

Liturgy Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 Margaret Vernino (Family)
 9:30 Our Lady of Grace Parish
 11:30 George M. Blatnik (Mom, Dad and Family)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

6:45 James L. Donoghue (Mary Cole)
 9:00 Frank Astorino (Family)
 7:00 Communal Penance Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:45 Estelle and Fred Scott (Carol)
 9:00 Joan Malarkey (Family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

6:45 Dolores Notaro (Dave and Greg Laeppele)
 9:00 Paul J. Scoliere (John Bellaver Family)

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 Deceased members of Frank and Mary Bates Family

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21

2:00 Passion of the Lord
 7:30 Tenebrae

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

12:00 Blessing of the Food
 8:30 Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 The Poor of the World
 9:30 The Children of the World
 9:45 The Christian Families of the World
 11:30 Our Lady of Grace Parish
 11:45 Parish Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life



MONEY COUNTERS

This week: J. Farrell, P. Matvey, J. Dressel
 Next week: J. Hungerman, E. Biagetti

ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE - MARCH 21

S. Napoleoni H. McGaughey



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS help to beautify our church for the upcoming Easter Season. Memorial contributions accomplish two things: defraying the cost of flowers for the parish; and presenting a lovely gesture in memory of our departed

loved ones. Just drop your memorial contribution in the collection basket or send it in the mail.

JOIN BISHOP ZUBIK AND THE CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IN INVITING MEN TO COME HOME

- Chances are you know someone who has grown apart from their Catholic faith. Maybe there is a powerful reason. Maybe life just distracted them. Whatever the cause, God is waiting to welcome them home. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider whom you might invite to the Gathering of Catholic Men on April 12 at the A. J. Palumbo Center. Submit these names and addresses to Fr. James Wehner, Director of Evangelization, by mail (2900 Noblestown Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205) or fax (412-456-3187), and each man submitted will receive a personal invitation from Bishop David Zubik.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

Activities Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

9:30 Children's Liturgy of Word, Church, Keefer Hall
 10:45 Religious Education, School, Conroy Hall
 7:30 AA, Conroy Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 St. Vincent de Paul, Staff Center
 7:00 Communal Penance Service
 7:30 Little Rock Scripture Study, PC Room
 8:00 Catholic Men's Fellowship Group, Keefer Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:15 Catholic Men's Fellowship Group, Keefer Hall
 9:45 Little Rock Scripture Study, Staff Center
 3:00 Brownies, Conroy Hall
 7:00 Rosary, Church
 7:30 Pgh. Civ. Orch., Conroy Hall
 8:00 Choir, Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 Boy Scouts, Conroy Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

10:00 Market Day Pickup, Conroy Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 AA, Conroy Hall



Stewardship

Treasure - Last Week's Collection - \$10,788

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: 2nd Lt. Adam Ewoldsen, Adam Ginter U.S. Army, 2nd Lt. Kendall Seli, PFC Daniel Mulvihill, 1st Lt. William J. Shields, Pvt. Anthony J. Laitta, Pvt. 1st Class Angelo Morasca, Lt. Kelsey Barley, 2nd Lt. Christopher Lauff, 1st Sgt. Rick Oddi, Sr. Airman Dion Julian, Capt. Aaron L. B. Cox, Capt. Steven Tingley, Lt. Steve Fichter, David Clay, Jr., Col. Gregory Mark Ferketish, Capt. Sam Gazzo, Lnc. Cpl Ryan Kelsey, Maj. Gen. Scott Gray, Maj. Ken Wheeler, Sgt. Dustin Huff, 2nd Lt. Meghan Cumpston, SSgt. Stephen Lorenzetty, Lt. Jason Simon, Capt. J. J. Serowik, Sgt. Matthew Tardio, PV2 Erik Lind, Maj. Thomas H. Huzzard, PFC Mark Grosso. If you have a family member in the military and would like him/her remembered in prayer, please submit the name and branch of service to the parish office. Their families have let us know they are grateful for our prayers.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers that worked to make the Lenten fish fry a success. The Bower Hill Volunteer Fire Department will host a fish fry on Good Friday at the fire hall on Vanadium Road. All are welcome.



CENSUS FORMS - Census forms are included in the bulletin and at each entrance to the church. We ask you to help us update our records by completing and returning the form.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.



From the
Pastor

The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the heart of our Christian faith. During this Holy Week, our parish and churches throughout the world, solemnly recall this decisive moment in salvation history when God redeemed his fallen people.

For though he was silent through this ordeal, Jesus communicated God's love for us more "eloquently" in his actions than he did in all his teaching. In his willingness to follow his Father's will to the cross, Jesus demonstrated the cost of Christian Discipleship, not merely instructed us about it. The passion narrative we have just read is the core of what we believe and profess about Jesus Christ and is the basis of our Eucharist and our liturgical calendar throughout the Church year.

All the readings today, this Palm or Passion Sunday, point to this passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the consummation of God's plan of salvation for mankind. Whether in the prophetic description of the suffering servant in Isaiah and the Messiah in Psalm 22, or in Paul's letter to the Philippians based on an ancient Christian hymn that sings of Christ's emptying of himself of all his privileges as God's Son so as to be one with us in all things, even suffering and death, our focus today and all Holy Week leading to the Sacred Triduum is on the event and salvific meaning of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday call us into the mystery of God's merciful love revealed in the self-sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In this Holy Week, and every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are united with those who yearned for the Messiah for centuries before he came; we are joined with all those who have known the mercy of God and believed in Jesus Christ across the centuries and the continents; and we raise our voices with those who greeted Jesus in his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem: "Hosanna in the highest!"

Rev. Richard A. Infante
Pastor

MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VOTE, MONDAY, MARCH 17 - URGENT - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED - Please take a minute to stand up for the institution of marriage in Pennsylvania. Members of the PA Senate Judiciary Committee are scheduled to vote on Senate Bill 1250, the Marriage Protection Amendment, on Monday, March 17. **The bill needs to pass in Committee in order to be voted on by the full PA Senate.** Senator Wayne Fontana is a member of the Judiciary Committee. If you are a member of District 42 (Carnegie, Greentree, Heidelberg, Scott Township, etc.), please call Senator Fontana on Monday with the following message: Please support the Marriage Protection Amendment (Senate Bill 1250) without any amendments to the bill. Local office: 412-344-2551; Harrisburg Office: 717-787-5300. If you are a member of District 37 (Bridgeville, Mt. Lebanon, Upper St. Clair, etc.), you are encouraged to contact Senator John Pippy when the bill reaches the Senate floor. The Marriage Protection Amendment will place within the Constitution the definition of marriage as the union between one man and one woman and will prevent civil unions which would treat same-sex partnerships as the equivalent of marriage.

JUST A REMINDER - NO CANDLES WILL BURN DURING HOLY WEEK in Our Lady's Chapel. You may, however, by using the envelope in the chapel, and taking it to the parish office, request candles to be lit Easter Sunday and afterward.



FROM THE DESK OF SISTER GRACE MARIE

This Sunday, March 16, we move into the holiest week in the church calendar. In Holy Week we recall the price Jesus paid for our salvation; His passion and death. Easter Sunday reminds us that death had no power over Jesus (or us) when He rose to New Life. Let us celebrate this New Life, that Jesus shares with us, with joyful hearts.

I have the privilege this year of making my annual retreat during Holy Week, March 16-22. Therefore, I will not be in my office during that time. I will return on Easter Monday. You may be out of sight, but not out of my thoughts and prayers. I will pray for your intentions and ask you to pray for me that I will be open to the graces of my retreat.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES - On Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, Bishops David Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00 p.m. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special momento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES! Don't shop without them! Exchange your dollars for shopping certificates/debit gift cards at the school or parish office--or after Masses on the weekend. Your support makes this fundraiser a success! Thank you.

REST IN PEACE

Judith Mae Hankle, former parishioner.



PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers those who are sick, especially Dennis Hough, Betty Healey, Stella Kovac, Loretta Santone, Marge Wallace, James Selden, Dayna McCahan, Anna Marie Stuart, Millie Hoffmann, Jane Herscoe, Joel Namy, Adele Koczaja, Bernadette

Hale, Jeannine Mongelli, Joe Wilhem, Allysn Hurley, Laura Seli, Mark Vernino, Mary Weidl, Alberta Taylor, Ryan Markel, Charlie Scarvace, Glenn Mamula, Bill Snyder, Matthew Werner, Ron Morris, Rosemary Serowik.

HELP FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING - Family Hospice and Palliative Care is pleased to offer *Growing Through Grief*, a free 6-week educational/support program for those dealing with the death of a loved one. The program will begin on Wednesday afternoon, March 19, 2008 at Southminster House, 801 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon and end on April 23, 2008. Attendance at all six sessions is requested. Pre-registration is required. For further information, please call the Bereavement Associate at 412-572-8829.

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Special Instructions:

PLEASE INSERT BULLETIN FLYER MAILED TO YOU (2-sided - Bishop's Statement and Protecting Marriage...)

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