



Church of St. Uriel the Archangel

# Regent of the Sun

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## Christ The Victim, Christ The Priest

Did you ever wonder where the term “scapegoat” actually comes from? It is described in the 16 Chapter of Leviticus. For atonement of Israel's sins, the priest would present two goats, one goat to be sacrificed as a sin offering to God, and the other to be released. Confessing all the sins, transgressions and faults Israel had committed, the priest would lay his hands on the goat to be released. This action was a sign that the guilt of Israel was transferred onto the goat. The “scapegoat” was driven away into a land of separation—wilderness, and along with him went the sins of Israel. Thus the term, scapegoat”.

Other animals were also offered as sacrifices to God for the sins of Israel. It is

always easier to shed someone else's blood, just as it is always easier to spend someone else's money. Adam and Eve sinned against God, and clothed themselves with the skins of animals. The guiltless animal lost its life for the guilty. In the ancient sacrificial rituals, the animal lost its life and the priest loses nothing. Sound familiar? It should.

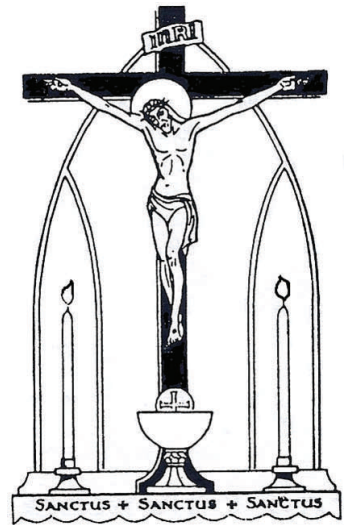
Christ changed all that. In the Old Testament the priest [sacrificer] and the animal being sacrificed [victim], were two separate entities. Christ the Priest offered to God the Father the Sacrifice. Who was the guiltless sacrificial victim this time? It was Jesus Himself. In being both priest and victim, Jesus unites the priesthood with victimhood.

How does this change my life any? It means, Jesus paid

the price for my sins. The innocent died for the guilty. Jesus came to die so that we can live. This is manifested ever time we celebrate the Eucharist. My friends, do not take the Mass lightly. Make every opportunity not to miss on Sunday. Do not miss the opportunity to, “...offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee...” What message to we send our children when we miss the weekly Sacrifice of the Mass?

St. Augustine said that we do not need to look outside of ourselves for an animal to offer to God. Each one of us has within himself that which can be crucified.

Fr. Russell



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## Financial Home Front

There is a sociological change in our American culture that has been taking place over the years. The role of religion as the center of American spiritual life is quickly shifting. Sunday remains a day of worship for Americans; but it is a matter of whom or what we are going to worship. Christians now have to make the decision between attending the numerous social activities now being offered on Sunday mornings [social events

or sporting events such as soccer, football, basketball, club activities, etc.], or attending Church. On Catholic radio it was reported that 70% of Roman Catholics today do not attend Mass with any great regularity.

Now, in addition to what I have just mentioned, our country is suffering with severe financial and economic problems creating a populace that is nervous at best or frightened at worst. This means that most denominations in our country are facing serious financial

hardships. The Episcopal Church is not alone in this financial struggle. We know that a fair amount of the Episcopal Church's financial problems has come about as a result of her theological stances on any number of issues. As a result, many Episcopalians have either left the Episcopal Church or just stopped supporting it.

Our own Diocese is suffering from

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# Liturgies in Lent

## Weekday Mass

9:30am	Mondays:	<b>Mass</b> [Arbors] - Homily
9:30am	Tuesday:	<b>Mass</b> [St. Joseph's Chapel] - No Homily
9:30am	Wednesday:	<b>Mass</b> [High Altar] - Homily
12:10pm	Thursday:	<b>Mass</b> [St. Joseph's Chapel] - No Homily
7:30am	Friday:	<b>Mass</b> [St. Joseph's Chapel] - No Homily

## Stations of the Cross

9:30am	Friday	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Friday	Stations of the Cross

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00pm Friday - March 5, 12, 19, 26 [St. Joseph's Chapel]



**Veneration of the Cross**

**“By the anxieties and worries of this life Satan tries to dull man's heart and make a dwelling for himself there.”**

**- St. Francis of Assisi**

# Women's Homefellowship

Please join us for a night of sharing and Fellowship

**When:** 7:00pm Monday, March 8, 2010

**Where:** Jean Deatrick  
215 Philadelphia Boulevard  
Sea Girt, NJ  
(732) 449-5267

**Leader:** Laura Ransom

**Topic:** Women of Faith [Video]

[Bring a snack or dessert for sharing]

# Lenten Studies for 2010

**Day:** Tuesdays in Lent  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Place:** Parish Hall

For our Lenten Study this year, we will be doing a four week course on the parables of Jesus in Luke. The fifth week will be a teaching lead by Fr. Alan Hansen. The study on the parables will consist of a 40 minute DVD teaching by Kenneth E. Bailey, followed by discussion.

Dr. Bailey spent 40 years teaching New Testament and Research Institutes in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus. He also served as Canon

Theologian of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

**February 23:** The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

**March 2:** The Woman in the House of Simon

**March 9:** Zacchaeus in Jericho

**March 16:** The Great Banquet

**March 23:** Fr. Hansen: *The Great Exchange*

What makes these teachings unique from most other studies is that having spent over 40 years in the Middle East, Dr. Bailey looks at these teach-

ing, not from our Western culture point of view, but that of a middle Eastern cultural view, which was the culture of Jesus' time.

There are no materials to purchase and no homework assignments for this course. Instead of giving up chocolate for Lent, why not add this course to your Lenten discipline. This is a great course! It will broaden those who wish to go deeper into the parables of Jesus while at the same time be basic enough for those who have never taken a biblical course.



**Dr. Kenneth Bailey**

**Cost:** \$15.00 [Materials]

**Time:** Tuesday, March 23  
6:00pm Cover Dish  
[Sign up list for what to bring will be in the parish hall]

7:00pm Seminar

**Registration:** Call the parish office to register, or sign up at the back of the Church, or in the hallway going to the parish hall. You DO NOT have to go to the cover dish to attend the seminar.

### **Seminar Theme:**

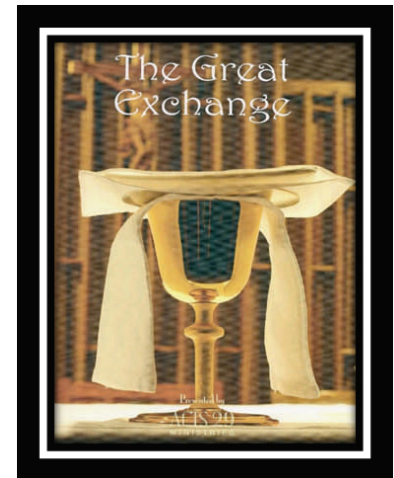
As a Christian there are two tremendous “benefits” won for us by Jesus. The first is the forgiveness of sins and the second is the gift of

eternal life. Both of these are celebrated and remembered every Sunday in the Anglican Liturgy of Holy Eucharist. The forgiveness of sins and eternal life are referenced in the absolution. And again the forgiveness of sins is declared in the prayer of consecration when the priest reminds us that His blood was shed for us for the “forgiveness of sins.”

All of us have heard these words many times and they are a genuine comfort to us as we come forward to receive communion. But is there more to the Christian journey than being forgiven and going to heaven when we die? The answer is certainly YES, much more. Numer-

ous benefits have been won for us by Christ through His death, resurrection and ascension!

This study will look at what was lost through the fall and how a loving God worked out His plan of salvation to reverse the consequences of our rebellion and restore to us all that was taken away. We will look at what it means to have a covenant with God, through seven specific covenants that are in the Bible, and ultimately enter into The Great Exchange receiving all the 'benefits' given to us through Jesus Christ.



## Fr. Alan Hansen Biographical Sketch

Father Alan W. Hansen is a cradle Episcopalian called to the priesthood in 1982. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military.

Father Hansen has served parishes in Kentucky and Florida and has transitioned two parishes that had plateaued and were in decline. In both cases, the parishes enjoyed numerical, spiritual and financial growth. In 2002, Father Hansen was called as President and CEO of ACTS 29 Ministries based in Atlanta, GA.

ACTS 29 has a 33-year

history of bringing renewal, growth and new life in the Holy Spirit to congregations throughout the United States and abroad. Today, Father Hansen leads numerous ministry events that include, evangelism, discipleship, prayer, men's ministry, vestry retreats, seminary training, regional events and healing ministry. ACTS 29 also hosts YouthQuake, the largest youth event in the Anglican world.

ACTS 29 Ministries continues to be a powerful resource for congrega-

tions looking to go deeper in their spiritual journey. Father Hansen has presented conferences in major cities across the country, including Denver, Seattle, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, Detroit, Memphis, Jacksonville, Charleston, Charlotte, Albany, Sarasota and Springfield. For more information about ACTS 29's resources and events, log onto [www.a29.com](http://www.a29.com).



Fr. Alan Hansen

## Results of Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting this year was again very upbeat and positive. One could feel this sense of excitement and God's presence active in the life of His parish.

The evening began with Mass at 6:00pm followed by the meeting. Dr. Thompson gave the Financial Report. He reported that we finished fiscal year 2009 on the positive side, but there are some concerns for into 2010. While we will continue in doing ministry we will have to watch our spending more closely.

The Senior Warden's report, given by Glenn Miller, indicated the implementation of new ministries now at St. Uriel's. My report can be found in the Parish Journal.

Stacey Forbes reported on the ministry of Youth and Family Ministries. Along with her report, Stacey spoke on the upcoming Mission Trip in June.

Because of time constraints in his new job, John Gassner went off as Junior Warden. Peter Cavagnaro was elected as the new Junior Warden. John assured me that he will continue to help Peter in his new responsibility as Junior Warden. Jack Brisben, Emily Conover, and Dr. Thompson were elected to a three year term on vestry.

Tom Branch, Steve Sroka, and Pamela Gallamore were elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Karen Cavagnaro was

elected as alternate to Convention.

I do want to personally take the time to thank John Gassner, Michael Webster, Jim Thompson, Jr., and Dave Kiely for faithfully serving their terms on vestry.

Along with these individuals, I want to share with you my deep appreciation for Kathy Ankiewicz, Bobbie Wassmer, and Adrienne Decker. They are a great asset to me and to the life of our parish.

The meeting concluded with an open session. Copies of the parish journal may be obtained in the parish office.

*Fr. Russell*

## Women of Faith Conference

The women of St. Uriel's are once again greatly anticipating attending the "Women of Faith" Event , **Sept 10-11<sup>th</sup> at the Wachovia Center, Philadelphia**. This year's event is entitled "**Over the Top**", and features familiar guest speakers and musical talent, including Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe, Lisa Whelchel , Mandisa and Sandi Patty. "Women of Faith" is an interdenominational faith-based women's organization, helping women of all ages and stages in life grow in faith and spiritual maturity. Over 4 million women have attended over 275 events in more than 70 cities across North America since 1996.

"Escape from the everyday at the Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged and inspired. For God's love for us is abundant and 'Over the Top'."

**Tickets are \$109**-(including a box lunch) for both Friday and Saturday's events. A \$25 deposit will hold your seat with the balance paid **by June 1<sup>st</sup>**. We expect 50 ladies to attend this year. Carpooling is available from St Uriel's. Most ladies choose to attend the Saturday event, but this year we have many who wish to attend both days. We have reserved a limited number of discount hotel rooms at the Hyatt in Philadelphia for those who wish to stay overnight.

**As a gift to you, our first 30 ladies will receive a complimentary Sandi Patty CD!**

Registration forms are available in the back of the church along with an envelope to place your deposit check - made payable to "St. Uriel's Church." **Contact Laura Ransom - 732-972-9227** if you have any questions. You can log into the website - <http://womenoffaith.com> to preview the event.

More information along with the preview DVD will be presented at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Women's Gathering.

**"Get away with your girlfriends to laugh, cry and recharge."**

• **Homily Series on the Eucharist**

In February I began a series of homilies on the Eucharist. However, two blizzards changed that real quick. Starting Sunday, March 7, I will continue with my series on the Eucharist.

• **Lenten Adult Forums**

On the Sundays February 28, March 7th, and March 21, I will be doing a series

on the parables from the gospels read at Mass that day. They will be, *Pilate and the Tower* [February 28], *The Prodigal Son* [March 7], and *the Lost Son* [March 21]

• **Sunday School Highlights.**

To learn about the body of Christ, we used Jenga blocks to illustrate the importance of every person using their gifts to make the church a strong and mighty tower. When a per-

son is missing, it weakens the structure.

To learn about the temptation of Jesus, we used Oreo cookies to illustrate what Jesus went through in the wilderness with the devil.

**Nursery: Subbing for Jackie**

- We are looking for individuals who might be interested in doing nursery care when Jackie is either away or sick. If you would be willing to substitute, please contact Stacey at the church office.



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the financial short fall. A number of Diocesan staff have moved on to other positions in the life of the Church and have not been replaced. Delegates to Diocesan Convention must now pay \$20.00 per delegate to help offset the cost of Convention costs which this year meets in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Our parish is also facing some financial shortfalls. Here are some results of our parish Stewardship for 2010. In 2009, pledges were \$134, 800. In 2010, they are \$113,784. That is a drop of 18½%. Number of pledges in 2009 was 91; in 2010 the number of pledges is 69. That is a drop of 32%.

Many of our building are old and need constant upkeep. In 2009, we completed \$25,000 in upkeep of the buildings. During the recent blizzards, four snow removals resulted in a cost of \$2,925. If this sounds like a lot, keep in mind we have many sidewalks and entrances to keep clear.

As a parish, we are doing our

best to keep expenses down. Adrienne continues to review contracts with different service providers endeavoring to reduce expenses. We have also cut the budget for this year. In 2010, Stacey will be working 2/3 time [most of which she needs to spend time with her new son Owen.] In 2009, we went to electronic mailing which has saved money on postage, staff time, and printing costs. If you have an e-mail address and are not on our electronic mailing services, please help us to keep costs down by giving us your e-mail address. In keeping with the financial difficulties which most people are facing, in the 2010 budget, there were no cost of living increases for the staff. These are just a few steps that we have taken to curtail expenses.

I believe most members of St. Uriel's feel uncomfortable signing a pledge card at this time but will continue financially supporting the ministry of our parish. However, it is not too late to make a pledge for 2010. Call the parish office [732-449-6173], and ask for Adrienne.

Indicate what you would like to pledge for 2010. Keep in mind that financial pledges can be adjusted at any time due to financial changes by simply notifying the parish office.

We have been blessed with an endowment which has made it possible to cover expenses where pledges have fallen short. But endowments can be, "here today and gone tomorrow." There are parishes in our own Diocese which have exhausted their endowment. Over the years, St. Uriel's has never touched the principle of our endowments.

The mission of St. Uriel's has been to maintain the historic Faith of the Church. We know that this comes with a price. All we can do is to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as handed down. It was St. Clement martyred in the year 100AD who said, "This world and the world to come are two enemies. We cannot therefore be friends to both; but we must decide which we will forsake and which we will enjoy." Fr. Russell

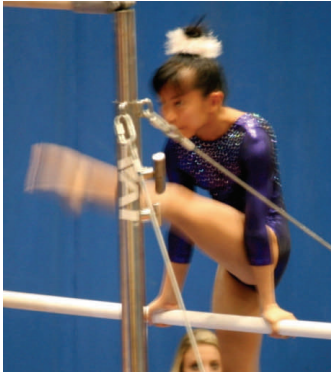


Clement of Rome

**"This world and the world to come are two enemies. We cannot therefore be friends to both; but we must decide which we will forsake and which we will enjoy." Clement of Rome, c. 100**



James Ransom



Emilie DeVoe

**We have many outstanding young people in our parish. Let us know of their accomplishments so that we can publish them in the parish newsletter.**

## James Ransom Receives Award

James Ransom has been running "Operation Treat For Troops" since 2006. The first year he sent about 15 lbs of his own Halloween candy to Capt Eric Kirsch, a family friend he never meet in Iraq.

The following year James expanded the program and collected from his school, his orthodontist - Dr Mark Schwitz and St Uriel's Church. He sent over 350 lbs to Capt Mike Tomai, and Sgt John Facchini.

James received a phone call from Sgt Facchini in

Iraq. He won The Noon-time Optimist Club of Freehold Awards Youth Appreciation.

For 2009 , James collected over 750 lbs of candy. He connected with Keystone Specialty Woods in Lancaster, Pa and they sent a truck to pick up 350lbs of donated goodies which they made into baskets for the troops in the hospitals of Iraq. The remainder James sent to 4 different soldiers in both Iraq and Afghanistan including a hospital in Mosul - 16 boxes.

In December of 2009 James received the Certificate of Appreciation from Operation Enduring Freedom from LTC Jeff Cantor.

A small gesture of kindness turned into an amazing experience for James. It is his hallmark community service and he has met wonderful people through his works.

St John Vianney High School awarded James the History Award for the First Marking Period.

## Emilie DeVoe: State Champion in Gymnastics

USAG (USA Gymnastics) Level 4 NJ State Championships were held in Cresskill, NJ the weekend of 2/12-2/14. Emilie DeVoe qualified at a sectional meet in November with an All Around score of 35.6 to enter the state championships (requirement to enter states is 32.0).

At the state championships, in age group 8yr old seniors, Emilie scored the following:

Vault - 9.075  
Floor Routine\_9.5 (3<sup>rd</sup> Pl.)  
Balance Beam: 9.675 (1<sup>st</sup> Place, State Champion)  
Uneven Bars: 9.7 (1<sup>st</sup> Pl. - State Champion)  
All Around: 37.95 (2<sup>nd</sup> Pl)

The highest individual score is 10.0. She was .3 of a point behind the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for All Around. These were Emilie's personal best scores. She has been training for 2 years to compete and this was her

first competition season which began last October and culminated with the State Championships. The coaching staff has moved her onto Level 5 and she is now back in the gym learning Level 5 skills and routines for next competition season which begins in October.

*USAG has levels of increasing difficulty from 2 - 10, Level 10 being 'elite' (world/Olympic team quality).*

## Youth Ministry News

### Mission Trip:

- This summer the youthgroup will be going to York, PA June 27-July 2nd for a community service based mission trip. During the week we will be working in

soup kitchens, retirement communities, leading sports camps and Vacation Bible Schools for low income children, and a host of other things. The trip is open to all 6th-12th graders. If anyone is interested,

please let Stacey know ASAP as there is a waiting list for this camp.

- In March, we will be looking into the possibility of a lock in at the Church.

Stacey Forbes



# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30am Mass 7:00pm Mass	<b>18 Simeon of Jerusalem, Bp. and Martyr - 1st Century</b> 12:10 pm Mass	<b>19</b> 7:30am Mass 9:30am Stations 7:00pm Stations	20
<b>21 Lent I</b> 8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass Sunday School 11:00am Adult Forum "The Unjust Steward"	<b>22 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch</b> 9:30am Mass [Arbors]	<b>23 Polycarp, Bp. Martyr of Smyrna, 156</b> 9:30am Mass 7:00pm Lenten Study, <i>The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin</i>	<b>24 St. Matthias</b> 9:30am Mass 10:30am Altar Guild 7:00pm Order of St. Luke	<b>25 Ethelbert King and Confessor, 616</b> 12:10 pm Mass	<b>26</b> 7:30am Mass 9:30am Stations 7:00pm Stations	<b>27 George Herbert, Priest, 1633</b>
<b>28 Lent II</b> 8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass Sunday School 11:00am Adult Forum - "Pilot and the Tower" Pork roll, egg and Cheese				<i>Key Abbreviations:</i> Abs. = Abbess Abt. = Abbot Ap. = Apostle Archbp. = Archbishop B. = Bishop	B.V.M. = Blessed Virgin Mary C. = Confessor Comp. = Companions D. = Doctor Dn. = Deacon Dns. = Deaconess	Her. = Hermit K. = King M. = Martyr MM = Martyrs Mat. = Matron Pr. = Priest Q. = Queen V. = Virgin W. = Widow



# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 David, Bp. Of Wales, c. 544</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b> [Arbors]	<b>2 Chad, Bp. Of Lichfield, 672</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b>  7:00pm Lenten Study	<b>3 John &amp; Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b> 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Order of St. Luke	<b>4</b>  12:10 pm <b>Mass</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30am <b>Mass</b>  9:30am Stations  6:00pm Confessions 7:00pm Stations	<b>6</b>  9:00am Confirmation Class
<b>7 Lent III</b>  8:00am <b>Mass</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b> 10:25am Sunday School 11:00am Adult Forum "The Lost Younger Son"	<b>8 Edward King, Bp. Of Lincoln, 1910</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b> [Arbors]  7:00pm Women's Fellowship	<b>9 Gregory, Bp. Of Nyssa, c. 394</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b>  7:00pm Lenten Study <i>Zacchaeus in Jericho</i>	<b>10</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b>  6:00pm Youth Group  7:00pm Order of St. Luke	<b>11</b> 12 Noon Soup and Salad Luncheon 12:10 pm <b>Mass</b> Brotherhood of St. Andrew 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm Meeting	<b>12 Gregory the Great, Bp. of Rome, 604</b> 7:30am <b>Mass</b>  9:30am Stations  6:00pm Confessions 7:00pm Stations	<b>13</b>  5:00pm <b>Mass</b>
<b>14 Lent IV</b>  8:00am <b>Mass</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b>  No Sunday School or Adult Forum	<b>15</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b> [Arbors]  7:00pm Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b>  7:00pm Lenten Study: <i>The Great Banquet</i>	<b>17 Patrick, Bp. of Ireland, 461</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b> 10:30am Altar Guild 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Order of St. Luke	<b>18 Cyril, Bp. Of Jerusalem, 386</b>  12:10 pm <b>Mass</b>	<b>19 St. Joseph</b> 7:30am <b>Mass</b>  9:30am Stations  6:00pm Confessions 7:00pm Stations	<b>20 Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Bp. 687</b>
<b>21 Lent V</b> 8:00am <b>Mass</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b> Sunday School 11:00am Adult Forum: "The Lost Older Son" Pork Roll Sandwiches	<b>22 James DeKoven, Priest, 1879</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b> [Arbors]	<b>23 Gregory the Illuminator, Bp.</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b> 6:00pm Cover Dish 7:00pm Lenten Seminar <i>"The Great Expectation"</i>	<b>24 Gabriel the Archangel</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b>  6:00pm Youth Group  7:00pm Order of St. Luke	<b>25 Annunciation of Our Lord</b>  12:10 pm <b>Mass</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30am <b>Mass</b>  9:30am Stations  6:00pm Confessions 7:00pm Stations	<b>27 Charles Henry Brent, Bp. of the Philippines, 1929</b>
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b>  8:00am <b>Mass</b> 10:00am <b>Mass</b>  No Sunday School or Adult Forum	<b>29 Monday in Holy Week</b> 9:30am <b>Mass</b> [Arbors] 9:30am <b>Mass</b>  7:00pm <b>Mass</b>	<b>30 Tuesday in Holy Week</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b>  7:00pm <b>Mass</b>	<b>31 Wednesday in Holy Week</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b>  7:00pm <b>Mass</b>	<b>APRIL 1 Maundy Thursday</b>  9:30am <b>Mass</b>  7:00pm <b>Mass</b> Stripping of the Altar	<b>APRIL 2 Good Friday</b> 12Noon Stations of the Cross  7pm Veneration of the Cross <b>Mass</b> of the Pre-Sanctified	<b>APRIL 3 Holy Saturday</b>  Time TBA <b>Great Easter Vigil</b>