

MARCH 19, 2006 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTION

Pam was ready to buy a table at a flea market when a man came up and told her that the old table wasn't sturdy and would not hold up well. While this presented a stumbling block, Pam bought it anyway.

About twenty-five years ago, a friend told Jim about a new software company, which he was thinking of investing in. Convinced it was a failure, Jim's dad called the investment a waste of money, but Jim didn't listen. He went ahead and bought some shares of the stock.

Two years later, Pam had her table appraised and was told it was a valuable antique worth \$50,000. Jim's investment called Microsoft has multiplied over and over again and made Jim a healthy sum of money.

A stumbling block? Foolishness? Perhaps. But these were the same words that St. Paul used in describing the gospel. The image of a crucified Messiah was a stumbling block to Jews. His life did not match up with the way they were expecting God to save them. Likewise, the logical Greeks could not fathom Paul's explanation of salvation. To them, it was nothing more than a good story.

On the other hand, a few Jews and Greeks accepted Paul's words, believed in Jesus, and gave their lives to him. The early Christian churches that these disciples built had one unique message that formed the foundation of their faith: the message of a crucified and risen Messiah that sounded like folly to Greeks and scandal to Jews.

Two thousand years later, this same Jesus is at the center of our faith. It is this foolish gospel that draws us together each Sunday. And how blessed we are to believe in such folly! We have found a magnificent God who loves us completely.. Let's make today's celebration special. Let's all tell Jesus that He is our God and we are His people.

Dear Lord, You are wise and loving. Come make Your home in me. I want to embrace the incredible folly of Your salvation."



Saturday March 18

8:00 Special Intention
5:00 Samuel Marcojohn
6:30 Special Intention

Sunday March 19

7:30 Special Intention
9:00 Rita Traver
10:30 The People of St. Martin's
12:00 Frank Schiavi
5:00 Josephine Gomba

Monday March 20

6:45 Daminano Fazio
12:15 Katherine Raucci

Tuesday March 21

6:45 The Souls in Purgatory
12:15 Margaret Ringwood

Wednesday March 22

6:45 George Davis (living)
12:15 Special Intention

Thursday March 23

6:45 The Rowe Family
12:15 Special Intention

Friday March 24

6:45 Charles Boschen, Sr.
12:15 Dolores Kasmeyer
2:00 Stations of the Cross
7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 25

8:00 Special Intention
5:00 Paul W. Vasko, Sr.
6:30 Special Intention

Sunday March 26

7:30 Rita Traver
9:00 Jean Liess
10:30 Gutta Maroon &
Robert Lansing Maloof
12:00 The People of St. Martin's
5:00 Alfredo DeLatorre

PARISH INFORMATION

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| Calvary Cemetery | 473-4222 |
| 62 Lagrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie | |
| Caring Committee | |
| Deacon Bob Jarmick 462-1949 or 473-4222 | |
| Charismatic Prayer Group Meetings | |
| Monday-7:30 PM Nativity Center | |
| Knights of Columbus | |
| Bill Kennedy | 462-4717 |
| Parish Council | Carol Neisser 471-4159 |
| 2 nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Nativity Center | |
| Parish Health Care Ministry | |
| Joan O Keefe | 452-4156 |
| Senior Program | |
| Val Brown | 471-7567 |
| Youth Ministry | |
| Susan O Connell | 473-4222 |
| Carolyn Iorio | 471-8728 |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Friday from 7:30 AM-12:00 noon.

ROSARY

Each weekday (Monday-Saturday) after the First
Mass of the day

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Monday after the 12:15 PM Mass

ST. MARTIN de PORRES NOVENA
Wednesday after the 12:15 PM Mass

PASTORAL INFORMATION

If any of the following items pertain to you or to your family, please check the line in front of the item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear this off and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory. You may also go to our web site.

New in parish, would like to register
 Change of Address
 Moving out of the parish
 Need information, please phone
 New telephone number
 Family member _____
is ill at home _____ at _____ hospital
Room Number _____
Your Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Please pray for Theodora Noll, Michael Murphy, John Tripodi, Rose Germano, Peggy Fehling, Harry Taylor, Roberta Miller, Mercedes Boschen, Beatrice Henderson, Viola Rogers, Margaret Beaver, Salvatore Licata, Donald Swenson, Ann Plog, William Zahurak, Thomas Hallstead, Phyllis Miller, Bradley Webber, Theresa Radzvilla, Eleanor McGrath, Alberto Vargas, Alex Kozak, Dot Slatter, Clair Alphonse, Elizabeth Ragnone, Bradley Webber, Marian Walsh, Valeria Petrovich and Rose D Albro.

MILITARY SERVICE

We would like to remember all of our parishioners serving in the Armed Forces, at home, but especially those serving overseas. If you have a family member who you would like mentioned in the bulletin, please call the rectory during regular business hours with their name.

Please remember especially: Pvt. 1st Class Evan Simeon, Cpl. Mario Nocito, Jr, SPC Andrew Hung, Capt. Benjamin Hung, Ens. Eric Hung, Cpl. Amy Lee Delaney, Lcpl. Sophia M. Delaney, Ens. Ryan Henebery and Sgt. Michael Finley.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Jesus said, 'I call you friend.' Could you come and spend a half hour or more each week with your friend Jesus? If you are interested in spending time with Jesus at adoration please call Lynda at 462-6388 or Mary at 471-1498. Adoration is held each Friday after the 6:45 AM Mass until 12:00 Noon.

PARSIH LENTEN MISSION

Our Parish Mission will begin tomorrow Monday, March 20th and finish on Thursday, March 23rd.

There will be a Mission Homily at the 12:15 PM Masses Monday-Thursday. In the evening beginning at 7:00-7:30 PM, Katy Feeney will present a musical meditation. Msgr. Martin will conduct the Mission Service beginning at 7:30 PM on Monday through Wednesday and on Thursday evening the Mission will conclude with a Mass. We hope all parishioners will make this part of your Lenten observance.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to the Arlington Fire Department from the Croft Corners Station who on a training run stopped to install a new rope for the school's flagpole. Please continue to support them as they have always supported us.



FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES

The next film will be presented on Thursday, April 6th, at 7:00 PM, in the Nativity Center. All are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Faculty Room in the School. The next meeting will take place on March 21st and the topic will be "To adjust to life in which the deceased and living move on with life." All are invited to attend.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2006 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, April 23rd, at 2:00 PM. Please contact the parish office at 473-4222 to register by Friday, March 31st.

The celebration in our parish for the 25th and 50th Anniversary couples will be on Sunday, May 7th at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please call the parish office at 473-4222 before April 28th, 2006.

FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER

The PSA is sponsoring their first Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 25th, 2006. Seating will be at 5:00 and 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend! For tickets call Sue Vasti at 635-9566. Adults \$8, Seniors & Children \$5, children under 3 are free!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING .PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at **8:30 PM** (following the mission) in the Nativity Center. All members of the Knights are invited to attend.

CALLING ALL YOUTH

Young people in grades 6-12 are needed as lectors, singers, musicians, ushers and tech crew for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14th. Please call Susan at 242-3936 if you are interested. Whatever your talents are, we need you!

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Please call Ellen at 298-2480 if you are interested in our Palm Sunday Procession. All students in grades K and up are invited to participate.

CARDINAL S'APPEAL

The 2006 Cardinal s'Appeal is in its final stages in our parish. Next weekend March 25th and 26th will be Commitment Weekend. At all Masses, you will have an opportunity to make your commitment to the Appeal. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2006 Appeal. Thank you.

APRIL SHOWERS

At the next Parish Coffee on Sunday, April 2nd, we will be celebrating April Showers by hosting a Birthright Baby Shower at all the Masses that weekend. The coffees will follow the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses. Birthright is in need of new layette items, baby clothes, sheets, towels, booties, socks and brand name toiletries. There will be a container in the back of the Church after all the Masses. We thank you for your support.

EASTER BASKET PROJECT

The Parish Life Committee is once again planning our Easter Basket Project. We will be filling approximately 200 baskets to be given to area children in need. We will be collecting donations of bags of Easter candy until Saturday, April 8th. Please, no individual or large bunnies, as we cannot evenly divide them. There will be a box in Church for donations. We thank you for your generous support.

EASTER EGG HUNT

All children of the parish are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 11:00 AM. They ll'be able to search for lots of eggs and then make their own ice cream sundae! Please call Maureen at 226-4778 by April 4th and let us know how many children will be coming and their ages. Come join the fun! (Hosted by the Parish Life Committee.)

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. Denis church, is sponsoring a six-week series entitled Catholic Returning Home beginning April 18th form 7:30-9:00 PM. For further information please call Father Faraone at 227-8382.