

## PONDERING

The liturgical calendar offers us forty days to prepare for Easter and fifty days to celebrate its effects. For better or worse there are more customs for Lent than for the Easter season. Too often we journey through Lent, arrive at Easter and that is the end of it. We need to develop customs to enrich the time between Easter and Pentecost.

In the gospel for the Vigil we are given Matthew's telling of the events. In Matthew, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary approach the tomb and an angel descends from heaven and rolls back the stone. On Easter Sunday we have John's telling of the events. In John, Mary Magdalene is alone when she approaches the tomb and the stone is already removed. In both accounts the stone is symbolic. Easter is all about getting rid of the "stones" that block our progress.

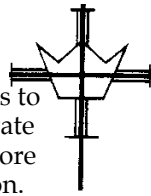
Wouldn't it be wonderful if God would just send an angel to do the work for us? Wouldn't it be great if the "stones" that block our progress and growth would just magically be rolled away? But that is not how it happens. There are "stones," "boulders" and "pebbles" that have become part of our lives and the lives of those we love. The Easter season is an opportunity to get rid of the obstacles that hold us back and to help others remove the obstacles that block their growth and development. I'm not sure fifty days will be enough time for me but at least I can get started. How much time do you need? How much time do our loved ones need?

The following Easter message came to me via email: "Jesus paid the price; we get to keep the change!"

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next **Baptism Preparation** class is **Tuesday, May 10** from 7 to 9 p.m. in the parish hall. Parent preparation is required and arrangements should be made at least three months prior to the baby's due date. If you have any questions or plan to have a child baptized, please call the office at 783-7459.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, April 24**

9:30 a.m.

John Bell, Sr.

**Saturday, April 30**

5 p.m.

George St. Germain

Jim McDonald

Frances Lyons

**Sunday, May 1**

9:15 a.m.

Charles H. Curran



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Jamie Doehler and James O'Day*

*Emily Feeney and Steven Poricelli*

## CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

The Catholic Charity drive for our parish kicks off this week. The gift cards are being mailed out on Monday. Similar to last year, there will be no in-pew solicitation. In the mailing, you will find a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your gift or pledge. On the card you will find the amounts you have given for the last two years. We ask that you please return the card even if you are unable to participate. Our focus this year will once again be on participation. If you are not accustomed to making a pledge, please consider doing so this year. Our decision to wait until after Lent to kick off our campaign means we are counting on your swift and generous support. Thank you in advance.

## BIBLE STUDY

The bible study group will meet **Thursday, April 28** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall for session 3 of Isaiah. If you have been thinking about joining us it is never too late!

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### First Communion

Next weekend we begin our celebrations of First Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers:

**Saturday, April 30** at 5 p.m.: *Carter*

*Andrews, Jackie Comeau, Francesca Fontaine, Tyler Puglia, Lauren Storti*

**Sunday, May 1** at 8 a.m.: *Brady Butler*

**Sunday, May 1** at 9:15 a.m.: *Sophia Rousseau*

**Sunday, May 1** at 11:35 a.m.: *Jane Carr, Alex Champagne, Abigale Evangelista, Jonathan Hannon, Aidan LaLonde, Michael LaRoche*

### Confirmation Notes

Rehearsal for Confirmation is **Sunday, May 1** at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

The sacrament of Confirmation is **Saturday, May 7** at 10 a.m. Refer to the website for more information.

### Thank You!

Over the last 2 weeks interviews took place for all of the students in Confirmation I and II; 169 students! Those interviews went very smoothly because members of the parish community helped. Special thanks to **Kathy Arakelian, Kathy Doyle-Farless, Andrea Heineman, Margie Keefe-Canetti, Deb Mallon, Andy Moniz, Sheila Milton, Kathy Monteith, Victoria O'Loughlin, Kathy Schlenz and Dan Shields.**

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

All are invited to join us at our next workshop on **Thursday, April 28** in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. If you sew, knit or crochet, or would like to learn, stop by to explore our ministry. Sewing machines are available. This is also a great time to drop off finished items and pick up more supplies. For more information contact **Barbara Beauregard** at 294-3623.



## Triduum

*Break bread,*

*Wine flows, ageless covenant.*

*"Do this in remembrance of Me"*

*Your death is imminent*

*Calvary cries,*

*"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani!"*

*Spirit delivered.*

*Christ, our hope, is risen.*

*Your people live!*

*Freshness is your name,*

*Easter is forever.*

*A. E. Drenna*

## ALMS BOX DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity. The Alms Box donation total thus far is **\$1178.50**, which will be donated to the Jonnycake Center.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The annual Mother's Day Baby Shower is **Saturday/Sunday, May 7/8**. Suggested items are: diapers (size 3, 4, 5), wipes, bath items, Good Start formula...etc. There is not a need at this time for baby food. Please drop off items in marked boxes in the parish hall. Items will be donated to The Domestic Violence Resource Center, South County Community Action, the Jonnycake Center and Welcome House.

## STOREHOUSE DESSERT

Christ the King Parish is responsible for the Storehouse Dessert on **Friday, April 29**. Please deliver the dessert between 9 – 10 a.m. or 4 – 5 p.m. For more information contact **Karen Hawkins** at 792-2249.

**LAWN CREW**

Spring is finally here and the grass is growing! It is time to set up our lawn cutting crew. We need about ten stewards for the mowing schedule. Each one will cut the grass about three times during the season. If you are interested, please call **Beth** or **Christine** at the office, 783-7459. Yes, we do have a riding mower!



**STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE**

In so many ways, Holy Week is a reflection of our own lives. Can you imagine the confusion, pain, and fear of the disciples watching the events unfold? We know what will happen at the end of the story – Easter, but they did not. We can take courage from them. To help remain hopeful, we sometimes need help. A Stephen Minister can be that help. Contact **Carol Hartley** at 783-4036 (email [carolhartley@cox.net](mailto:carolhartley@cox.net)), **Larry Bartley** at 965-7276 (email [LBJR@cox.net](mailto:LBJR@cox.net)) or call the office at 783-7459.

**THE PROUT SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS “LITTLE WOMEN”**

“Little Women,” the musical based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott, is at The Prout School next weekend. For information and tickets contact The Prout School at 789- 9262 or [rskinkle@theproutschool.org](mailto:rskinkle@theproutschool.org).

**CALENDAR FOR APRIL 24 – MAY 1**

Sunday, April 24

*No 8 p.m. Liturgy*

Monday, April 25 – Friday, April 29

*RF Office Closed*

Tuesday, April 26

7 p.m. Stewardship/Library

7 p.m. Vision for Change/Hall

Wednesday, April 27

7 p.m. RCIA/Catholic Center

Thursday, April 28

6:30 p.m. Make a Difference/Hall

7 p.m. Bible Study/Hall

Saturday, April 30

4 p.m. Confession

7 p.m. Appreciation Reception/Hall

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Parish Council will select two At-Large Members at its meeting on **Monday, May 9**. An at-large member represents the community of Christ the King as a whole. His or her responsibility is to evaluate and respond, as a member of the parish, to items under consideration by the parish council. At-Large Members will be randomly selected. If you would like to nominate yourself, or someone else, please return the attached form to the parish office by **Friday, May 6**. Remember – it is important to obtain your nominee’s consent before submitting her/his name.

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Nominee for Parish Council:

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Telephone number:

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Nominated by:

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Telephone number:

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Daily: Noon at the Catholic Center  
Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 8, 9:15, 11:35 a.m., 8 p.m.  
Confessions: Saturday, 4 p.m.



*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen , Indeed!*