

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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DAY OF ADORATION APRIL 7

The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for exposition and prayer throughout the day. We will end with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND USHERS NEEDED

Can you serve on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or one of the Easter Masses? If so, please sign up on the board.

"FINDING PEACE AND PURPOSE IN OUR RETIREMENT YEARS"

Sign up for this series of 4 evenings to share some wisdom and support on how your retirement years can be a gift from God. See page 4.

WISDOM BYTE: CHURCH ANNULMENTS

Next session is April 19 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and repeated on April 20 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

See what's "New and Noteworthy", read past issues of our bulletin, find links to other sites. Go online and see for yourself — www.ssjohnandpaul.org. Please visit our website weekly to keep abreast of what's new and noteworthy.



Hosanna!

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Masses on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. All with palm blessing and procession

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Mass at 7:00 p.m.; 4:30-6:30 p.m. Individual Confessions

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Mass at 9:00 a.m., All Day Adoration, 7:00 p.m. Benediction; 4:30-6:30 p.m. Individual Confessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Mass at 9:00 a.m.; 4:30-6:30 p.m. Individual Confessions

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:00 P.M.

Prayer until midnight with brief prayer services at 9:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION WITH VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT 1:00 P.M.; 12 noon Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 P.M.

Easter Family Event at 11:00 a.m.; Blessing of Food Baskets at 12 noon.; No 5:00 p.m. Mass this day.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Here's what's happening this week!

Monday, April 6:

- *7:00 p.m. Mass
- *11:30 a.m. Senior Cards
- *7:45 p.m. Adult Bells
- *4:30-6:30 p.m. Individual Confessions

Tuesday, April 7:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *All Day Adoration
- *7:00 p.m. Benediction
- *4:30-6:30 p.m. Individual Confessions

Wednesday, April 8:

- *9:00 a.m. Mass
- *4:30-6:30 p.m. Individual Confessions
- *5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir
- *5:45 p.m. Jr. Bells
- *7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, April 9:

- *7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
- *Prayer services at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10:

- *12 Noon Stations of the Cross
- *1:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the cross

Saturday, April 11:

- *8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- *11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt
- *12 noon Blessing of Food Baskets
- *8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (note no 5:00 p.m. Mass this day)

Holiday Office Hours

Offices will close at noon on Good Friday, April 10, and remain closed through Monday, April 13. Offices reopen on Tuesday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed. — 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday—12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Join us on Saturday, April 11, 2009 for the annual Family Easter Event. We will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 12 noon. We will listen to a story, decorate a bag, have a snack, and hunt for Easter Eggs outside. We will meet in church to begin our activities. Please bring your own basket to collect eggs. This event takes place rain or shine! Everyone is welcome.

This year we are asking for donations of vegetable seeds for the Community Garden. We plan on raising vegetables for donation to the Samaritan House. If some families could bring one packet of vegetable seeds to the Easter Event, it would be helpful, though it is not a requirement for participation. Here are the vegetables we aim to grow: zucchini, summer squash, peppers, potatoes, green beans, onions, lettuce, kale (or other hearty greens), carrots, beets, spinach, and cucumbers. Thank you for your help.



**—Wisdom Byte—
 “How the Church Views Annulments”
 Presented by Fr. David Buersmeyer**

**Sunday, April 19, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Repeated on Monday, April 20, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass**

The fourth of a new series of adult formation opportunities is here. In response to many questions about what is the Catholic teaching on different topics, we have decided to address those concerns in a series of brief sessions, usually 30-45 minutes. We host our next session on Sunday, April 19, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The session will be repeated after the Monday evening Mass on April 20. Please call the office with any questions regarding this session.

**Bible Study Celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Paul
 Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. — Beginning April 21**

- ◆ Session dates: April 21, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9
- ◆ Who is Paul and what is his relevance to me for today?
- ◆ Where can I find the central teachings of the Catholic church in Paul's letters in the Bible?



Bible scholar Fr. Mitch Pacwa leads us on the powerful journey of St. Paul in this special Jubilee Year of the Apostle Paul scripture study. We will be immersed in the person of the apostle Paul—so heroic, yet so recognizably human in his conversion story and personal involvement in sharing the Gospel with others. We will gain fresh insights into our own personal growth potential through the combination of Fr. Pacwa's direction and the writing of St. Paul.

**Registration is needed...Sign up on the bulletin board
 Cost for book is \$10 and may be purchased at the parish office.**

2008-2009 Religious Formation Program

G.R.A.C.E.

Parish Formation Program
For all ages

September—May

EARLY CHILDHOOD

3 1/2 to 5 yrs. old
Sundays 9:30 a.m.
October—April

For more information on either programs above, or for any other adult formation or preparation for sacraments please call the Formation Office at 586.781.9488.



Church Cleaning Today!

**Sunday, April 5
after the 11:30 a.m. Mass**

We need lots of help scrubbing down all the chairs in church. The more hands we can get, the easier and quicker it will be. Why not come as a family and give us a hand!

Lunch will be served

Growing

Responding

As

Catholics

Everyday

**This Month:
April 26, 28, 29, May 1
6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Theme:
Images of God

Catechetical Area:
Believing As Catholics

Event:
Appreciating the New Life of Spring

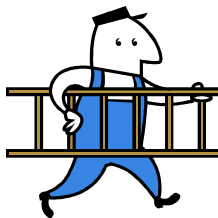
Our goal this month is to:

- Better understand the origins, strengths and limitations of one's current images of God
- Get in touch with the biblical images of God
- Understand how our belief in the one true God and love of God effect my life

Menu:



**Chicken Strips
Cheesy Potatoes
Salad**



**Hanging the Easter Drappings
Good Friday, April 10
3:00-5:00 p.m.**

MEN: WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE CALL US!

After the Good Friday service at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon the beautiful Easter hangings will go up. This requires help with moving the ladder and the ability to climb it and hang the hangings. If you are available between 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Good Friday afternoon and would like to help—please call Linda Bauer in the parish office 586.781.9010.



- ◆ **Confirmation interviews** are Monday, April 6. If you have not set up a time with Mrs. Peters, please call 781-9488. All candidates **MUST** have their interview before attending the presentation Mass on April 25.
- ◆ **All future Confirmation candidates** will be presented at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on April 25. Immediately following the mass, there will be a light dinner followed by the sponsor/candidate session. If you have any question, please give Mrs. Peters a call.
- ◆ **All 9-12 graders** are welcome and encouraged to attend the last G.R.A.C.E. session. This session will focus on the images of God. Please join us for this exciting evening.

- ◆ **Attention 8-12 grade.** Please bring a friend and join us for the next youth group meeting on Sunday, May 3. We look forward to welcoming our 8th graders to the youth group. Each youth group session runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **A very special thank you** goes out to Mr. Fannon, Mrs. Jiannuzzi, and Mrs. Keast who helped make the 8th grade retreat such a huge success. Ms. Jennifer Owens was the wonderful facilitator for the teen retreat. She had the teens experience many different activities including small group discussion, community building, reconciliation, and we ended with attending the 5:00 mass. The teens were wonderful and everyone enjoyed this terrific day.



Tied up in knots—
community building



What their ideal church would
look like — Group discussion



What their community would look
like — Group presentation



Tie blankets —
Community outreach

“Finding Peace and Purpose in Our Retirement Years”

The Vocations Committee will be presenting a series of 4 evenings to share wisdom and support on how such retirement years can be a gift from God. The series will be on Monday evenings on May 11, 18 and June 1, 8 from 7:45-9:00 p.m. (following the 7:00 p.m. Mass). This is for anyone approaching retirement years, their spouses, and those already into retirement years.

Key chapters and ideas will be taken from the book *Creating A Successful Retirement*, by Richard P. Johnson, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Association of Senior Adult Ministry, in St. Louis, Missouri. There is no cost other than the book. Copies may be purchased online but will also be available from the SS. John and Paul parish office and at the first meeting. Cost of the book is \$15.

Please pre-register by May 4, if possible, so books can be ordered. But all are welcome to the first meeting on May 11. Phone the parish office at 586.781.9010 or e-mail ssjohnandpaul@sbcglobal.net.

New Parish Pastoral Council Members Needed

Nominations for Parish Council members are now open for four new members. Qualifications include being: (1) registered in the parish and 18 years of age or older; (2) able to serve a three-year term; (3) willing to work collegially in seeking consensus on issues. No election is held. Names of all nominees are placed in a basket and selected at mass through a drawing by hand. Please return the following form in the collection basket, by mail, or to the parish office during regular hours.

Parish Pastoral Council Member Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the following person(s) to serve as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. You may nominate yourself.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

High School Nominee:

Name: _____ Phone: _____



Soup Kitchen News

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated food for our Salvation Army soup kitchen lunch in February. Once again, our volunteers outdid themselves.

Our next meal will be served on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. We will serve a spaghetti lunch with salad and fresh fruit. Donated items should be delivered to the parish kitchen no earlier than Sunday, April 19. Please mark your bags: SOUP KITCHEN. Please call Pat Sagert (586.781.7035) or Barbara Jarzowski (586.336.1450) to see what is needed.

The Soup Kitchen team meets at 8:30 a.m. SHARP the day of the lunch at SS. John & Paul and carpools to the Salvation Army in Mt. Clemens at 8:45 a.m. God bless you for your continued generosity!

Compassionate Companions Helping Those Without A Voice

If time or distance is preventing you from being present to a loved one experiencing mental diminishment; if you are working with someone you think needs a guardian or conservator; if you are no longer able to act as a loved one's guardian or conservator, Compassionate Companions can help.

Initiated in 2007 by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters of Monroe, MI, Compassionate Companions was formed in response to the growing need for caring, professional and ethical persons to serve as court-appointed Guardians and/or Conservators as well as Social Security Payees.

If someone you know is in need of a guardian and/or conservator, social security payee, help with financial tasks or a medical advocate, Compassionate Companions may be for them. Please call 586-777-0473 for a free consultation. Compassionate Companions is committed to making their services affordable and fair. You may visit their website at: www.compassionatehelp.org.



Health Notes

You're Invited: St. John Health Presents "Vespa"

St. John Health will present the Detroit premier of "Vespa" a play by Bryan Harnetiaux on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Millennium Theatre in Southfield. This 90-minute drama offers an unflinching, warm and often humorous examination of an ordinary family's struggle with the aging of their matriarch. Audiences across the country have fallen in love with Vesta and taken this journey with her family.

The audience will be invited to participate in a conversation about aging, caregiving and end-of-life care with local medical professionals and faith leaders immediately following the performance.

St. John offers this free performance in collaboration with the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life as part of its ongoing efforts to engage the community and encourage conversation about palliative care, end of life and advance care planning. To register, please call St. John Health Connect at 866-501-3627.



Focus: HOPE Food Delivery Volunteers Needed

April 22, 2009 is SS. John & Paul's turn to provide drivers to deliver Focus: HOPE food to local clients. There is usually a box and a bag of food for each residence and about 10 clients on each driver's delivery list.

Drivers will report to Samaritan House at 10:00 a.m. on April 22 to pick up the food and driving directions. After all food is delivered, drivers are to report back to Samaritan House to drop off a list of food recipients' signatures. The whole process takes about two hours, depending on how many drivers volunteer.

If you would like to help deliver food or would like more information, please contact Kathy in the parish office.

Spring Tea

May 3, 2009

3:00-5:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for a 3-course Afternoon Tea on Sunday, May 3. Our 2nd annual tea will delight the senses as you enjoy homemade scones w/Devonshire cream, a scrumptious spring salad, delectable desserts, relaxing music, and a short presentation on flower and herb gardening. The tea will be held in the Activities Center from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Please consider sponsoring a table. Responsibility will include setting and decorating your table. For further details please contact Pat Fields 586.781.4069 or Melanie Krieg 586.786.9770. Please see the bulletin board for sign up.

Tickets are \$10/adult -- \$5/child (12 & under) and may be purchased after all masses on weekends of 4/19 & 4/26 or thru the parish office.

Get your tickets early, seats are limited!

Pastor's Perspective



*PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Notice the underlying journey this week: from false glory to true glory. Glory is not that people adore you or cry out "Hosanna" to you, for they are just as likely to yell out "Crucify him" later. And true glory is not that you have succeeded to build lasting monuments or that you know your name or legacy will continue on. No, Jesus dies betrayed and abandoned by his closest followers, having failed to convince the religious establishment of his day. All he has is his knowledge that he has been faithful to God his Father and his trust in that relationship. That is the path to authentic glory, a path we can walk with the Lord in our own lives.

*ALL DAY ADORATION ON TUESDAY APRIL 7

If you have never taken the time to spend a few minutes or even an hour in prayer, while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, I especially encourage you to do so this week, as we begin to close off our Lenten season. Why? Can't I pray to God anywhere? Yes, of course. But don't minimize the peacefulness and connection to our Lord that can happen when participating in a day of adoration. Come to the church anytime from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Spend a little time with the Lord in prayer. Bring your concerns and worries, your intercessions and needs of others. Or simply come and relax and let God speak to you through this gift of his Son's Eucharistic presence which he gives his Church.

*THE GREAT EASTER TRIDUUM

The schedule for Holy Week and Easter is on the front page. Here I want to talk about the three key celebrations of this week, which we call

the "Triduum," a Latin word which means "three days". As we end Lent, we enter into this special three-day period beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continuing with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and culminating in the Easter Vigil celebration on Holy Saturday. If you want to experience what it means to be part of the Catholic faith community, there is no better way to do it than to come to each of these three days and participate. Keeping ourselves open to the Scripture, the rituals, and all that happens during these days, connects us most deeply to the heart of our Catholic Christian faith.

Many Catholics do not realize that the Church has established this three day period as its own short, separate season. Lent is over, a new season has begun. Lenten prayer and fasting and penance is over, but a new, very short but intense period of preparation for Easter begins. Traditionally it was a time of fasting, joining all the adults who were fasting in preparation for initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. And such fasting is still encouraged. But I would suggest that personal and communal prayer is key to these three days. Let's find ways to slow down a bit and be more attentive to prayer. Perhaps short periods of quiet. A walk without headphones. A relaxing and thinking without TV or internet or cell phone. A meditative focus and openness to the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection and how we, right here and now, are being asked to share in it.

For the communal aspect of prayer, I cannot stress enough how significant the three celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil are for the Church to be the Church of Jesus Christ, faithful to the identity given it from apostolic times on. In a sense, the great Triduum is one celebration, in three parts, spread over three days, a yearly retreat for the whole community to take part in.

◆ Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

We begin near sundown on this

evening with the lighting of a new fire, the signing and welcoming of the Easter candle, which represents the light of Christ and leads us into a fifty day season (Easter) that ends at Pentecost. We have an extended vigil, listening to the story of salvation through a series of Scripture readings, culminating with the Easter proclamation. Throughout the world the Church initiates new members on this evening. Even though we have no such initiations this year at the parish (sadly), we still pray for them and join the universal Church in renewing our own baptismal promises and commitment to live out our Christian lives.

If you have never participated before, join us this year. Let the symbols and words move you and open you to the reality that Christ has risen. [Alleluia!] We are invited to share in that resurrection. [Alleluia!]. Fear or sin or anything that keeps us from risking love and trust in this life does not have the final say. [Alleluia!] It captures the heart of all we are trying to be and do as a community of faith. Yes, it is longer than the usual Mass, but what a wonderful celebration!

◆ Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

There are several parts to this liturgy. No Eucharist is celebrated on this commemorative day of the Lord's death, but we gather to listen to God's Word, especially the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. We respond to that Word through a symbolic and solemn prayer of intercession for all the needs of the Church and world, recognizing what we have in common with other Christians, Jews, Muslims, and even those that do not believe in God. We then venerate the cross, using the cross we have been viewing throughout Lent. Each person is invited to look on the cross and recognize what the Lord has done for us and how we are asked to share in that cross in our own lives. Each person then comes forward and makes a personal sign through a touch, a kiss, a bow or genuflection. We end with a sharing in the communion from the Eucharist reserved on Holy Thursday. If you can't be here for the

main celebration at 1:00 p.m., then we do have the stations of the cross at noon. But that noon celebration is not the key one. See if you can set aside 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on Friday and be with us.

♦ **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**

There is no reserved Eucharist as we begin this celebration. Unless we are willing to come together as a community of faith and do what Jesus asked us to do, there is no body of Christ, no communion, no Eucharist. Are we willing? Before we say yes, we must recognize that it is not simply a question of prayer and liturgy. Through the ritual of the washing of the feet we are reminded that the meaning of Eucharist needs to be a willingness to serve others. No service of others, no Eucharist, no body of Christ. All will be invited to participate in the foot washing, if they choose.

We end the liturgy that evening with a procession to an "altar of repose" (we use the large room in the Activities building and set up the environment for that), where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved throughout the evening. The communion ministers are asked to form a special procession for this. We are invited to "watch and pray" with the Lord. The building remains open till midnight and we will have a brief prayer/reflection at 9:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. and then close with a service at 11:30 p.m.

A long-standing custom on Holy Thursday is to visit neighboring Catholic churches and spend a few minutes in prayer at their altar of repose. For those coming here, the Activities Building main entrance will be open (and you may use the parking spaces there).

***SOME FURTHER THOUGHTS ON GOOD FRIDAY'S PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST**

Our March whole community G.R.A.C.E. focus was to prepare us to connect more deeply to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate it

this Holy Week on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. On Good Friday we enter yet again into the story of Jesus' final days and hours. Because we hear the version from the gospel of John that day, pay attention to the dramatic scenes and characters. John's gospel sets up the scenes as dramatic encounters, and he does this better than the other gospels. At the same time don't be misled by John's use of the phrase "the Jews." He uses that phrase several times and it needs to be carefully interpreted.

It makes no sense at the time of Jesus' death, since Jesus and all the disciples were part of "the Jews." There was no distinction between followers of Jesus and "the Jews." All were Jewish. Clearly, then, the phrase comes from a later time, when the Jews who practiced the Christian faith have also accepted non-Jews into their community of faith. This led, over time, to bickering and disputes and harsh words on both the part of Christians and the part of the Jewish religious establishment. And eventually it led to a complete separation of the Christian Church and Jewish synagogue, especially after the Romans destroyed the Jerusalem Temple in 70 A.D. When John's Gospel was written well after that time, some of that antagonism between Church community and Jewish establishment gets written into the gospel.

Be careful not to interpret that as though the Jewish people as a whole or because they were Jewish were responsible for the death of Jesus. No, specific people at the time of Jesus, through the choices they made, were responsible. Some were close disciples like Judas and Peter who betrayed him or abandoned and denied him. Who knows what would have happened if they had not done so? Some were leaders within the Jewish religious establishment of the time who believed Jesus threatened their stability and hold on power. Some, like Pilate, were Romans who had the real legal authority to put someone to death, and who chose to give in to an unjust verdict. What would have happened if they had made the just and moral choices at the time? No one knows. Salvation would still have come to us through

Jesus, but not necessarily through his execution at that time.

Because Christians have used the gospel to justify its persecution of Jews throughout the centuries or stood by when others persecuted them, it is important to not let the literal words of the gospel reinforce the wrong theology that was too often passed on by the Church—that the Jewish people as a people were responsible for the death of Jesus. No, human beings making wrong and immoral choices led to that specific death, some who happened to be Jewish, some who happened to be Roman, some who happened to be close followers of Jesus. But because of who Jesus is, both fully human and the fullness of God in human form, his death becomes God's complete "yes" to sharing humanity's fate. The fact that Jesus dies a cruel death as an innocent human being, dramatically highlights the completeness of that "yes", even in the midst of humanity revealing its complete "no" to itself, through cruelty, violence, fear, jealousy, anger, greed, and all the choices that led to Jesus' death on the cross.

When we venerate the cross, kissing it, touching it, genuflecting or bowing before it, we are not only acknowledging the awesome mystery that Christ lived and died for us all and our salvation, but also that he asks us to be willing to do the same for others, and that he will never abandon us as we take up those crosses. How dare we denigrate this awesome, powerful love of God by scapegoating "the Jews" or thinking that God wanted them punished for what happened to Jesus. That is a complete contradiction of the meaning of Jesus' death.

Fr. Buersmeyer





A Stewardship Reflection - Spring

The queen of seasons, spring is virtually synonymous with rebirth. Creation stirs from its winter slumber and bulbs push expectantly through the soil. Flowering trees explode with delicate pink and white blossoms and a pale green haze blurs the dark branches of the hardwoods. From the beginning of time, this graced season has gladdened our hearts and renewed our hope. The winter is past, the snow is gone, and now is the time for pruning and planting.

New life springing forth from the barren earth and fresh green leaves sprouting from seemingly lifeless twigs are powerful reminders that God offers us a chance to be born anew. This is an opportunity to begin again. The loving Creator, who designed and sustains all life, has given us all that we have and are. Over and over again, He graciously invites us to share His life and participate in the joy of His creation. How amazing! We cannot refuse such an invitation!

As Christian stewards, spring begins with the somber self-examination of Lent and culminates in the celebration of the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. During these days of spring, we are invited to focus on our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Do I devote a share of my time – God’s time – to prayer? Can I relinquish my hold on the good things I enjoy – those good gifts God has given me – by fasting for a time? Do I spend some share of my efforts and monetary resources on those who are less fortunate?

When our spring days are spent practicing good stewardship of God’s gifts, then Easter shall bring newness of life filled with much joy. May this season of grace find us made new and may our discipleship bloom with good stewardship.

Stewardship



March 28-29, 2009

Weekly budget.....\$11,700.00
 Offertory\$9,417.28
 No. Sunday envelopes used300
 ESO (30th of month).....\$2,447.00
 No. ESO32
Total Offertory.....\$11,864.28

YTD Budget.....\$494,100.00
 YTD Offertory\$485,128.00
 YTD Shortage-\$8,972.00

Other Monies / (# Envelopes)

Capital Imprv. / (6)\$95.00
 Children’s Env. / (4)\$4.25
 Easter Flowers / (22).....\$292.00
 CRS / (11).....\$285.00
 Church in Europe / (1)\$25.00

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ — emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2009

Sunday, April 5:

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;
 Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday, April 6:

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7:

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8:

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 9:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116;
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 10:

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
 Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 11:

Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104 or 33;
 Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
 Ps 16; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 9-11;
 Is 54:5-14; Ps 30; Is 55:1-11;
 Is 12:2-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19;
 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42 or Is 12:2-6;
 or Ps 51; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, April 12:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or
 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Pray for our sick

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| Mary Angelosante | Linda Murphy |
| Alana Aynse | Lois Nelson |
| Jennie Barla | Samantha Nelson |
| Rita Bayer | Tom O’Donnell |
| Mary Burcar | Eugene Ondrizek |
| Charles Cappellano | Leo Osantoske, Sr. |
| Helen Chmielewski | Carl Pallas |
| Ralph Cleary | Pat Palonis |
| John Patrick Cuttle | Patricia Petriches |
| Timothy J. Cuttle | Ken Petty |
| Gloria Dean | Alex Polzin |
| Chris Del Pappa | Doris C. Procopio |
| Lauren DeNio | Dorothy Puffpaff |
| Vincent Eterno | Anthony Randazzo |
| Blanche Fredal | Pat Rea |
| Danielle Giffin | Marie Richard |
| Geri Hammer | Theresa Romero |
| Lora Hardin | Angelina Russo |
| Lloyd Hunsucker | Albert Sabbe |
| Ruth Hunsucker | Bill Shevela |
| Yolanda Kaufman | Jeff Simpson |
| Molly Keffalo | Camille Smith |
| John Kerr | Michelle Smith |
| Leonard Koskodan | Tommasina Smith |
| Hayden Kroll | Mary Sorrow |
| John LaCroix | Steven St. John |
| Jillian Lentine | Barbara Supina |
| Vito Loconte | Shirley Taylor |
| Jacob Main | Donna Theisen |
| Bernice Mayer | Jerry Thomas |
| Rodney Mayer | Charlie Trombly |
| Antoinette McBain | Richard Waluk |
| Debbie McMahan | Betty Waligore |
| Agnes Mehlick | Patricia Wyatt |
| | Edward Ziolkowski |

Pray for our military



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| Noel & Greg Ales | Teija Kinnunen |
| Nick Bassett | Paul McGowan |
| Augie Biache III | Matthew McLocklin |
| Mike Boback | David Newberry |
| Tony Gentilia | Ryan Ribant |
| Michael Kaminski | Thomas Schmidt |
| David Krzycki | Vincent Titeriga |
| Jonathon Krusinski | Daniel Trendell |
| Chris Krusinski | |

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Eucharistic Prayer Requests

Saturday and Sunday

April 4-5, 2009

Clemente Truden by A. Truden
 Jim Fields by Partyka Family
 Morris Duhaime by Dear Friends
 Guiseppe Martino by Family
 Catherine & Albert Puzzuoli by Family

Monday, April 6, 2009

Al Del Papa by Partyka Family

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Jim Fields by J. Krieg Family

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Ann Owen by LaRaia Family

Thursday, April 9, 2009

For the Parishioners

Saturday and Sunday

April 11-12, 2009

For all living and deceased relatives and friends of SSJP parishioners

| Liturgical appointments for April 11-12, 2009 | | | | |
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| Mass | 8:00 p.m. Vigil | 8:00 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |
| Celebrant/ Homilist | Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John | Fr. Buersmeyer | Fr. Buersmeyer Deacon John | Fr. Sayes |
| Lectors | | | | |
| Communion Ministers *Captain | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 80%; margin: auto; padding: 20px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; text-align: center;">See Sign-Up Sheet</p> </div> | | | |
| Altar Servers | | | | |
| Greeters | | | | |
| Ushers | | | | |
| Collection Counters | <p>Team #4 — Tom & Mary Ann Klakulak, Joe Martino, Ron & Debbie DiDomenico, Larry & Marilyn Weathers</p> | | | |

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Fax..... 586.781.7061
Parish Website www.ssjohnandpaul.org

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| <p>Weekend Masses</p> <p>Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Weekday Masses</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Monday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday</p> |
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Parish Registration
 New parishioners may register after each weekend Mass or Monday through Friday at the parish office

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. of after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Baptisms
 Please call the parish office for arrangements and parental preparation dates. Contact office at least 3 months prior to Baptism

Weddings
 Please notify office at least six months (one year if not registered) prior to wedding date to arrange for marriage preparation

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