

**FROM FATHER BILL: HAIL KING OF THE JEWS! PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!! TODAY WE CELEBRATE PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY.** After our Masses this weekend, hopefully we'll return to Church especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and/or Easter Sunday. AS WE WAVE OUR BLESSED PALM, we commit ourselves to walking through all the ceremonies of Holy Week, with Jesus, to Easter Sunday. This is the HOLIEST WEEK of our Liturgical Year. Come to Church on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and, I believe, you will experience the Holiest and Happiest Easter of your lives. We *WARMLY WELCOME JESUS* into our lives today. EVERYONE is invited to attend all of our Holy week and Easter services at St. Paul's and St. Peter's. **HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!** For those who will not be able to be with us during this Holy Week or on Easter, I wish you a Blessed Easter!

**THE EASTER COLLECTION:** There will only be **ONE COLLECTION** taken up at our Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Masses. Place your Easter Envelope along with your regular offering envelope into the ONE Collection. I'm unable to remember when we last reached our weekly offering goal, except for a recent weekend at St. Peter's. Therefore, we are always SHORT each weekend of the Year. Our bills are much higher than our Income. Please make your EASTER OFFERING a very generous gift to your Parish. Thank you.

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER

### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

***SAINT PAUL*** – JOINT ST. PETER @ ST. PAUL 5:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by a Pot Luck Supper for all.

ADORATION until 9:00 pm.

***SAINT PETER*** – 6:30pm Latin Mass and Procession to the Repository- Adoration till 10 pm.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – FAST AND ABSTINENCE - HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

***SAINT PETER*** – NOON – JOINT PARISH ENGLISH Liturgical Service of Good Friday.

**6:30 pm LATIN** Good Friday Service.

### **HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 11) – EASTER COLLECTION**

***No 4:00 PM Mass at St. Paul's!***

***SAINT PAUL*** –ST. PETER / ST. PAUL JOINT PARISH ENGLISH EASTER VIGIL MASS at 7:00 pm.

***SAINT PETER*** – LATIN EASTER VIGIL SERVICE and MASS at 8:00 pm.

### **EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12) – EASTER COLLECTION**

**REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MASSES.** 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses - Young people and their families let go of helium filled balloons at the end of Mass to signify the Resurrection of Jesus. All girls, please wear Easter Bonnets so that Father Bill can sing "YOU KNOW WHAT!"

**LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS at NOON.**

***DON'T FORGET OUR HOLY THURSDAY MASS followed by our Joint Parish Holy Thursday POT LUCK SUPPER. Please leave your food at St. Paul's Hall prior to the 5:30 pm Mass.***

***RICE BOWL OFFERINGS*** (please use envelope) may be dropped into the Collection basket today, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil or Easter Day Mass.

**THE OFFICIAL RICE BOWL COLLECTION** will take place at the Holy Thursday Mass. Mark your envelope St. Peter or St. Paul.

Father Bill will dip people's hands into perfumed water as his act of priestly service to parishioners at the English Holy Thursday Mass at St. Paul's.

**THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION** will be taken up at our Good Friday Services. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. Please be generous.

"WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST and WE PRAISE YOU BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED the WORLD."

**ALTAR SERVER REHEARSAL At ST. PAUL'S FOR ALL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: ONLY ONE REHEARSAL WITH FATHER BILL this Wednesday, April 8, at 4:30 pm followed by a cheese pizza supper at the Notty Pine. St. Peter's Altar Servers are also invited to this rehearsal and supper.**

**CALLED TO BE CHURCH – IMPLEMENTATION PHASE PRAYER:** Loving God, you who are present with us in all of life's moments, make yourself known in these challenging times of parish closure, merger and linkage. Comfort those who mourn. Receive and transform the anger of those who feel powerless. Ease the minds of the fearful. Give wisdom to our leaders and patience and insight to your people. Help us to appreciate the way you are re-creating your Church. Make us partners with you in this effort. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord and brother through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**St. Peter's 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, April 26, 2009 – 4:00 pm Mass followed by Father Flanigan Awards Dinner. A MONUMENTAL DAY IN THE HISTORY of OUR PARISH!**

**BANNS of MARRIAGE:** Father Bill will marry Anthony James Saginario and Rhema Rose Etzel in the Latin Tridentine rite on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 11:00 am at St. Peter's Church, Troy, NY. We continue to pray for them.

**The Serenity Prayer**

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

**LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS INTENTIONS:** Any Latin Mass intentions scheduled at St. Peter's for dates after May 17, 2009, should be rescheduled for dates prior to Sunday, May 17, 2009. Please call the rectory to reschedule your Mass intention. Thank you.

**A NOTE TO FATHER BILL from CHANCELLOR ELIZABETH A. SIMCOE (dated March 16, 2009)**

Dear Father Gorman,

“I am writing to let you know that Rev. James Spenard has agreed to host perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Augustine's Church.

As you know, Bishop Hubbard had originally suggested that following the closure of St. Paul's Church, the chapel at St. Mary's Hospital would be used for adoration. After a poll of the adorers was conducted it was decided however that St. Augustine's would be a more suitable space.....”.

**PALM SUNDAY – THE PASSION:** The story of the anointing of Jesus is one of the few stories that appears in all four Gospels. As people begin to grumble about the cost and waste of perfume, Jesus responds: “You always have the poor with you and any time you want to you can do something good for them.” May our almsgiving assist those in need here in the United States. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world. The remaining 25% of your contributions stay in dioceses in the U.S. to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.

**SUMMER JOB OPENINGS:** Catholic Charities' Camp Scully on Snyder's Lake is hiring counselors, lifeguards, kitchen staff, a health director, a program director and a property manager. For more information or an application form, call 453-6613. Check them out at [www.ccalbanv.net](http://www.ccalbanv.net)

**A PRAYER INTENTION:** That through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent, we will answer the call to love our neighbors and live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in our own local community and in communities around the world, WE PRAY TO THE LORD!

CLOSING (FINAL) MASSES AT OUR PARISHES

**St. Peter's** – Sunday, May 17 –FINAL TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS AT ST. PETER'S - NOON

**St. Paul's** – Saturday, May 30 - 4:00 pm Mass for all parishioners and former parishioners.

**NO MASS** at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 31, 2009.

**St. Peter's** 10:30 AM English Mass for all parishioners and former parishioners, Sunday, May 31.

The Public may attend any or all of these Masses.

Catholic Information: 1-800-MY FAITH  
Pro-Life Pregnancy Hotline: 1-800-848-LOVE

**EVANGELIZATION:** “Palm Sunday.....Domingo de Ramos”.