

## ***CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN***

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**Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3: 17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1, Luke 9:28b-36**

**FOCUS: God made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants and with us.**

Change is one thing many of us resist in life, yet, change is one of the themes of the Lenten season. We each know that there is some aspect of our life which needs attention. Jesus calls us to repentance and a change of heart. Lent provides us to repentance and a change of heart. Lent provides us with the opportunity to take stock of what is going on in our hearts and in our relationships, with God and with others, that needs to be made better. We might ask ourselves: Does anything I do need to change? Can I bring this about on my own or do I need help from God or from another person? Am I willing to pay the price which comes with change? We might downplay the challenge of this task, but the reality is that becoming different than we are is seldom easy or quick.

The covenant between God and Abram, later known as Abraham, heard in today's first reading was possible only because of Abraham's willingness to cooperate with God. Earlier, God had called Abraham to leave all that was familiar and to begin a new life in a strange land. Abraham heard the voice of God and prepared the animals as God directed. It was in this strange ceremony of sacrificed animals, fire, and smoke that God made a covenant with Abraham, giving him the land of Canaan. Abraham's acceptance of the covenant required him to place his total trust in God, to turn his heart toward God and away from all that could keep him from God. We, too, are faced with a similar call to turn our lives toward God, to change direction so that we may grow closer in our relationship with him.

Paul is certainly an example of one who radically changed his life. He turned from being a persecutor of Christians to being a believer in Christ, willing to suffer imprisonment and death for the sake of the Gospel. What drove Paul to make such a change? After being knocked to the ground, he experienced Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, for the sake of the world, and Paul lived this belief and preached it. In today's second reading, Paul teaches of the reward of citizenship in heaven for those who believe. There we will await a resurrected body which will conform to Christ's glorified body.

Paul knew that the goal of eternal life with God required him to constantly turn away from sin and turn toward God. He lived this and preached it to all who would listen. His invitation to “join with others in being imitators of me” is a pathway for us to follow this Lent in order to arrive at the glory of the Resurrection. We would do well to imitate Paul and work to change our hearts.

In today’s gospel reading from Luke, we hear the familiar story of the Transfiguration of Jesus as he prayed on the mountain. The Transfiguration gave Peter, James, and John a sign of Christ’s glory to come. It gives us a glimpse of the glory which awaits us if we are willing to say yes to all that God asks of us as did Abraham and Paul. God asked them to open their hearts to him and they did. God asks the same of us. During this Lenten season, we are invited to climb the mountain of charity, fasting, and prayer so that, like Christ, we may be changed by the power of God. Let us say yes to this invitation and open our hearts and minds more fully to God’s will for us.

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**The Book Club meets on the 1st Monday of each month.**

Booklist:

- March:** Holiness for Housewives Vonzeller
- April:** Hail Holy Quenn Hahn
- May:** House of Gold MacFarlane
- July:** The Seven Story Mountain Thomas Merton

*I have a question. Whom do I call?*

**Pastoral Coordinator** Kate Hayden 938-8760

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Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

**Cadet Issues**....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

Father Paul Hurley 938-2784

***RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:***

*Wednesday 1820 –1930 at MHT Chapel*

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

**GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries) POC: Michelle Kelley @ 424-360**

**March 7** - 7-9 pm - Come and be part of a new production of the Passion Play. Bring permission slips for the Midnight Run.

**March 12 — Donations still needed for Midnight Run**

The items they are in need of: new or used men's gloves, used men's shoes -sizes 10, 11 or 12 and used men's coats.

**March 14, 21 & 28** - 7-9 pm -

Practices for the Passion Play

### *Celebrate Bach's Birthday*

Sunday, 21 March at 3 pm, Most Holy Trinity Chapel will be the site of the observance of Johann Sebastian Bach's 319th birthday. This traditional celebration has taken place for many years at the Post and Cadet Chapels under the direction of Pat Maimone, now retired. This year Meredith Baker, Director of Music at Most Holy Trinity has arranged to continue this musical feast. A performance of Bach's Motet, Jesu, Meine Freude will be the central work. Singers from Miss Baker's Long Island Choral Society will be joining musicians from this area, to produce this free concert. For information, please contact Meredith at 938-3544 or [MBaker@usma.edu](mailto:MBaker@usma.edu)

### *Dates to Remember*

- March 7** Eucharist Parent Meeting Thayer Hall  
Room 348, 0920 hrs
- March 14 & 21** No Religious Education--Spring Break
- March 27** RCIA retreat
- March 28** Confirmation Catechetical Session VIII,  
7:00PM, Cloister Room
- March 30** Parish Reconciliation
- March 31** Banner Making, Eucharist Parents, 7:00  
PM, Cloister Room

POC: "Ms. Kay" Heppes @ 938-8761, [yc3921@usma.edu](mailto:yc3921@usma.edu)

### *MCCW Presents "The Feminine Genius"*

Encyclical title by Pope John Paul II  
Wednesday, **March 10** @ 7:00 PM MHT Rectory

Guest Speaker: Glory Darbellay  
Glory Darbellay is a consecrated woman in Regnum Christi, a lay ecclesiastic movement in the Catholic Church. She holds a degree in Education Sciences and is completing her degree in Pastoral and Religious Studies. Presently, she serves as the Regional Director for "Challenge Clubs" and "Youth for the Third Millennium" which are national organizations that promote the integral formation of Catholic youth.

We invite you to hear how beautiful the Holy Father has explained the awesome role of women in the Church today and forever! You are very important to the Church and the salvation of others! Join us for food, fellowship and fun! For more program information call Elisa Bell at 446-8753.

### **Confirmation Class Service Project**

Please support one of the service projects of the MHT 2004 Confirmation Class. This project is in support of the Newburgh ministry. Please donate personal hygiene items (toothpaste, shaving cream, etc.) that will be collected in a box in the back of the church. Point of contact for this project is Marie Naessens at 446-4973.

***Easter Lilly Sale:*** Main Street florist is offering to provide beautiful flowers for our chapel. You are invited to purchase a Lilly in memory of a loved one and have it delivered to NHT for Easter. Please call Lisa at 446-4749 for information.

### **THE SEASON OF LENT & EASTER 2004 *Most Holy Trinity Parish Family***

***Prayer:*** We are to seriously evaluate our prayer life during Lent. Hopefully, we will be persons who pray better on Easter Sunday!

***Fasting:*** Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast by limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

***Almsgiving:*** We invite you to check the bulletin for opportunities to help those who are less fortunate. Our parish participates in many outreach programs.

#### **LENTEN SCHEDULE:**

**Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers: Fridays 27 Feb- 2 Apr, Stations-1800 (6:00PM), Soup-1830 (6:30 PM) MHT**

**Lenten Spiritual Renewal Program: Mondays, 1845- 1930; March 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2004.**

**(Brief Presentations & Four Different Prayer Experiences.)**

**Monday, March 8, 2004: Fr. Wood on "Fasting"**

**Monday, March 15, 2004: Fr. Deponai on "Almsgiving"**

**Monday, March 22, 2004: Fr. Costa on "Triduum and Lent"**

**Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, 30 March 2004-1900(7:00PM) MHT Chapel Every  
Wednesday: Adoration & Confession: 1820-1925 (6:20-7:20PM) @ MHT**

**Palm Sunday: 4 April 04, Palms distributed at all Masses at MHT.**

**Triduum: Holy Thursday, 8 April 04, 1900 (7:00PM) Liturgy of the Lord's Supper followed  
by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2400 (12:00AM)**

**Good Friday, 9 April 04, 1900 (7:00PM) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1500 (3:00PM)  
Stations of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday, 10 April 04, 2000 (8:00PM) Easter Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday, 11 April, Easter Mass 0900 & 1100**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER**

Join us on the Fridays during Lent for Stations at 1800 and Soup & Bread at 1830. If you can bring soup or bread to share, we would be appreciative.