

ST. PETER'S PARISH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 9, 2006

			<u>MASSES</u>
MON	APR 10	8:00am	MARY PULLMAN
TUE	APR 11	8:00am	INT OF ELEANOR ARRIGO
WED	APR 12	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	APR 13	7:30pm	INT OF MARY ELLEN LUKAS
FRI	APR 14	3:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
		7:30pm	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
SAT	APR 15	8:00pm	PARISHIONERS
SUN	APR 16	7:00am	JOHN & CECELIA ROCHE
		8:15am	FLOWER MEMORIAL
		9:00am LHS	JOEY & SANDY PARISE
		9:30am	KEN SPIELMAN
		10:30am LHS	FLOWER MEMORIAL
		11:00am	INT OF LEN & JUNE SCHABDACH
		12:15pm	FLOWER MEMORIAL

	GOAL	ACTUAL
*COLLECTION	\$14,700.00	\$ 14,366.00
*POOR BOX	\$ 925.00	570.25
*BUILDING FUND MO. Total (Sappington Hall)		4,478.89

				APRIL 13, 14, 15 & 16		
	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>		
APR 13	7:30pm	A & A Suprock	Thompson	Grimes/Schabdach/Palmisano J&E Sadler/Simon/Suprock		
APR 14	3:00pm	A & A Bishop	Poska & Spielman	Kennedy & Simon		
	7:30pm	Bolger & Schrupf	Levasseur & Gill	J & E Sadler		
APR 15	8:00pm	Mason & J Slattery	Getsinger/Ryan/Slattery Nau/Lawrence/Kinze Gaudlip Griben & Smeller	Deacon Mike/Suprock/C&J Miller/Nolan M&P Ratchford		
	7:00am	M & P Rubeling	Griben & Smeller	A&M DiGregory/J&K Hayes/Krcma/Meuse Sweitzer		
	8:15am	Bolger & Riley	Poska & Miller	M&T Lawn/Pollack/Pototschnik/Roan B & D Wade		
	9:00am LHS	Gordon & Reitz	McDermott	Grant/Krug/M&R Terrell/Naples/Gruodis M Jones		
	9:30am	A & A Bishop	Gregory & Pugh	Bishop/Cheeks/Ohde/Pugh/Simons/D&S Wilks		
	10:30am LHS	Pollack	Ballantine	Baer/Ballantine/Douds/L Jones/Martin/Russo Schiller		
	11:00am	E & P Gill	Moxley & White	Grimes/Koehler/Moxley/Palerino/Schabdach A & M White		
	12:15pm	Schrumpf	Palmer & Kline	J&V Abel/Marley/J&J Mulvey/J&E Sadler		

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:
 Tues., April 11th, 8:30-10am Sappington Hall and
 6pm-9pm Fr. Gene Room in the Parish Center

ON GOOD FRIDAY we will take up a collection for the Holy Land to support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines. Please be generous.

PLEASE NOTE MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:

Monday, April 10th – 8am Mass

The Chrism Mass is celebrated 7:30pm at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore

Tuesday, April 11th – 8am Mass

Wednesday, April 12th – 8am Communion Service

TRIDUUM SERVICES

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper 7:30pm followed by private prayer time until 11pm in Sappington Hall

Good Friday Services – 3:00pm and 7:30pm – **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** 2:40pm

Holy Saturday Vigil 8:00pm

This year we have a smaller number of people joining the church than in some years, so there will be space available to attend the Easter Vigil. It is not recommended for small children however.

(No Communion Services on Thursday morning and No morning Mass Friday or Saturday, No 5:30pm Mass on Saturday and No Sunday 5:45pm Mass)

BLESSING OF FOOD- 1:00pm in Sullivan Hall.

EASTER MASSES at the Parish Center 7, 8:15, 9:30, 11am & 12:15pm
 at Linganore High School 9 & 10:30am
 (Linganore seats 650, the Parish Center seats 300)

THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY for our Church is scheduled for Friday, April 21st at 3pm behind the old church. Cardinal Keeler and Bishop Malooly will be present. All are welcome.

THE STATUS OF OUR CAMPAIGN as of April 4th is: Outstanding pledges \$2,607,570.89, paid pledges \$981,812.91, gifts/memorials/fund raiser's \$229,813.91 Total: \$3,819,197.71. If you have a pending pledge, we

encourage you to turn it in as soon as possible. Wouldn't it be great to hit \$4 million by ground breaking?!

If you have not received a visit regarding the Campaign and would like one, please contact Laura 301-898-5111 to set up an appointment with Fr. John or with one of our visitors.

NOTE: Please use the Capital Campaign Envelope for your pledges or mark the envelope "Capital campaign." Use Blue Envelopes for Sappington Hall Mortgage payments only. There are extra envelopes of each available in the Kiosk in the Parish Center Foyer.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

ACTS 10: 34a-43; COL 3: 1-4; JN 20: 1-9

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MK 11: 1-10; IS 50: 4-7; PHIL 2: 6-11; MK 14: 1-47

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK- Theresa Pirrone, Robert Flaherty, Glen Morrison, Mary Hunt, Edward Gilvey, Robert Harington, Jason Bates, Joseph Pirrone, Peter & Paul Cuticchia, Marilyn Hall, Orlando Rea, Harry Blanchard, Krystyna Cichocki, Rita Custer; Danielle Poole, Joanne Boss, Paula Cooper, Sharon Gould, Bridget Boone, Anne Neher, Rose Yodzis, Paul Pieklo, Steve White, Larry Mauceri, Linda McGuire, Fred Moxley, Richard Hanna, Tom Weedon, Louis Webb, Kenny Jordan, Kim Miller, Chris Roby, Gina Caputo, Carly Ellis, Edna Spilman, Danielle E. Kline, Heather Milihrum, Donna Jacobs, Dolores Sperlein, Sandy O'Donnell, Brandin Andrukitis, Anna Tomalis, Florence Bannister, Michael Seifert, Mary Souder, Jones Family, Charles Guarnieri, Justin Offutt, Craig Rice, Connor Rutledge, Eric Saindon, Jennifer Zeiner, Pat Wallace, Emily Candaffio, Karen & Jessica Connery, Patricia Huffer, John Martin, Ben Lanman, John Reilly, Mike D'Auria, Dan Hodges, Robert Young, Tom Caponiti, Kathryn Delaney, Eddie Vaughan, baby Mathis, William Schneehagen, Doris Savage, Marge Jones, Msgr. Art Valenzano, Fr. John Carter

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Carol Huberty, sister of Jean Sherman; Foster Hunter, Great Uncle of Kent Hunter; Jerry Kozak brother of Rose Icenroad

If you would like to send a Get Well Card to Fr. Ray's mother, her address is: Mrs. Jo Anne Harris, 9 Pepperdine Circle, Baltimore, Md. 21228

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS: The parish office is in need of volunteer receptionists. If you can give 4 hours of your time on Friday afternoon 1pm-5pm, please call Priscilla 301-898-5111 x12.

THE NURSERY is losing a number of volunteers to baby-sit your children during the 9:30am Mass while you worship during Mass. If you can volunteer once a month, please call Laura at 301-898-5111x13. The nursery can not operate without your help. **No one is coming forward for this hour.**

THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY is asking for more volunteers, particularly for the Saturday evening 5:30pm Mass, 11:00am & 12:15pm Sunday Masses. If you are able to spend a few minutes prior to Mass welcoming people it would be most appreciated. Please call the parish office 301-898-5111 or Sheila Thompson 301-845-8269 and leave your name and phone number.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: Don't forget to make your appointment to have your portrait taken for the parish directory. You will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a copy of our parish directory. You can sign up in the Fr. Gene Nickol Room before and after Mass throughout April (except Easter) or on-line at www.signup.olanmills.com. You will need to enter our church contract number -07224- and follow the instructions given.

AUCTION ITEMS are needed for our August 26th Annual Auction. Antiques, cars, boats, jewelry, china and all major items make this event profitable. All furniture has to be approved by Laura or Janice before any drop off.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Tuesday, April 18th, 7:30-9:30pm - Parish Center for a most current, controversial topic- be informed. "What Catholics need to know about Stem Cells and Cloning". Fr. Tad Pachdezyk's talk, Angela Martin, Pres., Md. Right to Life presides.

THREE SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR: **Divine Mercy Sunday**, April 23rd, celebrated at the 12:15pm Mass. See Divine Mercy Flyer and Novena Prayer Pamphlet in today's bulletin.

Mystical Rose Prayer Day, Saturday, May 6th. Begins with 9:00am Mass; with outdoor procession and May crowning to honor Mary, Our Spiritual Mother.

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 18th, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Please join our procession and Benediction after the 12:15 Mass.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will not meet this Wednesday due to Holy Week.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: We need people for the 3rd Saturday at noon of each month; alternate adorer for 2am-3am early Saturday; for noon on Fridays. Please call Linda 301-829-2888 if you can take an hour.

THE CHAPEL WILL CLOSE at 7pm Holy Thursday, April 13th and remain closed Good Friday and Holy Saturday until 10pm, after the Easter Vigil Mass, in honor of the Lord's death and burial.

A TRULY INFORMATIVE EVENING "What Catholics need to know about Stem Cells & Cloning" in our Parish Center April 18th, 7-9pm, Fr. Tad Pachdezyk's talk, Angela Martin, Pres. Md. Right to Life presides.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Officer meeting on Tuesday the 11th, 7:30pm, thrift shop. ...Easter egg hunt on Saturday at 10am, preceded by the blessing of the baskets, meet at the parish pavilion. ...District meeting at 8am, thrift shop, we are hosting. ...2nd degree scheduled for Tuesday the 11th, 1st degree knights contact GK Krcma at 301-865-3481. ...Mark your calendar for the 29th. Bring your children to the free fishing derby at the Middletown Community Park Pond, 9 to 11:30am. Sponsored by the Middletown K of C council. All children receive a prize. ...For more council 13290 information visit our website at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/

GOLF TOURNAMENT, K OF C: Our 4th annual golf tournament Friday, June 9th, Maple Run Golf Course. \$85 per golfer gets you 18 holes, a golfer's goodie bag, beverage/snack cart, and an awards dinner. Proceeds fund our council's charities: seminarian support, thrift shop, our scholarship program, distressed parishioners program, and the parish building fund. If interested in playing or being a sponsor, E-mail Tom Gruentzel, tom.tenelec@adelphia.net. ...All are welcome! Information flyers are in the hall foyer.

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT: Check the flyer in today's bulletin for details.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1062 will be selling 3 cu.ft. bags of mulch this year under the pavilion. Cost is \$3.75/bag for 10 or more or \$4.00 per single bag. Contact Grant Deckert at 301-788-4281 for ordering.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES:** For parents meets May 10 or June 14 from 7 – 9 PM in the Birch Library. Remember that you need only one godparent and this person must be Catholic. The godparent is to have celebrated Confirmation, is at least 16 years of age, and is practicing the faith (attending mass each week and celebrating the sacraments).
- **NEW HORIZON'S SENIORS GROUP** – Join us for the following event:
APRIL 20 – DAY OF REFLECTION with Fr. Jerry; 9:30 am in Sullivan Hall. We will begin with mass at 9:30 followed by a continental breakfast. Topic for the day is *Praying with the Spiritual Masters*. Cost of the retreat is \$15 which includes the breakfast and boxed lunch. Following lunch, Fr. Jerry will be available for reconciliation. **Any adult is welcomed to join us for this retreat!!** **RSVPs are required for luncheon selections.** Call Kathy at 301-898-9982 or Margaret 410-635-8301.
- **SINGLE AGAIN of CENTRAL MD** - Join us at 7:30 on Friday, April 21 at St. Timothy Church, Walkersville when Fr. Joe Caroline, from Southern Mountain Restoration Center in Chambersburg, PA, will speak on "Emotional Issues Along Your Spiritual Journey".

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **APRIL DATES:**
Sunday: 9th, 23rd, 30th
Monday: 10th, 24th
MAY DATES:
Sunday: 7th (Last Class)
Monday: 1st (Last Class – this is a change from the original schedule)
- **CATECHETICAL GATHERING:** There is a session wrap up scheduled for Monday, May 8th - This includes both adult & teen volunteers. Please contact Stacy to RSVP for this meeting.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2006-2007 YEAR WILL BE MAILED IN LATE MAY.**
- **HOME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Your *Unit 3 reviews are due!*

- **STAND:** A training will be offered on Tuesday, May 9th at 10AM or 7PM in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please RSVP to Anne Mason @ 301-898-5111 ext. 17.
- **THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ON EASTER SUNDAY.**
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** "Son Treasure Island" is scheduled for June 26th – June 30th. Mark your calendars! Registrations will be in the bulletin the Sunday after Easter.
- **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**
 - † **Reconciliation** – If you missed the Reconciliation Service – you will need to call Stacy @ 301-898-5111 ext. 18 & give her the date, location & priest once it has been completed. All children must have completed Reconciliation prior to his/her First Communion.
 - † **First Communion Dates** - Don't forget to call to reserve your celebration date! – **Saturday, May 13th is no longer available – absolutely no exceptions!**
 - † **Eucharist Family Day** – is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd from 9AM – 1PM. **This is a preparation requirement.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT!**
- **NO YOUTH MINISTRY NEXT WEEK!** Happy Easter!
- **RIGHTEOUS B Pro-Life Rally** – Friday, April 21st @ St. Katharine Drexel (where Jason Evert was) from 6-10PM. 6th – 12th grade is invited.
- **CONFIRMATION:**
 - † Saint names, Sponsor names & Bishop Letters are past due. Please call Stacy @ 301-898-5111 ext. 18 if you have not already turned these in.
 - † Call Dawn to schedule interviews if you have not signed up for one already.
 - † Confirmation practice will be Thursday, April 27th from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Parish Center.
- **APPALACHIA DATES:** July 16th – 21st – Mark your calendars!
- **IT'S TIME TO BOOK FOR STEUBENVILLE :** June 23rd – June 26th Initial deposit of \$45 is due by April 2nd with balance of \$45 due at SPY on April 30th.

TRIDUUM

Triduum means "three days" and that the three days are counted from dusk to dusk, Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. These days are the culmination of the entire church year because they celebrate the Paschal Mystery which is the basis of our faith, dying Christ destroys our death and rising he restores our life. The sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf and His resurrection on the third day cannot be celebrated in only three days, however. The joy in knowing that Jesus lives after we have seen him dead on the cross spills over, and we celebrate during the fifty days of Eastertime.

The Easter Triduum is one celebration which continues for three days. We come to church at various times during those days, and when we are not in church, we try to live a quieter, simpler life focusing more of our attention on Christ and less on the secular world.

Now we look at the first day of the Triduum more closely - **Holy Thursday**. Many people are under the impression that Lent ends with Easter Sunday, but Lent really ends at dusk on Holy Thursday. Our forty-day preparation for celebrating a good Easter is complete on Thursday; our time is up. All regular masses in a parish are suspended to allow for only one mass, the mass of the Last Supper held always on Thursday evening. There are no daytime masses held anywhere in the Catholic world, only the evening mass which begins the Triduum celebration.

Because the procession of Holy Thursday is the procession for a three-day celebration, it is larger and more encompassing than the procession of a regular Sunday mass. One part of the procession exclusive to Holy Thursday is the **procession of the holy oils**. The oils used in the parish throughout the year are received at the **Chrism Mass**, a special mass held once a year at the cathedral and presided over by the bishop. All the oil used in the entire diocese is blessed and presented to each parish at that time.

The sacred Scripture which we hear this night reminds us of the **first Passover meal** of the Israelites as they prepare for their journey out of slavery in Egypt. We then hear of the **institution of the Eucharist** by Christ and his admonition of "Do this, in remembrance of me." And then we have the wonderful example of the service to which we all are called when Jesus, who is Lord and master, takes a basin of water and a towel and **washes the feet of his apostles** ending with the words, "What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do." Christ saves us from the slavery of sin, the Eucharist nourishes and strengthens us so that we can serve our brothers and sisters. In order to reinforce this important teaching of Jesus, the presider of the mass washes the feet of members of the parish family.

The Blessed Sacrament is then taken to the chapel to rest there; the sanctuary is cleared, and we are invited to stay and **vigil with the Blessed Sacrament** until midnight, if we so desire. There is no procession to end this mass because the celebration does not end. The prayer continues in our homes until we are called together again on Good Friday to remember the next part of the story of our salvation.

Good Friday - Something which has always set Good Friday apart is that it is a **day of fast and abstinence**. Because we are asked to fast on Good Friday, we often think of this day as part of Lent. But remember that Lent ended at dusk on Thursday. The fast of Good Friday is not the Lenten fast of discipline and repentance. It is the excited, nervous fasting of anticipation. We might all have experienced this type of fast before a wedding (a happy time) or before a wake or funeral (a sad time). At these times food is not important to us. On Friday we remember that something monumental happened. We remember that someone died so that we might live - not just someone, but God.

We begin the service in silence with no procession. There is no need to process. This service does not stand alone; it is a continuation of what began on Holy Thursday. The priest kneels or more often prostrates himself as a sign of utter humility before God. During the Liturgy of the Word, the **Passion of Christ** is proclaimed. We listen and remember how Jesus suffered and died for our sins. After the Passion we are reminded that there are many people in the world who need our prayers, and so in our role as priestly people we pray a more lengthy and **elaborate form of the General Intercessions**.

Then a cross, the symbol of our salvation, is brought forward for us to venerate. The **veneration of the cross** is a practice unique to Good Friday. It is our opportunity to humble ourselves before the awesome saving action of Christ. We approach the cross and acknowledge its power in a number of ways. We can genuflect before the cross, kiss it, kneel before it, touch it with our hand, or stand before it and say a short prayer. The method we choose to show our respect is our own choice. After veneration we participate in a simple reception of the Eucharist and then leave church again in silence to continue our prayer and fasting at home and to return on Saturday evening for the Easter Vigil.

Holy Saturday – As we discussed Good Friday's fast is not one of repentance, but a fast of anticipation. The Church asks us, though it is not a requirement, to continue our fast through Saturday, if possible. Our anticipation has not ended with the death of Christ. In fact, our anticipation increases as we wait for the resurrection; for our salvation was not a result of Christ's death alone but of his death and resurrection. We await his resurrection in nervous anticipation.

The Easter Triduum begins with the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday; it reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, celebrated on Saturday night. This celebration is a long one; we have a lot to do this evening. We proclaim with fire and song that Christ is risen. We listen to the Scripture stories of God's interaction with humankind from creation through to the resurrection.

We **baptize** those desiring to be Catholic and **confirm** and give **Eucharist** to those seeking full membership in the Catholic Church. Then we are strengthened with the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood.

Because we have a lot to do this evening, we need time to do it well. Some people think of the celebration of the Easter Vigil as just another mass, but one that is longer than a Sunday mass. This is not true. There are things we do at the Easter Vigil that we do at no other time in the church year. The most significant of these is the **welcoming of new members into our Church and our parish**. They have been studying and learning about what it means to be Catholic for a year, and now it is time for them to become one of us. We hear more of **Holy Scripture** proclaimed on this night because our salvation history is a long story dating back to the creation of the world. We build a large **fire** outside to remind us that Jesus is our light in the darkness, and after lighting the **new Easter candle** from this first fire, we process it into the darkened church and hear of Christ's resurrection. We need time to do all of these things well.

A vigil is a watch kept for an extended period of time. In our daily lives we might keep vigil as we wait by the telephone or in a hospital waiting room for news. We cannot rush a vigil; it must take as long as it takes. The same is true of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. As masses go, it is considerably longer than a Sunday mass. As vigils go, it is relatively short.

There are practices we experience during the Triduum that we see at no other time during the year: the washing of the feet, the veneration of the cross, the service of light, the singing of the **Exultet**, the **baptism of the elect**, the **reception of the candidates into full membership in the Catholic Church**. It is said that the Triduum is so full of moments that can touch our inner being and move our soul that we would not be able to experience them more than once each year.

Adapted from: <http://www.nativity.org/Triduum.html>