us of “.... life reaching its highest form of excellence....” Similarly, the scent of the blooming rose draws our attention, especially when the color is PINK as a balance between the more popular red or white rose flower. To have one’s life be filled with the beauty of the pink-rose garden is to have ones life abound with joy.

Note the color of the liturgical vestments of the day! Some refer to them as PINK, although more properly they should be called ROSE. No matter! The effect is the same: we might suggest that today’s Liturgy is “in the pink” or simply “coming up roses” as the Church wishes to remind us that this is “Laetare Sunday.” “Laetare” is one of those Latin words that is derived from the first word of today’s liturgy, if we were to look precisely at the scripture text of the Entrance Hymn.

It comes from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 66, verse 10. In the three lines of the verse, we read:

REJOICE with Jerusalem **BE GLAD** for her **EXULT** with her.

To remind all of the People of God that the Church had reached the fourth Sunday of Lent, a rose would be carried in procession from the Church of the Holy Cross to the Lateran Palace. Later on this flower was embellished with gems and then sent to a prominent person in the Church whose life was filled with the joy of “...the highest degree of excellence...” We have turned the corner on the Season of Lent. Today is day number 26 with only 17 more days left before we come to the sacred Triduum. There is light at the end of the tunnel. We are beginning to get a glimpse of the wondrous brilliance of the Resurrection. Its “aroma” is beginning to filter back through the penitential days of Lent to fill us with a “scent” more wondrous than a rose garden full of four leaf clovers. **REJOICE! BE GLAD! EXULT!**