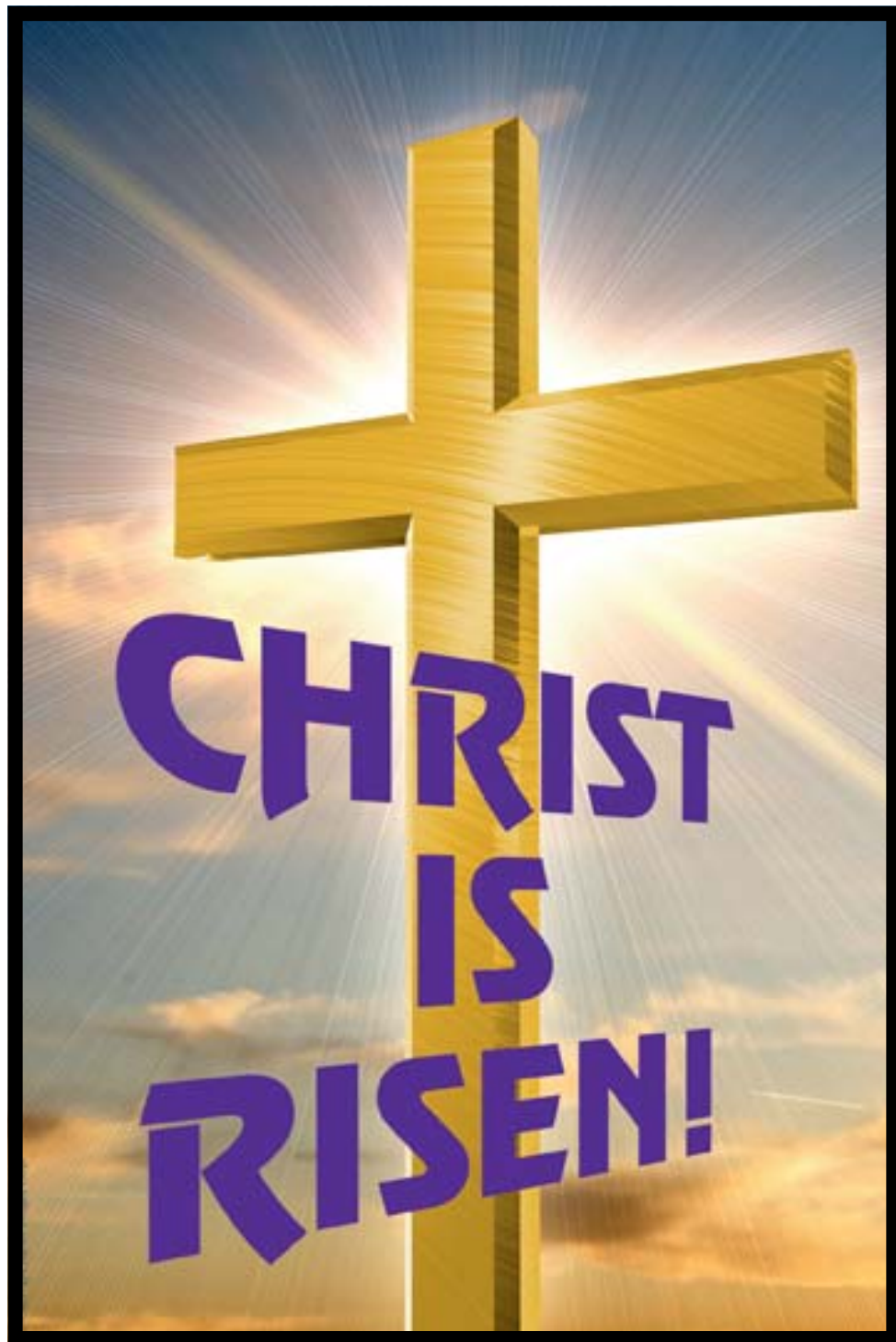




April 4, 2010
Easter Sunday:
Resurrection of the Lord





Reflections From the Pastor

*“The earth is charged with
the grandeur of God!”*

- Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ

It's interesting how certain lines of poetry once learned stay with one throughout life. I have always been captivated by the line of poetry quoted above. The English 19th century Jesuit poet wrote with energy about the mystery of God. The whole notion that the earth from which comes all life is somehow charged with a divine energy fascinated me as I reflect upon the great mystery of the resurrection.

Genesis tells us that it is from the earth that one comes and it is back to the earth one returns. Paul, writing to the church at Rome, tells us that unless we die with Christ we shall not rise with Christ. The *Apostles' Creed* states that Jesus died and *descended into hell and on the third day rose*. For many indigenous peoples the earth is mother and from the womb of Mother Earth comes life.

One of the joys of springs is to finally dig into the earth with one's bare hands and feel the warm, moist soil and smell its freshness. As the sun begins to burn away the frost of winter and the earth softens, one begins to see the first signs of new life breaking through the soil.

Be it the crocus or the daffodil one experiences a certain giddiness. No longer is the ground hard, the sky gray and foreboding, the trees bare and lifeless. There is life!

What a precious gift is spring! But more precious and more wondrous is Easter! The resurrection of Jesus! He who was once thought to be dead is now alive. The resurrection is God's great surprise. It is easy to accept the fact of death, even the death of God. But it is another matter to believe that death is not final, but from death comes life.

The renowned spiritual writer, Rabbi Abraham Heschel, speaks of modern man losing a sense of the *awfulness* of God. It is interesting that often one associates the word *awful* with fear or dread. Yet, the word is about *awe*. The awe one feels before the wondrous mystery of life, the more wondrous mystery of God. One is reminded of Moses falling prostrate on the ground before the awesome presence of God. Zachary, the father of John the Baptist, comes out from the *Holy of Holies* in the temple speechless.

Is it a surprise that the outcome of the *Enlightenment*, the age of reason and science, has been the *Disillusionment*. When reason no longer made sense, when the laws of nature fell short of certitude, the philosophers and scientist – Sartre, Russell, Camus, etc – despaired. Life became a farce, a cruel and cynical joke.

Pope John Paul, another philosopher, speaks of this disillusionment as a *culture of death*. Life in and of itself in such a culture means nothing. No longer is there poetry or music. No longer is there a spring in one's dance. No longer is there a sense of the awfulness of the Divine.

For us, this Easter is the challenge to be open and alive to the *grandeur of God* that “*will flame out, like shining from shook foil, gathering to a greatness, like the ooze of oil crushed.*” For us there is the dare to stand in awe before the risen Lord and to hope in tomorrow!

- Fr. Bill Conway

***“La tierra está cargada de
La grandeza del Señor!”
- Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ***

Es interesante ver como algunas líneas de alguna poesía que hemos aprendido se quedan con nosotros de por vida. Yo me he sentido siempre cautivado por las líneas de la poesía que menciono arriba. El poeta Jesuita Inglés del siglo 19 escribió enérgicamente acerca del misterio de Dios. Reflexionando sobre el gran misterio de la resurrección, me fascina la noción total de que la tierra, de la cual proviene toda especie de vida, de alguna manera está cargada con la energía divina,

El *Génesis* nos dice que es de la tierra de donde venimos y que es a la tierra a donde volvemos. San Pablo, al escribir a la Iglesia de Roma, nos dice que a menos de que muramos con Cristo, no resucitaremos con Cristo. El *Credo de los Apóstoles* dice que Jesús murió y *descendió al infierno y al tercer día resucitó*. Para muchas personas de origen indígena, la tierra es la madre y de su vientre es de donde proviene la vida.

Uno de los disfrutes de la primavera es poder escarbar la tierra con nuestras manos y sentir su tibieza, suavidad y la frescura de su olor. Cuando el sol comienza a quemar lo gélido del invierno y la tierra se suaviza, empezamos a ver los primeros signos vida nueva brotando de la tierra. Ya sea en la germinación de los lirios o de las azucenas, experimentamos cierta emoción. La tierra ya no está dura, el cielo ya no está gris y borrasco, los árboles ya no están desnudos y secos. Hay vida!

Qué precioso regalo es la primavera! Pero más precioso y más maravilloso es el regalo de la Pascua! La resurrección de Jesús! El, quien alguna vez se pensó estaba muerto, está vivo ahora. La resurrección es la gran sorpresa de Dios. Es fácil aceptar la realidad de la muerte, incluso la muerte de Dios. Pero es otro el sentido de la muerte, que no representa un final, sino la muerte de la que proviene la vida.

El renombrado escritor espiritual, Rabino Abraham Heschel, habla del hombre moderno que pierde el sentido de *maravillarse* con Dios. Es interesante como continuamente asociamos la palabra *maravillarse* con la palabra temor o pavor. Sin embargo, la palabra se refiere a *maravillarse*. La maravilla que sentimos ante el intrigante misterio de la vida, el misterio más maravilloso de Dios. Recordamos que Moisés cayó postrado en el suelo ante la maravillosa presencia de Dios. Zacarías, el padre de Juan el Bautista, queda enmudecido ante el más *Santo de los Santos* en el templo.

Es sorprendente como el periodo de *alumbramiento*, la edad de la razón y la ciencia, ha sido *desilusionante*. Cuando la razón ya no tiene sentido, cuando las leyes de la naturaleza se quedan cortas ante la verdad, los filósofos y científicos –Sartre, Russell, Camus, etc.- pierden la esperanza. La vida se vuelve una farsa y cínica broma.

El Papa Juan Pablo, otro filosofo, habla de esta desilusión como una *cultura de la muerte*. La vida misma en esa cultura no significa nada. Ya no hay poesía ni música. Ya no hay primavera en nuestro baile. Ya no hay ningún sentido de maravilla en lo divino.

Para nosotros, esta Pascua representa el reto para estar abiertos y alertas a la *grandeza de Dios* que “*se inflamará, como el brillo de una hoja de aluminio en movimiento, unida a una grandeza, como la suavidad del atractivo aceite*”. Se nos presenta el reto de maravillarnos y postrarnos ante el Señor resucitado y de alimentar la esperanza en el futuro.



SMALL TALK
By Rosemary Bleuher

NEW LIFE: **What a Gift!**

One of my favorite authors, Annie Dillard, in her book (For the Time Being) quotes from *Memoirs of a Cape Breton Doctor* who describes the delivery of a transverse-presenting baby:

“I looked after the baby...I think I had the most worry because I had to use artificial respiration for a long time. I didn't time how long I was using mouth-to-mouth breathing, but I remember thinking during the last several minutes that it was hopeless. But I persisted and I was finally rewarded when Anna MacRae of Middle River, Victoria County came to life.”

SHE LIVES!

The reaction of Jesus' disciples to the Resurrection must have been similar -- disbelief initially, then JOY -- for the one they thought dead was alive and with them. JESUS LIVES! Birth, though painful, bloody and messy, is the process of new life. And even though expected, we are always astounded by this miracle.

During this time of Lent, some of us may have caught a glimpse of new life, a “birthing” of God in our lives and in ourselves. We may have even seen what we could become if we persevered beyond Lent.

Jesus lives!

***HAPPY EASTER – MAY NEW LIFE
CONTINUE TO BIRTH IN YOU!***



Women's Evening of Reflection

Thursday, April 8

7:00 PM

Parish Center

**THE FRIENDSHIP
OF WOMEN**

JILL BATES, PRESENTER

This evening will focus upon the friendship of women; that special relationship that keeps us going in a world of tension, stress and responsibility. We will spend time together in reflecting, conversing and listening. Through the actions and experiences of women in literature and Sacred Scripture, we will reflect on our lives through their lives. The spirit of Divine friendship will lead us. In prayer we will celebrate our lives as women of faith and friendship.

Come away with sisters, daughters, mothers, aunts and women friends who bind up our spirits and encourage us as we celebrate the sacrament of friendship on the ever-changing road of life.

Jill Bates is hospital chaplain, spiritual director and family person. She holds a doctor of ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation and a masters degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University Institute of Pastoral Studies. Jill is experienced in retreat work, parish work, chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

St. Joseph's Table at Divine Savior

Our first annual St. Joseph table was held on Sunday, March 21st. It was such fun! We want to thank everyone who helped serve, clean up, and set up, and of course cooked, baked and created such wonderful dishes. We were so grateful for such a variety of food. We had food from several nationalities; the Italians, the Spanish, the Philippines, and our own favorite recipes to share. We thank the people who came and those who were visiting from nearby parishes. We served over 180 people, and everyone had a wonderful time. We were very fortunate to have so much food and were able to share our extra food with the domestic shelter here in Downers Grove. We hope this is the start of another tradition here at Divine Savior. If you missed this year, hopefully you will come and join us next year!!



Aunt Mary's Storybook Project



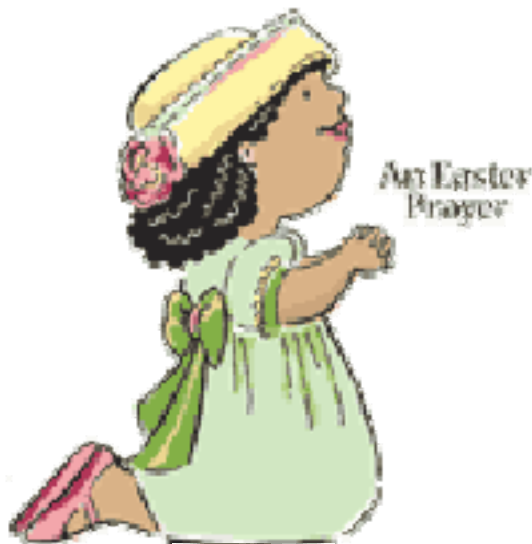
The Christian Service Commission will be collecting new children's storybooks for a program called "Aunt Mary's Storybook Project" under prison ministry. This collection will take place the weekend of April 17th and 18th in the Narthex.

This project restores the love and sharing of a mother or father to a child in a family relationship. With the help of trained volunteers, incarcerated mothers and fathers are given the opportunity to pick a book appropriate for their child. The books are then sent to their children as a gift from their mother or father.

You may choose your own soft covered book or call for an updated list. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. Working together for the benefit of keeping family ties close, especially for children, is a goal in our ministry and a goal for this program.

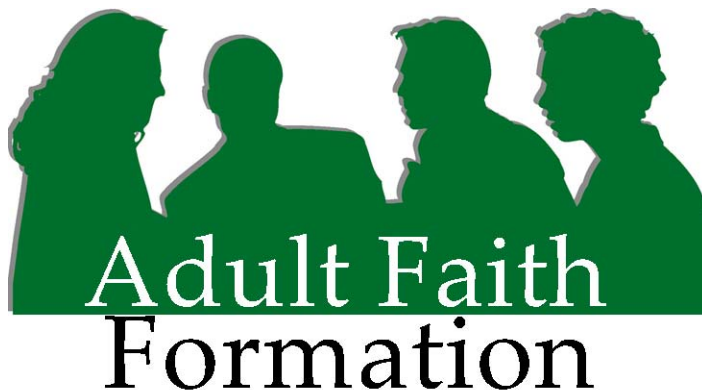
Please direct any questions to Bev at 630-852-2716. Thank you for your generous help!

The Christian Service Commission



Please keep Father Robert Sum in your prayers. He was recently diagnosed with colon and rectal cancer. He is currently undergoing treatment and we pray for his speedy recovery. If you would like to send him a get well card, his address is:

St. Procopius Abbey
5601 College Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4463



EVERYTHING IS GRACE

The next session of our parish book discussion group – the final meeting on *Everything Is Grace* – will be held Sunday evening, April 11th, in the church conference room at 7 p.m.

2010 PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Pat Brennan





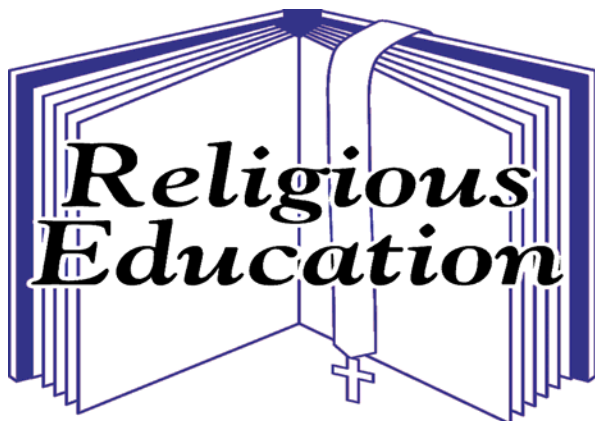
FOOD DRIVE

APRIL 10-11

Our next food collection will take place the weekend of April 10-11, and will benefit the Humanitarian Service Project. They assist many seniors with special needs. Most-requested items include mayonnaise, ketchup, water-packed tuna, jam and jelly, canned meals

(such as chicken and dumplings, stew, etc.) pasta and sauce, boxed rice, canned fruit, powdered milk, low-fat/low-sugar snacks, vitamins, Ensure, incontinence products, denture cleaner, laundry detergent and other cleaning supplies. Phone cards and postage stamps also are welcomed.

Thank you for your generous support of our monthly food drives!



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We hope all of our students had a wonderful spring break this past week, and we wish all of our students and their families a most blessed Easter today!

Please note that our classes continue this Wednesday with the "A" group. It's hard to believe that our students have only two more sessions before the end of the school year! Parents, registration materials for the 2010-2011 will be mailed later this month, so be on the lookout for them.

Our next grade-level Mass – for our 7th graders and their families – will be next Sunday, April 11th. We look forward to having these families celebrate together on this second Sunday of Easter!



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| Total Weekly Contributions 3/21/10 | \$11,700.11 |
| Blue Envelopes (Development Fund) | 2,580.01 |

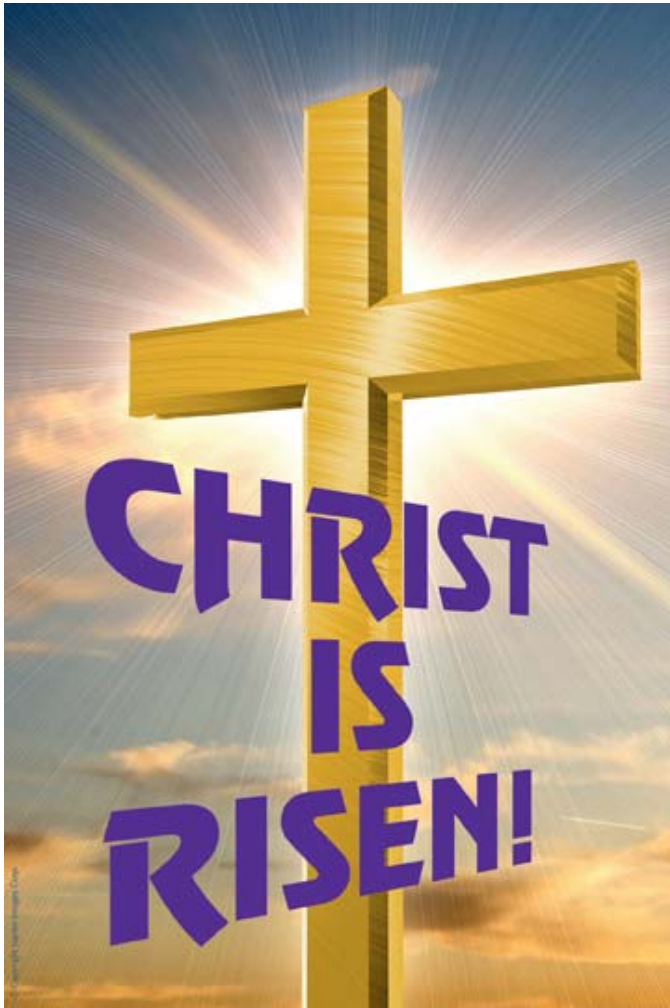
Please remember the good works of our Parish in your will. Contact Fr. Conway for information on how you can accomplish this.



Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for e-giving. This is an easy and convenient way to have your weekly offering automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card (you can get points).

So far 34 families are participating in the program.

If you would like to be a part of the e-giving program, visit the parish website at www.divinesavior.net and complete instructions are available or if you do not have access to the internet, you can stop in the parish office during regular business hours and fill out a form. Thank you again to all who have participated.



Retrouvaille

... a Lifeline for Married Couples

A Program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their own Marriage Relationship.



Is your marriage tearing you apart? If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold or distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again, then Retrouvaille is the program that can help you. For more information call 800-470-2230. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence. No group discussions. Hope is only a phone call away!

The next Joliet Diocese Retrouvaille Program begins April 16, 17 and 18 at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Call for other dates.

PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces overseas, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners could include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to bulletin@divinesavior.net. Please notify us when the service person returns home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Mark Lara—Marines, Iraq
- Nicholas Leamy—Navy, Okinawa
- Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- Steve Baker—Army, Afghanistan
- Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- Nicholas Zefeldt—Army, Afghanistan
- Joe Giltug—Army, Afghanistan
- Claven Ourrum—Air Force, Afghanistan

Today's Gospel tells us of the discovery that Jesus is not in His tomb, and the confusion that results. On this Easter Sunday, we enjoy rich foods and drink, reminding us of God's goodness in the eternal banquet of heaven. As stewards of God's Good News of the Resurrection, let us live as a people of life, giving thanks for the Faith we celebrate today.

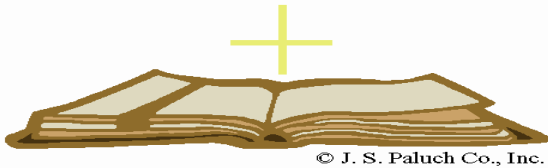
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| Saturday, April 10 5:00 PM | Father Persha | Jamaica DeGuzman Charlene DeGuzman Michelle Cervantes | Maureen Chmel Maryann Gogola Kathy Hamilton Chris John Marilyn John | Linda Vicha |
| Saturday, April 10 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass) | Father Persha | | | |
| Sunday, April 11 7:00 AM | Father Persha | Emily Hurst | Ginny Munson Valerie Schmidt Barbara Fidanza Joan Wash | Pam O'Donnell |
| Sunday, April 11 8:30 AM | Father Persha | Nicole Nowak Michelle Nowak Brad Brost | Ralphine DiProspero Dave Gallagher Roberta Muehlhaus James Guzzaldo Janice Walters | Lucille Gallagher |
| Sunday, April 11 10:00 AM | Father Tapper Deacon Paul preach | Danny Campagna Sarah Major Jami Leach | Christine Campagna Debbie Campagna Katie Campagna Traci Leach Janet Orr Tara McCloskey Donna Dhein | Religious Education |
| Sunday, April 11 11:30 AM | Father Tapper Deacon Paul preach | Patrick Gurdiel Mara Alvarez | Eric Alvarez Marilou Alvarez Alice Henson Joann Halpin Marianne Koys | Susan Williams |

***We're no longer nobodies.
Jesus rose from the dead.
He promises to take us to
heaven too. Our Ultimate
Vocation: Union with God!***

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions



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Monday, April 5-Easter Monday

8:30 AM— † Mike Piotrowski
 † Ronnell Linhof C. Pascual

Tuesday, April 6-Easter Tuesday

8:30 AM— † Patricia Sheehan
 † Meri Williams

Wednesday, April 7-Easter Wednesday

8:30 AM— † Roy Putlack

Thursday, April 8-Easter Thursday

8:30 AM— † Jerry Gawrluk
 † Bonnie O'Toole

Friday, April 9-Easter Friday

8:30 AM— For Divine Savior Families

Saturday, April 10-Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 PM— For Divine Savior Families
 6:30 PM— For the People of God

Sunday, April 11-Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

7:00 AM— † Edith & Geno Dinelli
 8:30 AM— † Dennis Fox
 10:00 AM— † Chuck Widrechner
 11:30 AM— † Dorothy Holland

Monday, April 5, 2010

Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

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| Men's Club | 7:00 PM | PC |
| Pro-Life | 7:00 PM | PC |
| Legion of Mary | 7:30 PM | A |

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

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| Religious Education A [14] | 4:00 PM | PC |
| Religious Education A [14] | 6:30 PM | PC |
| 10:00 Choir | 7:30 PM | C |

Thursday, April 8, 2010

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| Women's Evening of Reflection | 7:00 PM | PC |
| 8:30 Choir | 7:30 PM | C |

Friday, April 9, 2010

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| Youth Choir Rehearsal | 4:00 PM | PC |
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Saturday, April 10, 2010

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| Food Drive [HSP] | | N |
| Jubilation Rehearsal | 9:00 AM | C |

Sunday, April 11, 2010

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| Food Drive [HSP] | | N |
| Grade 7 Mass | 10:00 AM | M |
| Preschool RE [13] | 10:00 AM | PC |
| Book Discussion | 7:00 PM | CR |



Key: C=Church; N=Narthex; M=Mass; A=Away;
 PC=Parish Center; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
 CR=Conference Room; G=Grounds



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 9:00 AM -4:30 PM. Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| MONDAY-FRIDAY: | 8:30 AM |
| SATURDAY: | 5:00 PM |
| | 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass) |
| SUNDAY: | 7:00 AM |
| | 8:30 AM |
| | 10:00 AM |
| | 11:30 AM |

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

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| Mass of anticipation the | |
| Evening before | 7:00 PM |
| Holy day | 7:30 AM |
| | 12:00 Noon |

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.