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## LENTEN QUIET DAY

Americans go through life at such a breakneck pace nowadays. From the moment we wake up in the morning till the moment our heads hit the pillow at night, our thoughts and energies are consumed by a thousand details. Messages and images from the newspaper, radio and computer clutter the mind to such a degree that it is hard to determine what is worth remembering, and what can be dismissed. Add to that the responsibilities of daily life - family, employment, errands, phone calls, email - a typical believer has little time for tranquil reflection.

On Saturday, March 1, a "Quiet Day" will be offered at the church from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM so that we can have some time for tranquil reflection during this Lent. These 3½ hours will be filled with beautiful meditations concerning the Passion of Our Lord, and the silence will be broken as we all sit down together for a provided lunch. ...A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

### On Keeping Holy Week and Easter

Yes, it is near that time again already! Holy Week and Easter are almost here. This article is meant to educate you a bit on these sacred days so that you may more fully enjoy, **and participate**, in them.

First of all, throughout the *whole* of the Church Year you are being presented with and led through the Paschal Mystery. Paschal comes from the word "pasch" - which for the Christian means the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. During the days of Holy Week and Easter however, this Mystery is being compressed into one long liturgy - specifically with the days ranging from Maundy Thursday to Holy Saturday. Many people do not realize that Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday is actually just one long continuous service - that is why Maundy Thursday and Good Friday do not have the type of formal endings which we are used to seeing at our regular Sunday masses. There is no hard break between the services because they are connected. We are entering

intensely into Jesus' "pasch" - His Passion, His Death and His Resurrection!

**Palm Sunday** - This day kicks off the whole week. The main worship of Palm Sunday is of course the Eucharist and the reading of the Passion narrative. But before the Celebration gets underway, crosses made from palm leaves are blessed and distributed to all who are present. These are then carried in a procession either around the inside of the church or outside the building. However it is done, the procession is important in that we are remembering Jesus riding in triumph into the Holy City - coming in peace, riding on a donkey. We identify ourselves with the crowd of followers - with both the excitement and the disturbance of the situation.

**Maundy Thursday** - The Last Supper took place in the evening. So too does our commemoration of it. We gather together to remember with great thankfulness the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin - *Maundatum* - meaning Great Commandment. The Great Commandment that Jesus gave at the Last Supper was that we should love one another in the same way that He loves us. This commandment is sometimes illustrated by the clergy of the parish washing the feet of some of the parishioners - just as Jesus washed the disciples' feet on this night.

Our celebration of the commemoration of the Last Supper ends with three distinctive actions:

1. The Blessed Sacrament is carried from the main altar to the place where it will rest overnight for use on Good Friday. (Actual celebrations of Holy Communion on Good Friday are not part of our tradition. However, Holy Communion is permitted on that day and so the Sacrament is given in one kind from that consecrated the night before.) The place where the Blessed Sacrament is kept is called the "Altar of Repose." It is very special since it represents the Garden of Gethsemane where Our Lord went to pray in great tribulation and agony after the Last Supper. We decorate the Altar of Repose with flowers and plants and many candles and votive lights.

2. The High Altar is now stripped. Various decorations are carried from the church. This reminds us that Jesus was stripped of everything before his death. It also foreshadows the humiliation and loneliness which He suffered. During the stripping, penitential psalms are read in a quiet tone by the congregation.

3. This service does not formally end – again, the days from Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday are one long and continuous service. Therefore, for Maundy Thursday there is no final blessing or dismissal as we would regularly see at a Sunday Mass. The people should leave the building in silence. This reminds us that the disciples forsook Jesus and fled. Some of the congregation may want to stay for a while and pray quietly before the Altar of Repose – “Could ye not watch with me...?” In established parishes a Watch before the Altar of Repose is usually maintained until midnight.

**G**ood Friday – This Liturgy consists of four parts: Ante Communion, the Solemn Prayers, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.

1. Ante Communion: This is the Ministry of the Word. Opening prayers are said. The Epistle is read. The Passion is read. An address may be given.

2. Solemn Prayers: These are general prayers of intercession for the Church – the Clergy and the People – the World – for those who Suffer or for any Necessity.

3. Veneration of the Cross: This is a very lovely and moving ceremony in which we pay homage to our Crucified Lord and seek to identify as closely as we can with His Suffering and Passion. To help us, the Crucifix is used as our visual aid. Many people like to take this opportunity to kiss or touch the Cross. We should all love the Cross – it is the chosen Instrument used to bring about our salvation. Kissing the Cross is the way to express in deed what we so readily confess in word.

4. Holy Communion: The clergy go to retrieve the Blessed Sacrament from the Altar of Repose, and Holy Communion is given very simply in one kind to the people.

Once again – this service has no formal ending. The people go away in silence.

**H**oly Saturday – This is always the beginning of the celebration of the great festival of Easter. The Easter Vigil takes place either in the evening, or ideally just before dawn. The resurrection is discovered “early in the morning while it was still dark.”

**T**he Vigil centers on the lighting of the Paschal Candle which represents Christ, “The Light of the world.” This Candle is carried into the dark chapel and people light their own small candles from it. This represents our reception of the Light of Christ into our own lives. An Easter celebration is part of this service and for the first time since the beginning of Lent the “Gloria” is sung.

In order to derive the fullest spiritual benefit from this Holy season, you should try to plan your time and duties in order to be present at *each one* of the Holy Week services. It makes little sense to appear only for the final act of a great drama – and yet still this is what so many people do when they attend only on Easter Day – having missed out on all that has gone before and all that holds equal importance.

## HOLY WEEK

Please mark your personal calendars for Holy Week  
(March 16 – 23)

Palm Sunday – 9:30 AM Eucharist

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 10:00 AM Mass

Wednesday – 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross  
and Low Mass

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM Service\*

Good Friday – 7:00 PM Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Holy Saturday – 5:00 PM Service

Easter Morning – 7:30 AM Eucharist

9:30 AM Sung Eucharist with Incense

*(\*Please note: On Maundy Thursday a special offering will be collected on behalf of our Altar Guild – those who faithfully serve the Table of Our Lord.)*

## MITE BOXES

**T**hese boxes will be collected on Easter Day and blessed on the following Sunday. All the money will go to benefit our Seminary in California via the Provincial Anglican Church Women. If you do not have a Mite Box, they are available in the Narthex.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**C**ongratulations to all for our recent accomplishment of paying off the church mortgage! This is a momentous occasion in the life of a parish, and credit is owed to *everyone*. From long standing members to the newest among us, everyone has contributed to bring about this happy day. Most of all, our gratitude goes to Almighty God for blessing us so very richly – to Him be all praise and glory.

In His Name +  
Father Hines

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The Lenten "Quiet Day" for the parish will be held on Saturday, March 1, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, with a light luncheon in the kitchen area afterward. Father Hines and Father Schultz have prepared a program that will help us to focus on the meaning of Lent and the promise of Easter. If you missed the signup sheet in the Narthex, call the church office at 630-783-8280 or 630-710-7375.

At its meeting on Sunday, February 17, the Vestry reviewed the final plan for improvements to the upstairs kitchen area, which will include a new double sink, garbage disposal, cabinets and countertops on the west wall and a refrigerator and stove. It was announced that Chuck and Libby Bolton have made a contribution to cover the expenses for this project. With the Bolton's contribution, coupled with the \$1,500 pledged by the ACW and the ACM, there are sufficient funds in the Building Fund to also take care of refurbishing the church washrooms later on this year.

In addition, the Vestry approved an allocation of \$1,000 from the Building Fund for the installation of a sink and garbage disposal in the Undercroft vault, which we need to take care of large meetings and food service events. This is costly due to the fact that overhead plumbing is required. Also, the backflow prevention device, required by Illinois state regulations, will be installed within the next few weeks for approximately \$2,500. We are grateful to ACM President Bob Oschman for taking care of this, as well as the kitchen and washroom projects.

As announced, the mortgage on our building was retired in early February. Treasurer Carol O'Sullivan told the Vestry that the final payment to First DuPage Bank of Westmont was \$27,508, which included a prepayment penalty of \$1,307. After using \$13,000 on hand in two bank accounts, \$14,508 was allocated from the General Reserve account to pay the balance. As noted at the recent Annual Meeting, \$10,000 from our 2008 budget income has been allocated to the General Reserve Account to begin replacing what was used to retire the mortgage. Also, the Treasurer confirmed that an anonymous contribution of \$2,000 has been made to the treasury of the ACM.

The Vestry approved the contract with JAV Lawn Care, Inc., Aurora, for the mowing and trimming of our property and for the application of four weed control and fertilizer treatments in 2008 for a cost of \$1,955. The ACM has agreed to be responsible for adding mulch to the planted areas this spring and will take care of necessary weeding in the beds.

The Vestry approved the parish social event that will be sponsored by the ACM on Saturday, April 12, at the Pheasant Run Theatre in St. Charles. An article on this special event is included in this issue of "The Sanctus."

The 2008 Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern States will be held at All Saints on May 7, 8 and 9. Father Hines is working with Archbishop Provence on all the basic arrangements, and we can look forward to hosting clergy and laity from other parishes in May.

In the February issue of "The Sanctus," Father Hines reported on the two-day program in San Francisco for the Enthronement of Archbishop Provence in January. "The State of the Province Address" given by Archbishop Provence is available in the Narthex. You will be interested in reading this message as it provides some of the basic history of the Province; notes the status and plans of the Province; and also highlights the role of Father Hines, Father Schultz and All Saints Church in moving our Diocese forward. As previously announced, Archbishop Provence has designated All Saints as the administrative center of the Diocese.

The recent high winds damaged our main sign on Boughton Road which required professional attention to repair. We thank Dan Brush and Bill Ruff for replacing the lower schedule sign after Mass on February 17. You may have noticed that we also have to bring in a professional to replace siding on the south wall of the building. We will report on the details and cost to our "building repair and maintenance" budget line in the next issue of our newsletter.

Stations of the Cross and Mass will be held on the three Wednesdays remaining in March before Easter, March 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30 PM. Also, you will want to note Maundy Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 PM., Good Friday, March 21 at 7:00 PM, and Holy Saturday, March 22 at 5:00 PM. Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM (no incense) and at 9:30 AM (with incense). Please also consider the traditional collection for our Altar Guild on Maundy Thursday, the Annual Mite Box program of the Provincial ACW for the benefit of our Seminary in California and the special asking for Easter flowers for the church.

Looking ahead, information is forthcoming on the next Adult Inquiry Class to be held on the four Sundays in April, 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM in the Conference Room. This class, led by Father Hines and Father Schultz, will review the meaning and purpose of the Scriptures, prayers and ritual of "The Mass," which is certainly something that should be of interest to all of us. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Easter Sunday is only a few weeks away. What better time than Easter to encourage others to come to All Saints and see what we have to offer to them and to their families. Think about it.

Bill Jepson  
Senior Warden

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### January 2008

Receipts	\$14,562
Expenses	\$9,200
Difference	\$5,362

Congratulations! The final payment on the mortgage was made on February 7. The total payment was \$27,507.97.

Carol O'Sullivan  
Treasurer

## ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

**WHO:** The Anglican Church Men's Group.

**WHAT:** Is inviting you to the All Saints Social Event of the year. Well at least up until this point, other than the Superbowl at the Ross home or any of the parties at the Waitek home or the pancake dinner. By the way, where were you the night of the pancake dinner?

We have reservations for a murder mystery, "Drood." It is a musical based on the unfinished Charles Dickens novel of the same name. It is the first Broadway show with multiple endings. "Drood" received awards for Best Book and Best Lyrics. It received five Tony awards including Best Musical.

**WHERE:** Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre, 4051 East Main Street (North Avenue) St. Charles, Illinois 60174. The phone number is 630-584-6342.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 12, show at 5:00, dinner at 7:30 and dancing after.

**HOW:** Meet at the Church at 4:00 and we will carpool.

**WHY:** Because we want to enjoy some social time with our Church Family.

Please email [DNFbrush@hotmail.com](mailto:DNFbrush@hotmail.com) with reservation or sign up in the Narthex. Tickets are \$60.00 per person which includes dinner and show. Please pick fillet or tenderloin. More specifically that is fillet-o-fish or chicken tenders for dinner. Seriously, they have a very nice dinner buffet with four main courses, salad, sides and dessert bar. Adult drinks are extra.

**YOU:** Will sign up right away and enjoy yourself at the show and not complain about the food. Feel free to bring friends, the more the merrier! Please give or send your check to Dan Brush or place it in the collection plate by March 23 because they don't trust us and want payment up front. Please make checks payable to "All Saints ACM."

Bob Oschman and Dan Brush  
ACM President and Vice-President

## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our ACW will have a work meeting on Saturday, April 5. We will begin the day with Morning Prayer, breakfast and fellowship, and then assemble for creating our wonderful "Angel Comfort Wraps." Following the "work" session, we will enjoy a soup lunch provided by our members. All women (and girls) of the parish are invited to join us for any part of the morning and early afternoon that fits their busy schedules.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cards and phone calls during my recovery! Hopefully, it won't be too much longer until I'm walking without assistance!

Jane Munsie  
ACW President

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### WEBSITES

[www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org](http://www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org)  
[www.anglicanpck.org](http://www.anglicanpck.org)

Holy Eucharist and Church School  
Sunday, 9:30 AM  
Low Mass

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM  
Wednesday, 7:00 PM

The Rev. John A. Hines, Rector  
The Rev. Blair W. Schultz, Assistant Priest  
The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

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