

April 2009

From Father Snook,

Of all the events recorded in the Gospel accounts of our Lord's suffering and death, few have gripped me as powerfully in recent years as the story of a Jewish political prisoner named Barabbas. Barabbas, you may remember, was a political prisoner being held by the Roman authorities at the time of Christ's arrest. It was the custom of the Roman government to release one Jewish prisoner every Festival of the Passover in honor of the great Jewish holiday. The crowd that had gathered around the now new prisoner, Jesus Christ, is given the choice to free either the guilty Barabbas or the innocent Christ. They call for Barabbas to be freed and Christ to be crucified.

This story contains a small lesson for all of us about the meaning of the events we will remember during Holy Week. Just as Barabbas is set free by the promise of Christ's death, and just as Christ literally takes his place on the Cross, so too the death we witness every Holy Week is in the first instance a death that Jesus endures for each of us. The Scriptures tell us that death arose in the world as a result of sin – not just physical death, but all of the ways in which death and darkness touch our lives, whether illness, or broken relationships, or hopelessness. This is the death, which Christ endures on the Cross, and it this is the death over which he triumphs on Easter Sunday. "There is not more death," St. Paul boldly writes in the New Testament, because in Christ all have died and all are risen again.

Holy Week begins on April 5 with the Liturgy of Palm Sunday. Services continue throughout the week and each offers us an opportunity to teach again that, like Barabbas, Christ's dies in order to set us free. The only way to experience the truth of his death and rising again is to walk, as Christ himself tells us, the way of the Cross with him. And only by walking the way of the Cross can the joy of the Resurrection truly take hold of our hearts this Easter.

Please take time to witness the events at the heart of our faith by patiently reading the stories of Christ's Passion in the Bible during Holy Week and, most importantly, by coming to pray with your fellow parishioners.

May God bless us all this Holy Week and, by patient prayer and fasting, bring us joy on Easter Sunday.

Finally, please accept my most sincere thanks for making my Sunday ministry at All Saints' during the past two months a time of true joy and delight. Your patience, accommodation and kindness are extraordinary. Please be assured of my prayers as your search for a new Rector continues.

Yours, in the love and mercy of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Fr.
Christopher Snook

Walk with Jesus through Holy Week

April 5 - 12, 2009

The week that begins with Palm Sunday is the most solemn week of worship in the Christian year. Through the mystery of liturgy we relive the events of Our Lord's Passion, which begin with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem as King of the Jews and end in the garden tomb. Then, on Easter Day, he rises from death. And we shout again, "Alleluia."

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday: The Sunday of The Passion 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

On this Sunday we begin together in the Parish Hall, where we receive a blessed palm and then walk in procession to the church shouting the words with which Our Lord was welcomed into Jerusalem: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The gospel on this day is a dramatic reading of Our Lord's Passion, according to Matthew with the congregation participating. We begin with the triumph of Jesus' entry into the city, but end with the solemn reality of Jesus' betrayal, his trial, crucifixion, and burial.

Sunday, April 5 - Way of the Cross for Families

11:30 a.m. - See Article in Carillon

Wednesday, April 8 - Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Women of the Passion: A Journey to the Cross

All Saints is pleased to again offer Katie Sherrod's *Women of Passion: A Journey to the Cross*. This unique liturgy couples the traditional Stations of the Cross with Ms. Sherrod's meditations on Christ's ministry and passion, as told through the voices of women of the Bible. Women of All Saints will portray their biblical sisters. However, this worship opportunity is not only for women; all are welcome.

Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

"On the night before he died for us Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread."

On this night we celebrate Jesus' last supper with his disciples, when he instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and then got up from the table and knelt before them to wash their feet, that they might learn to serve one another. We bless extra bread for the Reserved Sacrament we will receive on Good Friday and carry Christ's Body to the chapel, where it is left with candlelight and where anyone may enter and keep vigil. Then the altar is stripped and the liturgy ends in darkness and silence in anticipation of Jesus' betrayal and death.

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

On this day Our Lord is missing from our lives. We do not consecrate the bread and wine today and when we confess our sin there is no absolution.

Saturday, April 11 - Holy Saturday - The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 p.m.

"In the midst of life we are in death. From whom can we seek help?"

A quiet day in the absence of Christ

The Easter Vigil is one of our most beautiful liturgies. We begin in darkness, lighting the new fire of Easter. The first part of the liturgy is by candlelight, a retelling of God's saving grace throughout biblical history. Then all the lights come on and bells ring and we sing "Alleluia!" Flowers are brought in and we begin our celebration of the Day of Resurrection. The water of baptism is blessed and those ready are baptized. Then we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter with great joy.

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Day

"Alleluia, Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m. We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children - outside, weather permitting.

The Rev. Christopher Snook

When I heard Father Snook say that Lent was his favorite season and then we were able to "keep" him thru Easter, I knew prayers had been answered. Our children's services, which immediately follow the 10:30 service, have continued thru Lent with Father Snook's help. This has been a wonderful service for the children, teachers and Father Snook. Father Christopher has truly become a part of our All Saints community. We have been blessed to have him with us thru this very important liturgical season of the church. Our last day with Father Snook will be Easter Sunday. We wish Barb, his wife, and Evelyn, his daughter, and Father Christopher, much happiness and joy during their stay in Cleveland. Come visit us!!
Thank you from all of us at All Saints!

Treasurer's Report

February results were on budget as receipts of \$8,300 and disbursements of \$10,300 resulted in a net deficit of \$2,000 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1,900. Year-to-date for the two months ended February 28, 2009 were slightly behind budget as the actual net deficit was \$2,100 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$600 for the two months. The following compares the actual to budget for the first two months of 2009:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 18,100	\$20,170
Total Disbursements	\$ <u>20,150</u>	\$ <u>20,720</u>
Net Deficit	\$ (2,050)	\$ (550)

God bless you and pray for the Search Committee and their work,
Ray Heitland

All Saints Has an Online Bible Study Site!

An online Bible Study "blog" has been created for the members of All Saints Parish. Each week a link is posted to the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday, and we are all invited to offer our insights and understanding of the the texts. We're having some lively discussions! Please join in. The Online Bible Study can be found at

<http://www.allsaintsparma.org/>

Wednesday's Morning Prayer and Bible Study

Our Wednesday's Morning Prayer and Bible Study are being held at the home of one of our parishioners. If you are interested in attending please contact Claire Blanca @ claireblanca@cox.net. Once we have called a priest, I assume they will have a mid week Holy Eucharist and Bible Study and obviously the service will be in the church or chapel.

Report from Your Search Committee

The Search Committee has been working hard developing and choosing the necessary skills we would like to see in our new rector. These skills can include preaching, Christian Formation, Stewardship or Church Growth & Development. We then need to choose specialty skills in those categories, such as Daily Living Sermons, Faith Development, Identifying gifts for ministry or New Member Incorporation.

We will be finalizing these skills and their specialty skills on March 30th, at which time we will have the request form completed. Our liaison with the diocese, Percy Grant, will then submit the form to the national church after Easter. At that point she will be able to obtain for us names of any interested rectors that match our hopes.

Ruthann Wasil, Chairman Search Committee

There will be no Dinners w/Leslie in April – Look for it in May!

Easter Flowers

***When you have only two pennies left in the world,
buy a loaf of bread with one, and a lily with the other.***

~Chinese Proverb

Why a lily? Because, the Lily is a sign of the Resurrection. It, like other flowers that come from bulbs seemingly die away then return with new life each year. Because they are white, they signify the pure new life that comes through the Resurrection of Jesus.

We have kept a pure and simple sanctuary through Lent. No flowers, no frontal on the altar, unbleached linen hangings, and no Alleluia. Now that Lent is coming to an end, it is time to plan for the explosion of light, beauty and the sweet smell of Easter.

The Altar Guild offers you the chance to be part of that celebration of “new life” through the purchase of the Easter Lilies and spring flowers that will grace our Easter services. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway. Please fill in your name and the memorial that you wish to have printed in the Easter bulletin. There are flower-offering envelopes in the pews. All contributions are welcome. Palm Sunday will be the last day that this offer is available. Hope to see you among the flowers at one of the Easter services.

Jan Fritzsche Altar Guild

Graduations

Graduation time is fast approaching. Do we have any parishioners who are graduating from high school or college this year? If yes, please contact Bonnie, our secretary, in the church office (440-888-4055 or office.allsaints@sbcglobal.net). Please include the name of person, what school he or she is graduating from and if it is a college graduation, what is the degree.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

03 Don Lippucci	06 Wendy Ott	11 Laura Butterfield
11 Justin Cook	16 Eleanor Cummings	18 Helen Scheu
21 Jean Symons	24 Walter Blaha	27 Evie Parry
	30 Mark Miller	
5 Claire & Jim Blanca	10 Nellie Jean & Bob Wendell	
25 Cecelia & Frank Graber	27 Libby & Bill Bryant	
26 Marie Francosky & Peter Ellis		

Taizé Prayer Service

On the evening of Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00, All Saints will again hold a Taizé Prayer Service. It will be a time of silence and prayer, the serenity and beauty of candlelight, and the transforming music of the [Taizé community](#) of France. Those who have attended past services experienced the unique tranquility that is the fruit of the juxtaposition of silence with the haunting music of Taizé. Please join us for this moving liturgy.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

“All you who pass this way look and see”

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5TH
Immediately following the 10:30 service

We invite you to walk along with our Good Shepherd Children as we follow Jesus during some of the very important events in His life. We will start our journey before the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, April 5th, with the congregation, as we process into church carrying our palms. We will then go to our Atriums as usual and continue our journey after the 10:30 service. We will all meet in the Choir room immediately following the 10:30 service for a light and healthy lunch before we begin. When we begin we will go to our Good Shepherd Atrium downstairs and prepare ourselves to walk with Jesus. We will proceed to the upper room (Cenacle), the Good Shepherd Atrium upstairs, where Father Christopher will celebrate the Children's Eucharist as Jesus did with His disciple and friends at the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. We will visit the Garden of Gethsemane (our parish courtyard, outside if the weather permits) where Jesus prayed to His Father. The children will wash their hands as Pontius Pilot did at Gabbatha. They will take turns carrying a small wooden cross in the Narthex. As we enter the church they will have their faces wiped with a soft cloth as Jesus did on His way to Golgotha. We will have a few minutes of silence in the Sanctuary to reflect and remember that Jesus died for us. We will then visit the Tomb and we will proceed back to the Good Shepherd Atrium downstairs to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection with the Liturgy of Light. Please plan on attending this wonderful experience with us.

Peace, Sandy Kyrnerd, Jan Fritzsche, Lisa Czerny and Debbie Talbott-Miller

All Faith's Pantry

Look around you for the opportunity to extend your hand, your time, your love.
It is there.

Who: You and/or someone you know

What: To help out with packaging groceries for delivery to shut-ins in our community

When: 3rd Saturday of the month

Where: All Faith's Pantry

4760 Broadview Road

Time: 9:00-11:00am

Schedules are busy, this we know, but if your calendar can give the time of a few hours, 1 Saturday a month (you pick the month/s), you can make all the difference in a desperate situation. Please consider your valuable contribution of time to help sustain our neighbors in very real need. Feel good, with good reason. Please contact Claire Blanca or Lisa Czerny for more information and opportunity.
Thank You

It's Spring! Spring Peepers, Songbirds and Beautiful Gardens

Keep watching for the sign up board to Adopt A Garden at All Saints. We have great exposure to the community so we should make sure we look good. Each Spring and Summer our gardens have beautiful flowers and shrubs blooming but right now, we need to take care of them. We need to "adopt" a garden to clear away the winter leaves and start weeding. It doesn't take a lot of time, just a little work and care to make All Saints the prettiest corner in Parma!

Community Calendar

April 24, 25, 26 Valley Forge High School Drama will be presenting *Alice In Wonderland*. Our own Daniel & Nick Catalano will be performing various characters. Look for more details soon.

It's almost RED GERANIUM Time !

Last year we ordered red geraniums to be donated to All Saints instead of going to the store and bringing them yourselves. These were ordered through the Parma Council of PTA's Geranium Scholarship program. This service benefited both the Parma School students and those who don't enjoy going to the garden store to buy red flowers to donate to our gardens. The flyers for all the different flowers & plants are on the piano in the Parish Hall for those who would like to participate again. These orders can be given to Sally Catalano or Lisa Czerny to be turned in. We will deliver them later, but you can order yours today. Questions? Sally 440-842-8852.

How Things Work...

Here is a quick reference guide to common procedures at All Saints. Most answers are to call the Parish Office at 440-888-4055 and talk with Bonnie, our Parish secretary. If you have any questions, feel free to call her and ask.

*** How do I get someone added to the Prayer List ?**

- Fill out a slip on the prayer board in the Narthax by the Columbarium. Every name needs a different card and if when it is no longer needed please remember to remove it. Bonnie checks the names weekly and includes them in the bulletin.

*** How do I get someone on the Prayer Chain?**

Call Bonnie in the office, or Judy Butler the Prayer Chain Chairperson at 440-237-8318. Our Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners who pray for those whom request prayers at designated times of the day.

*** How do I get information about a program or event into the Sunday bulletin?**

Call Bonnie at the church office. The master calendar of events here at All Saints is kept at the office; majority of announcements come from that calendar. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin need to be turned in by Wednesday at the latest, as space is always a problem and to allow for the finishing of the bulletin.

*** How do I get information about a program or event into the bulletin?**

Call Bonnie in the office and she'll include it in the bulletin calendar, or announcements, as long as there is room. Remember she needs it as soon as possible – she tries to print the bulletin by Thursday of each week. If it is given too late it might not make it in that week.

*** How do I get my birthday or anniversary in the weekly bulletin? The Carillon? or The Outreach Birthday/Anniversary List ?**

All birthdays, etc. are recorded in the office. If you haven't let the office know with a welcome card or phone call, or it is incorrect, please let Bonnie know. If the office knows, then you will be included, but mistakes happen so let her know if something has been omitted or incorrect. Sally Catalano is in charge of the Carillon and Outreach list.

*** How do I get a new or replacement nametag?**

Call Sally Catalano at 440-842-8852. She makes them up.

*** How do I order flowers and how do I pay for them?**

Sign up on the Flower Sheet in the main hallway. Remember there are no flowers during Lenten season. To pay for the flowers, include \$25 in an envelope marked Altar Guild and put it in the collection plate. Pat Ashforth will contact you for your dedication that will be printed in the bulletin.

*** How can I get pledge envelopes? What if I need to change what I said I could pledge? Do I have to pledge or can I just put my donation in the plate?**

Contact Gail Jordan, our Pledge Recorder for envelopes or if you need to change your pledge. Gail tracks the envelopes and gives statements of donations. The pledge cards give the budget committee information to plan the budget. Plate offerings are totally acceptable but aren't tax deductible and aren't recorded for your records.

Relay for Life

Suzanne’s license plate is a vanity plate: a pink ribbon cancer plate that reads “CURE IT”. I don’t think there is a family at All Saints that hasn’t been touched by that horrible disease cancer. Relay for Life is an event that raises money for cancer research; Parma’s Relay for Life event is at Tri-C West. Teams are formed, they fund raise, and they “camp out” with many other teams and continue to fund raise thru the night on July 31, 2009. Many activities are planned for the evening, including the survivor’s parade, always an emotional time.

Some members of All Saints have been involved in Relay for Life, either with their own teams or at the planning level, for several years: Les Poling, Jen Day, Joel Kunesch, Chris Crawford, Ruthann and Greg Wasil, Bill Whitworth, Amy Harrivel, Joy Harvey and Gil Fritzsche. And, of course, our All Saints group who cooked breakfast last year for a whole lot of people.

The majority of that breakfast cooking group have formed our own All Saints Relay team led by Joy Harvey. Members include: Joy Harvey, Claire and Jim Blanca, Audrey and Joe Dmitruk, Sandy and Frank Kynerd, Bobby Sedlak, Susan Love and George Baxter, Lisa and Eric Czerny. All are welcome to join our All Saints team. (I apologize in advance for any missing names—always a problem when naming names.)

In the parish hall, we have a bulletin board dedicated to various Relay teams. You may add names on that bulletin board of people you know and love that are dealing with cancer right now or are a survivor (in honor of) or those who have died from cancer (in memory of). We ask your support for any and all of the teams—they will be selling Tupperware, Pampered Chef, dinners, flowers, luminaries, Indians Relay for Life tickets, etc. Plus you can support them by attending the Relay for Life event and buying food and various items there. As Jen says, “it all goes to the same cause: curing cancer”. Senior Warden, Marcia Day

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Taize Service 7:00pm	2 Choir 7:00pm	3	4
5 Palm/Passion Sug H.E. 8:30&10:30 Birth / Ann.at Coffee Hr. Chldrn's St. of the Cross LL:45 Senior Dinner Lpm	6	7 Outreach Committee Mtg 7pm	8 Women of the Passion - Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	9 Maundy Thursday Eucharist Service 7:00pm	10 Good Friday Liturgy 7:00pm	11 Great Vigil of Easter 7:00pm
12 Easter Day, Day of Resurrection HE 8:30 & 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt LL:45	13	14	15 Bible Study Resumes 7:00 pm	16 Choir 7:00pm	17	18
19 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 Healing Oil 2 Cents a Meal Collection	20	21 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm	22 Bible Study 7:00 pm	23 Carillon items due for May	24	25
26 H Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 w/Rev. Russell M. Breakfast 9:30 am Carillon Dist.	27	28	29 Bible Study 7:00 pm	30 Choir 7:00 pm		

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Vestry

Mark Miller Jeff Fowler
Joe Dmitruk, Leslie Poling,
Sandy Kynerd
Ed Sarian, Junior Warden
Jim Blanca, Clerk
Marcia Day, Senior Warden

Sundays at All Saints

8:30 am

Holy Eucharist and coffee hour

9:45 am

Good Shepherd Sunday School for kids 3-10
years

9:45 am Youth Group for ages 13 thru high
school

9:45 – 11:30 am

Nursery care available

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist and coffee hour

The mission of All Saints is to build up the Body
of Christ in this place as we gather for worship,
learning, fellowship, and mutual support, and as
we scatter to serve as His followers in the world.