

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 1, 2007



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Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

The Sacred Liturgies of this week are especially important for the Church. This week, Sacred Oils used throughout the year to anoint the sick, baptize and confirm will be blessed by our Bishop at Tuesday's Chrism Mass. Then, on Thursday, Lent officially ends and the three day celebration of the Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues with special services on Good Friday before culminating in the Ester Vigil celebration on Saturday evening.

During this most holy of weeks, David and Joshua DuBois, their aunt Stephanie DuBois, their grandfather Willard Hughes, Paula Gardner and Wayne Patterson will complete their journey to the Easter Sacraments. All have been previously baptized and within the past few weeks have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Stephanie, Paula and Willard have already been baptized and formally welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church and have been welcomed to the Eucharistic table with us. David, Joshua, and Wayne will receive their first Eucharist and all of the above, along with Denise Crossett will be Confirmed at the Vigil.

A previously planned trip to Florida, where two of her sons attend school, will prevent our only Catechumen Marilyn Hultzman from receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Vigil Mass. She will receive these Sacraments on Saturday evening, April 21.

Holy Thursday

The Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated on Holy Thursday is one of the most beautiful Eucharistic liturgies of the Church year. At this Mass we present the sacred Oils that were blessed by Bishop Clark at Tuesday's

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Reconciliation Services at Area Churches

Sunday, April 1 - 5:00 p.m. - St. Catherine's
Sunday, April 1 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's
Sunday, April 1 - 7:00 p.m. - St. Stanislaus
Monday, April 2 - 7:00 p.m. - St. Gabriel's

Hunger Meal

Intergenerational Faith Formation Event
Hunger Meal - 4:00 p.m. - O'Malley Hall

Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Tuesday, April 3 - Leave St. Mary's at 4:15 p.m.

Rehearsals for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil

Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 and 8 p.m.

The Sacred Triduum

Mass of the Lord's Supper † Foot Washing

Holy Thursday - 7:30 p.m. - St. Mary's (with St. Gabriel's)
Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Pre-Mass Bread and Soup Supper - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
O'Malley Hall

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday - Noon - Pulteney Park

The Passion of the Lord Veneration/Communion

Good Friday - 6:00 p.m. - St. Gabriel's (with St. Mary's)

Easter Vigil - Easter Sunday

Vigils: 6:30 p.m. - St. Gabriel's

† 8:45 p.m. - St. Mary's

Easter: 9:00 a.m. - St. Mary's

† 11:00 a.m. - St. Gabriel's

Chrism Mass for use throughout the Diocese
These are:

1. **The Oil of the Sick** used to anoint the ill, the infirm as the priest prays for their spiritual and physical healing. This oil is also used along with Viaticum (last Communion) to prepare those who are close to death.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** April 1, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Joyce Walsh
By Kathy & Sam Mukherjee
- MONDAY** April 2, Monday of Holy Week
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** April 3, Tuesday of Holy Week
9:00 a.m. In Memory,
By
- WEDNESDAY** April 4, Wednesday of Holy Week
12:10 p.m. In Memory,
By
- 5:00 p.m. Stations of The Cross
5:30 p.m. In Memory,
By
- THURSDAY** April 5, Mass of the Lords Supper
9:00 a.m. In Memory,
By
- FRIDAY** April 6, Good Friday of the Lords Passion
9:00 a.m. Special Intentions for the 60th Wedding
Anniversary of Rita & Bob Denno
- SATURDAY** April 7, Easter Vigil
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Joseph Maliszewski
By Evelyn Walsh
- SUNDAY** April 8, Easter Sunday of the
9:00 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord
In Memory, Esther J. Baker
By The Ferrara Family

There are many Mass intentions available in the up coming month (Stipend \$10). Please call the office to schedule.



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning for the intentions of Atty. And Mrs. Howard J Walker by Evelyn Glenn.



Assembly Schedule

April 8- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood I

April 9 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Willing Hearts

To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

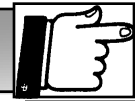
Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

March 18/19, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,683.50 THANK YOU!

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services: \$287.50

322 People worshipped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** April 2
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Relay for Life Committee
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, K - 12
3:00 p.m. Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Music Ministry Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY** April 3
6:00 p.m. Bell Practice
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Room 101
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 202
- TUESDAY** April 4
6:00 p.m. Scrap booking, Room 201
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202, 203
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, DP room
- WEDNESDAY** April 5
6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal hosted by Holy Patrol
7:00 p.m. Lenten Series - Joan Workmaster - The Triduum
- THURSDAY** April 6
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203
- FRIDAY** April 7
7:00 p.m. Bingo, O'Malley Hall
- SATURDAY** April 8
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** April 9
10:30 a.m. No Coffee Hour
Religious Education K-12
Hunger Meal
7.00 p.m. AA, Room 101



Happy Birthday To You

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| 04/01 | Douglas Little | 04/05 | Xavier Carter |
| 04/02 | Tyler Hutcheson | 04/05 | Richard Palmer |
| 04/03 | Jerry Dieg | 04/05 | Michael Fior do |
| 04/04 | Mark Aston | 04/06 | Rita Denno |
| 04/04 | MaryAnn Aston | 04/06 | Jason Carpenter |
| 04/04 | Lisa Collmer | 04/07 | Brian Palmer |
| 04/05 | Hannah Makitra | | |



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

When I was young, Lent was a time of self denial only. It was about giving up candy and, during my teen years, cigarettes on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday (not technically a day of Lent), I would gorge myself with chocolate or chain smoke all day.

I recall sitting with my father at the kitchen table as we counted down the final minutes to Saturday - cigarette in mouth and lighter in hand. Then, as the second hand hit midnight, Dad and I would connect flame to cigarette - draw deeply and savor the smoke filling our lungs. It was Sunday, the Lord's Day of Rest, so a week of nicotine withdrawal, could be temporarily abated.

As I've grown in years and perhaps faith-maturity, I see Lent through different eyes. Less a time of self inflicted mortification, Lent has become a time that circumstances have seemed to lead me into a deeper revelation of the cost of discipleship.

Looking back on the last several years, I've noticed that Lent has frequently been a time of personal turmoil and self reflection. It has been a time when the darkness of winter has become fertile ground for festering interpersonal struggles.

But with struggle has come personal growth and redemption. God has sent unconditionally loving friends like my wife Pat, my spiritual director Deacon George Welch, supportive staff members, parishioners and wonderful new people into my life (people like our parish priest Fr. Peter) to journey with me, refresh my spirit and rekindle my passion for ministry.

Within the next week, Lent will end and the paschal journey from suffering to death to resurrection will begin. Easter will be a time of great celebration liturgically - but for us - the process of conversion will continue. Many of us will conclude our celebrations on April 9 and return (as did Jesus' disciples) to the upper room to wait in fear for the glorified Jesus to break through the walls and lead us to peace and eventually a new Pentecost.

If in these dwindling days of Lent you find yourself in need of reconciliation, you are not alone. Jesus is at work. He has not and will never leave us alone. I pray that supportive friends will also be at your side - and that through them, you will experience God's embrace as you journey to new life.

Especially this week - let us be kind to each other, wash each others feet when they are weary, celebrate Eucharist with greater reverence and joy, and prayerfully consider the love that God has for each of us. "For God so loves us that he gave his only son" to teach us, reassure us, feed us, die for us, and lead us to a new and everlasting life."

Have a "Holy" Week and a Joyous Easter.

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

2. The Oil of the Catechumens used to spiritually strengthen those beginning their journey toward Baptism.
3. Sacred Chrism which is used to confirm, to ordain priests and at Baptism to remind us that we are a "Royal Priesthood" anointed and sent to offer our lives (time, talents and treasure) in sacrifice and service.

At this Mass we also commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the Lord's call to service ritualized in the Washing of Feet. Participating in this **Foot Washing** ritual is an act of humility for both foot washer and the person whose feet are washed. This year, Frs. Peter and John and Deacon Ray and Deacon Ed will hopefully wash the feet of many parishioners in this most meaningful ritual. St. Gabriel's Pastoral Administrator Maureen O'Neil and Dan Williams, who will be ordained to the diaconate in June, will wash the feet of their parishioners. In doing so, all will recommit themselves to serve as Jesus did all whose spiritual lives have been entrusted by the Church to their care.

Following Holy Thursday Mass, (which we will celebrate at St. Mary's (with St. Gabriel's parishioners) Blessed Sacrament will be moved in sacred celebration to our new Daily Mass Chapel which will remain open for private prayer until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus with a service which includes the **Reading of the Passion**, special **Prayer Invocations**, the **Veneration of the Cross**, and **Holy Communion**. **St. Mary's parishioners will gather at St. Gabriel's at 6:00 p.m. for this service.** No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN PULTENEY PARK

An Ecumenical **Stations of the Cross** will take place at noon at Pulteney Park. Fifteen traditional Stations of the Cross will be erected around Pulteney Square in Bath for a noon-time observance by the community. Member congregations of the Bath Ministers' Association are inviting the community to join in a symbolic walk with Jesus.

EASTER VIGIL - 8:45 p.m. ✦ St. Mary's Church

The Easter Vigil is the holiest Liturgical Celebration of the Church Year. Our celebration will begin at 8:45 p.m. at a bonfire near the Pavilion where the Easter Candle will be blessed, lit and carried in procession into the church.

EASTER SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. ✦ St. Mary's Church

Our Easter Sunday Mass of the Lord's Resurrection will take place at 9:00 a.m.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHRISM MASS



Tuesday, April 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester

We will leave St. Mary's at 4:15 p.m. and car pool to Rochester with a stop for dinner. If you would like to drive or join us on this Pilgrimage, please call the office by April 2. 776-3327.