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JOHN 11:25

Pastor's Corner



HALLELUIAH, PRAISE THE LORD!

A certain kindergarten teacher was telling her students the story of Jesus. In her class was a little boy who came from a non-Christian family. He was paying very close attention to the story because it was all new to him. As the teacher told how Jesus was condemned and nailed to the cross to die the boy's countenance fell and he murmured, "No! That's too bad!" The teacher then went on to tell how on the third day Jesus rose from the dead and came back to life. The boy's eyes lit up with delight and he exclaimed, "Totally awesome!" On Good Friday we heard the story of the suffering and death of Jesus. Like the little boy many of us felt like "No! That's too bad!" Today we hear the rest of the story and again with the little boy we can now exclaim "Yes! Totally awesome!" Today we can again sing "Halleluiah" that we have not sung all through Lent. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118:24).

Why do we rejoice today? We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice and tragedy has turned into comedy. It is like watching one of the episodes of Batman. First you see an innocent and helpless victim being attacked, robbed, kidnapped, assaulted and tortured by a wicked assailant. And we feel so bad seeing the triumph of the bad guy. Then, almost at the point where the victim has given up hope and is at the point of death, down from the skies comes Batman to the rescue. He battles and defeats the bad guy and rescues the innocent victim. And we feel happy inside at the triumph of justice.

The story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday is the story of the triumph of falsity over truth, of injustice over justice, of evil over goodness. Jesus was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit, and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. His good friend betrayed him, his trusted companions deserted him and his number one man denied him. The people he loved demanded his crucifixion and chose to have the bandit Barabbas released in his place. It is a story of betrayal and lies, dishonesty and meanness, unfaithfulness and wicked violence directed against an innocent and apparently helpless victim. All this comes to a head on Good Friday when we see Jesus scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the cross where he dies after a few hours and hastily buried in a tomb. If that were the end of the story that would be a bad story, a tragedy. But glory be to God it is not.

Death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter. This is the most important chapter because, as the saying goes, they who laugh last laugh best. And in the last chapter of the story of Jesus we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord,

who will prevail over all humankind, his enemies included. For us his embattled followers this is good news.

It is good news to know that truth is immortal. We can suppress Truth, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, and bury it in the grave but on the third day Truth will rise again. Remember this and do not give up on Truth even when everybody seems to give up on it. Do not give up on Truth; do not give up on Justice. Do not give up on doing what is right. True will always be true. Just will always be just. Right will always be right even when the world around us would have it otherwise. We must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining; knowing that by and by it will shine again. It is the end of the story that counts. That is why the church asks us today to rejoice and be glad. Even when we are going through very difficult times: through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, misrepresentations; even when the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. Today Christ has won. And we know that in Christ we shall overcome. Halleluiah, Praise the Lord!

Happy Easter

REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] = St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict [SM] = St. Mary
Fri. Apr 10 8am [SM] Ruth Hohl
Sat. Apr 11 4:30pm [SB] SB Parishioners
 4:30pm [SM] Madonna Canty,
 Bernadette & Joseph Boeckman
Divine Mercy Sunday
Sun. Apr 12 8:15am [SA] SA Parishioners
 9:45am [SM] Kay Wolff
 11am [SB] SB Parishioners
 1:15pm [SM] Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS PASTORAL REGION ONE:

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict; [SM] = St. Mary
Mon. 4/6 Prayer mtg. 11am [SB]
Wed. 4/8 Bible Study 7pm [SB]
 Holy Name 7pm [SM]
Thurs 4/9 Bible Study 10am [SMC]
Sun 4/12 Bible Study 10:45am [SMC]

NO BIBLE STUDY OR COFFEE & DONUTS AT ST. MARY ON APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Mar 29, 2015

St. Mary Weekly Goal: \$4116.00
 Weekly \$2345.06 envelopes used: 72
 SVDP: \$92 Rent: \$320 Candles: \$49
 Cap. Imp \$21
TOTAL: \$2827.06
YTD collection \$140,370.52 SHORTFALL (\$18,063.90)

St. Benedict Weekly Goal \$5,200.00
 Mar 28: \$942/29 \$3162.25 Maintenance: \$457.23
Total: \$4104.25

St. Augustine Mar 29: \$1411.30 Cap. Imp. \$120

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MILITARY MEMBERS



TSgt Timothy Scott Marcum, USAF; SSgt Justin Bentley, USAF; SrA Matthew Bauer, USAF; CPT Brian Hargis, US Army; SSG Lynn Jones, US Army; Saundra Ann Morrell, USN; Ronald Morrell Pruitt, US Army, Capt. Andrew J. Konicki, USMC.; SSgt Christopher DeWitt, USAF, Sgt Alex Zavakas, US Army, SSG Bill Himes US Army; PFC Michael V. Jackson, US Army, PVT Corey Taylor, US Army, Lt. Com. Ryan Jonathan Logan, USN, SGT Stephanie Lewis, US Army, PFC Solomon A. Smith, US Army, SrA Candice Smith, USAF, EOD3 Aaron R. Gorby, USN; Davion A. Redd, USCG, Pvt Jacob Deis, USMC, SSgt Jennifer Wagner, USAF, LCpl Jacob Deis, USMC.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK of SB

In our prayers, let us remember those in need of the Lord's healing mercy, especially: Andrew Lewis, Jackie Bristow, Brenda Lewis, Mae Wilkerson, Kenneth Bronston, Zadi Buckner, Mary Helen Spanish, Ruby Hobbs, Chuck Dewitt, Valerie Smith, Phyllis Coley, Lora Singleton, Mark Wells, Gloria Patton, Jessie Campbell, Betty Jones, Pat Bell, Janis Lowery, Myrtle Truitt, Susie Roberts, Anna Brown.

IN THE NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING FROM ST. BENEDICT AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Eddie Weaver	Mary Scott
Ralph Reid	Mary Scott
Mary Paschal	Livingston Care Center
Artie Oliver	Mercy Sienna
Vernon Saine	Maria Joseph
Richard Campbell	Heartland of Kettering

ST. BENEDICT LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 12TH – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reader – Rita Ellicott; 2nd Reader – Judy Baker

Petitions – Tom Hall

Extraordinary Ministers – Maxine Brooks, Sharon Hairston, Carolyn Day, Derek Arnold (R); Kim Brown, Annette Young, Victor O'Basuyi, Mary O'Basuyi, Emmett Orr (L)

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Apr 12 Lectors: Children's Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Ken & Susie Stewart, Fran Delegato, Patrick Barnettm Jean Evanchuck, Jeff & Sandy Bruns, Sylvia Hess

Ushers: Ray Metzger, Richard Dillon, Matthew Valenti

Servers: Children's Mass

ST. MARY LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Apr 11- 9:30am

[S] Patty Stevens

[L] Bonnie Doepker, Karen Weller

[E] Mary Ellen Oomens, Jim & Marilyn Buerschen, Helen Jones, Bob Durbin

Apr 12- 9:30am

[S] Steve Epps

[L] Mary Keferl, Michell Schindeler

[E] Jose & Imdlea Cardano, Laura Woeste, Fran Roderer, Sharon Walker, Darlene Kinney, Patrick Servé

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SHUT INS OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

Joe Szaruga, Kathy Schindler,
June Helmers and Fran Chroniak

ST. BENEDICT WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group meeting and the next meeting of St. Benedict's 10th Anniversary Planning Committee are scheduled for Sat., April 18, at 9:30 in the Multipurpose Room at St. Benedict the Moor. A Continental Breakfast will be served. We will be discussing planning for the church's 10th Anniversary celebration and upcoming events. Committee Chairpersons will be presenting reports on the status of their committee's activities and this will be our last meeting before the Anniversary events. For more information, please contact Annette Young @ 937.416.2459 or Susan Smith @ 937.263.6713. See you all there!

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

**With God & With Others Your Faith & Daily Life
Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word**

Next Sunday's scripture: Acts 4: 32-35

1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31

When have you forgiven others? What happened when you were unable /unwilling to?

What specific differences would take place in your life this week if you seriously believe that Jesus Christ actually has been raised from the dead?

HOUSE TO RENT/BUY

Do you want a 3 bedroom house with three car garage to buy or rent? Call the St. Benedict parish office at 937-268-6697

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Next Sunday April 12, 2015 we will have a Potluck Dinner after the Sunday Mass as part of our 10th Anniversary celebration. Please look at the list and bring the dish close to the letter that begins with your last name or your favorite dish.

A through FSalads G through H..... Macaroni and cheese I through L . Fruits

M through R Vegetable Dish S through V... Bread Rolls
W through Z..... Desserts

**SVDP ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER
AND BINGO**

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7981 Weaver Rd Germantown

Sat. April 25. Dinner served from 5-6:30 pm bingo follows; adults \$8.00 children \$4.00 5 and under FREE!

Family of 4 - \$20.00

Good Food - Fun BINGO - Good Door Prizes



On Tuesday, March 31 Kay Wolff, life-long St. Mary parishioner, died after a courageous with cancer. Kay was a St. Mary Choir member, the St. Mary Sacristan, a member of the St. Mary St. Ann Society, and served the members of St. Mary parish as a member of the parish council and finance council. Please remember Kay and her family during these difficult days.

May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday, April 12 at the Church of the Transfiguration, 972 W. Main St. West Milton (St. Rt 48).

Pope John Paul II proclaimed the First Sunday after Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy for the Church throughout the whole world. Divine Mercy Sunday is a special day of prayer in thanksgiving to God for all the goodness that God has shown us in the Easter mystery.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin immediately following the 10:30am Mass. This program includes prayers, silent mediation, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Scripture readings and readings from St. Faustina's diary. Confessions will also be heard from 12:30-2pm. The service will end with Benediction at aprox. 3pm.



THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and to everyone who purchased baked goods at the St. Augustine Bake Sale on Palm Sunday. The proceeds will go to St. Augustine St. Vincent de Paul to help the needy.

ST. MARY EASTER FLOWERS



The flowers on the altar at St. Mary this Easter season have been donated by: Mike & Lois Snyder, Jerry & Laura Woeste, Beverly Wherele, Al & Josephine Fischer, Mark & Susan Bertolo, Helen Gorby, Jim & Marilyn Buerchen, Paul & Eileen Stall, Regina Bier, Patrick Servé, Tresa Duffy, Jean Kramer, Sabrina Furlow, Helen Saluke, Dick & Fran Roderer, Martha Loper, Helen Jones, Barb Wallbrown, Debbie & Bob Hoover, Eleanor Eppard, Vic Woeste, Carolyn & Craig Howick, Trisha & Greg Miller, Anthony & Maureen Vanicola, Julie Moorman, Charles Jarrells, Mary Ellen Oomens, Estelle Dryer, Mary Ann Faulstick, Chet Smiley, Callista & Bob McHenry, Cathy Mitsoff, Pat & Jerry Moorman, Jo & Jerry North, Steve & Kathleen Arndts, Brian & Susan Brickner, Tom & Ruth Goosman, Al & Christine Stoff, Justin & Leah Yankerth, Regina Canty, and Rose & Jack Ebel.

They were made in memory of: The Saluke Family, The Ebel Family, The Karst Family, The Parks Family, Madonna, Mike & Tim Canty, Paul & Mary Wittman, Cle-tus & Josephine Harrington, Thomas & Lois North, Isabel Harrington, Andy Moorman, Florintine Moorman, John L. Snyder, Daniel Kirby, Charlie & Audry Kirby, Stan & Margaret McHenry, Norman Oomens, Eugene & Dorothy Schoenlein, Robert Lutz, Rhonda Miller, Teresa Miller, The Spang Family, Wallace Wolf, Don Eppard, Gertrude Voelkl, Mary & Marvin Hill, John W. Jones, Tom Karst, Bob Saluke, Paul Kramer, Paul Servé, Ken & Maria Servé, Elmer & Irene Placke, Ferruccio Bier, The Stall Family, The Bruns Family, JoAnn Johnson, Walter, Gery, Betty & Cindy Deime, Hermine & Joseph Fischer, Harry & Adalberta Snyder and Edwin & Frances Straukamp.



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It's time to re-enroll in the Kroger Rewards Program for 2015. Just go to krogercommunityrewards.com. sign into your account, select St. Mary and click enroll. Our number is #82604. St. Mary received over \$1200 last year from this program. We need your support!!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER!

(At the time the bulletin went to press, the 2015 Easter message from Pope Francis had not been released. The following is the 2014 Easter message.)

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "*Come and see!*" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "*Come and see!*": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been

unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent.

We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenseless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue!

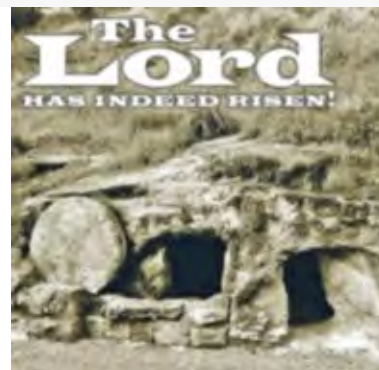
Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

We beg for an end to the conflicts in the Central African Republic and a halt to the brutal terrorist attacks in parts of Nigeria and the acts of violence in South Sudan.

We ask that hearts be turned to reconciliation and fraternal concord in Venezuela.

By your resurrection, which this year we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence and, in a spirit of unity and dialogue, chart a path for the country's future. On this day, may they be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, *Khrystos voskres!*

Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!



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