

March 16, 2008



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Readings for March 23rd- Easter Sunday -First

Reading-Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6b-8; Gospel Reading-John 20:1-9 (42) or Matthew 28:1-10 (41).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 17th

7:30 P.M.-Evening Prayer

Tuesday, March 18th

9:00 A.M.-Bernadette Barwick req. by her daughter

7:30 P.M.-Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 19th

9:00 A.M.-Vida Benvenuti req. by Dave & Dell Page.

7:30 P.M. Solemn Tennebrae Service

The Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 20th

8:00 P.M.-Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 21st

12:00 Noon-Living Stations (our Youth)

3:00 P.M.-Good Friday Service in Spanish

8:00 P.M.-Evening Service

Holy Saturday, March 22nd

8:00 P.M.-Easter Vigil with Sacraments of Initiation.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 23rd

9:00 A.M.-Easter Liturgy

10:30 A.M.-Easter Liturgy

12:00 Noon-Easter Liturgy

1:30 P.M. Easter Liturgy in Spanish.

Please pray for the sick of our parish: George Nardone, Tom Moles, Vera Wisner, Kitty Washington, Alice Shull, Allen Montecino, Bill Harrington, Jean Strittmatter, Valerie King, Ruth Hardy, Mary Fleetwood, Dorothy Schlacks & Bob Ngayan.

For family and friends: Vincent Ortiz, Andrew Gill, Robert Mallon, Lillian Powells, Natasha Ballard, Ezelle Miller, James Clinton, Keith Harrington, Mary Wyrwas Shepherdson, Jonathan Dampf, Francisco Agapito, Jr., Kai Hollingsworth, Karen Latham, Carolina Ballardares, Tommy Potenza, Danielle White, Dennis "Bear" Paul, Theodore Meyer & Michael Meyer.

Colds & Flu Season is still with us. If you are ill for any reason, **please do not** come to Mass and pass it on to others.

The Celebrant Schedule for Easter Weekend March 22 and 23 will be as follows: Saturday, March 22nd 8 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass-Father Bill; On Sunday, March 23rd-9:00 A.M. -Father Bill; The 10:30 A.M. & Noon Masses will be celebrated by Father Christy.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Widows & Widowers: Deacon Swann hosts a weekly luncheon at *Bob Evans Restaurant*, Waugh Chapel Village – Fridays @ Noon. Just a pleasant way of breaking bread together in memory of our loved ones. No reservations necessary. Questions? 410-672-6092.

Support the Troops Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations of baked goods for the Easter Care Packages for our troops.

Sick and Bereavement Ministry: If you know someone who is ill, please let us know so that we can put them on the prayer list and bring them the Eucharist. Contact Joanna Mallon at 410-672-5465.

S & B Ministry Casserole Ministry : If you are interested in helping with casseroles for the newly grieving, please call Helen Lanham @ 410-874-8849.

THE EASTER VIGIL

There will be no Confession or 5 P.M. Mass this coming Saturday, March 22nd. The only Mass that will be celebrated on Holy Saturday will be the 8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil with Sacraments of Initiation.

Our Weekly Offertory Report is posted on the bulletin board.



Good Friday Special Collection

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 as generous as you are able.

NEW LITURGY SCHEDULE

Attention all ministers, Eucharistic, Lectors & Altar Servers – The new schedule for March 30th to May 24th is in the process of being made up. Please check your schedule and let us know what your requirements are for times off by March 16 at the latest.

Baptismal Preparation Classes

Our Baptismal Prep Classes now take place on the First Sunday of each Month at 11:45 A.M. in the Conference Room. We have a pre-registration packet for all parents to complete & turn in 1 week prior to the class they wish to attend.

LENT

All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence (no meat). All adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. This is the final and most solemn week of the Lenten Season. Please see our schedule of services for this week and join us as you are able.

Good Friday(March 21st) will be a day of fast and abstinence.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Fields on Sunday March 30 after the 12:30 Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction.

Volunteer Opportunity—The Parish Office has immediate need for someone to help with data entry 1 to 2 days per week. Position is between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Tuesday and/or Thursday in the parish office. Candidate must possess intermediate level computer skills and be discrete. Attention to detail critical. If you are interested in this volunteer position call or email Jim McDonnell, 410-551-9238 Ext. 204, jmcdonnell@sjodenton.org.



St. Joseph's Winter Weather Policy: If storms cause the closing or delay of A.A. Co. Schools, we will not have Mass or Communion Service that day. On the weekend, check WBAL radio or TV Channel 11; our website www.stjosephodenton.org or call the Parish Telephone System X 304 for updated cancellation information. ***Meetings & Events**—When Anne Arundel County Schools dismiss early because of weather, all evening meetings and events are also cancelled.



Our Bible Study Groups will not meet during Holy Week, but will resume after Easter.
The West County Young Adult Bible Study—Adults 18-40 meet for Bible Study on the 2nd + 4th Sundays of each month- 7:30-9:30 p.m. @ Our Lady of the Fields Parish Hall-205.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to: Zachary Arter, Paulette Atang, Alyssa Bashford, Erin Behr, Daniel Blades, Ethan Bove, Diana Campos, Adriana Casaus, Kate Cola, Anthony Dellorso, Maria Espinoza, Gina Ferrari, James Gentile, Jeffrey Hankins, Nicholas Hollywood, Alexia Lara, Nicole Lara, Kayla Lawhorn, Cameron Leydig, Gabrielle Limon, Tyler Limon, Justin Martucci, John McEntee, Connor McManus, Carly Mower, Amauri Murray, Edward Oakry, James Oakry, Jennifer O'Brien, Chibuko Ozobu, Brittney Pavlik, Alexander Prince, Tayah Rendina, Sarah Rizzutto, Rachael Rizzutto, Sergio Rodriguez and James Simard who have celebrated their First Reconciliations from February 25 to March 5 came together to celebrate in Thanksgiving on Saturday March 8, 2008.

The First Eucharist Mini-Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 A.M. in Corrigan Hall.

LADIES ANNUAL RETREAT

If you are interested in going to a Redemptorist Weekend Retreat on April 25, 26 and 27 at St. Alphonso's Retreat House in New Jersey, please contact Sandy French at 410-551-9238 ext. 211.

No Bingo in Holy Week...but please join us on Wednesday March 26, doors open at 6:30 P.M. Early Bird Games begin at 7:30 P.M. & great food is available in our Bingo Kitchen.

The 2008 Softball Season is upon us & St. Joseph's team still needs more members! Our next practice is scheduled for this Sunday, March 16 at GORC Park at 3 p.m. If you are interested and have not already done so, you may contact Brian @ 410-695-2363 or by **email** electricman2672@msn.com.

Thanks to you...the many parishioners who came out to attend our Lenten Fish Fries this year. Your support & generosity are greatly appreciated!

REHEARSALS THIS WEEK: *Tenebrae Rehearsal*—March 16 from 3-5 p.m. then on March 19 at 4:30 in the church-prayer service at 7:30 p.m.
Living Stations of the Cross Rehearsal—March 16 from 5-6 p.m. in the church.



Confirmation Retreat—Year 1 Candidates will have an on-site Retreat on March 30 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Battle of the Bands—for high school parishioners and their friends, May 9 from 6-11 p.m. Corrigan Hall, \$10.00 per person. See flyers for details.



Mansion Mysteries—The St. Joseph Married Couples will be sponsoring a "Murder Mystery" Dinner Theater social event on May 10 beginning at 6:30 at the **Blair Mansion Inn Restaurant**, 7711 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20912 <http://www.blairmansion.com>. Cost is \$54.95 per person including tax & gratuities. Tickets can be purchased from Don Simard 410-551-2209 donsimard@verizon.net. Ticket sales after Masses following the Easter Season, but to guarantee a place, call Don before then as seating is limited.

School of the Incarnation

Plan on it!

Home & School Association

April 12, 2008 Yard Sale

details to come

CFC and CMCFC

SOTI participates in the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area & the Central MD combined Federal Campaign for government employees!

SOTI # is 94557 for both.

Thanks for your support!

Ongoing Fundraisers—Box Tops, Campbells Soup labels, Ink Cartridges & Paper Recycling!