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## LENTEN REFLECTION

by Joe Nangle, OFM

One of our truly great contemporary Franciscans often draws attention to the fact that Lent is called a “joyous season” in Catholic liturgical language. The phrase appears in one of the prefaces for Lent and at first glance the designation can be jarring. What’s joyous about a season of penance? Are we back to the days when we measured holiness by how much it hurt? No pain, no gain?

I do believe that Lent rightly understood and rightly lived does bring a large measure of joy, the kind of profound joy which Jesus wished for us at the Last Supper, at a moment when he faced some of the most horrible moments of his life: “that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete”. (John: 15:11) This understanding is what our Franciscan brother refers to in highlighting Lent as a “joyous season”.

So wherein does this Lenten joy lie?

Let’s begin by looking at Lent as a time given to us for a particular purpose. Let’s try to understand Lent, for example, as athletes understand extended training periods. The six weeks from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week give us the opportunity to “get in shape” once again – spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and, yes, physically. Seen in this light, Lent is not a question of “giving up” some particular pleasure or other. No, I believe Lent presents us with a complete package, which can get us back to basics in our lives and prepare us for the Christian high holy days of the Lord’s passion, death and resurrection. Lived well,

this view of Lent does bring the joy which the Lord wished for us.

To be much more specific – it seems to me that approaching Lent as a discreet and extended season would impel us to pare down our lives in terms of eating and drinking and in recreational activities; it would invite us to turn off the radio and TV, read serious and uplifting literature and spend more time in silence, prayer and reflection – and live this way throughout these entire six weeks. I can guarantee from experience that such an approach does gradually bring a peacefulness and a sense of integrity that are unique – joyous.

Perhaps you notice that I underscore the notion that Lent is an extended period of time. It’s all of six weeks. Too often, I believe, we dive into the dramatic moment which Ash Wednesday presents: a vivid reminder of the biblical practice of sackcloth and ashes and Scripture readings which highlight and celebrate the season of prayer and fasting which begins that day. But like New Year’s resolutions, before Lent is a week old, it seems, we get back to business as usual until Holy Week arrives and we lament the fact that we didn’t follow through on our Ash Wednesday purpose.

We have, furthermore, so many motives for engaging in Lent as a complete package and a longish time period. Most obviously, we ourselves need this kind of serene and spare centering. Most of our lives, we know, are cluttered, overly active, full of noise. We can profit

immensely by quieting down our bodies, minds, emotions and souls for six weeks to “recharge our spiritual and physical batteries”.

In addition, as citizens of our country and members of this ultra-modern society the value of a more reflective attitude toward our surroundings cannot but help. Said another way, what John Paul II called a “culture of death” demands that people of faith here demonstrate what is essential in life. Lent gives us the chance to do today what the people of Nineveh did in ancient times when the Prophet Jonah warned them of impending destruction – they turned to God and saved their nation. (Jonah, Chapter 3)

What is more, we do well to approach Lent in this comprehensive way as members of a Church which has too often failed to live up to its vocation. A season of repentance strikes me as totally appropriate for U.S. Catholics when we remember the clergy scandal which besets our community; when we recall how often church people fail to speak out against threats to life from its beginning to its end; and when we allow ourselves to be indistinguishable from our fellow Americans in the midst of the “culture of death” mentioned above. Taking stock of ourselves in this way during these six weeks would help immensely in answering the question: are we Americans who happen to be Christians – or Christians who happen to be Americans.

Finally, as citizens of the world today  
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# 2006 LENTEN STONE SOUP PROGRAM

## Theme: "Go and Do Likewise"

- March 3**    **Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM**                    **"The Good Samaritan Paradigm"**  
Fr. Joe is a member of OLQP's pastoral ministry. He has ministered to OLQP's Spanish speaking community since 1990. He is the co-author of *St. Francis and the Foolishness of God* and *Say to This Mountain*.
- March 10**   **Panel**                                    **OLQP's Gays, Lesbians, Friends & Family Ministry**
- March 17**   **Andres Tobar**                        **"Troubles and Triumphs of Arlington's Immigrants"**  
*Mr. Tobar is the Executive Director of Shirlington Employment and Education Center (SEEC)*
- March 24**   **Martin Trimble**                       **"Just What Exactly do WE Build?"**  
*Mr. Trimble is the Lead Organizer of Industrial Areas Foundation*
- March 31**   **Fred Jones**                            **"The Face of Hunger in Arlington"**  
*Mr. Jones is the President of Arlington Food Assistance Center*
- April 7**     **Christian Dorsey**                           **"Nauck to the Future"**  
*Mr. Dorsey is the Executive Director of the Bonder and Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation and Secretary of the Nauck Revitalization Organization*

***Join us Fridays during Lent for this decades old OLQP tradition: A gathering of parishioners for a simple meal of soup and bread, and a series of presentations designed to challenge your faith journey. This year's theme is "Go and do likewise". Soup is served from 6:30 to 7 PM; speakers begin at 7 PM. Question and answer time is given with the program concluding by 8:30 PM.***

Stone Soup Suppers are a Lenten Queen of Peace tradition going back nearly two decades. They have their origin in a Thanksgiving liturgy when children in religious education classes were each asked to bring in a vegetable. When all brought their contributions forward, the combined offerings made a tasty meal. Shortly thereafter, it was suggested that light Lenten Friday night meals be organized to help parishioners prepare for Easter. Subsequently, speakers were added for an after supper discussion. At first, most speakers were parishioners-OLQP attracts a diverse and capable cross-section.

The name "Stone Soup" is taken from a Napoleonic era legend/story. Retreating from Moscow, French soldiers had little support in the way of logistics, and there were many wandering groups and individual stragglers. Having been turned away by many of the villagers who were themselves experiencing starvation, one starving soldier hit upon a stratagem that he thought offered hope of warm food.

He selected a good-sized stone and placed it

in his knapsack. Then he went confidently into the next village, stopping in an open area to start a fire. He filled a pot with water, dropped the stone in and put it on the fire. One version of the legend says he then went to the door of the closest house and explained to the woman of the house that he was making a delicious soup for all to share, but he needed some more ingredients to make it really rich and fine. He asked if she might have something to add to the taste of the soup, and she answered that she had only a wee bit of cabbage. He convinced her to drop it into his pot, and went to the next house where he got a potato...and so it went until he had canvassed most of the neighborhood. By then, the fire had brought the contents to a boil, and all who had contributed enjoyed one of the finest meals ever!

The moral, of course, speaks of community, and the strength that comes when many combine their resources and share. The invaluable strength of the Stone Soup Suppers here at Queen of Peace comes when parishioners add their reflections and questioning comments to

the evening's nourishment. The Stone Soup discussion topics for this year prove to be informative and challenging. We hope you will come to experience community, get to know fellow parishioners better, and get a "mini-education" while you enjoy yourself.

*Thanks to Liz Roslewicz, Jackie Magness and Gene Beit for their contribution in researching the history of this program.*



# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

by Wilfred Braveboy

Once again, on January 16, 2006, we, the members of the United Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, joined together for a celebration of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The celebration for this occasion was held at the sanctuary of the United Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington.

In addition to the usual elected members of the Arlington County Board who regularly join us on these occasions, we were honored with the presence of the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Member of the United States Congress, representing the eleventh District of the State of Ohio.

The theme for this celebration was "Sitting Down Together—Standing Up For Freedom". This title was chosen to honor

the "mother" of the Civil rights movement, the late Rosa Parks, whose brave act of civil disobedience gave new life to the civil rights struggle, and brought in the young minister, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as its leader.

As we gathered to listen to songs and speeches on this annual gathering, we were inspired by two members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church engaged in an imaginary dialogue one representing the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his views on the direction of the Civil Rights movement and the other the late Malcolm X and his views on the Civil Rights movement.

On his way to the podium for his speech to the congregation, Fr. Leonard Tuozzolo, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, paused and received a blessing from Mrs. Thaddenia West, the last living member of the founders of his parish. In his speech he emphasized that Dr. King stood up for justice and equality for all and was happy to

be known as the 'drum major for righteousness'. He was relentless in his efforts despite the detractors who wished to emphasize his personal weaknesses.

Dr. Rev. Leonard Smith, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, related a personal experience story to emphasize the theme of the celebration. He remembered as a young boy growing up in Baltimore, he accompanied his grandmother to the city after the civil disturbance that followed the assassination of Dr. King. As they walked through the city streets, littered with abandoned groceries from stores destroyed by the rioters, he picked up a box of his favorite cereal that was abandoned in the street. He was immediately challenged by a soldier, gun drawn, ordering him to sit still. He recalled that that incident reminded that we can never stand up for freedom unless we sit down together in fellowship.

Rev. Linda Olson Peebles, associate pastor of the host congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, gave the featured address "Sitting Down Together". She remembered the action of Rosa Parks, who by her sitting down defiantly in her bus seat, some fifty years ago, made a gallant stand for freedom and justice. So did Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. who sat with philosophers, writers, ministers and members of his congregation and together they stood and fought for justice and freedom for all. So too, she continued, we the members of three congregations, should sit, stand and pray together to continue the fight started by these two leaders of the civil Rights Movement to assure freedom and justice for all.

Interspersed between the three presentations by the ministers, the participants were uplifted by renditions from the three choirs: Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church Choir, led by George Stewart; Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir, led by Eric Green and Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington Choir, led by Melodie Feather.

The formal gathering was brought to a close with members of the congregations joining together in the recessional song "We Shall Overcome". All were invited to a reception held in the Fellowship Hall at the rear of the Sanctuary.

## *Prayer by Maya Angelou*

*Father, Mother, God,  
Thank you for your presence  
during the hard and mean days.  
For then we have you to lean upon.*

*Thank you for your presence  
during the bright and sunny days,  
for then we can share that which we have  
with those who have less.*

*And thank you for your presence  
during the Holy Days, for then we are able  
to celebrate you and our families,  
and our friends.*

*For those who have no voice,  
we ask you to speak.*

*For those who feel unworthy,  
we ask you to pour your love out  
in waterfalls of tenderness.*

*For those who live in pain,  
we ask you to bathe them  
in the river of your healing.*

*For those who are lonely, we ask  
you to keep them company.*

*For those who are depressed,  
we ask you to shower upon them  
the light of hope.*

*Dear Creator, You, the borderless  
sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the  
world that which we need most – Peace.*

# LET US PRAY!

by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear"*

*Psalm 27:1*

On the human level, these days after Hurricane Katrina have left us, in a state of shock, pain, and sorrow. Hurricane Katrina hit the record books of hyperbole and will be remembered as one of the worst natural disasters in our history. Not only are we amazed at the scope of nature's violence, but also we are also appalled at what Katrina exposed. Destruction, hopelessness, and the poor left behind.

Now we have also dealt with Hurricane Rita. Our nerves have been further tested. What have we learned from Katrina? Is the predicament of the poor a "passing" storm for us or do the open wounds encourage us to commit to even greater compassion to those who are downtrodden?

On the faith level: in light of all this we remain a people firmly rooted in the Word of God and the Eucharist. Jesus truly is our bread of life. Yes, hurricane Katrina has delivered much pain, hardship and death. Hurricane Rita has renewed our fears. Yet, our belief in God who has never failed us yet - keeps our minds and hearts fixed on Jesus. Jesus is indeed our rock in a weary land and our shelter in the time of trouble. Psalm 27, one of the favorite psalms in the African American community, says: "I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

From the Prophet Isaiah we hear these words: "Have you not known? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth? He does not grow tired or weary. His knowledge is without limit. Those who hope in the Lord shall renew their strength. They will soar as with eagle's wings. They will run and not grow weary. They shall walk and never tire." (Isaiah 40: 28-3)

Our enduring Black history recalls how these words have been forged in the crucible of great human adversity and tragedy. Our slave fore parents who were confronted with great sorrow and

many crises saw, behind and beneath their experience, a more divine order. "Over my head I hear music; there must be a God somewhere". Those of us who have followed them inherited their wisdom and "staying power" that, no matter what, God is.

And so we pray. We gather around the Eucharistic table and join our voices and hearts, in prayer, song and proclamation, with our sisters and brothers of the Gulf Coast States. We hold and honor those who lost their lives, the thousands more who endure the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the many across this world who have stretched out their hands in charity and love.

And so we pray. Seeking assurance and divine guidance in the midst of the storms, and after our prayers, we leave with a mission. This mission is as simple as it is profound, to live Christ-to be Christ! - to feed, to clothe, to shelter, to comfort, to carry, to empower, to lift up, and to bury, to defend the sacredness of life from the moment of conception to the natural end and so much more in Jesus name. St. Francis of Assisi said it this way: "We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way".

And so we pray, as we rebuild the lives of our people and rekindle in them the spirit of hope that reaches beyond what the eye can see and the ear can hear.

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## Prayer of Consolation

*O God our refuge and our strength,  
we come as humbly as we know how,  
praying for our sisters and brothers*

*affected and effected*

*by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.*

*We need you right now*

*Lord of Life and Mercy.*

*During these trying times*

*be the God of our weary years*

*and silent tears.*

*Be our stronghold and deliverer.*

*In your great mercy,*

*comfort those who suffer*

*and grieve at this very hour.*

*O Lord grant life eternal*

*to those who have fallen asleep*

*in death.*

*Wrap your mantle of grace and mercy*

*around all of us.*

*Give us your divine staying power.*

*Lord God,*

*infuse wisdom and understanding*

*into the hearts, minds, and souls*

*of those who seek to alleviate*

*the pain and anguish of the suffering.*

*We need you right now*

*Lord of Life and Mercy.*

*Holy Spirit,*

*direct the paths of the future decisions*

*to be made for the Gulf Coast States*

*and comfort those uprooted souls*

*as you plot a new course in their lives.*

*O Lord,*

*hold our feeble hands*

*and grant us protection from all hurt,*

*harm, and danger.*

*Give us Lord what we need to lift up*

*and build up one another in faith,*

*hope, and love.*

*We ask all these things*

*in the precious name of your Son,*

*Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God*

*Angels and Saints*

*Be our intercessors.*

*Amen.*

# To Easter, traveling with the least of them all - accepting Jesus' requirements for entering heaven

Funny. They weren't even sincere; just trying to trick him when they asked, "What is the greatest law?" Yet Jesus, who could have overwhelmed them with chapter and verse, gave them the perfect truth: "Love God with all you've got, and love your neighbor as yourself. That's the Law and the Prophets!"

There he goes again. That persistent inclusion of "neighbor." Then and now, to the frustration of many and the fury of some, he forever refuses to point a pathway to God that does not pass through the busy, blustering neighborhood of human relationships.

When they change the focus and want to know the "bottom line," the final outcome, Jesus says, again, so simply, "All will share the same fate. The King will gather all together, and say: You're in or you're out depending on this: How did you treat the person who needed you?"

So sad for the selfish. Desperate for a clear distinction between love of God and love of neighbor, they would try to save their souls with an accent or emphasis:

"Jesus, I never saw you naked or hungry or desperate or alone. I lived in the 20th century, I never met you." And Jesus will say,

"Cut it. It will not wash. Each time a person in need was before you, that - oh, poor fool to learn so late that - that was your encounter with God. When someone needed you and you turned away, you turned from me, Jesus, your brother."

So glad for the just. How wise of them to understand that to love your neighbor is to love the Lord. But, wait; what's this? Jesus says the just will be surprised and will raise the same question as the sinners. They will exclaim with wonder: "What? I'm getting into heaven because I fed or clothed or visited you? How can this be? When did that ever happen?"

And Jesus will answer, "Don't you fret. Whenever you responded to one who needed you, you were dealing with me!"

What a shocking idea. Preachers say the secret to salvation is to name Jesus as your savior, to be baptized a Christian, to follow all the rules and regulations, stay in line, be a loyal Methodist or Baptist or Catholic, whatever, but, first and last, you must name Jesus as your savior.

Yet, here is Jesus savior saying, "You surprised to know it was I? You who showed kindness and compassion for the person in need? You're only discovering now that those responses to needy, unnoticed people were Christ encounters? Well, surprise! Come on into the kingdom!"

Could Jesus possibly mean to suggest that, when the kingdom at last comes in its fullness, distinguished religious leaders might be standing outside watching? That people of strange, unknown religions or no faith at all, will march into the kingdom, blest of God, just because they cared and comforted their neighbors in need? Would he have us believe that divorced and remarried people are justified simply because they were kind and caring? Would he imply that those baptized who never went to church may gain heaven just because they were compassionate and generous?

Some will rejoice that the way can be so simply said and so easily understood. Others will be deeply troubled to learn that intimacy with God depends upon involvement with neighbors - and the 'least' of them at that!

Our Lenten journey may expose our hearts as less than open to this Jesus truth. Perhaps the best we've managed till now is "Jesus, yes, always. But those 'least' of his friends?" Perhaps we have even been participants in building structures and supporting arrangements that help to obstruct the law of love that Jesus proclaims.

With or without our blessing, Jesus stands firm. He warns and promises: The ultimate measure of our success as human beings, as children of God, is our success as servants, lovers, friends, companions to one another and always, especially to the one most in need.

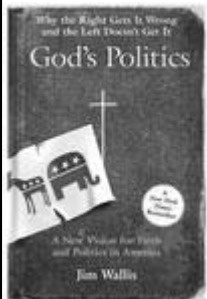
We make our way through Lent to Easter. We dearly hope to touch and be touched anew by the risen Christ. We could make it happen. We already know where to find him.

*National Catholic Reporter  
March 18, 1994*

*by James K. Healy, C.S.Sp.*

*Former Pastor of OLQP from 1983 - 1995*

## God's Politics Discussion Group



God is not partisan; not Republican nor Democrat. When either party tries to politicize God, they make a terrible mistake. The best contribution of religion is precisely not to be ideologically predictable or loyally partisan. Faith must be free to challenge both the Right and Left from a consistent moral ground.

God's politics are therefore never partisan or ideological. But they challenge everything about our politics. God's politics remind us of the people our politics typically neglect—the poor, the vulnerable, the left behind. God's politics pleads with us to resolve the inevitable conflicts among us, without the terrible cost and consequences of war. God's politics reminds us to "Choose life, so that you and your children may live," and challenges all the selective moralities that would choose one set of lives and issues over another.

If you are concerned about social change and hungry for spiritual values, join the discussion of *God's Politics*. A group is forming at OLQP based on the book by Jim Wallis. Seven sessions are planned with meetings every other week (tentative plans are to begin in late March and end in June). Each session is designed to explore several chapters in the book. Contact Moira McGuinness at [m.m@cox.net](mailto:m.m@cox.net) or 703-725-8017 for more information or to express your interest.

Too often politics and spirituality have been separated, polarized, and even put into competition with one another. Let us ask each other and ourselves how we might change our public life with the values many of us hold most dear.

## Lent and Easter Season 2006

### March

Wed., 1st... **Ash Wed.** Masses 8 AM & 7 PM (bilingual)  
 Thur., 2nd... Social Justice Meeting, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Fri., 3rd... Mass at 6 PM; Stone Soup at 6:30 PM  
 Sat., 4th... Worship Committee, 10 AM, MC-FR  
 Black History Month Program, 7 PM, MC-FR  
*(new date due to snow storm)*  
 Sun., 5th... *Black & Indian Fund 2nd Collection*  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
 RCIA Rite of Election/Sending  
 Welcome Committee, 10:30 AM, POB-Conf.  
 Mon., 6th... Minkisi, 7:15 PM, POB-Discussion Rm.  
 Tues., 7th... L'Arche Prayer Group, 7 PM, MC-FR  
 Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family, 7 PM, POB-DR  
 Thu., 9th... Parish Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Fri., 10th... Mass at 6 PM; Stone Soup at 6:30 PM  
 Teen Ministry Meeting, 7 PM, MC-CL  
 Sat., 11th... Communion Team Class, 4:15 PM, MC-FR  
 Sun., 12th... **Second Sunday of Lent**  
 Father Michel guest homilist, all Masses  
 Confirmation Class, 11:15 AM, MC-FR  
 Credit Union Spanish Workshop, 2:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Mon., 13th... Parish Retreat/Revival, 7 PM, Church  
 Haiti Committee, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Tues., 14th... Parish Retreat/Revival, 7 PM, Church  
 Wed., 15th... Mass, 7 PM, Church  
 Thurs., 16th... Carpenter's Shelter Supper  
 Book Group, 7 PM, POB-Library  
 Fri., 17th... Mass at 6 PM; Stone Soup at 6:30 PM  
 Sun., 19th... **Third Sunday of Lent**  
 Fr. Kelly Series, 3 PM, MC-FR  
 Tues., 21st... Voice of the Faithful, 7 PM, MC-FR  
 Wed., 22nd... Finance Committee, 7:30 PM, MC-#33  
 Fri., 24th... Mass at 6 PM  
 Teen Ministry Meeting, 7 PM, MC-CL  
 Sat., 25th... Communion Team Class, 4:15 PM, Church  
 Sun., 26th... **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
*Catholic Relief Services 2nd Collection*  
 Confirmation Class, 11:15 AM, MC-FR  
 Tues., 28th... Worship Committee, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Wed., 29th... Seasoned Christians, 3 PM, POB  
 Fri., 31st... Mass at 6 PM; Stone Soup at 6:30 PM

### April

Sat., 1st... Children's Reconciliation, 10:30 AM, Church  
 Sun., 2nd... **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
*Daylight Saving Time Change*  
*OLQP Capital Improvement 2nd Collection*  
 Mon., 3rd... Reconciliation Service, 7 PM, Church  
 Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family, 7 PM, POB-L  
 Minkisi, 7:15 PM, POB-DR  
 Haiti Committee, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Tues., 4th... L'Arche Prayer Group, 7 PM, MC-FR  
 Thurs., 6th... Social Justice Meeting, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Fri., 7th... Mass at 6 PM; Stone Soup at 6:30 PM  
 Teen Ministry Meeting, 7 PM, MC-CL  
 Sun., 9th... **Palm Sunday**  
 Ujamaa Meeting, 10:45 AM, POB-DR  
 Confirmation Class, 11:15 AM, MC-FR  
 Wed., 12th... Seder Supper, 7 PM, Hall  
 Thurs., 13th... **Holy Thursday** Mass at 7 PM (bilingual)  
 Fri., 14th... **Good Friday** Service at 3 PM  
 Tenebrae Service at 7 PM  
 Stations of the Cross at 8 PM (in Spanish)  
 Sat., 15th... **Easter Vigil** Mass at 8:15 PM

### Sun., 16th... **Easter Sunday**

Regular Mass Schedule  
 April Baptisms at 9:30 & 11:15 Masses  
 Tues., 18th... Voice of the Faithful, 7 PM, MC-FR  
 Thurs., 20th... Carpenter's Shelter Supper  
 Book Group, 7 PM, POB-Library  
 Fri., 21st... Teen Ministry Meeting, 7 PM, MC-CL  
 Sat., 22nd... Communion Team Class, 4:15 PM, MC-CL  
 Sun., 23rd... Confirmation Class, 11:15 AM, MC-FR  
 Wed., 26th... Seasoned Christians, 3 PM, POB  
 Sat., 29th... Rebuilding Together (Christmas in April)  
 Communion Team Prepares Lunch, 11 AM  
 Sun., 30th... *Catholic Home Missions 2nd Coll.*  
 Credit Union Meeting, 10:45 AM, MC-FR  
 Fr. Kelly Series, 3 PM, MC-FR

### May

Mon., 1st... Minkisi, 7:15 PM, POB-DR  
 Haiti Committee, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Tues., 2nd... Gay, Lesbian, Friends & Family, 7 PM, POB-L  
 L'Arche Prayer Group, 7 PM, MC-FR  
 Thurs., 4th... Social Justice Committee, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Fri., 5th... Teen Ministry Meeting, 7 PM, MC-CL  
 Sat., 6th... Worship Committee, 10 AM, MC-FR  
 First Communion Team, 4:15 PM, MC-FR  
 Sun., 7th... Confirmation Class, 11:15 AM, MC-FR  
 Thurs., 11th... Parish Advisory Board, 7:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Sat., 13th... May Baptisms at 6 PM Mass  
 Sun., 14th... *Mother's Day*  
 Ujamaa Committee 10:45 AM, POB-DR  
 Tues., 16th... Voice of the Faithful, 7 PM, MC-FR  
 Thurs., 18th... Carpenter's Shelter Supper  
 Book Group, 7 PM, POB-Library  
 Fri., 19th... Water Into Wine, 6:30 PM, MC-FR  
 Teen Ministry Meeting, 7 PM, MC-CL  
 Sat., 20th... Water Into Wine, 9 AM, MC-FR  
 Share the Word, 9:30 AM, POB-Conf.  
 Detail Committee, 12:30 PM, Church  
 First Communion Team, 4:15 PM, Hall  
 Sun., 21st... *Diocesan Retired Religious 2nd Coll.*  
 Confirmation Class, 11:15 AM, MC-FR  
 Wed., 24th... Finance Committee, 7:30 PM, MC-#33  
 Mon., 29th... *Office Closed - Memorial Day*  
 Wed., 31st... Seasoned Christians, 3 PM, POB

#### *Sundays...*

**Children's Religious Education**

#### *Tuesdays...*

**9:30 Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 PM**

**11:15 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM**

#### *Wednesdays...*

**RCIA, 7:30 PM**

**6:00 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM**

#### *Thursdays...*

**1:00 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM**

#### *Fridays*

**Mass at 6 PM (3/3 - 4/8)**

**Stone Soup & Talk, 6:30 PM (3/3 - 4/8)**

#### *Saturdays*

**Share the Word, 9:30 AM, POB (1st & 3rd)**

**Detail Committee, 12:30 PM, Church (1st & 3rd)**

*Watch the bulletin for many other Ministry  
 happenings during Lent and Easter.  
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## Seder Meal

### Wednesday, April 12th, 7 pm, Fr. Ray Hall

The night before he died, Jesus celebrated a Passover Seder with his disciples. We will celebrate the Passover Seder on Wednesday, April 12th, at 7:00 pm in Father Ray Hall. Please plan to join us.

The Seder is a community festival for all, children and adults. The evening will involve two activities: the Seder (the ritual dinner) which will be provided; and the Dinner (potluck buffet) which we as a community provide and share.

**For the Buffet...**Participants are asked to bring any two of the following:

Salad, Cassarole, Dessert, Bread

**Let Us Know You're Coming...**Please sign up on the poster at the back wall of church, or call the parish office to have your name added, 703-979-5580. Knowing the number of participants is critical to having the proper amount of ritual food prepared...please remember to sign up! The deadline is Monday, April 10th by 12 noon.

**You can help...**We invite you to help in several ways...set up, assemble the ritual dinner, clean up, etc. Please contact Aldophe 703-979-5580, [olqp.re@verizon.net](mailto:olqp.re@verizon.net).

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## Tenebrae Service

### Good Friday, April 14th, 7 PM

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. Tenebrae service recreates the emotional aspects of the passion story and, therefore, is a somber service. It was originally designed for Good Friday, with long scripture narratives divided into several parts, each one assigned to a different reader.

The Tenebrae service starts out with the church in candlelight. The readers go up one at a time, read their selection, and extinguish one of the candles, until only the Christ candle remains. Then the first part of Psalm 22 is read, which Jesus quoted on the cross, and the Christ candle is extinguished, leaving the congregation in near total darkness—and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction. The people leave in silence.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events. It is left unfinished because the story isn't over until Easter Sunday. Join us for a moving recreation of the passion story, beginning at 7 PM on Good Friday!

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## The Easter Vigil Service

### April 15th, 8:15 PM

The Easter Vigil service is the first Easter service, and takes place on the night of Holy Saturday. The idea behind the service is for faithful Christians to wait and watch, hopeful and confident that Christ will return at midnight. The Easter, or Paschal, candle is lit during this service. The service traditionally begins outside the church, where worshippers gather around a fire.

The service begins with words like these:

*Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.*

After readings and prayers, the Paschal candle is lit from the fire. The lit candle is now a symbol of Christ, risen as the light of the world, and come into the midst of the people. The candle is carried into the church, where the worshippers are waiting in darkness, which symbolizes the darkness of Christ's tomb. The candles held by the congregation are then lit from the Paschal candle.

The symbolism of the candle is made very clear by the words we pray:

*Grant that this Easter candle make our darkness light; for Christ the morning star has risen, never again to set, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.*

The readings at the service tell of the creation of humanity, how humanity fell from grace, and was repeatedly rescued by God. The readings remind people of God's promise to be with them always.

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 6 PM Vigil  
Sunday - 8:00 AM,  
9:30 AM, 11:15 AM  
& 1:00 PM (Spanish)

Baptism:

**No Baptisms During Lent**  
**Easter Sunday at 9:30 &**  
**11:15 Masses (April 16)**

Reconciliation:

**Saturdays - 5:30 PM and by**  
**appointment**  
**Reconciliation Service on**  
**Monday, April 3, at 7 PM**

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**Rebuilding Together**

Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas & Sukkot in April) is the leading national volunteer organization working in partnership with communities to rehabilitate owner-occupied low-income housing.

Robert Pierre Johnson Housing (RPJ Housing) Development Corporation has been sponsoring Rebuilding Together in Arlington and Fairfax Counties and in the Cities of Falls Church and Fairfax since 1988. With the efforts of more than 52,000 community volunteers, RPJ Housing has repaired over 1,900 homes and non-profit facilities to date.

This unique one day event is reminiscent of the barn-raising tradition of America's past. This neighbor-helping-neighbor approach unites 2,250 skilled and unskilled volunteers from diverse backgrounds with 70 low-income homeowners and non-profit organizations each year. Volunteers are able to make both major and minor repairs and renovations that result in life-changing improvements for the homeowners and organizations served.

Rebuilding Together provides home repair services free of charge and gives priority to those low-income households with older adults, persons with disabilities or families with children.

By bringing together resources from businesses, congregations, and dedicated community members, Rebuilding Together is able to address pressing repair needs of those homeowners who, because of financial constraints, age and physical limitations are unable to make or pay for repairs themselves. Our goal is to keep people living in warmth, safety and independence, while helping to build better communities.

***OLQP will participate in the next Rebuilding Together on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Please watch the parish bulletin for details on how you can volunteer!***

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Lent gives us a way to tell God how sorry we are for the oppression of so many sisters and brothers across the planet – for poverty, violence, lack of opportunity, human rights violations, unfreedoms – all the ills endured by millions today. The world needs the kind of prophetic statement which a well-lived Lent can make. Looked at in more of a mystical way, our Lenten observance can help us to carry out what Paul so boldly proclaimed: "...to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body..." (Colossians 1:24)

During his life Jesus often encountered evil and acted against it. In one famous Gospel story he told his followers that some evils can only be overcome through "prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29). During Lent we take those words of Jesus' seriously and put them into practice. May the Lenten season of 2006 bring us a deeper conviction that the world, the church, our country and our very selves stand in great need of the repentance, reparation and reconciliation which prayer and fasting bring. In this we shall find, inevitably, that Lent is truly a "joyous season".