



A Can or Box a Week!

Please keep bringing in your non-perishables for the Food Basket. It is brought up to the altar with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

Thanks to Bob and Sharon Neller for their faithful dedication to this ministry. They take the food donations every week and bag them up to bring them into Interfaith Ministry.

We appreciate all your help with this important ministry!

+ Christian Symbols +



Torch

The torch primarily represents the Passion of Christ, perhaps because he was arrested and tried during the night, when the Temple guard would have used torches for light. The torch also can symbolize spiritual enlightenment, or martyrdom for the sake of the gospel.

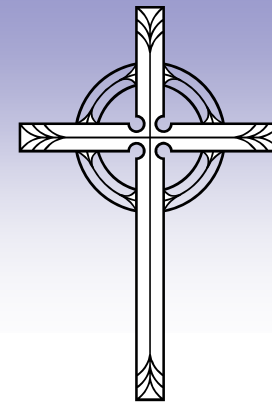
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Answer to Bible Quiz: D
(See Matthew 27:51.)

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm SundayMarch 25

Blessing & Procession of Palms, Holy Eucharist & Sermon and Reading of the Passion Gospel.....10:00 a.m.

Maunder Thursday.....March 29

Holy Communion, Foot Washing & Potluck Supper.....5:30 p.m.

Good Friday.....March 30

Meditation service of the pre-sanctified Spend some time or all 3 hours with Jesus.....12-3:00 p.m.

Easter Eve.....March 31

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

Easter Sunday.....April 1

Festive Holy Eucharist & Sermon...10:00 a.m.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

—St. Catherine of Siena
from the Newsletter Newsletter



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Cotton Material Needed!



Ruby Louis is sewing dresses for Ugandan girls. Each dress takes 1¼ yards of material to make. If you have any bright, nice cotton material, please bring it in for the dresses. A donation would also be welcome. Thank you!



The Most Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop, ACNA
 The Rt. Rev Dr. Eric Menees Bishop
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 The Rev. Canon Thomas M. Foster...
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 Sarah Pine..... Sexton

Bishop's Committee

James O'Neill Bishop's Warden
 Mary Scott..... Secretary

Beverly Burke Ruby Louis
 Larry Beyers Gregory Matteson
 Audrey Foster

The Bishop's Committee meets the third Sunday of every month following the Sunday service.

- ✚ Sunday School - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Nursery - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Church Service - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

 **Altar Guild**
 Liz Basham
 Jim O'Neill



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Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

"Words of Guidance"

In times of change or even turmoil, I may examine my plans or re-examine myself, wondering why is this happening? What can I do? What's next? Placing all wondering and questioning aside, I realize that divine wisdom is always present to illuminate my way. In prayerful meditation, I obtain a serene balance between questions and solutions. I acknowledge the peace within that soothes my soul.

I feel the calm assurance of divine insight and tranquility of trust in outcomes. God is always here. Whether or not the details are obvious to me, I am ready to move forward confidently with my plans and understanding. I anticipate the known and trust in God for the unknown.

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way be known upon earth."

Psalm 67:12

with blessings and love,
Beverly Burke
 Welcoming Committee

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 25th of every month.

Please e-mail your submissions to Mary at mlscott159@gmail.com or call 606-5692.

Church phone number (209) 551-5279

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2nd Chance Computer Update

During February, we have given 20 desktops to elementary and junior high students and 20 laptops to high school students. We purchased 15 monitors for \$150 with parishioner donations to the Computer Ministry. Recently, Taco Bell, Escalon and Jefferson School districts have donated computers to the program.

Since we have fewer computers, Terry Scott and Richard Shabazian have been delivering the systems to the school sites instead of holding the Computer Give-Aways at the church.

If you have an old computer or know of someone who does, please give us a call and we'll pick it up. Thanks for all your help!

Dates to Remember

- World Day of Prayer March 2
- Third Sunday in Lent March 4
- Fourth Sunday in Lent March 11
- Daylight-Saving Time begins March 11
- Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18
- First day of spring March 20
- Palm/Passion Sunday March 25
- Holy Week March 25-31
- Maundy Thursday March 29
- Good Friday March 30

Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief.
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger.
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves.
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom.

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| ☉ Tom D. | ☉ Margie M. |
| ☉ Maxine M. | ☉ Corrie |
| ☉ Shirley E. | ☉ Tatum |
| ☉ Art E. | ☉ Myles P. |
| ☉ JoAnne & Neal M. | ☉ Eva B. |
| ☉ Jean & Velmer R. | ☉ Genie B. |
| ☉ Janet M. | ☉ Cayden |
| ☉ Faye B. | ☉ Alexander |
| ☉ Isha | ☉ Preston |
| ☉ Margaret M. | ☉ Jude |
| ☉ Claude K. | ☉ Lois |
| ☉ Bob T. | ☉ Maria S. |
| ☉ Tatum | ☉ Janie |
| ☉ Ben M. | ☉ Marlene |
| ☉ Beverly B. | |

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request card, located at the entrance table and also on the parish hall table or call the church at 551-5279.

Answer to Kid's Page: "Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth!" *Psalm 8:1 NIV*



- ❖ Nicky Beyers March 1
- ❖ Suzana Pine March 4
- ❖ Shannon Malcolm March 5
- ❖ Angelina Pine March 16

If you are not on the Birthday & Anniversary chart located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, please let Mary Scott know.

The Kid's Page

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!

Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

"L__RD, __ r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n __ll th__
 __rth!"
 Ps__lm 8:1, N__V

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From
**Fr. Tom,
Vicar Emeritus**

Encouraging Word.... That's Who Jesus is!

In the middle of Lent, we need encouragement. Lent prepares us for Easter, that great and central event of Christianity. "He who believes is the one who is saved."

Sometimes we get so focused on our sins and sinful nature, that we forget that Easter celebrates God's love for His sinful people. "Herein is love, not that we love God, but that He first loves us." "While we were yet sinners God sent His son."

Jesus dies to cover, to forgive, all our sins. Jesus is raised from the dead to assure us that He is more powerful than death and has the power to forgive all.

The Encouraging Word? "All who believe in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Lent is not about us "perfecting" ourselves, it is about believing Jesus is God's son and that He first loves us.

Let's get ready to celebrate East, Jesus' resurrection.

*Blessings from
Father Tom*



New Assisted Listening System

We now have an Assisted Listening system at Jesus Our Savior.

There are 2 headphones and 2 earpieces that will enable the hearing impaired to hear the music and scripture much better. Please talk to Mary if you would like to get a headphone or earpiece for the service.

Thanks Jim O'Neill for your generous donation!



Still Accepting Medical Supplies for Uganda!

Shared Blessings has two volunteers going on a mission to Uganda at the end of March. They will bring suitcases filled with medical supplies to outfit 2 storage units for the medical clinic at Children Safe Uganda.

The items needed are as follows:

Tylenol	Alcohol pads
Aspirin	Ointments
Advil	Band-aids
Cough Drops	Gauze
Ear Drops	Muscle rub
Eye Drops	Surgical tape
Stool Softener	Sterile gloves
Bacimycin	Vitamins

Please remember that liquids cannot be brought on the plane. Your donations can be placed in the box along the side of the church. Or if you prefer, monetary donations would also be helpful, as the volunteers can purchase the items in Uganda. If you have any questions, please talk to Audrey Foster.

The last Sunday we can accept donations is **March 18th**. Thank you for your generosity with this wonderful ministry!





Bishop's Note

“Take up your cross and follow me.”

March 01, 2018

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

What does that mean, to “take up your cross?” One common misconception places this in the area of the natural trials and tribulations of living in a fallen world. For example, people will say to someone with an illness or a disability, “Well, I guess that is your cross to bear.” However, I can tell you from first hand experience, that is not the case. I have a bone disease called avascular osteonecrosis; it is somewhat like arthritis and has caused me to have my hips replaced... twice. I wish I didn't have it – I certainly don't want it.

Yet, while this is a trial that I have to live with, and it has made me a better minister, I did not choose to have this disease. Doctor's are not 100% sure why I have it – generally you get it from either steroid use, trauma, or genetics. I don't fit the first two categories, and I don't think I fit the third category; but who knows. The point is, to be my “cross” I would have to intentionally choose to have it.

Beyond that, to “take up your cross and follow Jesus” you need to choose it AND it needs to benefit another person and the Lord!

A better example of this would be Mother Teresa. In his book, *The Irresistible Revolution*, Shane Claiborne describes Mother Teresa Thus: She was short, wrinkled, and precious, maybe even a little ornery, like a beautiful, wise old granny. But there is one thing I will never forget – her feet. Her feet were deformed. Each morning I would stare at them. I wondered if she had contracted leprosy. One day a Sister explained, “Her feet

are deformed because we get just enough donated shoes for everyone, and Mother does not want anyone to get stuck with the worst pair, so she digs through and finds them. And years of doing that have deformed her feet.” Years of loving her neighbor as herself deformed her feet.

Mother Teresa had deformed feet because she choose loving the poor and suffering for them as her cross.

Closer to home, a few years back I witnessed my mom “take up her cross.” My grandmother was put on hospice care, and my mom quit her work in order to care for her mother for the last five months of her mom's life. God powerfully used that time for healing and reconciliation.

That is what God does with his disciples who “take up their cross.” God uses their voluntary suffering to ultimately bless them, bless others, and honor God!

I pray you all a very blessed week!
Bishop Menees

Diocesan Calendar

- † **March 13** - Rural Deans Meeting
- † **March 17** - Diocesan Council Meeting
- † **March 22** - Mass of Christm
- † **March 29** - Maundy Thursday
- † **March 30** - Good Friday - Diocesan Office Closed
- † **March 31** - Holy Saturday
- † **April 1** - Easter

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Have You Ever Wondered how Easter Came to Be?

submitted by Linda York

Well, it turns out Easter actually began as a pagan festival celebrating spring in the Northern Hemisphere, long before the advent of Christianity. Since pre-historic times, people have celebrated the equinoxes and the solstices as sacred times. The spring equinox is a day where the amount of dark and the amount of daylight is exactly identical, so you can tell that you're emerging from winter because the daylight and the dark have come back into balance.

Following the advent of Christianity, the Easter period became associated with the resurrection of Christ. In the first couple of centuries after Jesus's life, feast days in the new church were attached to old pagan festivals. In many Christian traditions, the custom of giving eggs at Easter celebrates new life. Christians remember that Jesus, after dying on the cross, rose from the cross, showing that life could win over death. For Christians the egg is a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, as when they are cracked open, they stand for the empty tomb.

In 325 AD, the first major church council, the Council of Nicaea, determined that Easter should fall on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. This is why the date moves and why Easter festivities are often referred to as “moveable feasts”.

In most countries in Europe, the name for Easter is derived from the Jewish festival of Passover. “So in Greek, the feast is called Pascha, in Italian Pasqua, in Danish it is Paaske and in French it is Paques. But in English-speaking countries and in Germany, Easter takes its name from a pagan goddess from Anglo-Saxon England who was described in a book by the eighth-century English monk Bede. Eostre was a goddess of spring or renewal and that's why her feast is attached to the vernal equinox. In Germany, the festival is called Ostern and the goddess is called Ostara.

The most widely-practiced customs on Easter

Sunday relate to the symbol of the rabbit (Easter bunny) and the egg. As outlined previously, the rabbit was a symbol associated with Eostre, representing the beginning of Springtime. Likewise, the egg has come to represent Spring, fertility and renewal. In Germanic mythology, it is said that Ostara healed a wounded bird she found in the woods by changing it into a hare. Still partially a bird, the hare showed its gratitude to the goddess by laying eggs as gifts.

The egg as a symbol of fertility and of renewed life goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians, who also had the custom of coloring and eating eggs during their spring festival. In ancient Egypt, an egg symbolized the sun, while for the Babylonians, the egg represents the hatching of the Venus Ishtar, who fell from heaven to the Euphrates.

Whether is it observed as a religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or a time for families in the northern hemisphere to enjoy the coming of spring and celebrate with egg decorating and Easter bunnies, the celebration of Easter still retains the same spirit of rebirth and renewal, as it has for thousands of years.



Easter Egg Hunt

We will hold an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday for kids, 12 and under.

Please bring plastic eggs and candy to help fill them. Thank you!