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Our magnolia tree in bloom

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3: Saturday at 11:00. Ladies Guild Planning

Meeting. Lunch will be provided.

May 4: Armed Forces Sunday

May 18: Sea Sunday

May 29: Thursday. The Ascension. 12:00 Mass in

the Chapel

June 8: Whitsunday (Pentecost)

June 15: Trinity Sunday

JEWS FOR JESUS

On Tuesday, April 8th, the Jews for Jesus presented a Model Seder program here for us and for the entire community. Led by Oded Cohen and his wife, Bimini, they explained and demonstrated what the Passover meal consists of for Jews and how it is a model, symbolically, for the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. Oded and Bimini are Messianic Jews. We all partook of the "symbols" of the meal (not the entire meal proper) prepared by our own parishioners, Rosemary Barsky and Carol Davis. These symbols consisted of hard-boiled eggs, parsley, horseradish, matzo bread (unleavened) and an apple, nut and cinnamon dish called Charoseth. It was a fascinating evening and Oded and Bimini

presented an excellent program. Thanks to Rebecca and Jim Harrington for arranging for them to come to us.



Holy Saturday, April 19, 2014 - Veteran's Memorial & Remembrance Service

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner was another rousing success. Our net profit was \$1,207.00. A record! Jim Harrington, chief cook, manned our two new stoves (and they are beauties). We had a large turnout for both sittings and a record amount of take-out orders. The raffle drawings were many and excellent. And of course we all sang "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

This year we had 12 services, including a new service of prayers, hymns and remembrances especially for Veterans. This service was held on Holy Saturday at 1900 (7:00 pm). Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday. We are so pleased to say that we had a total of 206 attendees at the services.

EASTER DAY

On April 20th our joyous celebration of the Risen Lord was well attended with over 50 people. Fr. Monroe's sermon, "Any Doubts?" was his usual rouser and left us with No Doubts. The choir sang a gospel style, contemporary anthem called "Early in the Morning on Easter Day" with Nat MacDonald accompanying on guitar and Wendy Kropac on tambourine. The men of the church prepared and served our Easter Breakfast. Delicious scrambled eggs (secret recipe handed down from Percy Olton), sausage, and traditional hot cross buns.



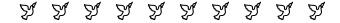
The altar for Easter - April 20, 2014

LADIES GUILD PLANNING MEETING

On Saturday, May 3rd at 11:00 the Ladies Guild will hold a meeting in the Undercroft to plan the upcoming year's events. A lunch of pizza and salad will be provided. It is very important that every lady attend who can possibly be there.

ALTAR GUILD

Ladies of the church: If you are interested in helping out, the Altar Guild could use some new members. Please see Connie Smith if you are able to lend a couple of hands.



RECTOR VACATION

We will be leaving on May 26th and returning on June 12th. Our daughter and son-in-law will be hosting us on our trip to Dublin and the Irish countryside, as well as to Scotland including Edinburgh, Inverness, including Foulis Castle, the traditional home of the Munro Clan. I have arranged for a tour. We also want to take a trip to see Nessie at Lock Ness. Hope to also drop in on the Benedictine Abbey of the Holy Trinity and St Margaret, which was founded in 1128 by King David I of Scotland. At its head was an abbot, the first incumbent being Geoffrey of Canterbury, former prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, the Kent monastery that probably supplied Dunfermline's first monks. In the decades after its foundation the abbey was the recipient of considerable

endowments, as seen from the dedication of 26 altars donated by individual benefactors and guilds and it was an important center of pilgrimage after Dunfermline became a center for the cult of St Margaret (Malcolm's wife and David's mother), from whom the monastery later claimed foundation and for which an earlier foundation charter was fabricated. The foundations of the earliest church (the Church of the Holy Trinity) are under the present superb Romanesque nave built in the 12th century. The Abby is just north of Edinburgh and I hope to pick up something from the Abby for our parish. St. Margaret is buried there.

Harry will be covering at least one of the services. I have still to identify who will cover the other one but have several possibilities.



Easter Breakfast - April 20, 2014

Birthdays and Anniversaries Happy birthday wishes to:

4/3 - Ken Donabedian 5/14 - Al Frizelle 4/5 - Linda Burns 5/14 - Greg Davis 4/7 - Carol Legault 5/15 - Gwen Stose 4/11- Harriet Johnson 5/18 - Linda Eldridge 4/13 - John Wilcox 5/19 - Audrey Pooles 4/14 - Ian Atherton 5/22 - Ann Wilcox 4/16 - Elizabeth Kenny 5/26 - Noreen Frizelle 4/25 - Jamie Bergeron 5/29 - Edie Edgar 5/6 - Jim Harrington 6/5 - Connie Smith 6/9 - Fran Shore 6/15 - Corinne Page 6/15 - Ida Mackinney 6/20 - Rebecca Harrington

Happy anniversary to:

4/3/82 - Jim & Rebecca Harrington 6/18/78 - Fr. Bob & Linda Burns



Linda Monroe and Connie Smith setting up the altar for Easter 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



God's Blessings in Eastertide.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Eastertide is always a joyous time as we slide into spring (at least I hope we will). The birds have come back to the Memorial Garden. I think I see new growth coming through what's left of the snow. We are feeling warmer weather minus the occasional sleet and of course Lent is over. Easter is a time of hope. It is a time for looking forward confident in the promises the Lord has made to us. But as we celebrate the empty cross and Christ's triumph over death we cannot forget the price paid on that cross for OUR salvation. The Easter story begins for us the understanding of what we too will experience through our faith in the Lord. The promise of eternal salvation. The promise of the Resurrection and the promise of being with Christ for all eternity. So as we look past the empty cross still stained with His blood we should keep in mind that His love for us should fill us with the desire to reflect that love to not only our Lord and Savior but to everyone whose lives we touch. May the Lord

bless all of you with an unshaken hope in what lies ahead this Easter and always.

In Him. + Father

ASK THE RECTOR

What is the difference between the Holy Eucharist, Holy Communion, and the Mass?

The sharing of the sacrament most commonly known to Anglicans as "The Administration of Holy Communion" is a paramount part of our service each Sunday along with the Liturgy of the Word. The Reform Church considered Word and Sacrament to be of equal value in the worship service. We continue that tradition today. Holy Communion takes us each Sunday to the upper room where our Lord shared the Passover meal with his disciples. Not merely a past event but something that is, for us, present in the here and now in recalling His words and actions. For this we express our deepest and sincere appreciation to God in this "Thanksgiving" sacrament. The word Eucharist is Greek for Thanksgiving and expresses our belief in thanking God for not only his sacrifice on the cross but also for the new covenant He established for our salvation. The term Mass has been traditionally used in the catholic tradition. In the original prayer book completed by Archbishop Cranmer he referred to "the Administration of Holy Communion, Commonly Called the Masse." The word mass comes from the Latin "missa" meaning dismissal. The tradition is that faithful Christians began their week with the mass and then were dismissed to go into the world and live through the Gospel. The mass often used interchangeably with a priest's celebration of Holy Communion, is not a resacrifice of Christ as some of our brethren believe, but the recalling of Christ's actions as well as an offering by us for His blessings. The deacon's service of Holy Communion is not a mass because it does not contain the consecration prayers or other parts that can only be done by a priest. However, it is a valid service of the Administration of Holy Communion because it is offered from the Reserve Sacrament. The Anglican tradition is that the Sunday service of Holy Communion is generally referred to as a High Mass because it has the largest number of participants and contains a wide range of prayer and music. Weekday services are generally Holy Communion services often called Low Masses if done by a priest or Administration of Holy

Communion if done by a deacon. Deacons are also permitted to provide Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament to persons who are shut-ins or in the hospital. For us as Anglicans, our participation in Sunday or weekday services should always come from our deep and sincere love of Christ for what He has done for us. We hear His words and like the disciples, share in that wonderful sacrament of Holy Communion which connects us spiritually with our Lord and savior as well as with each other.

THE WORLD IS MINE - Author Unknown (thanks to Rosemary Barsky)

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.

I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm.

And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind.

It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew.

He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do.

I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?"

He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go..
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I've been

blessed indeed, the world is mine.



Nathan Kropac, Jamie Bergeron, Andrew Ferguson and John Kropac take a break from preparing our Easter breakfast



Fr. Monroe assists in setting up the altar for Easter



Nat MacDonald & Fr. Monroe (at the base of the ladder)
Unveiling the crucifix