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MARCH EVENTS

SUNDAY 6-	
Breakfast	8:30 AM-12 Noon
Youth Group	4 PM
FRIDAY 11-	
Lenten Fish Fry	5-7:30 PM
SUNDAY 13-	
PASSION SUNDAY	
Daughters Meeting	11:30 AM
MONDAY 14-	
Vestry	7 PM
SUNDAY 20-	
PALM SUNDAY	
Youth Group	4 PM
MONDAY 21-	
Monday in Holy Week*	
TUESDAY 22-	
Tuesday in Holy Week*	
WEDNESDAY 23-	
Wednesday in Holy Week*	
THURSDAY 24-	
MAUNDY THURSDAY*	
FRIDAY 25-	
GOOD FRIDAY*	
SATURDAY 26-	
HOLY SATURDAY*	
SUNDAY 27-	
EASTER DAY*	

*See schedule on last page

Dearly Beloved,

As you read this, we have arrived at the midpoint of Lent. Soon we will celebrate the great mysteries of our redemption in Christ's Passion and Death during Holy Week and His triumphant Resurrection on Easter Day. All that we have celebrated in our Church year, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent, points to this culmination we find in Holy Week and Easter. In His suffering and Death, Jesus Christ takes upon Him all our sins so that we might not be held accountable for them. He gathers up everything that makes us imperfect and mounts the Cross with all that sin and allows Himself, in effect, to be destroyed for all *our* trespasses. Christ becomes the *propitiation* for our sins, that odd word which we hear every time we come to the Holy Communion. In its strictest sense, the word *propitiation* de-

notes the appeasing of Divine wrath by sacrifice. But a Christian understanding goes much deeper. For us, *propitiation* is an appeasement, or atonement, to the Almighty for our sins but it is an atonement that derives from Divine love. The Sacrifice that is made, Christ Himself, is wrought out of all-consuming Love. God saw that no act or sacrifice that we could engage in could ever bridge the gulf that *we* had set between us and God. Therefore, because He loves us so much, He decided to make the sacrifice Himself, in the Person of His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. This Love-filled Sacrifice had one purpose, and one purpose only: to reconcile us to God so that we might be called the sons and daughters of God.

God's Love, however, did not just stop there, did not allow the Sacrifice to be the end of it.

He took it "to the next level," to borrow that popular phrase. He ensured that the destruction, the death, that comes from sin, would be overcome. He made all things new when He accomplished the Resurrection on that first Easter Day. God raised Jesus from the dead. He glorified His own Son. And we, according to His promises, share in that glory. And that glory is such that we shall abide in it forever. God's Love for us is summed up this way, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (St. John 3:16)

This, dear brothers and sisters, is the Good News, the Gospel, of our Lord Jesus Christ: God loved us so much that He did all the work of our salvation Himself, in His Son Jesus Christ. And we have but to do

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Member

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Member

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

FROM THE RECTOR CONTINUED

one thing – Believe!

May the remaining time in Lent be profitable to you and may you share fully and completely in the joyful Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours always in He who is risen from the dead,

Erich+

ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

We here at St. Mary's come from various Christian, and not-so Christian, backgrounds. From non-believers to Episcopalians, from Jews to Roman Catholics, from Presbyterians to Pentecostals, we certainly are a diverse bunch. As a result of this, a wide variety of practices are brought to the altar rail when receiving Holy Communion. Keeping in mind that the Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, *not* a wafer of bread and a sip of wine, it is important that the receiving of this most Blessed Sacrament be done properly and in all reverence. Anglican practice has been, since the time of the Reformation, that we receive Communion in both kinds, Body and Blood. This is done in a preferred way, as indicated in the Book of Common Prayer.

We are to receive the Body of Christ into our hands (BCP, p. 82). This means that we take our right hand, open palm up, place it on top of our left hand, and hold it up so that the priest may place the Host in our open palm. We then move our palm to our mouth and consume the Host. *The Host is not*

to be picked up by our fingers. (If you wish to receive the Body of Christ directly onto your tongue, the priest will do this if you tilt your head back and extend your tongue.)

The Minister with the Chalice then follows and we take a drink from the Cup. It is perfectly acceptable to gently guide the Chalice to our lips with our hands so that we might more easily receive the Blood of Christ.

A note about intinction: Intinction is the dipping of the Host into the Precious Blood. Many people do this here at St. Mary's and, to be perfectly honest, I do not know why. This has never been the primary practice in any Christian Church. Our Saviour Christ said, "Drink ye all of this" regarding His Blood. He did not say, "Dip ye all of this." The act of drinking the Precious Blood is following the directions of our Saviour in complete humility. If you have any questions regarding this practice of intinction, or any other aspect of receiving Holy Communion, please ask.

– Fr. Erich

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Check out our website. Slowly but surely we are adding new information. We have even added our monthly calendar and also the current issue of *The Bells*. See what is there and check back often for updates.

THE DAUGHTERS

A friend sent this beautiful prayer to me. Saint Theresa is known as the Saint of Little Ways. Meaning she believed in doing the little things in life well and with great love. She is also the patron Saint of flower growers and florists. She is represented by roses. May everyone be blessed who reads this message.

St. Theresa's Prayer: May today there be peace within. May you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you... May you be content knowing that you are a child of God... Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of you.

Our Winter Tea and Book review was wonderful! We had over 20 in attendance and a big "thank you" to Ann Parker for moderating "Redeeming Love" for us. From the delicious teas and food, beautiful table settings and flowers, it was a lovely afternoon and enjoyed by all.

Our February 23rd meeting was well attended and plans for the Spring Attic Sale, April 23, 2005 are in the works. We will accept gently used or new items that are in good and clean condition. They can be dropped off anytime after March 1. Please mark

sheets, etc. with their size to make it easier for setting out. We found that jewelry was a good seller. If you can help set up, please join us on Friday, April 22 at 8 AM.

Our annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, "May Flowers" will be Saturday, May 7th. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available at our next meeting. We are asking for donations for door prizes and volunteers to model. It is one of the highlights of our year!

Several projects for fall and winter are being planned. One is a day trip to see the Christmas Pageant at the Baptist Church on Broward Boulevard in Ft. Lauderdale, on December 3, 2005. Tickets are \$15.00 and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the parish hall. We are encouraging everyone in the parish to come-it would be a great family day. If we have enough going we may rent a bus for transportation. We need a minimum of 24 people with full payment by September 2005.

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 13 at 11:30 AM in the parish hall. If you are a new member of St. Mary's we would love for you to join us and meet the wonderful Daughters of St. Mary's.



Faithfully,
Linda Moritz

MAKING CHOICES

We see and hear many appeals for providing for worthwhile activities like NPR radio, Public TV, museums, little theater, etc. They ask for you to remember them in your will, life insurance policy or trust. When I think of the close personal and spiritual link we have with St. Mary's, I have to ask the question, "Which is more worthy of your lasting support?" A bequeath to

St. Mary's will be long remembered and appreciated, and will help sustain the work we do for the years to come. If you want to do something for St. Mary's and don't know how to go about it, please contact the church office and we will assist you. I ask that you prayerfully consider the choices and then decide.

Hal Womersley

MEN & YOUNG MEN

Calling all men and youth of our parish. We need acolytes and layreaders. We have a practice session scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at 10:30 in the morning. All present acolytes and layreaders must be there.

Acolytes wishing to make an offering of their time in service at the Altar, please join up. We would love to have you with us.

MARCH 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Notes: MP=Morning Prayer EP=Evening Prayer HC=Holy Communion SP=Sacrament of Penance SHM=Solemn High Mass		1 9 AM-MP	2 10 AM-Stations 5:45-6:15 PM-SP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	3 9 AM-MP 7 PM-AA Mtg.	4 7 PM-Stations	5
6 4th Sunday In Lent 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM-12 Noon Breakfast 4 PM Youth Group	7 9 AM-MP	8 9 AM-MP	9 10 AM-Stations 5:45-6:15 PM-SP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	10 9 AM-MP 7 PM-AA Mtg.	11 5-7:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry & Bake 7 PM-Stations	12
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27 EASTER DAY 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt	28 Easter Monday 12 Noon-HC	29 Easter Tuesday 12 Noon-HC	30 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	31		

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

- 2 Fr. Richard Smith
- 2 Darlene Fitzpatrick
- 5 James Vosteen
- 5 Gerry Lewandowski
- 6 Fabienne Pierre Louis
- 10 Ann Malone
- 13 Charles White
- 16 Mary Green
- 27 Ann Garnjost
- 28 Lydia Juckes
- 29 Charlyne Schaub
- 30 Kathryn Weiss

“Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world.”

BCP, p. 597

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

- 24 Paul & Betsy Perry
- 27 Charles & Susan White
- 28 James & Charleyne Schaub

Birthday and anniversary information is gleaned from your Individual Membership Forms received in the office. If you have been left off the Birthday and Anniversary lists, if there is an error or you still need to complete a Membership Form, please contact the office so we can update our records. We will publish monthly a “those missed” on these lists from the previous month.

NEW MEMBERS



We welcome to this Parish the following persons who have become a part of this family in Christ:

Noeline Jean Marie Coore

PARISH PRAYER CORNER

Parish Prayer Lists

Parishioners

Dottie, Mary, Aly, Norma, Marge, Reggie, Brad, Joan, Richard, priest, Michele, Lorna, J.P., Gladys, Nathan, Carlton, Carltonette, Ann, Alma, Madeline.

Family, Friends, and Others

Jesse, Charles, Randell, Ginny, Jean, Roger, Eoin, Pat, Ed, Nelson, Peter, Stephanie, Frank, Susan & child, Mark, Donovan, Craig, Donna, Maria, Shawn, Matt, Joey, Bill, Lauren, Joseph, Natasha & triplets, Jack, Gene, Gayle, Christina, Alexandra, Heather, Aimee, Jamie, Richard, Carolyn, Garrick, David, Karen, Nicole, Amanda, Lemmie, Fred, Nicole, Justin, Garland.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

All children are invited to join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 27.

It will begin immediately following the 10 AM Solemn High Mass.

We hope to see you there!



A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 7 AM, 12 NOON, 7 PM.

On the Thursday before Easter, we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Holy Communion with the command to "Do this in remembrance of me." By this action, Jesus established a New Covenant between God and His people. This is the New Covenant ratified by Jesus with His death on the Cross and empowered by His Resurrection. The common name of *Maundy* that we give this day is derived from the Latin word *mandatum* (which means an order or a commission charge). This refers to Christ's statement to the Apostles at the Last Supper when he said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another." Jesus demonstrated what He meant by doing the duty of a servant and washing the feet of the Apostles. **7 AM** will be a low Mass so that all that attend may be at work on time. **12 Noon** will also be a simple celebration of the Holy Communion. **7 PM** will be a Solemn High Mass which ends with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. The main altar will then be stripped while Psalm 22 is read or sung, foretelling the Crucifixion. Only the Cross, veiled in black, will remain at the altar. The Watch before the Altar of Repose (in our Bell Tower), in response to Jesus' question to Peter in Gethsemane "Could you not watch with me for one hour?", commences after the stripping and lasts until midnight. Maundy Thursday is a day of obligation for all Christians.

Good Friday

Divine Liturgy 10 AM.

This is the most solemn day in the church year as it commemorates the death of Jesus on the Cross. The Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose is consumed, without the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, symbolizing that the presence of Christ has been removed from us. The Crucifix is venerated at this service showing our love and appreciation to the One who gave Himself for us. Our theme this day is "We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world." Good Friday is also a day of obligation for all Christians.

Meditations before the Cross 12 NOON-3 PM.

This 3 hour long service, during which time our Lord hung on the Cross, is a time of meditation and reflection upon His great sacrifice for us.

Stations of the Cross 7 PM.

From the earliest times, Christians made pilgrimages to the Holy Land to visit places sanctified by the events in our Lord's earthly life. Especially valued was the pilgrimage along the path the Lord took on the first Good Friday. This pilgrimage was made with great devotion, the procession stopping (or "making station") for prayer and meditation at the various places where special events took place. Nearly a millennia ago, the Crusaders brought this practice back to Europe with them and the custom arose, since they were unable to return to the Holy Land, of setting up replicas of the different "stations" along the Way of Sorrow so that they could make a spiritual pilgrimage. This custom spread throughout Europe. After a long development, these little shrines, or stations, became restricted to 14 and it is now customary to set them up along the inside walls of Christian churches.

Holy Saturday, Easter Eve

The Liturgy of Easter Even 6 PM.

The night before Easter was observed in the very earliest days of the Christian Church as a vigil night. New converts were baptized at the vigil so they could take part in the Easter celebration the next morning. The Scripture accounts of the saving of Noah and the Exodus from Egypt are read and a new fire is kindled symbolizing our new life in Christ. This year, this service will consist of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle, the blessing of the baptismal waters and a renewal of our baptismal vows.

Daughters Annual Spring Luncheon

"May Flowers"

At The Courtyard of St. Mary's

Saturday, May 7, 2005

11:30 AM—2:00 PM

Fashion Show and Raffle

\$20.00 per person

Lunch will be served at noon.



Lenten Fish Fry & Bake

Friday, March 11, 2005

5:00—7:30 PM

St. Mary's Parish Hall

Tickets: \$16.00/couple

\$9.00/person

\$4.00/child

Please sign up on sheet in Parish Hall.

Sponsored by the Men's Club

VESTRY

The monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, at 7:00 PM.

Daughters

All Daughters are invited to join us for our next meeting on Sunday, March 13, 11:30 AM.

March Provincial Prayer Cycle

Diocese of the Eastern U.S.

The Most Rev'd Walter H. Grundorf, Ordinary

Diocese of Andhra-Pradesh, India

The Rt. Rev'd Lawrence Jeedi, Ordinary

Diocese of Lucknow, India

The Rt. Rev'd Suraj Masih, Ordinary

Holy Spirit Church, Mobile, AL

The Rev'd Michael A. Napoli, Vicar

St. Peter's Church, Deerfield Beach, FL

The Rev'd James Donnelly, Vicar

St. Mary the Virgin Church, Delray Beach, FL

The Very Rev'd Erich A. Zwingert, SSC Rector

St. Francis' Church, Kissimmee, FL

The Rev'd Dr. James W. Reber, Vicar

St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, FL

The Rev'd Douglas J. King, SSA Rector

St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL

The Most Rev'd Walter H. Grundorf, Dean

St. Luke's Church, Port Orange, FL

The Rev'd David R. Eastes, Rector

Church of All Saints, Port St. John, FL

The Rev'd Gregory C. McComas, Rector

Reformed Episcopal Church

The Most Rev'd Leonard W. Riches,

Presiding Bishop

Anglican Province of America

The Most Rev'd Walter H. Grundorf,

Presiding Bishop

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday in Holy Week-	Holy Eucharist, 12 Noon
Tuesday in Holy Week-	Holy Eucharist, 12 Noon
Wednesday in Holy Week-	Stations of the Cross, 10 AM Confessions, 5:45-6:15 PM Holy Eucharist, 6:30 PM Bible Study, 7 PM
Maundy Thursday-	Holy Eucharist, 7 AM Holy Eucharist, 12 Noon Solemn High Mass & Stripping of Altar, 7 PM Watch, 8:30 PM-Midnight
Good Friday-	Morning Prayer, 9 AM Mass of Presanctified, 10 AM 3 Hour Meditations, 12 Noon-3 PM Confessions, 3 PM-4 PM Stations of the Cross, 7 PM
Holy Saturday-	Easter Vigil, 6 PM
Easter-	Holy Eucharist, 8 AM Solemn High Mass, 10 AM

Please join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10 AM Eucharist.

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