

Thank you to **Ralph and Cookie Rivera** for the new envelopes.

Thank you to all who support the church financially. This past week, \$1515 (\$200 makeup) was offered to support the ministry and maintenance of the parish for the week; \$177 was given in donations, \$322.50 for the Rice Bowl (world hunger); \$20 was given for the Catholic Relief Services; \$10 was given for the Youth Mission Trip, and \$299.50 was donated for MITOHOPEANDHELP

News From Neighbors

North Country Ministry Gala will be held at the Hiland Country Club this year.... this is the 20th Anniversary so the theme is Roaring 20's! If you want to sit at St. C's table, please say so when you send in your reservation, or give your \$50 reservation to Sister Linda no later than the Tuesday after Easter, April 10. Thanks!!

Holy Week

One Celebration over Three Days...

HOLY THURSDAY

7pm "The Lord's Supper"

Bring Bells for the Gloria!

Bring your Rice Bowls and Alms

Be ready to have your feet washed...

and to wash the feet of others...

Welcome our newly consecrated Oils

Conclude in Silence.... to be continued...

"Watch With Me" Adoration until 10PM



GOOD FRIDAY

7PM Our Lord's Passion

A Day of Fasting... no meat... one meal...

3PM Stations of the Cross

7PM... Begin in silence, a continuation of

the night before

Liturgy of the Word Passion Proclaimed

Veneration of the Cross – (If you choose→)

No Shoes – We Stand on Holy Ground!

Communion

Conclude in Silence.... to be continued...



HOLY SATURDAY

8PM Incredible Joy!

We continue...

Silence and Darkness

Easter Fire is Blessed – Darkness Away!

Bells for the Gloria!

Salvation History Recalled

Alleluias once again!

Terri Brown Baptized..

Jesse Schuettinger Faith Confirmed!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Easter Sunday Eucharist 10AM

The most important thing happening this week is the Triduum. Give yourself the gift of full participation. Children welcome!!

The greatest mysteries of our redemption are celebrated this week and yearly by the Church in what we call the "Triduum of the Crucified, Buried, and Risen One." It is also called the Easter Triduum because during it is celebrated the paschal mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to his Father from life to death to life everlasting. The Triduum, therefore, is a single celebration of the paschal mystery presented under different aspects over three days. This Triduum, standing at the heart of the Paschal cycle (of Lent, Triduum, and Easter's 50 days), is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian and to be Church.

Lent, and thus the Lenten Fast, comes to an end on Holy Thursday. (This is why we no longer see purple vestments during these days.) Once having entered into the Triduum, we begin the Easter Fast, in which the Church fasts in anticipation of the great feast of the Resurrection. Thus Good Friday and Holy Saturday are to be so observed, so that the Church, with uplifted and welcoming heart, may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER The once-a-year signs of mutual love and service mark the evening's liturgy: foot washing and the presentation of gifts for the poor. The foot washing, no less than the Eucharist, is fulfillment of Jesus' clear commandment after washing the disciples' feet, "As I have done, so you must do." This action is not just a historical re-enactment, but sacramental-liturgical ritual. There is nothing to prevent the whole assembly taking part. Close upon the foot washing there follows a procession in which the assembly comes forward with gifts for the poor. This again, is a once-a-year directive. It is as if by this procession the Church wished to extend the gesture of foot washing in a practical way to embrace all those in need.

Also at this celebration, the holy oils consecrated at the Chrism Mass last Thursday – of the sick, of catechumens, and sacred chrism – are presented to the community.... fresh from the consecration by our bishop.

GOOD FRIDAY The Passion according to John, proclaimed as the heart of today's celebration, expresses beautifully the dominant motif of the day. This is the passion whose keynote is glory. John's passion narrative presents a sovereign Jesus who has defiantly announced, "I lay down my life and I take it up again; no one takes it from me."

The veneration of the cross, which follows the great intercessory prayer, is focused not so much on Christ crucified as on the cross itself, the community's sign and assurance of victory and salvation. The sense of this gesture is not "look at what my sins have done," but rather, "Look at how much I am worth, that while I was yet dead in my sin, Christ did this for me!" We remove our shoes as we venerate the cross because we are on holy ground!

According to the Church's most ancient tradition, the Eucharist is not celebrated today. In communion we receive bread consecrated the evening before. All depart in silence to fast and pray, and to await the conclusion of this one, three-day liturgy in the Great Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.

HOLY SATURDAY The only place we can begin is in the dark, the dark of a Saturday night. In the darkness outside, a bonfire is burning, and from it a great candle is lit. All move inside, and by the light of that candle, the Exsultet is sung, the great hymn of the vigil, summoning our rejoicing. Angels, earth, church, everyone here: REJOICE!!! This is the night when God raised up Jesus and broke death's hold on us.

Then the assembly listens to what perhaps are the most sacred scriptures the stories that tell of God's saving deeds throughout salvation history. When all of these sacred stories of our salvation are heard, a chant begins. The cantor summons our ancestors to stand with us around the font full of fresh and running water. We bless our "Easter Water" which will be used to welcome and baptize our newest members. This water, quite simply, points to death. For to be baptized in Christ Jesus is to be baptized into his death (Romans 6). Terri Brown will be fully initiated into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We welcome Terri! Jesse Schuettinger will confirm his faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation, completing his initiation which began when he was baptized as an infant.

The altar is dressed, the gifts of bread and wine are offered, and we celebrate the everlasting presence of Jesus Christ in the Breaking of the Bread!

Jesus is Risen! He is among us still! Alleluia!
There is no need to ever be afraid!

We Gather

Sunday 8-11:30A Breakfast Buffet /Mito Hope and Help (\$8/\$4)

8:45-9:30A Bible Study, Convent

11AM Super Sunday....Start in Nave... All Welcome

Tuesday 10A Communion Service, Adult Home, Horicon Ave

11:30A Gathering Place... Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 10A Morning Prayer/ Faith Sharing / Communion

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Triduum.... Schedule Column 1

We Worship

Please refer to the Triduum Schedule, Column 1

The Triduum is one of the most powerful celebrations of the year.

Please do not stay away.

We Teach

Palm Sunday.... Bible Study at 9:30AM ... Super Sunday 11AM

Easter Sunday... No Faith Formation or Bible Study

Adult Bible Study resumes April 19 (10:30A) and 22 (8:45A)

April 15, 22, 29 K-6 Regular Gathering

April 22 Grades 7-11 ... 4-7PM at West Wing

April 29 Confirmation Class, 11AM

We Serve

Sharing Time and Talent.... Thank you to **Robert Jones**, owner and operator of "Steam America," for cleaning the rugs in Church. He did a great job! Thank you to **Dana Winter** and **John**

Blydenburgh for returning all the chairs from the narthex to the

nave last Tuesday. We thank our music ministers for rehearsing

for five different liturgies offered in one week! Thank you to **Gloria**

Morrison and **Rosanne Degen** for weekly caring for the altar

linens. Thank you to **Bud York** who weekly takes a trip to the

"transfer station" for the parish and nightly locks the church.

Thank you to our faithful collection counters: **Rosanne and Dave**

Degen, Kitty Moran. Thank you to our Environment Ministry for

their creativity, dedication, and tons of time: **Judy Rozell, Harriet**

Bunker, John Cleveland, Mark Semon, Susan Shepler, Lorry

O'Connor, Dawn Brunner. In one week, there are four different

"set changes." Thank you to **Diane Joy Murray** for creating the

seasonal wreaths on the oak doors of the church. Thank you to

Dennis Coker for inviting and organizing the presentation of the

NYS Catholic Chorale for Friday's Stations of the Cross...

(Awesome!) Thanks to **Ruth Fruda** for the soup for the Chorale!

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Some **symbols** used this week: **Processions**: remind us of our spiritual journey toward the center, God.... **Candles**: not only give light to others, but also "give themselves away" ...**Oils** consecrated by Bishop: we are part of a Church beyond Warrensburg – we belong to something bigger – God communicates through our senses..... **Washing Feet**: Jesus instructed us to do as He does – serve others....**Gifts for the Poor**: another way to serve our brothers and sisters as Jesus taught.... **Bread and Wine**: In the simplest and most universal way, God is Present.... the **Cross**: Jesus did not eliminate suffering, but taught us how to trust ... **Darkness**: reminds us that we have much to learn and experience – we do not know it all..... **Paschal Candle**: It is large, new, and the first to eliminate the darkness.... Jesus sheds light on our lives and shows us the way through the darkness....**Community Participation**... we respond and sing in one voice because we are the Body of Christ