

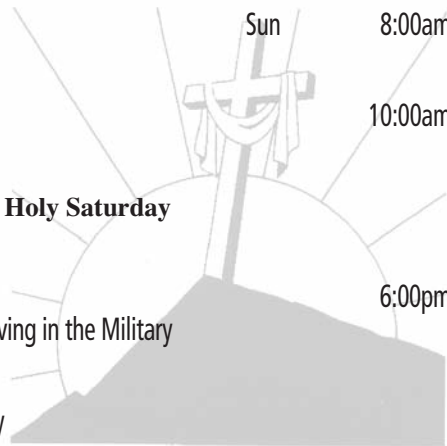
Easter Sunday

MASSES April 3, 2010 - April 11, 2010

Sat 9:00am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Easter Vigil
Sun 8:00am Easter Mass
10:00am Easter Mass
12:00noon Easter Mass

Please note that there is no 4:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday or 6:00pm Mass on Easter.

Mon 7:00am Catherine Cleary
Tues 7:00am For all Men & Women Serving in the Military
Wed 7:00am Anna Lucenta
Thurs 7:00am Joseph & Alice Gerraughty
Fri 7:00am The Sick of the Parish



Sat 4:00pm Mass of Bereavement
Sun 8:00am Carmine Marini
Elizabeth Wilkie
10:00am Ronald Palkey
Theresa O'Hare
6:00pm Wilfred "Frank" Sampson
Antonio Senezio & Peter Salveta
Caroline Walsh

In your prayers please remember John J. Boardman , and all who have died.
May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.

Happy Easter To All

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 5th
and reopen on Tuesday, April 6th.



Our Lady's Is Pleased To Announce These Upcoming Marriages:



Marian Quigley

&

Michael Wolf

Scripture Readings can be found at www.usccb.org

Sun., April 4 Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Lk 24:1-12
Mon., April 5 Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tues., April 6 Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wed., April 7 Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thurs., April 8 Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Fri., April 9 Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Sat., April 10 Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sun. April 11 Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Sun. April 18 Acts 5:27-32,40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Offertory Collection Update

The Offertory Collection for March 20th-21st
\$9,721.00
(includes \$544 for Easter flower donations)

The Offertory Collection for March 27th-28th
\$10,504.00

A Word from Father John at Easter 2010

Happy Easter! There is no greater mystery in the Christian life than the Resurrection of Christ! There is no greater joy than celebrating his Resurrection. The stories are familiar, hopefully, not just because we've heard them so many times, but because we have experienced them in our own lives. The times of doubt, like Thomas had, and then, at some moment in our lives, a hope we needed, but didn't think possible, was given to us – the power of the Risen Christ touching our lives! Times when we felt lost in our grief, like Mary Magdalene, and then, in our hearts, we hear a voice call our name, offering comfort beyond measure – the voice of the Risen Christ consoling us. Hidden and locked away, worried, fearful, when suddenly, out of nowhere, we are given relief and a peace this world does not give – the Risen Christ appearing to us, with the grave forever behind him and the possibilities of an endless future always before us, thanks to Him and the new life He offers us.

In his Spiritual Exercises, Saint Ignatius of Loyola describes the work of the Risen Christ in our lives this way: "Consider the office of consoler that Christ our Lord exercises, and compare it with the way in which friends are wont to console each other." (Annotation 224, the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola). Christ, risen from the dead, is always with us and like a friend would, always seeks to help, redirect, rejoice with, challenge, encourage, abide with us, each of us and all of us. Christians are the friends of Risen Christ, he is in our lives and we are in his life. During these Easter days, let's take time to consider the blessings he gave us during Lent. Let's ponder the way the Liturgies of Holy Week allowed us to feel his presence in powerful ways through;

- the Community gathered (and growing),
- the Word proclaimed and preached,
- the Body of Christ washing one another's feet,
- the Cross venerated so personally,
- the Light spreading from one sister or brother to another,
- the Water that offered four of us new Life in Christ,

and reminded the rest of us of the gift we received at Baptism,

- then, sharing in the Banquet of His Body and Blood,
- finally being sent back into our daily lives with "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! on our lips, in our hearts and, hopefully, behind all our actions!

While Easter always cedes to Ascension, when the Body of the Risen Lord disappears from our sight, the Ascension always leads to Pentecost, when the Risen Lord breathes the Holy Spirit (whom the Father breathed on the dead Christ entombed, raising him to new and everlasting life) to make us the Risen Christ in the world! It is this faith and this hope that enabled Saint Theresa of Avila to pray, so poignantly, 'Christ has no body now on earth but ours!' Let us rejoice and be glad for so great a gift. The three-day Liturgy of Christ's dying and Rising has been magnificent. In our hearts and prayers, let us thank all the ministers, in so many ministries, who made it so beautiful and consoling! But let's be especially grateful to the Lord, who came to us in his office as Consoler, as a friend with his friends, to share the great gift of his new life with us. Happy Easter to you, to your loved ones and friends!

Mass of Remembrance: On Saturday, April 10th at the 4:00pm Mass we will honor and remember the loved ones of our community who have passed away. Family members of loved ones who have been buried from Our Lady's will be present to participate in a candle ceremony and all those who have died in the past six months will be remembered by name. Let us continue to keep in our hearts and our prayers all the departed and all the bereaved that they may find consolation and strength in our shared faith in the resurrection from the dead.

Parent Reminder: In the interest of safety, please accompany your children to the restroom during Mass.

Childcare Is Available During the 10:00am Mass in the McPherson Room, at the bottom of the steps on the rectory side, for those who wish to use it. This childcare is for children age 6 and under, unless special circumstances exists.

The Moms, Pops & Tots Playgroup meets every Wednesday morning. An email is sent out every Tuesday with information about our Wednesday play destination. Please contact Carla: cpuzzell@yahoo.com or call 617-504-5940 with any questions. Come join the fun!

Liturgical Ministry Opportunities: Have you considered becoming more involved in the liturgical ministries at Our Lady's? We are currently in particular need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at the Masses on Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am, Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday at 10:00am,

and adult Altar Servers on Sunday at 6:00pm. There will be someone available after all Masses this weekend to answer any questions you might have regarding these ministries, or you can contact Maribeth Scott at mbskis@yahoo.com.

Caring for the Earth: "Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change, desertification, the deterioration and loss of productivity in vast agricultural areas, the pollution of rivers and aquifers, the loss of biodiversity, the increase of natural catastrophes and the deforestation of equatorial and tropical regions? We are all responsible for the protection and care of the environment. It is important for everyone to be committed at his or her proper level, working to overcome the prevalence of particular interests. . . . Concern for the environment calls for a broad global vision of the world; a responsible common effort to move beyond approaches based on selfish nationalistic interests towards a vision constantly open to the needs of all peoples. The deterioration of any one part of the planet affects us all." Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace Message, 2010.

Justice and Peace Committee--the Justice and Peace Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 5th, at 7:00pm in the Fickett Room. All are welcome! For proper information, contact John Marshall at penmarj@comcast.net or Larry Kessler at ljk02136@aol.com.

Our Lady's Scripture Study and Faith Sharing Group

generally meets every other Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Colella Room of the Parish Center. The upcoming meeting dates are April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th, June 1st, 15th and 29th. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME WHENEVER POSSIBLE. The full text of all these readings can be found in your bible or at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

Yoga Prayer: With the hope of Easter and the rebirth of Spring, you can celebrate by bringing light and life to your mind, body and spirit! A new 6-week series of Yoga Prayer begins Tuesday, April 13th, in the Youth Center behind the church. This spiritual form of gentle yoga calms the mind, opens the heart, brings a sense of wellbeing and deep peace, and renews your deep connection with God. Yoga Prayer is appropriate for beginners or more experienced practitioners. You will also experience the health benefits of lower stress and increased flexibility. Cost is \$60 (or what your means allow). Morning class is from 9:30am- 10:45am and evening class is from 7:15pm-8:30pm For more information and to register, contact Gretchen at 781-642-7678 or gvdaggett@comcast.net

"Adopt-a-Student": Are you interested in mentoring a high school student? Assisting him or her with homework, spending time together, going to athletic and school events together or helping financially? Our mission is to provide mentoring and financial assistance to students whose families wish to provide them an education in the tradition and environment of Catholic schools. Trinity Catholic dedicates a large portion of its operating budget to financial aid and seeks additional support from foundations such as the Catholic Schools Foundation, Boston Scholars, and ABLE Boston (Access to Better Learning & Education). However, the number of applications we receive exceed those we are able to fund. Please join us investing in tomorrow, and support a Catholic education. Possible gifts include:

- \$500 or \$1000- partial scholarships
- \$5000- half-scholarship
- \$10,000- full scholarship, including full tuition, uniform, and books.

If you are interested, please contact Kelly Surapaneni, principal at 617-244-1841 ext. 324 or ksurapaneni@trinitycatholic.com.

Project Bread's 42nd Annual Walk for Hunger, Sunday, May 2nd Starts on the Boston Common, 7:00 – 9:00am For all details, go to www.projectbread.org/walk. With poverty and unemployment rising at unprecedented rates and 554,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, this year's Walk for Hunger is more important than ever. Since 1969, The Walk for Hunger has relied on support from religious organizations such as yours. Over the years, that support has grown from one to more than 1,000 religious and community organizations that come out to protest the social injustice of hunger in our midst. Now is the time to step up and join us for Project Bread's 42nd Annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 2. With the economy struggling, every dollar, every mile, and every volunteer hour counts for our neighbors in need. The 20-mile Walk weaving through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge will include entertainment and free snacks and will help raise \$4 million to fight hunger. Your pledges fund emergency food programs throughout the state and provide food for families in natural settings such as schools, after school programs, summer programs, community health centers, hospitals, and home care organizations, all of which integrate help into the fabric of everyday life. Celebrate the spirit of giving along with over 40,000 other concerned citizens by participating in this Massachusetts family tradition. For more information, visit www.projectbread.org/walk or call 617-723-5000.

SPONSOR A WORKCAMPER!

This summer, 54 teenagers and adults will be going to Group Workcamp, June 27th - July 3rd, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. They will be helping to repair homes of the elderly, handicapped and the underprivileged. This is a wonderful way for our youth to put their faith into action. They will join with hundreds of youth from all over the country to share fellowship and goodwill. Please help our youth to help those in need by making a pledge of support. It takes \$424 for each camper, but, of course, no pledge is too small. They say it takes a village to raise a child. In the same way, it will take our faith community to help shape the social conscience of our youth. Thank you for your continued generosity.

WORKCAMP PLEDGE FORM

I would like to pledge: \$424 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ \$10 _____ Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ - _____

Check should be made payable to Our Lady's Parish Workcamp Program. Please return completed form and check to: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Attn: WORKCAMP, 573 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458.