March is Woman’s History Month

Inventions by Women: Margaret A. Wilcox invented the car heater in 1893; the fire escape was invented by Anna Connelly in 1887; the life saving Life Raft by Maria Beasley in 1882; solar heating for a schoolhouse was invented by Alice H. Guyton in 1897; Dr. Maria Telkes in 1947; the medley smoking by Letitia Geer in 1899; the electric refrigerator by Florence Parpart in 1914; the ice cream maker by Nancy Johnson in 1843; dishwasher by Josefine Cochrane in 1887. More next week!

This Week is Holy Week

The holiest week of the year! Above all we will try to be thoughtful, prayerful, conscious of God, and ultimate reality. It is a week to spend time in the monastery of our minds. It is holy in what happened but it is also holy, in how what happened affects us! The coming week is a time to focus on the Presence of God in our lives regardless of what we are doing or sharing. Distraction is a great difficulty for all of us. Taking too much for granted is another. Don’t let this time of Holy Week go by as heedless as traffic on the highway!

As Thea Bowman said: “Let us resolve to make this week a Holy One! During this Holy Week when Jesus gave his life for love, let us truly love one another!”

AN AWESOME COSMIC MOMENT

The Easter Vigil and Sunrise Mass 2016 will be a profound moment for Sacred Heart again this year. This is a unique celebration of Christ reigns and the total transformation of the universe will be celebrated! Sacred Heart people are needed to attend and participate in this sacred liturgy for the salvation of the whole world! Please come!

Lenten Services 2016

Ended on Friday, March 18th with 73 people for great soup, Prayer Around the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We thank the three wise men (priests): Pat Sieber, Mike McCue, and Bob Fitz for hearing our confessions. Many thanks to Joe Barstys for singing the mantras for Prayer Around the Cross and to Pam Combe for her moving reflection. We thank the 20 Eustace juniors along with their teacher, Pat Arnold, for being with us and for their reverent participation.

Rice Raising: Total: 9,355.00

On behalf of all and for all, we thank our Lenten Services Committee (Michelle Busd, Susan Cedrone, Helena Cerquoni, Dee Dowling, Michael Doyle, Anthony Errichetto, Franca Grabowski, Pat Johnston, and Pat Mulligan) for their efforts in providing this year’s program.

Monday to Friday, at 7:40 AM at the Thea Bowman House, 418 Jasper Street, across from the Sacred Heart driveway.

Palm Sunday

The Blessing of Palm

O, Jesus Christ, we carry these branches and sing solemn praises in your honor this day. We pray that your blessing may descend on whatever place these branches are taken. May our homes and wherever these branches are carried be protected from all evil and sin by your love. For you are our Redeemer living and reigning with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moon was when the moon was blood,
Then surely I was born;
With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil’s walking parody
The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me:
I am dust;
Keep my secret still.
Fool! For also I had my hour,
One far fierce hour and sweet:
Some moment when the moon
In the Easter Vigil and Sunrise Mass 2016 we will celebrate that Christ is Risen and ultimately all is well.
HOLY WEEK AT SACRED HEART
Seder at Sacred Heart, Wednesday, March 23rd at 6 PM
In order to save this sacred event, it was changed to Wednesday evening 18 years ago and is celebrated by the elders of the parish, those who attend Mass regularly here and who also volunteer at least one hour a week to the Mission of the parish. Time is the most generous of donations.

Mass on Holy Thursday, March 24th at 7:30 PM
Holy Thursday is one of the greatest feast days of the Christian year. At its heart is a sense of awesome, unconditional love of Jesus who gathered with his friends in the Last Supper of His life, the night before He died. It is the feast of the beginning of our Holy Eucharist, the central ritual of our faith, and the heart of our Sunday gatherings.
It is the origin of our Mass. So we will gather in our church on Holy Thursday 2016 for this special Mass.

Good Friday, March 25th
Via Crucis at 10 AM: Parishioners will lead a neighborhood Way of the Cross. Gather in the Prayer Garden.
Quiet time in church begins at Noon.
Good Friday Service begins at 3 PM.

Preparation Day, Saturday, March 26th
will begin with 8:15 AM Prayer Service in the tomb (Children’s Chapel). Decorating in church from 9 AM - see Gail Gooney. Vigil set up, preparations, practices in cafeteria – see Paddy Mulligan, Jo & Mike Giacchino.

Easter Vigil, Sunday, March 27th
begins at 4:30 AM. This is the pinnacle of our faith. Your attendance is crucial to the celebration. One of our candidates will be received into our church. Bring bells to ring and food to be blessed for your Easter table. Come celebrate for the world!

Easter Sunday - Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

Dinners at Joe’s Place
Saturday, March 26th at 4 PM coordinated by John Shields. Please call him at (609) 346-9657 at with your usual offers of food and time.
Saturday, Easter Sunday, March 27th at 2 PM coordinated by Sean Dougherty, Lorna and Maria Davis. Please call Sean at (856) 625-4400.
You will be blessed!
Dinner yesterday thanks to Judy Sweeney/Jack Cantwell and all their helpers! It is holy work to feed the poor especially on Broadway!

House of Charity
Good Cause! Good Work! Please Pledge! It’s the way to make our Goal!

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Easter Flowers
If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, see Gail Gooney.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY & NIGHT
40 people attended the 8:15 Mass on Thursday, March 17th to remember Msgr. Sal Adamo (ordained on March 17th) and Fr. Frank McDermott (born on March 17th) who Michael credits for putting his letters into a book. We also prayed for Fr. Michael Doyle whose surgery was on Thursday. With St. Patrick and his beloved sister, Anna Mae, on his side, he did as well as can be expected with such a serious surgery! Please keep him in your prayers! Prayers and well wishes came from across the country and beyond (Ireland, Turkey, Malta, Australia). The church was open all day for prayer and meditation.

At night, we sang and read poetry. Many thanks to Shanna Dever, Ellen Bullinger, Kiki, Tony DiSantis, Theresa Banford and to Paddy & Lil Mulligan and Ben Hill for pulling the evening together! Great Soba bread and tea too!

Boys Varsity Team are Champs!
On March 14, 2016, the CPS Boys varsity team won The Camden County Diocesan League Championship! There are four Sacred Heart 8th grade boys on the team: Ashir Judge, Jeremy Council Reddick, Jason Stevens and Tamony Reeye. The team is ably coached by Jeff Browne. Jeff's father, Gerry, a great friend of Sacred Heart and Michael Doyle, coached the Sacred Heart team for many years until his death in September 2012. In honor of his father, Jeff promised Michael he would win a championship, Congratulations to the team and Coach Browne! Way to go!!

Mercy Works
March’s theme is “Feed the Hungry.” The prevalence of seasonal employment in Atlantic and Cape May Counties means that many working families face severe economic hardship for much of the year. Many of these families resort to living in motels during the off-season. Several parishes in these counties have formed a partnership with Catholic Charities through a program called Plates for Jesus. Parishioners set an extra place at their table at dinner, freeze the meal and bring it to their parishioners, where it is then delivered to Catholic Charities. Learn more by contacting Catholic Charities Services Center near you.

Pledge!
March 21st: Gail Gooney, Bette/Joe Hinger, Judy/ Tom Huder, Atkins Family, Joan Jennings.
March 22nd: Jane Luyster, Carolyn/Bob Genovesi, Ken Albone, Barbara Hopkins, Sara Forte, Louis Moore, and Thuy Vu.
March 23rd: Chick Wasson, Kathy Hainesworth, Bill Cosgrove, Suzanne Hemp, Barstys Family, and Celia Chazelle.
March 25th: Ellie Losignore, Helen Schaeffer, Kathy/ Carl Maugeri, Janet Sassano, Gina Driscoll, and M. Moore.
March 26th: Josephine/Michael Giacchino, Gregory Corrigan, Patti Capri, and Maria/Bob Esche.

For more information, please call Gail Gooney at (856) 429-3129.

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“People come to Sacred Heart to this lonely church in a forlorn neighborhood. They bring food for the poor, money for the school and they listen to the priest plead for Camden.”
Harry Reasoner - CBS 60 Minutes