

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

FLU PRECAUTIONS

Bishop McCormack has lifted the restrictions he imposed due to the H1N1 Flu concerns. Beginning this weekend we will, once again, have the great and awesome opportunity to receive Holy Communion under both species: Body and Blood. We will also now have the opportunity for a hand shake or other appropriate personal contact during the Sign of Peace.

It remains prudent, however, for those distributing Communion to wash or disinfect their hands, and for those who suffer from colds or those not feeling well to consider other members of the congregation and restrict personal contact.

CHRISTIAN SEDER

This Sunday, following the 9:30 Mass at Our Lady of Grace Chapel, the Holy Trinity Community is invited to view the Faith Formation students at a Christian Seder. The history of the Exodus comes alive for the children at this event, opening them to our Christian roots in the Old Testament. You can enjoy coffee and tea while the children taste the foods common only at Passover, just as Jesus did when He shared His last meal with His Apostles.

SCOUT LEADERS

We are pleased to announce that the leaders of our two scout units, Troop and Pack 56, have been recognized by the Wannalancit District BSA for their outstanding work with our youth. Mark Decoteau and Roger Scroggins have been awarded Scoutmaster & Cubmaster of the Year, respectively. Congratulations!

"ROMERO" MOVIE & DISCUSSION: Tuesday, March 30, 7 pm at Frost Academic Commons at Plymouth State (white house, on School St. next to St. Matthew's parking lot). Starring Raul Julia as Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, this film chronicles Romero's transformation from an apolitical, complacent priest to a committed leader of the Salvadoran people. Thirty years ago this month, a government death squad killed Romero while he was saying Mass, for taking a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country. Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry at Plymouth State University.



CORNERSTONE RETREAT

Breathe on me, O Breath of God

is the theme of this year's Cornerstone. The Cornerstone Women's Retreat calls all women together in fellowship, each bringing her own unique gifts bestowed by the Spirit. Team members will share their own stories of responding to Jesus and receiving His love. This overnight weekend retreat takes place at The Silver Fox Inn in Waterville Valley on April 16-18, 2010.

To register please call Marilyn Olivier at 603-786-9726. Brochures are available at all church locations. Registration deadline: April 5, 2010



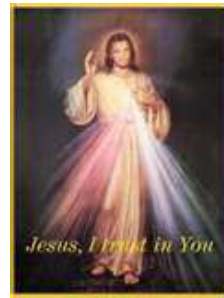
This is the last weekend for donations of NEW sandals and socks in 3 - 6-year sizes for delivery to Ray and Lauretta Seabeck's mission to Haiti. 42 pairs so far! Thank you to all who participated!



Last Saturday evening over 90 people enjoyed the St. Patrick's Dinner at the St. Agnes church hall. It was a great evening of food and fellowship. All the folks who helped to make this event the success it was deserve a great vote of thanks! Those involved were folks who contributed food items, the cooks, servers, diners, and cleaner uppers. Special thanks go to the Common Man who donated the delicious hams that were served. We were able to contribute \$733 to the parish. This kind of an event is what community is all about!

NEW MEMBERS-RCIA

Our elect and candidates are in the final stages of preparation for the celebration of their entry into full membership in the Church through the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. They are Rochelle Edmark, Melissa Marcinkewitz, and John Downs, the Elect, and Alison Carbee, Molly Edmark, and Emma Giesing, the Candidates. Do keep our newest members in your prayers at this most important time in their faith journey. Plan to welcome them at the Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM Holy Saturday, April 3, at St. Matthew Church.



Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in our parish Sunday, April 11, with recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 3:00 PM.

HAITI

I have to commend our parish once again for the overwhelming generosity toward Fr. Eddy Louis' relief efforts in Haiti. You will admit that his story is a compelling one which tugs at our heart strings. Donations can still be made c/o Holy Trinity Parish and we will see that he gets the funds. Please mark "Haiti Relief".

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

The Marriage Course is a practical program that gives any married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage. Over seven evenings spent together couples talk privately about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life.

What is involved?

Each evening begins with a candlelit catered meal followed by a DVD presentation which offers an opportunity to discuss the topics together as a couple. The setting is welcoming, relaxed and unthreatening. Privacy as a couple is always respected. There is no group discussion and no requirement to disclose anything about your relationship to anyone else.

Where and When?

Sacred Heart Convent, Laconia. Friday evenings from 6:30 - 9:15 PM. April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14 and 21. The cost is \$150 for materials and all meals. Contact Sacred Heart Parish office to register at 524-9609 by April 5th.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESKTOP

What a difference a few days can make.

The crowds welcomed Jesus with glad hosannas and shouts of joy. Cloaks and palm branches were strewn on the road before him as a mark of respect. This preacher from Nazareth was recognized as someone special, maybe even the Messiah. What a wonderful event that first Palm Sunday must have been! What a charge it must have given Jesus and His disciples. What hope must it have engendered in the poor, downtrodden masses. But how fickle did the crowds prove to be, for in a few short days, the cries changed from "Hosanna to the Son of David" to the Friday roar of "Crucify Him!" What a difference a few days can make.

You may notice a healthy attendance at Palm Sunday Mass this weekend. It surely is encouraging that so many people want to come to commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry in Jerusalem. The reading of the Passion helps put the meaning of the entire week into focus for soon after arriving in Jerusalem Jesus faced his suffering and death.

I always wonder where all of us have gone on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We are surely present for Palm Sunday and Easter, but aren't we missing something? Will we again be like the capricious crowd of the Lord's triumphal entry shouting glad greetings in a joyous time but then not with him all the way?

This week Catholics have the opportunity to enter into the sacred dramas of the Triduum, the three special days of Jesus' life: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. All this is possible through the power of Liturgy, where God's powerful word is proclaimed and God's living sacraments are celebrated. Make time to join our parish family for these days that change lives. The Sacred Meal served will nourish us into eternal life.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION Offerings for the Holy Land will be accepted on Good Friday. This collection enables the Church throughout the world to share its treasures with religious institutions responsible for the custody of the Holy Land.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to you to say that Jesus is "king"?

BULLETIN CONNECTION

It's great to shout praise! Hosanna and hooray for Jesus! We all like to be part of a winning team. The crowds loved him. The apostles had a great time. It was all very exciting. In today's celebration we miss the subsequent chapters of Luke's Gospel between the joyful entrance and the sorrowful passion. We don't hear in sequence the accounts of the building conflict as Jesus taught in the Temple day after day. But the proclamation of the Passion today leaves no doubt about the outcome. Jesus will be crucified.

We know that his death is not the end. If it were, we wouldn't be here today. Even as we hear the tale of his suffering and death, we hold in our hearts the faith that he lives. That promise of life is what makes all the difference. It is our hope that we will be with him in paradise.



Holy Thursday

8:00 AM

7:00 PM

Good Friday

8:00 AM

3:00 PM

7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

8:00 AM

7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:15 AM

Liturgy of the Hours

St. Matthew/St. Timothy

Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Agnes/Our Lady of Grace

Adoration until 10:00 PM

Liturgy of the Hours

St. Agnes/St. Timothy

Stations of the Cross

St. Agnes

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

St. Matthew/Our Lady of Grace

Liturgy of the Hours

St. Matthew/St. Timothy

Easter Vigil Mass

St. Matthew Church

St. Matthew/Our Lady of Grace

St. Agnes/Our Lady of Grace

St. Matthew



Holy Thursday's Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, celebrating the institution of the Eucharist and priesthood, will begin at 7:00 PM at St. Agnes Church and Our Lady of Grace Chapel. The Holy Oils received at the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Tuesday evening will be presented for use during the coming year. We will also have the Washing of Feet, a powerful symbol of our identity as people of service. Adoration of the Holy Eucharist will follow the Mass until 10:00 PM. All are encouraged to remain in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting (only one full meal and two smaller ones not equaling another) is observed by all between the ages of 18 and 59 years. Abstinence (no meat) is observed by all over the age of 14 years. If possible, continue the Pascal fast and a prayerful spirit through Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil.



75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world. The remaining 25% stays in dioceses in the U.S. to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs. Kindly make your Rice Bowl offering by Sunday, April 11. Our fasting has kept us mindful we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. May our prayers continue to promote a culture of respect that leads to peace.