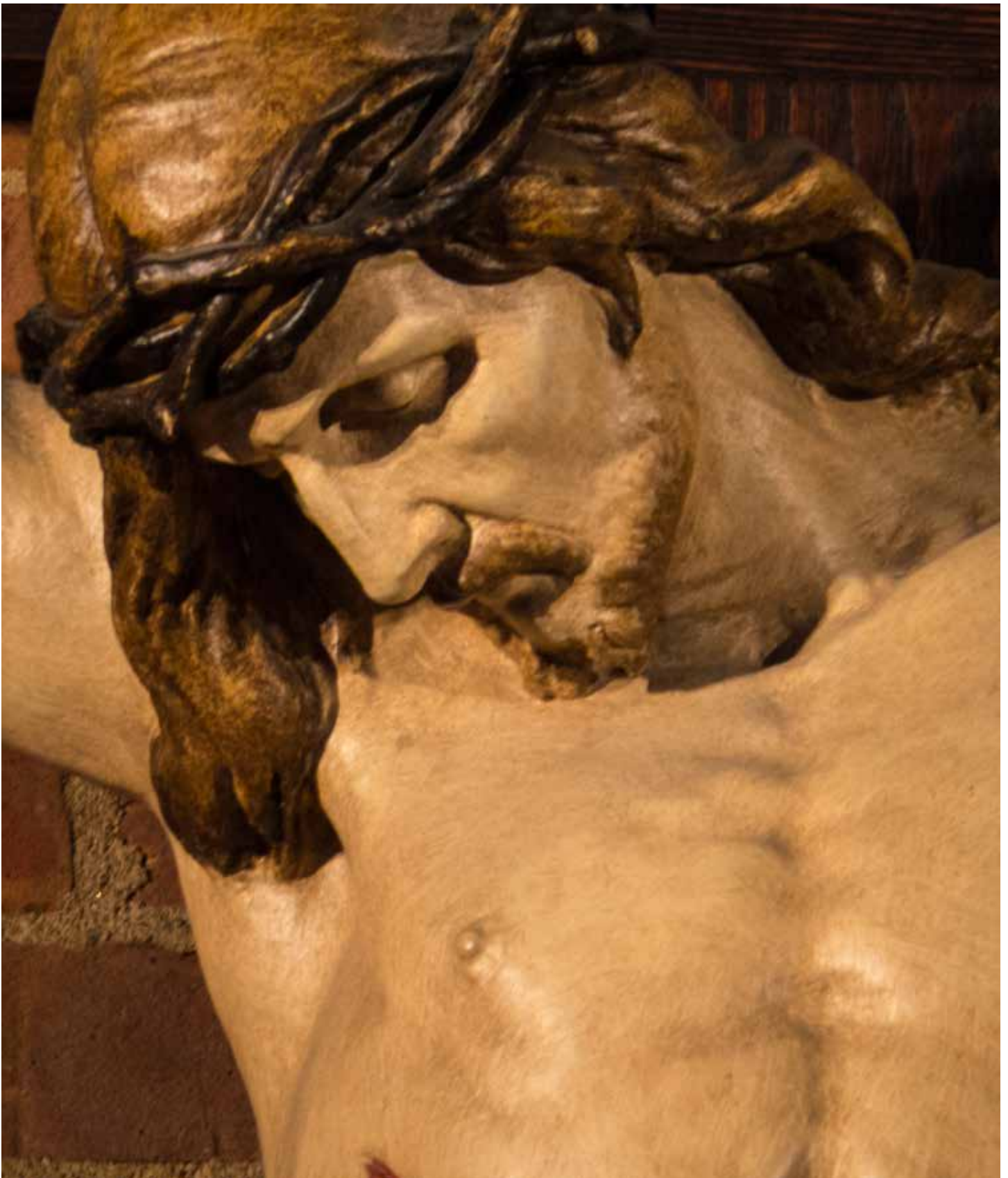
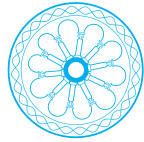


The Bulletin

Ss Peter & Paul • Hoboken, NJ

March 29, 2015
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion





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Vision

To grow the Catholic Community of Ss Peter and Paul in faith, hope, and love.

Mission

Ss Peter and Paul strives to be an inviting Catholic community, inspired by Jesus Christ, where we grow a rich sacramental life through prayerful worship and service to our neighbors with one another.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday ▶ Thursday 10 AM–7 PM
Friday 10 AM–5 PM
Saturday–Sunday Closed

Church Hours

Sunday ▶ Friday 7:30 AM–7 PM
Saturday 9 AM–7 PM

Sunday Masses

Vigil (Saturday) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8 AM • 9 AM • 10:30 AM • 12 Noon • 7 PM

*No music *Family Mass

Daily Liturgies

Monday **Communion Service** 12:10 PM
Tuesday ▶ Friday **Mass** 12:10 PM

Other Daily Masses available in the Deanery:

St Ann Monday ▶ Friday 7 AM
St Francis Monday ▶ Friday 8 AM
St Lawrence Tuesday ▶ Friday 9:30 AM
OLG Monday ▶ Friday 12:30 PM
OLG Monday ▶ Thursday 7 PM

Holy Hour / Eucharistic Adoration

First Thursday of the Month 11 AM to 12 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 5:00 PM sharp

Additional Confessions during Lent

St Lawrence Monday 7 PM
Saints Peter & Paul Wednesday 7 PM
OLG Saturday 4 PM
St Francis Saturday 4 PM
St Ann Wedn. 6–6:30 PM & 7:30–8 PM

Lenten Stations of the Cross

St Francis (followed by Mass) Friday 7 PM

Ministry for the Sick

If you are aware of any parishioners who no longer can come to Church and would like to receive Communion and a visit from someone at our Parish please call the Parish Office.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for April

General intention: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 50:4–7 The prophet praises God for the gifts of motivating speech, obedience, and humility. In his perseverance and persecution, God's love and mercy are made manifest.

Philippians 2:6–11 Jesus emptied himself on the cross, willingly accepting the suffering, shame, and pain of his death.

Mark 14:1–15:47 Jesus institutes the Eucharist. Judas betrays him, and Peter denies him thrice. Jesus is accused, condemned, crucified, and buried.

Weekday Readings

Monday

Isaiah 42:1–7 / John 12:1–11

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:1–6 / John 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4–9 / Matthew 26:14–25

Thursday

Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 / John 13:1–15

Friday

Isaiah 52:13–53:12 / Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 / John 18:1–19:42

Saturday

Genesis 1:1–2:2 / Genesis 22:1–18 / Exodus 14:15–15:1 / Isaiah 54:5–14 / Isaiah 55:1–11 / Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4 / Ezekiel 36:16–28 / Romans 6:3–11 / Mark 16:1–7

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28

5:30 pm † Onofrio Tattoli

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am † Paula Gorman
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am † Sue & Nick Belfiore
12:00 pm † Stephen Darago
7:00 pm † Philip F Donegan

Tuesday, March 31

12:10 pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 1

12:10 pm † Paul Robert Dufresne

Thursday, April 2

7 pm Paul Robert Dufresne

Friday, April 3

Saturday, April 4

8 pm RCIA Candidates & Family

Sunday, April 5

The gifts are offered in memory of † Onofrio Tattoli

8:00 am The Cappock Family
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am † Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
12:00 pm † Martha Valente

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday—April 2nd

Morning Prayer 9:00AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (church remains open until 11:00PM)

Good Friday—April 3rd

Morning Prayer 9:00AM
Passion of the Lord 3:00PM

Holy Saturday—April 4th

Morning Prayer 9:00AM
Easter Vigil Rehearsal 9:30AM
Church Decoration 10:00AM (No 5:00PM Confessions)

Easter Vigil 8:00PM

Easter Sunday—April 5th

Mass 8:00AM
9:00AM
10:30AM
12:00PM

(No 7:00 PM Mass)

YOUR EASTER OFFERING TO SS PETER AND PAUL:

Care in Action

At Ss Peter and Paul, we seek to enrich the spiritual lives of our parishioners and contribute to the greater good of the community. Our parish budget relies on an Easter collection totaling \$40,000 to make this all possible.

Please take some time today to consider a meaningful Easter gift to the parish to insure these good works continue.

IF YOU ARE A FAITH DIRECT USER, PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR GIFT TO THE EASTER COLLECTION IS SCHEDULED.

Not a FaithDirect user? Sign up today — it's a great way to send your gift to the parish each week. Simply log on to www.faihtdirect.net using our parish code of NJ627. In light of all the gifts God has entrusted to each of us, sharing these gifts with God's church is a sign of care and love for others. Thank you for being a generous steward.

OUR PARISH

The Cross: How an Instrument of Death Became a Symbol of Hope

By **DREW STUART, MA**
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In our culture, the cross is a symbol that is inextricably tied to the Christian faith. It's found in our Churches, on our bibles, in our logos, and in the homes of countless Christians across the world. As such, the cross has primarily positive connotations. However, this was not always the case. Until the Roman emperor Constantine banned crucifixion in 337 AD, most people in the ancient world saw the cross as an instrument and symbol of death. In ancient Roman society, crucifixion was considered the most dishonorable form of execution and was therefore reserved for enemies of the state and those of the lowest social standing. Many in the Roman Empire therefore found it strange that early Christians zealously preached the crucifixion and Resurrection of

and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles" (1 Corinthians 1:22-23). This passage highlights the fact that the Cross of Christ seemed foolish to those who don't believe. However, Paul asserts believers know Jesus' crucifixion displayed the power and wisdom of God. Why did he make this claim? Because, three days after being crucified, Jesus rose from the dead! The Resurrection completed Jesus' self-offering on the cross and became the means through which God ended the tyranny of sin and death. All of us benefit from his sacrifice and can now share in relationship with God and eternal life through Baptism. This is the core of the gospel, the ultimate message of hope.

Essentially, the Resurrection transformed the cross from an instrument of death into a symbol of hope. This is why the early Christians preached Jesus' cru-



Jesus and even referred to this story as the gospel, which means good news. Looking in on the early Christian Church from the outside, many non-Christians could not understand the gospel message.

Saint Paul was fully aware of how the predominant cultures of his time viewed the message of the Crucifixion. In his first letter to the Corinthians he wrote, "For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...For Jews demand signs

and why we still do so today. Without His death and Resurrection, we would still be lost in sin and separated from God with no hope for eternal life. However, because of Jesus' sacrifice on that first Good Friday and His Resurrection three days later, His disciples were able to spread the gospel of His victory over sin and death to the entire world. Today, we share in their mission as we continue to lift up the Cross and Resurrection as the means of our salvation, bringing the gospel to our communities through our words and actions.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

Poor in Dignity

By **NICK LEEPER**
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Why did Christ assume or say that we will always have the poor with us? Does He not inspire and challenge us to alleviate poverty and to make the world a place of equality? He does, but this saying challenges our perception of what poor implies.

In the West, we generally view poverty as only a material matter, but it encompasses much more than the material. Poverty is the lack of dignity, not simply the lack of goods and this is what Christ addresses Judas about when Judas states that the money could be used to help the poor. Pray for those you know who may be struggling with recognizing their God-given dignity today.

"The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me." — MARK 14:7

Put Your Faith Into Action

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION and become an advising and active member of your Catholic community's social action initiative.

Contact nick.leeper@spphoboken.com for more information or read more about the Advisory Board at spphoboken.com/sjab

Holy Week at St Lawrence

Beside the celebrations of Holy Week at Ss Peter & Paul (see schedule page 3), the following liturgies are also available at St Lawrence:

Holy Thursday (April 2nd)

Morning Prayer 9 AM
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(church remains open until 11:00PM)

Good Friday (April 3rd)

Morning Prayer 9 AM
 Passion of the Lord 7 PM

Holy Saturday — (April 4th)

Morning Prayer 9 AM

No confessions, no 4:00PM mass, no Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday — (April 5th)

Mass 8 AM 10:30 AM 12 PM

ALMSGIVING

3 ways to offer during Mass

Through your prayers you participate in the Sacrifice of Mass, but did you know that you can also...

- **...Donate Altar Bread and Wine**
 Donating the bread and wine used for the Holy Sacrifice of Mass is a prayerful way to remember a loved one.
- **...Submit a Mass intention**
 When Mass is said for a deceased person, the entire Church unites to ask God to remember them and welcome them in His light.
- **...Donate Altar Flowers**
 We all like to decorate our houses beautifully to welcome others and create a loving atmosphere, but we can also make God's house beautiful and welcoming for the community.

Contact the parish office for more information.

Sponsor Certificate

Many of our parishioners request Sponsor Certificates so that they may serve as Godparents at the Baptism or Sponsors for the Confirmation of a loved one. This is a great honor. It means is that the young person (or his/her parents) recognize you as someone who is an active and regular participant in the practice of the Catholic faith, willing and able to help pass on the faith to a young person.

In order for our Pastor to prepare a Sponsor Certificate on your behalf, we ask that parishioners review and complete a form available from our website.

Stewardship and Financial Responsibility

To each of us, God has given gifts to share. As a sign of gratitude, we encourage each parishioner to gift one hour's wage each week to the support the work of God's church.

Why one hour?


The 1st hour of the work week is given to God, imbuing our work with a sense of sacredness and gratitude. This is a spiritual approach to work and stewardship. For a guide on how much is one hour's wage for you, please go to: spphoboken.com/donate

Average weekly e-giving contribution: \$8,500
This represents 65% of our weekly expenses.

Weekly average expense: \$13,050
 This bulletin is printed early. The collection for Sunday, March 22 will be published later. As of March 18, the deficit is **\$23,227**.

NEXT WEEK

Archdiocesan Assessment



The Catholic Community of Saints Peter & Paul

ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Every month, our parish must pay \$11,767. We need your help. Thank you for your generosity!

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Please note that Ss Peter & Paul will only certify those who are registered (for at least 3 months) and are known to the parish, actively participate in its life, including regular mass attendance and support Ss Peter & Paul with envelopes or Faith Direct.

Anonymous parishioners and donors cannot be verified. Simply being a Catholic is not enough to serve in this important capacity. We strictly adhere to this policy. *Should you have questions, please check out our website first, then call the office at (201)-659-2276 or email: Stephanie.Panzariello@spphoboken.com.*

April 11 PreCana nearly Full!



Our one day PreCana program for Catholic wedding preparation will take place on April 11, 2015 at St Lawrence in Weehawken from approximately 9 AM to 5:30 PM. The cost is \$175 per couple and payment is due at the time of registration. Register online on spphoboken.com. Hurry up: the program is nearly full!



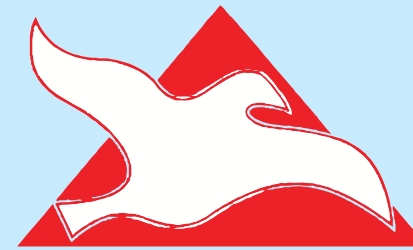
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Humble Equality

By **NICK LEEPER**
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It is difficult to go a day without hearing any of the developments on rights violations in the United States or around the world. From Ferguson to ISIS, human rights are always at stake, but God calls us to lead the charge to defend and celebrate human dignity. Today, Christ's Passion teaches us that the fight for equality comes through humility.

The Jubilee Center



All Saints Parish created the All Saints Community Service and Development Corporation in 1995 to help meet the social and economic needs of children and families. Our mission is to equip children and families with the tools not only to survive, but also to overcome the many barriers they face. We believe that all people deserve a fair chance at creating a fulfilling life based on self-esteem, self-reliance, personal accountability and respect for others.

Steps to Take:

- Email nick@spphoboken.com if interested
- Make an informal visit
- Complete paperwork upon visit
- Begin tutoring

Requirements to Have:

- It's after 5pm at the Jubilee Center
- Can park on the street or simply walk there from the church
- Takes place every Tuesday and Thursday evening
- No background check necessary because the staff will be present with you
- No tutoring on days when public schools are closed
- **What to Do:**
- Tutor school age children in their school subjects after 5pm
- Participate with students in extracurricular activities
- Cooking / Dance / Art
- Play academic games with students

Fortunately, we live in a world where there is a greater awareness of human rights and their protection, but there is still much to be accomplished. Pope Francis states, "In a world in which a lot is said about rights, how often is human dignity actually trampled upon" (5/24/13). It is one thing to speak of rights, it is another to protect them.

The Church is clear that there are many rights that people have, particularly education. "Every person must... be effectively offered access to the basic means



of sustenance" says the pope and he states that these are, "food, water, housing, medical care, education [and] the possibility to form and support a family. These are the goals which must be given absolute priority in national and international action" (10/3/13). All of these rights are crucial and they are so because life is dignified.

Although it is important to do something for those who lack these basic rights, it is more important to recognize and amplify/ the dignity of others. The pope addresses you and I, "Dear friends, it is certainly necessary to give bread to the hungry—this is an act of justice. But there is also a deeper hunger, the hunger for a happiness that only God can satisfy, the hunger for dignity" (7/25/13, Varginha). The most fundamental right is human dignity.

You and I can recognize the dignity of others through celebrating what individuals are and have as opposed to what they lack. Pope Francis elaborates, "What we are called to respect in each person is first of all his life, his physical integrity, his dignity and the rights deriving from that dignity, his reputation, his property, his ethnic and cultural identity, his ideas and his political choices" (7/10/13). Celebrating and respecting human differences leads to a society rooted in the protection of basic human rights.

During Christ's ministry, Jesus celebrates with the poor and the oppressed and seeks to defend their rights. The First Reading, which evokes Christ's minis-

try reads, "The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them" (Isaiah 50:4). Jesus sought and did heal the ill, teach the people, feed the hungry and comfort the afflicted thereby granting them the grace to do the same for others.

Like Christ, you and I both are called to bring hope to others, but doing so may come at a cost. Christ gets arrested, beaten and killed for His actions in the Gospel today because He sought to bring that hope for a bet-

ter world. Although many of us will not get crucified today, we will still suffer for following Christ and serving others.

In an age where equality is the goal for most social action, Christ's perseverance is inspiring primarily because He deemed Himself unequal, in fact, inferior to us. The Second Reading claims, "Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God... Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave... He humbled Himself" (Philippians 6-8). Jesus gave up His own rights to provide them for others.

You and I are called to serve with the other, not ourselves, in mind, as Christ did. The pope humbly states, "Serving and accompanying also means defending, it means taking the side of the weakest. How often do we raise our voice to defend our own rights, but how often are we indifferent to the rights of others" (9/10/13)? Defending the rights of ourselves creates an equal world. Defending the rights of the weakest and the other at our own expense creates an equal and a loving world.

Today, we witness one of the most, if not the most, obscene and horrific transgression against human rights in human history: the killing of Christ. This man, like many others of the previous century with whom we can relate, gave His life and sacrificed His own rights so that others may live in the fullness of their human dignity. Find yourself in the Gospel and in Jesus's life and give your time and yourself to be with the vulnerable at the Jubilee Center.

Parish Calendar

Saturday, March 28

5 PM Confessions

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

See page 3 for our liturgy schedule of Holy Week

Monday, March 30 • Monday of Holy Week

6 PM Mustard Seed Communities informational meeting

Tuesday, March 31 • Tuesday of Holy Week

10.30 AM Way of the Cross — Mustard Seed School

5.30 PM ACOA Meeting

7.30 PM Mindfulness Meditation Class

Wednesday, April 1 • Wednesday of Holy Week

10 AM Stay, Play, Pray, Wednesday Morning Mom's Group

7 PM Lenten Confessions

7.30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2 • Holy Thursday

9 AM Morning Prayer

No 12.10 PM Mass

No Daisies Troop 10211 meeting

Lent ends — Easter Triduum begins

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

8 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 3 • Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Collection: shrines of the Holy Land

9 AM Morning Prayer

No 12.10 PM Mass - No confessions

3 PM Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 4 • Holy Saturday

9 AM Morning Prayer

9.30 AM Easter Vigil rehearsal

10 AM Church Decoration

No confessions at 5 PM

8 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Sunday, April 5 • The Resurrection of the Lord

No 7 PM Mass

The Parish office will be closed on Easter

Monday

Life & Healing

In October of 1997 The Archdiocese of Newark sponsored its first Rachel's Vineyard retreat. Since then there have been 63 retreats offering hope and healing to hundreds of men and women. On May 31, 2015 the Respect Life Office will be sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard Reunion. Anyone who has attended a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat within the Archdiocese of Newark or another site is welcome to come to the reunion. To reserve your space call Cheryl A. Riley 973-497-4350 or via e-mail rileyche@rcan.org



gifts, their families and friends. Very often individuals or families living with developmental, intellectual and/or other disabilities do not feel welcome attending their local parish liturgy, although they are very welcome. These are the people and families, in particular, that we are welcoming to attend these Masses and to celebrate the Eucharist with other members of the surrounding community.

For more information, contact Rosemarie Flood 201-384-3601, www.sjrc.org or Anne Masters at 973-639-6536, masteranrcan@gmail.com. Sponsored by St John the Evangelist Church and the office for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for the Newark Archdiocese, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Archbishop Vocations Dinner

Sponsored by Serra International, the Archbishop's Annual Vocation Fund Dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Nanina's in the Park. Reception at 6 PM, followed by dinner. This year the honorees are: Governor's Award to James G Goodness, Robert Searson Award to Kevin Adamson, Junipero Serra Award to Rosanne Biasi Vasquez, Dominic F Cundari Award to Edith Sontag, Serra Special Award to Lawrence R Inserra. \$100 per person) Contact: Joseph Pagano, 201-954-1990, jpagan018@comcast.net or Rose Marie Deehan, 973-762-6180, rjdeehan@gmail.com

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The Business Manager is responsible for all book-keeping and financial reporting at assigned school locations, as well as, benefits administration in conjunction with Archdiocesan Human Resources Dept., accounts payable, payroll, and budgeting in collaboration with the Principal and School Budget Committee. Duties include:

- Represent the Office of School Business Services at assigned Archdiocesan elementary schools.
- Coordinate a flexible schedule with assigned schools that completes a 35-hour work week.
- Attend Archdiocesan meetings/seminars (Human Resources, Finance) as required.
- Responsibilities at each assigned school location include: Accounts payable / Receivable / Monitor cash flow/ Bank deposits / payroll, and many more.
- Skills required:
- Solid working knowledge of Quickbooks.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and more.

To apply: please include resume and refer to position title. Fax (973) 497-4103 or floresra@rcan.org

With One Voice

By MATTHEW STILL, BA DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES matthew.still@spphoboken.com

Singing in public

The Second Vatican Council called for the "full, conscious, and active participation" by all present at the Sacred Liturgy. This directive can be interpreted from two angles: what the Church leadership wants (the vision), and what we actually do (the practice). In other words, the Church certainly encourages you to sing, but there is a very important reason for you to sing the Liturgy: the participation of the people of God in the work of God. The "work of God" is an on-going process which we practice in our daily living and express in our liturgical participation. A vehicle for this progressive participation is liturgical music.

Music has the power to evoke a wide spectrum of emotions. Singing, in particular has a unique effect on the human psyche and is both, a mental and physical activity. After all, it was St. Augustine who reminded us that "singing is for one who loves". That refers to an outward expression of love for our God and love for our neighbor within the context of the liturgy.

Congregational singing indeed requires the people around you to hear your voice. Thus, to some degree you are exposed, removed from your comfort-zone, and your personal prayer becomes public prayer. Internal prayer is only complimented by an external demonstration of that prayer. By worshiping in communion with those around us, the ultimate expression of faith is seen and heard by all when we sing with one voice.

Singing the Psalms

On occasion, we will experience new ways to pray the psalms at mass through the use of common psalms and paraphrased psalm texts, which has long been an acceptable practice for pastoral musicians. Common

psalms are those which can be sung on any Sunday of the liturgical year and typically have more of a variety of music settings for use in a liturgical setting. "The psalm as a rule is drawn from the Lectionary because the individual psalm texts are directly connected with the individual readings: the choice of psalm depends therefore on the readings." "Nevertheless, in order that the people may be able to join in the responsorial psalm more readily, some texts of responses and psalms have been chosen, according to the different seasons of the years and classes of saints, for optional use, whenever the psalm is sung, in place of the text corresponding to the reading (cf. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n. 36)."

Paraphrased psalms are simply adaptations which allow for more poetic and musical expression while maintaining the scriptural basis of the bible text. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants... as an alternative to The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want... is a well-known and widely used paraphrased psalm setting by composer Marty Haugen.

Singing the Mission

We are entering into the holiest of weeks during the liturgical year. How can we sing with our voices and live through our actions everything that Lent has prepared us for? Will our outward expression reflect a solid grasp of what it means to be companions on Christ's journey? Will we be forever changed after having fully entered into the Passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior? The parish mission states: St Peter and Paul strives to be an inviting Catholic community, inspired by Jesus Christ, where we grow a rich sacramental life through prayerful worship and service to our neighbors with one another. In response to that call, consider the ways you can share your special gifts with the parish and become an instrumental part of growing the kingdom of God in our community and beyond.

News from St Anthony's High School



The parish welcomes Chad BROUSSARD, the new head of school at St Anthony's High School in Jersey City, and our parishioner, and Grace SCIANCALEPORE, director of development of the school and also parishioner at St Peter & Paul.

St Anthony High School is a nine through twelve, co-educational, college preparatory school located at 175 8th Street in Jersey City. www.stanthonyhighschool.org

Annulment

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015—7:30 PM — Saint Henry Church, 82 West 29th Street, Bayonne. A staff member of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will provide basic information about annulments; the requirements for annulments and how to begin the process of petitioning for an annulment. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the session. Pre-registration is not necessary, but for directions, please call the parish at 973-763-5454.

Inclusive Mass on Easter Sunday

Join us on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 1:30 PM at St John the Evangelist Church, 29 North Washington Avenue in Bergenfield, for an inclusive Mass presided by Msgr Richard Arnholds. Inclusive Family Masses are adapted for individuals with special needs and/or

VOCATIONS

Come and See afternoon for young women

The Sisters of the Spiritual Family The Work invite young women to a Come and See afternoon. This is an occasion for young women to experience consecrated life, through presentations, Holy Hour with vespers and supper with the community.

On Sunday April 12 from 3 PM — 7 PM at 414 E 14th Street, New York. For more information or RSVP: ny@theworkfso.org or 212-677-5680



CONFERENCE

The Lord's Jester: Re-discovering St Francis of Assisi through the eyes of G K Chesterton

Join the Crossroads Cultural Center on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7 PM for a conversation with Fr Ian BOYD, CSB, President of The G K Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture, Editor of The Chesterton Review and Dermot QUINN, PhD, Professor of History, Seton Hall University.

"Now for St Francis nothing was ever in the background. We might say that his mind had no background, except perhaps that divine darkness out of which the divine love had called up every colored creature one by one. He saw everything as dramatic, distinct from its setting, not all of a piece like a picture but in action like a play. A bird went by him like an arrow; something with a story and a purpose, though it was a purpose of life and not a purpose

of death. A bush could stop him like a brigand; and indeed he was as ready to welcome the brigand as the bush." —G K Chesterton, Saint Francis of Assisi

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A Guide To Understanding Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church year! It is a time when we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

This guide will help you understand and celebrate Holy Week more fully. Keep this guide in a place where you will see it during the week - perhaps on the dining room table.

- Review the guide before you go to church for the Holy Week liturgies and consider taking the Guide with you as your "personal passport" for the celebration. Watch to see how we celebrate these important rituals, notice the special symbol used in the liturgy and listen for the key message in the scriptures.
- Share the Holy Week highlights described here with your family and friends. In the car or at the dinner table, talk about what you see, hear and how these events and symbols make you feel.

The final week of Lent, Holy Week, begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and concludes with the Triduum.

"Triduum" comes from two Latin words – tres and dies – that mean "a space of three days," But since we have four days with special names - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday - the "three" may be confusing to some. They are however, one liturgical celebration.

The confusion is cleared up when we understand how the days are reckoned. On all high festival days the Church counts a day in the same way as Jews count days and festivals: that is, from sundown to sundown. Thus the Triduum consists of three twenty-four periods that stretch over four calendar days.

Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues with Good Friday and concludes with Easter evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday: its high point is the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

During the Triduum we celebrate the core mystery of our Christian faith: we ritualize Jesus' transition from life to death to risen life, and our own participation in that timeless mystery.

If it is so easy this time of year to celebrate these days as a historical commemoration. But we are doing for more than recalling historical facts. What Jesus did for us has consequences for all people at all

times. His life, death, and resurrection happened to him, but they also happen to all of us who claim to be his followers. These days, then, are a reminder and celebration of who we ourselves are and what our own lives are about.

As we celebrate the mystery of Jesus' passing, we actually celebrate the same passing over in our own lives. Jesus' self-sacrifice opened the way for us to share in new life. But this does require our own cooperation in God's divine plan of salvation. We must pass over our lives into God's hands and imitate the self-giving of God's Son. This is the way to life. "It is the Passover of the Lord".

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Jesus was welcomed by the people with cheers and palms - a symbol of victory and sign that "all is well". Palm-bearing date trees were valued for their dignity, beauty and shade and were used at special occasions to welcome heroes and royalty.

No greater love was shown us than Jesus' love for his Father and us, for he gave his life because of his faithfulness to that love. One of Jesus' closest disciples was Peter. Peter loved Jesus, but he didn't always understand what real love required. How very much



like Peter we all are! Peter failed Jesus, but Jesus' love for Peter restored their relationship and empowered Peter to learn to love. That should give us all hope. As you listen to the Passion on this day, place yourself in the story. What does it feel like to be part of the crowd or to be a disciple? What does it feel like to be in Jesus' place during the passion? What would you do if you were Jesus' best friend?

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday's first reading describes the Passover meal. In the second reading, the institution of Eucharist is shared, "this is my Body, which is for you." In the Gospel, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. This is the service and love of Jesus, which we are asked to share in our lives.

We are reminded tonight that God always nourishes his people. Jesus fed his followers by multiplying loaves and fishes. Then he fed his apostles at the Last Supper. The good news is that God hasn't stopped nourishing us. We can feast on his Word and on the Eucharist. They are great sources of spiritual energy, great in times of need and excellent for our daily diet. Don't starve yourself, but feed daily on God's gifts.

On Holy Thursday, we experience the washing of the feet: Put yourself in the place of the foot-washer: How do you feel washing the feet of others? Put yourself in the place of the disciples: How does it feel to have someone, who means so much to you, wash your feet?

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

The first and second readings, from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Hebrews, describe the mystery of the cross - the Paschal Mystery - suffering turned into victory. The gospel is the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The word passion can also mean strong feelings of love. Jesus' passion is the time from the Last



Supper to his death on the cross, during which he shows his great love for us.

Jesus warned Peter that he would deny him. When that happened Jesus looked at him, probably with pity and certainly with love. God's love and mercy cannot save us from our own folly and its consequences: after all, Peter had to live with his denial of Jesus. That is why he wept.

The veneration of the cross is a time when a large cross is brought forward. We touch or kiss the cross to show our love and thankfulness for God's love.

If you stood at the cross on which Jesus hung, what would you say to him? How does it feel to touch or kiss the cross? What does this mean to you?

Easter Vigil Holy Saturday

The blessing of the Easter fire begins this celebration. From that fire, the Paschal Candle is lit. After the readings, the liturgy of Baptism begins. While the new members of the community are baptized, the whole community joins in renewing our promises and as the whole community is sprinkled with water we, remember our baptism

The Paschal candle symbolizes Jesus as light of the world. It is from this candle that baptism candles are lit throughout the year, that we celebrate the life of faith of the newly departed and that we celebrate the commitment of faith in the sacrament of Confirmation. It stands as a symbol of our faith and our desire to be light to the world as Jesus is for us.



Jesus always speaks about hope. A hope that is not based on chances that things will get better—or at least not any worse; His hope is built upon the promise that, whatever happens, God will stay with us at all times, in all places. God is the God of Life! How would you feel if you were being baptized tonight?

What does it mean for you to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection?

The Triduum concludes with the Easter Sunday celebrations of the Resurrection. We continue this celebration for the next seven weeks of the Easter Season concluding with Pentecost.

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