



Church of Our Saviour

The Vision

Rejoice!

April, 2007

Points to Ponder

- If God can make a saint out of someone like Simon Peter, maybe God can even do something with me! - G. K. Chesterton
- Most people have some sort of religion. At least they know which church they're staying away from.—John Erskine
- If Christianity is true, it ought to follow that any Christian will be nicer than the same person if he were not a Christian.—C.S. Lewis
- Easter is the proof that evil men never have the last word about the things of God.—C. Neil Strait
- I've read the last page of the Bible. It's going to turn out all right.—Billy Graham

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Keeping Watch By: Fr. Birch Rambo

After eating the Passover, Jesus took three of his disciples to the garden with him, to keep him company as he prayed. He told them to stay awake and keep watch with him while he prayed in anguish.

*At the cross her vigil keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.*

So begins *Sabat Mater*, an ancient hymn of the church. The words go on to describe Our Lord hanging on the cross and Mary's pain as a sword pierces her own soul. After the sun set on the Sabbath, the women who followed Jesus organized all the things they would need to prepare Jesus' body for a proper burial. It was a complicated process, and likely took many hours of work. Finally, very early in the morning, while it was still dark, they went to the tomb.

As we have in past years, this year at Our Saviour we will have two opportunities to keep vigil. The first mirrors the quiet tearful vigils of Jesus' apostles and holy mother, the second, the busy, preparatory vigil of the women after the Sabbath.

On Maundy Thursday, in addition to the foot washing, we will bless additional bread and wine to be used the following day at 12:10 pm at the Mass of the Pre-sanctified.

These elements, the Body and Blood of Christ, will remain in the church through the night. The church will be kept unlocked, and any who wish to stay awake and watch for a while with Christ may spend all or any part of the night in the sanctuary with him.

The Great Vigil of Easter, the most important and spectacular service of the Church year, will begin at 11:00 pm, well after dark following the Jewish Sabbath. The service begins with the kindling of a new fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. Cantors will sing "Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels!" the beginning of the *Exultet*, the Church's great hymn of rejoicing in the Paschal mystery. Lectors and musicians will tell in word and song the story of salvation history. New Christians will be baptized into the Paschal mystery. Then as Sunday arrives, the eighth day of the old creation and the first day of the new, the Church's long silent lips will shout the first Alleluia! of Resurrection day and give thanks in the Eucharist, taking our part in the resurrected Body of Christ.

I hope this year you will keep watch for a while with Christ, whether as John in the garden, Peter at the guard's fire, the Mother of God at the cross, or the women on their way to the tomb. Stay awake for a while and pray.

Bits 'N Pieces

The **Men's group** held a successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast last month at the Parish House. They thank all who were able to attend and support the fun evening. Because of that support, the group was able to donate \$250 to our local Home Meals Delivery program.

The members of the **Altar Guild** wish to welcome two new members: Leslie Farris and Sandra Plant. They have been trained and are now ready to go. If anyone else is interested in learning more about the preparation of the Altar and church for Our Lord's Supper, please see any member of the Guild. Any of us will be happy to show you how it is done. The other members who serve on the Guild are: Becky Arthur, Peggy Stanaland, Becky Kingsley, Angie Rice, Sally Evans, Louise Locke, Pat Harris and Marilyn McMillan.

Reminder: If you have a **mailbox** in the parish office, please check and empty it regularly!

St. George's Day at the Domain is April 21st. This family event is always something to look forward to. There will also be a **youth rally** there on Friday, April 20th. If any teens are interested in attending the rally, see Fr. Birch for a registration form.

Youth News: See youth rally info above! There will be a teen **Omega Session** on April 15th, 1PM, at the Homan home. Topic: Why Utopias don't work. There will also be a **Parent's Night Out** on April 28th, 6-9:30PM at St. Thomas. Theme: Boxes! It's not too late to sign up to attend the annual Chicago Home Mission Trip. See Carol Ruppel ASAP for more information.

End of Month Report—By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS

2/28/2007	Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,844.56
2/28/2007	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	\$ 8,866.99
	Sub-total	\$ 11,711.55

2/28/2007 Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2007

Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ 283.00
Designated - Building Fund	\$ 852.82
Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
Designated - Music	\$ 149.00
Designated - Hispanic Ministry	\$ (249.13)
Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ (45.00)
Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ -
ECW	\$ 30.00
Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
Memorial Garden	\$ 100.00
MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 1,375.00
Sub-total	\$ 4,033.12

2/28/2007 **Net Operating Fund Balance** **\$ 7,678.43**

BUILDING FUND

2/28/2007	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 13,865.89
8/1/2005	Endowment Fund at Diocese (Estimate)	\$ 16,000.00
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 29,865.89
	Loan From Diocese	<u>\$(180,000.00)</u>

2/28/2007 **Building Fund** **\$(150,134.11)**

Keeping up with the calendar!

Donations of **canned goods** during the month of April will go to the Salvation Army.

The **Daughters of the King** will hold their monthly meeting at 7pm on April 19th, the third Thursday, instead of April 12, the second Thursday

Our monthly fellowship **pot-luck** lunch for April will NOT be on the second Sunday (Easter day). Instead, all are invited to come to a pot-luck dinner on April 11th, beginning at 6PM. This will be our last Taize' service and the meal will be a time of celebration after experiencing the season of Lent. Even if you have not been able to attend the Wednesday services leading up to April 11th, all are invited and encouraged to come.

Community Holy Week services will be at 1st Christian Church, Main St. beginning each day at noon, April 2-6. There will also be a light lunch each day for those attending. Our Saviour will be providing the desserts for this lunch on Wednesday, April 4th. (If you are one of those volunteers, please have your food items at 1st Christian by 10AM that day.) Pr. Andy Rutrough, St. Thomas, will be delivering the message that day, as well. This community event has a long history for the city of Richmond and is open to all.

Reminder to all: There will be ONE combined service on Easter Day, 10AM

DOK: A Day to Remember By: Grace Sears

Forty-eight Daughters of the King from across the Diocese gathered at Our Saviour on Saturday, March 10, for their annual Diocesan Assembly. We were honored by the presence of our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, who celebrated the Eucharist that morning, and a delegation from the first Roman Catholic chapter in the country, now celebrating their 20th anniversary. The Mary Magdalene chapter heard enthusiastic comments from the visitors about our new church building, the lunch served in the parish hall, and the keynote address by our vicar.

Special thanks for the success of our hospitality goes to Louise Locke, who coordinated our efforts, prepared soup, ordered beautiful cakes and designed the programs; Ranay, who produced the programs; Sally Evans, who arranged the lovely flowers and centerpieces in the parish hall; Carol Dismukes, who arranged tables and coordinated the clean-up efforts; Sandra Plant, who handled registration, Grace and

Anna, who brought soup and snacks, Jane Rainey, who played the organ, and the Altar Guild members who prepared the sanctuary. Fr. Rambo's address, "On Being a Daughter in the 21st Century," challenged us all.

*Our Saviour was host to
"Daughters" from across the
Diocese at their annual
Assembly.*

Schedule of Events

- 4/1—Passion Sunday
- 4/4—Taize' service, 6PM
- 4/5—Maundy Thursday, 7PM
- 4/6—Mass of the Presanctified, 12:10PM
- 4/6—Good Friday at St. Thomas, 3PM and 7PM
- 4/7—Easter Vigil
- 4/8—Easter Day, one 10AM service
- 4/11—Taize' and fellowship pot-luck diner, 6PM
- 4/14—Men's breakfast, 8:30AM
- 4/19—DOK meeting, 7PM
- 4/21—St. George's Day
- 4/28—Parent's Night out
- Campus ministries: Berea college on the 3rd Thursday, ECU meets on 2nd & 4th Tuesday.

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Passion Sunday</i>	2 <i>Men's Bible study</i>	3 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	4 <i>Taize'</i>	5 <i>Maundy Thursday Choir</i>	6 <i>Good Fri. 3 & 7. Mass @ 12:10</i>	7 <i>Easter Vigil</i>
8 <i>Easter Day</i>	9 <i>Men's Bible study</i>	10 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	11 <i>Taize'</i>	12	13	14 <i>Men's breakfast</i>
15 <i>Omega BC meet.</i>	16 <i>Men's Bible study</i>	17 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	18	19 <i>DOK</i>	20 <i>Youth Rally</i>	21 <i>St. George's</i>
22	23 <i>Men's Bible study</i>	24 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Parent's Night out</i>
29	30 <i>Men's Bible study</i>					

Men's Bible Study Continues to Grow By: Danny Justice

The Men's Bible Study at Church of Our Saviour is in its third?? year. The group has grown from 3-4 to 7-9 each week.

Meetings are Monday night in the fellowship hall. The meal begins between 6:15pm and 6:30pm and ends prior to 7pm. The Bible study always opens with prayer around 7pm and ends at or near 8pm. The focus began with the life and ministry of Jesus through the crucifixion.

In studying the life of Jesus it was decided to look at the old testament for the prophecies fulfilled with Jesus' life. The primary focus was how the old testament books of Samuel, Kings, Isaiah and Daniel have been primary study points over the time. Currently we are continuing Isaiah with a view in the future of studying Job.

There is no study necessary for the weekly meeting. If

you do study ahead try and not let it be known. Reading by chapter and open spontaneous response is the format of the evening. All men of the church are invited to attend. If you don't like the food, compliment the cook anyway. That and no discussions of national politics and sports are the only rules.

Serving Schedule for April

Date	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Acolytes	<i>Angie Rice</i> <i>Louise L.</i>	<i>Wallace A.</i> <i>Louise</i>	<i>Rusty M.</i> <i>Cheri T.</i>	<i>Angie R.</i> <i>Louise</i>	<i>Wallace A</i> <i>Louise</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sally E.</i> <i>Louise</i>	<i>EVERYONE</i>	<i>Marilyn</i> <i>Pat</i>	<i>Marilyn</i> <i>Pat</i>	<i>Angie</i> <i>Becky K.</i>
Greeter	<i>Sandra</i>	<i>Sandra</i>	<i>Stephan L.</i>	<i>Grace</i>	<i>James A.</i>
Lector	<i>Stephan L</i>	<i>Tom B.</i>	<i>Rachel Ruppel</i>	<i>Roger H.</i>	<i>Jim F.</i>
Tellers	<i>Danny,</i> <i>Louise</i>	<i>Sandra,</i> <i>Greg</i>	<i>Don,</i> <i>Sally</i>	<i>Anna,</i> <i>Charlie</i>	<i>Danny</i> <i>Louise</i>
Usher	<i>James A.</i>	<i>James A.</i>	<i>Sandra</i>	<i>Carrie</i>	<i>Carrie</i>

Readings

April 1—Psalm 22, Isaiah 45:21-25, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:29-40

April 8—Psalm 114, Acts: 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Luke 24:1-10

April 15—Psalm 111, Acts 5:12a, 11-22, 25-29, Revelation 1:1-19, John 20:19-31

April 22—Psalm 33, Acts 9:1-19, Revelation 5:6-14, John 21:1-14

April 29—Psalm 100, Acts 13:15-16, 26-33, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

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***One 10AM Easter
day service!***

Birthdays and Anniversaries In April

Birthdays—

Martie Conaway—8th

Corinne Ellis—13th

Kate Rambo—22nd

Leslie Farris—25th

Anniversaries—

Art & Martie Conaway—6th



A Prayer for

Parents and Sunday School Teachers:

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, so that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of blessed St. Joseph, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Marshmallow Easters

As I watch my eager children
on a sunny Easter day
Rummage through their Easter baskets
munching candy all the way,
I reflect and stop to wonder
If the affluence we share
Teaches chocolate-covered crosses
are the only kind we bear. —Peggy Ferrell