

Bulletin of April 9, 2006

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Holy Week! We begin this weekend with blessing of palms, procession and the gospel of Christ's arrival and welcome into Jerusalem. Join us for as much as you can of the Triduum, the sacred three days as we celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. For many it provides a kind of "mini retreat" that can be spirit refreshing and life renewing. Our celebration of The Lord's Supper on Thursday evening at 8:00 pm will include footwashing for those who wish; sandals or easy to remove shoes and socks are recommended. We conclude the evening with a short procession to the garden setting in our gym and later on a closing night prayer at 10:00 pm for those who wish to stay.

On Good Friday we celebrate the Church's official Liturgy at 1:45 pm with Proclamation of the Passion, Homily, Veneration of the Cross and Communion; in addition, beginning at noon we'll have reflection time with a brief dramatization of Christ's dying by our Youth Ministry and three reflective homilies on the final words of Jesus by Christie Gotvald, Fr. Aidan and Kathy Roberts. During the "three hours" our teenagers carry the cross through Pleasant Hill in our name. They arrive back at the Church at 2:20 for all of us to venerate the cross. There will also be a Good Friday reflection and prayer time at 8:00 pm in the gym.

Our Easter Vigil with the blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, reception of 27 new Catholics and Eucharist is at 8:00 pm Holy Saturday evening. (Be sure to bring some bells to help us celebrate!) On Easter morning there are two additional Family Masses at 9:15 and 10:45 am. Hopefully outdoors in beautiful sunshine?!

There are several ways you can personally add to the beauty and joy of our Easter celebration: 1) we welcome the donation of white and yellow

Easter plants in memory of loved ones (not Easter lilies); just drop them off next Saturday between 8:00 am-11:00 am. A memorial book will be available; 2) youngsters and families going to the outside family Easter masses can drop off (Saturday) or bring to mass (Sunday) bright, strong stem cut flowers (e.g. mums, lilies, carnations & roses) to decorate the outdoor cross; 3) everyone is invited to help decorate our Church and to set up the family mass area next Saturday beginning at 9:30 am; join us for a few hours work - lunch provided! 4) if you're coming to the Easter Vigil (8:00 pm Saturday) be sure to bring some bells along to help us celebrate; 5) a personal touch you can add to our celebration is to write a note of welcome to one or several of our "new Catholics" who join our community this Easter and whose names and pictures are in the vestibule.

Do plan on coming early to our Easter services (the crowds will be huge!) One wonderful Easter gift and witness you could share is to park a block away and walk to Church, since parking will be a premium. Wherever you park, be sure not to block another car and be careful of the many Easter pedestrians. We hope to avoid Easter morning anger and Christian road rage! We have been kindly given the use of parking areas on both sides of Gregory Lane near Pleasant Hill Road as long as we do not park directly in front of any stores that are open. This includes parking in front of the new Pleasant Hill Market above Pleasant Hill Road, and the available parking in front of Zio Fraedo's. Given safety regulations, we'll have to close off the Church once it is filled; our 9:15 and 10:45 masses will be offered both in Church as well as outside.

Your Pastor,
Brian Joyce

P.S. Don't forget your Operations Rice Bowl returns (today or this week), your Easter plants (next Saturday 8-11 am), and your Easter bells (Holy Saturday at 8 pm). Sign-ups for Holy Week and Easter Ministries are still available in the vestibule and the schedule for both Holy Week rehearsals for Eucharistic ministers, lectors, etc. and for our Holy Week Liturgies are in today's fold out.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY -Palm Sunday

- RE Program for 3 year olds (B), Room D, During 9:15 Mass
- RE PreK/K Program: PreK, Parish Hall, A,B & C; K Program, CTK School; During 9:15 Mass
- No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- RE Older Sacrament Class (Gr. 6-8), RE Office, 10:40 am
- Jr/Sr Confirmation, Ministry Center, 10:45-12:15 pm
- "The Night Christ Died," A Youth Ministry Production, Open to the Parish, Parish Hall, 6 & 8 pm

MONDAY -RE Older Sacraments (Gr 3-5), Parish Hall, 3:30 pm

TUESDAY -Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, Following 8:00am Mass

- MOMS Support Group, Ministry Center (Chapel, Dining Room & Library), 9:30-11 am
- RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm
- RE: Grades 7/8, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm
- Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, VCMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, contact Andy @229-3038
- Grief Ministry Workshop, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7 pm
- Knights of Columbus, Ministry Center, Ministry Center (Dining Room), 7:30 pm

-Spanish Prayer Group, Ministry Center (Common Rm), 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY -Bereavement Ministry, Ministry Center @, 9:00 am

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-RE: Grade 6, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm

- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Ministry Center, Chapel, 7 pm

-Weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting, 6 St. Lawrence Ct., 7:30 pm (for info. call 932-0395)

-Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm

THURSDAY -Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), 10 am

-No RE Classes / No RCIA

FRIDAY -Youth Ministry Cross Walk / Veneration (Gather in front of Church at 11:45 am)

-Good Friday Services: 12 noon-1:45 Reflection, 1:45-3:00 pm Liturgy, 8:00 pm Evening Service

SATURDAY -Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873

-Plants to Church, 8-11 am

-Decorate/Clean Church & Preparing Outdoor Easter Services, 9:30 am

-Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Bring a can of food for St. Vincent de Paul, Parish Lawn, 10:45am (0-3yrs), 11:00am (4-6 yrs), 11:30am (7-10)

-RCIA Preparation Meeting, Church, 2:00 pm

-No Confession, No 5:00 pm Mass, Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

SUNDAY -Easter Sunday

Last Chance! Easter See's Candy will be on sale after all masses this weekend. This fundraiser helps support our youth group summer work camp program in Mexico.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Saturday, April 15th. Please bring a can of food for St. Vincent de Paul and get a raffle basket ticket. Food, games, Easter Bunny picture. Egg hunt starts at 10:30 am sharp. Children will be separated by ages: 0-3yrs (10:45 am), 4--6 years (11:00am) and 7-10 yrs (11:30 am).

REGISTRATION: VBC APRIL 25th Hope you have your calendars marked for Tuesday, April 25th. Registration for Vacation Bible Camp is from 7-8 pm in rooms A/B. Don't miss out! VBC is June 19th-23rd, 9am-noon. Registration fee: \$50. VBC for children presently in K-5.

Looking Again for Your Support! RE will be sponsoring the Wine Booth for our Parish Festival. We are asking for your generosity and help once again. Please help us by donating bottles of wine. For your convenience, we will collect wine outside Church at all the masses on the weekends of April 22/23, April 29-30 and May 5/6. You may also drop your wine donation at the RE Office or Parish House.

55+ TGIF Dinner on Friday, April 21st, Mimi's Cafe, 1631 Willow Pass Rd., Concord. Meet at 6 pm with dinner following at 6:30 pm. RSVP to Renie @ 933-4073 or Brenda @ 687-1259.

Candlelight Vigil to Observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week - Join us on Thurs., April 20th from 7-8 pm in the Parish Hall for an evening of remembrance, reflection and music. Children and families are encouraged to attend-sponsored by Mothers Against Murder, Troy and Alana Pack Foundation, and Survivors of Murder Victims. For information

call Rene Maher at 360-3662.

With Gratitude the Quinn family is deeply grateful to all the members of the CTK community who has done so much for our family over the years. We will always treasure the wonderful memorial celebration for our son Kieran, for which many worked so hard to make a "special day" for everyone. Kieran always brought out the best in people it seemed, and it was abundantly reflected in the beautiful service, and reception you created to remember him. Thank you for your boundless generosity, in both words of sympathy, and countless acts of love.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2006

PALM SUNDAY EVENING

"The Night Christ Died," A Youth Ministry Production,
Parish Hall, 6pm & 8 pm

HOLY THURSDAY - April 13th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 p.m.
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament 9:15 p.m.
Night Prayer of the Church 10:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14th

12:00 noon: Good Friday Reflections
1:40 p.m.: Collection for the Holy Land & Its Refugees
1:45 p.m.: Good Friday Liturgy with Passion, Homily,
Veneration of the Cross & Communion
8:00 p.m.: Good Friday Evening Service
(Garden Setting/Gym)

HOLY SATURDAY - April 15th

Easter Vigil Liturgy 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16th

Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 9:15 (outside Family Liturgy), 10:45, 10:45 a.m. (outside Family Liturgy), and 12:15 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS

Holy Thursday, April 13th - Private Reconciliation

9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th

Private Reconciliation 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

No Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 15th

HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS

(Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Environment & Sacristans Unite!)

Monday:

7 pm-Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Thursday

7:30pm-Readers for Good Friday Liturgy 1-3 pm

8:00 pm-Readers for Good Friday Passion

Tuesday:

6 pm-Environment & Decorating for Holy Thurs.

6:30 pm-Readers, presiders, musicians & sacristans for Easter Vigil

7 pm-Choir & Rehearsal of Fire & Lights for Easter Vigil

7:30 pm-Eucharistic Ministers for Easter Vigil

Wednesday:

6 pm-Environment & Decorating of Gym for Holy Thursday

6:30 pm-Presiders, Planners & Sacristans for Holy Thursday

6:45 pm-Readers, Musicians, Table Setters & Choirs for Holy Thursday

7 pm-Handwashing, footwashing & readers rehearsal for Holy Thursday

7:45 pm-Family rehearsal for Holy Thursday Table

8:00 pm-Procession of Oils for Holy Thursday

Friday:

9 am-Good Friday set-up and planning

Saturday:

8:30 am-1st Readers for Easter

8:50 am-2nd Readers for Easter

9:30 am-Church Cleaning, Decoration & Outside Set up" - Drop off plants until 11 am
(white or yellow)

2:00 pm-RCIA preparation meeting