

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 16, 2008



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Scripture REFLECTIONS Can You Hear Me Now?

Have the Lenten Scriptures helped you to better hear Christ's Call?

"Can you hear me now?" has become a commonly recognized slogan over the years since the advent of cell phones. When the commercials first aired, the Verizon spokesman would walk through greatly diverse settings - deserts, city streets, country roads - holding a phone to his ear. The question was always the same: "Can you hear me now?" At the end of each commercial, apparently receiving an affirmative response to his question, he would reply, "Good."

Jesus has spoken on five Sundays of Lent asking if we can hear him now. "I am transfigured before my disciples. Can you hear me now?" "I tell the Samaritan woman everything she ever did. Can you hear me now?" "I recover the sight of a blind man. Can you hear me now?" "I bring Lazarus back to life. Can you hear me now?" "On this Palm Sunday, I tell you of my prosecution, torture and death and my willingness to do so on your behalf. Will you please finally hear me now?"

Whatever difficulty or pain we experience, when we cry out to Jesus, "Can you hear me now?" we can be assured that he hears us to the extent that we have heard him crying out to us. Whatever confusion, doubts or questions we may have, we can ask Jesus to hear us now to the extent we've heard his anguish, pain and doubts in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Then, when Jesus calls us the next time asking if we can hear him now, may we answer in the affirmative: "Yes, I have heard you" in the poor I helped, in the needy I fed, in the forgiveness I offered and in the mercy I showed. To which Jesus will reply, "Good."

Dr. Constance M. Popp, LPi Publications



Meet Our Elect



Three new parishioners will join the Roman Catholic Church during this year's Easter Vigil. **Katelyn Rumsey**, (left) will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. **Julia Gennaro** and **Mark Young**, both baptized Christians, will become full members of the Roman Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Easter Vigil will take place on Holy Saturday evening beginning at 8:15 p.m. with the lighting and procession of the Easter Candle.

Lenten Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. ✦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services
Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 16, Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Gerald O'Conner
By Veronica Cummings

MONDAY March 17, Monday of Holy Week
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY March 18, Tuesday of Holy Week
4:15 p.m. Car Caravan to Chrism Mass
4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m. In Memory of Raymond Cummings
By Veronica Cummings

WEDNESDAY March 19, Wednesday of Holy Week
5:30 p.m. In Memory of Mary Beebe
By Mary Eaton

THURSDAY March 20
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
For the Parishioners of St. Mary's Chapel Open for Private Adoration until 10:00p.m.

FRIDAY March 21, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Pulteney Park
6:00p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St. Gabriel's

SATURDAY March 22, Easter Vigil
8:15 p.m. In Memory of Mary Lou & Alex Cormaire By Lee Cormaire

SUNDAY March 23, Easter Sunday
9:00a.m. In Memory of Tom Kashmere
By his mother Gen

There are many weekday Masses available in the upcoming weeks (stipend \$10). To schedule a Mass, please call or come to the Parish Office



SAINT MARY'S PARISH
"A Parish of Good Steward"
Thank you for Making Parish a Priority!
March 9/10, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$ 3423.00
Maintenance Collection: \$ 98.00
Fuel Collection: \$ 288.00
Easter Flowers: \$ 358.00

Today's 2nd Collection:
Catholic Relief Services
Easter 2nd Collection:: Can and Quarter



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 16
8:00 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church
3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Seder Supper, Fire Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY March 17
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

TUESDAY March 18
6:00p.m. Quota Dinner - Hall
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Chapel

WEDNESDAY March 19
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204
Triduum Practice
6:00p.m. Holy Thursday, Church
7:00p.m. Easter Vigil, Church

THURSDAY March 20
5:30pm Weight Watchers -Hall

FRIDAY March 21
SATURDAY March 22
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY March 23



Happy Birthday

03/16 Tim Muller	03/19 Keegan Ordway
03/17 Patricia Murphy	03/20 Marcia Shaver
03/18 David Davis	03/21 Kevin Desrosiers
03/19 Laura Rossman	03/22 Sarah Dickson



Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Fr. Frank Erb,
Joe Clancy, Mary and Jack Giblin,
Joseph Kish, Merva Leckinger,
Logan Manchodkee, Carlos Marano
Fr. Gerald O'Connor, Deacon John Prave,
Theresa Rodbourn, and Stan Wraight.



Assembly Schedule

March 15 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Willing Hearts
March 16 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Willing Hearts



The Sanctuary Light is burning in memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Swartz by Charles and Carmen Rola



Shining Light on Governor Spitzer's Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act

When abortion first became legal, many people accepted it because they thought women were safer when doctors performed abortions. If RHAPP becomes law, a physician will no longer be required to perform most surgical abortions.


Advances in ultrasound make it apparent that a human life is taken by abortion and many doctors want nothing to do with it. *But that doesn't mean a woman's health should be jeopardized too,* by letting non-doctors perform surgical procedures. For these and many more reasons, RHAPP must be opposed.

Please contact State Senator George Winner at Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247 and Assembly Member James Bacalles at Legislative Office Building, Albany, 12248 or at their local offices. For information on the RHAPP bill go to www.dor.org.

First Reconciliation



Ten children from St. Mary's received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday morning. The March 8 snow and ice storm forced the First Reconciliation Retreat and sacramental celebration to be rescheduled for March 15. Making their First Reconciliation were: **Angela Binkowski, Stephen Binkowski, Madeleine Czajkowski, Jenna Gaudino, Danielle Neu, Gabriella Ormsby, Jenny Patterson, Noah Schuster, Allison Warren, and Blaine Young.**

This weekend our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.**  Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics but brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Please give generously.

Denno's Move to Green Meadows

Bob and Rita Denno, longtime Bathites, St. Mary's parishioners and former leaders of the Resurrection Assembly have moved to Green Meadows in Painted Post. They invite friends to write or visit them at their new address:

Bob and Rita Denno
120 Creekside Drive #47
Painted Post, NY 14870



these Important Events

Palm Sunday at 3 p.m.

Seder Supper at New Fire Hall

Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Cars to the Chrism Mass in Rochester

Wednesday Rehearsals

6:00 p.m. for Holy Thursday Participants

7:00 p.m. for Easter Vigil Participants



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM

This weekend we celebrate **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** - the beginning of Holy Week. Today we hear two passages from Matthew's Gospel and they stand in stark contrast to each other. We begin with a procession with palms, hearing the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Waving palms of our own, we bring to life the adulation of an admiring crowd shouting "Hosanna."

As if on a roller coaster of emotion, we again take the part of that crowd in Jerusalem as the story of Christ's passion and death is read. Now we must shout, "Crucify him!" We find the fickleness of that crowd to be stunning - how could they change so much in less than a week?

We have to admit such changes in emotion and devotion are very real responses that we ourselves have made to Christ as we meet him in the people around us. We have praised Jesus with great fervor and shown great faith and dedication. We also have contributed to his suffering, have added to his pain. As we watch each step he took to save us, we can see that like the characters in the stories today, we don't deserve what he did for us. We can only stay watching with him in silent awe and gratitude.

HOLY WEEK

With Palm Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the year. It is also liturgically my favorite week of the year. I hope that you will join us for prayer frequently this week, especially for the celebration of the **Sacred Triduum**, literally the "three days". The liturgy that begins with the celebration of the **Lord's Supper** Holy Thursday evening simply continues on Friday as we observe the **Lord's Passion**, and culminates in the celebration of the **Easter Vigil** after dark on Holy Saturday night. The Church looks at the Triduum as one liturgy in three separate movements. If you have never celebrated the Triduum in its entirety, you have cheated yourself of an awesome experience of the **Paschal Mystery**: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!* This is the basis of our faith.



Hosanna! Luke 19:35-38 John 12:12-18 April 2000
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The symbols of Holy Week are large and lush:

Palm Sunday . . .

- ★ a procession with palms,
- ★ a ritual Seder Meal with matzo, haroset, salt water, parsley, a hard boiled egg and roasted lamb shank,

The Chrism Mass

- ★ fragrant oils consecrated at the **Chrism Mass** at Sacred Heart Cathedral Tuesday night and presented on Holy Thursday to ours and church communities throughout the diocese.

Holy Thursday

- ★ a bowl, a towel, and a pitcher brought forth for washing feet
- ★ bread and wine transformed in a ritual meal recalling the very first such Eucharist.
- ★ a solemn procession with the Eucharist and clouds of incense
- ★ adoration before the Blessed Sacrament well into the night



Good Friday . . .

- ★ ministers lying prostrate on the sanctuary floor

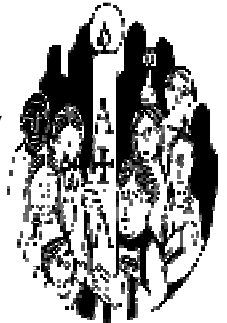
- ★ a large wooden cross carried into the church so we may each venerate it, recalling Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on our behalf

Holy Saturday . . .

- ★ deafening silences, empty tabernacles, dry holy water fonts and extinguished sanctuary lamps

Easter Vigil . . .

- ★ utter darkness...a bonfire...the a new paschal candle initiating a sea of vigil lights
- ★ The singing of the Exultat
- ★ glorias and alleluias resurrected...new water blessed... baptismal promises renewed.



These times of prayer are longer than our usual Sunday liturgy - which is why I guess so many stay away from church on these days. But they are also so rich as these ritual actions are generally only done once a year. In that sense, they are both beautifully new and comfortingly familiar. It is the telling of our story as we recall all that our God has done for and with us.

Moving prayerfully through this holy week is a gift we give our souls. The invitation of the passion story is always *to be there*. When we enter fully into the story we begin to see every choice, chance and circumstance of our lives as God wooing us, seducing us, alluring us, calling us to return to him with all our hearts. When we do, our hearts are filled with peace and joy, and who among us cannot use an extra dose of peace and joy?

Why is Easter so Early this Year?

Ever wondered how the date of Easter is set? It occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon following the first full day of the vernal equinox. This year the vernal equinox occurs on March 20th. Easter falling on March 23rd, as it does this year, falls on one of the earliest dates it can occur. It will not reoccur on March 23 until 2228.

Have a truly Holy Week. Serve one another well!

Deacon Ray

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