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“To the Greater Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls.”

Palm Sunday - April 1, 2012

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Msgr. John Heinlein

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Rev. James Leone

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Thomas Gillen
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Useful Numbers
RECTORY
281-5743

PARISH OUTREACH
281-5634

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
281-2835

YOUTH MINISTRY
281-5743

NURSERY SCHOOL
395-3959

QUEEN OF APOSTLES
SCHOOL
878-1033

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
219-3542

Parish Office Hours

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY, & FRIDAY
9:00am–5:00pm

WEDNESDAYS
9:00am–6:00pm

SATURDAYS
CLOSED

SUNDAYS
10:00am–2:00pm

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Available in danger of death or whenever there is a personal need, call the rectory for an appointment.

Sacrament of Penance/ Confession
SATURDAYS
12:00–12:45pm during lent and 4:00–4:45pm also by appointment
WEDNESDAYS
2:00–2:45pm and by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples wishing to be married should contact the rectory at least one year in advance to meet with one of the priests to make wedding arrangements. Pre-Cana is required for all couples.

Sacrament of Baptism
Celebrated on most Sundays throughout the year. Please contact the rectory to set up an appointment with a member of the staff to arrange for the Baptismal preparation session and to set a date for Baptism.

Parish Outreach
MON.–THURS.
9:00am–1:00pm
LAST WED. OF THE MONTH
5:00–7:00pm
CLOSED FRI, SAT, SUN
AND HOLIDAYS



Holy Week Schedule

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 2ND
3:00PM to 9:00PM Confessions

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 4TH
12:45PM to 2:45PM Confessions
8:00PM Penance Service with Confession

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH
9:00AM Morning Prayer
8:00PM Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH
9:00AM Morning Prayer
Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH
9:00AM Morning Prayer
Noon Blessing of Food (parish center)
Noon to 2:00PM Confessions
8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH
8:00AM (English-Italian)
9:30AM; 11:30AM; and 1:00PM

NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY



Commandments, (Part III)

(The primary source for the following is from *Outlines of the Catholic Faith: Revised Edition 2011*. Leaflet Missal Company.)

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

- By this commandment, we are commanded to honor all those whom God has vested with His authority, most especially those who are our parents. But this commandment also includes a call to respect instructors, teachers, leaders, Church and civil authorities, and magistrates.
- Children must obey their parents in all things except sin.
- Children are obligated to help their parents in their old age, or when they are sick and helpless, and to pray for them.
- Children must honor and obey others in authority while they are under their care. These people would include grandparents, other relatives, baby-sitters, teachers, coaches, etc., unless they are asked to do or comply with something harmful, sinful, or immoral.
- This commandment also requires parents to care for the spiritual and temporal welfare of their children.
 1. Parents are to make sure that their children receive the education they need to lead morally upright lives. Normally, this means that the parents choose the schools the children will attend.
 2. More importantly, parents are to teach their children the Gospel. Parents are to evangelize their children and show them the way to heaven.
 3. Parents are also to teach their children Christian virtues by word and example.
 4. Parents must be patient with their children, while correcting them wisely.
 5. Parents need to demand the respect and obedience of their children.
 6. In today's world, parents need to be particularly vigilant about the computer material, TV shows, movies, and videos their children watch.
- Parents are to respect the vocations which God has given their children.
- In this regard, parents must respect a call to the religious life given to one of their children. In fact, they should encourage each of their children to discern if God has given them a vocation to the religious life.
- Public authorities are obliged to respect each and every human person and each and every right belonging to each and every human person.
- This commandment obliges all citizens to contribute to the good of society.
 1. We should serve our country in gratitude and charity.
 2. We do this by exercising our right to vote, by paying taxes, and by defending our country.
- However, citizens are obliged to refuse obedience to laws contrary to the moral order.

(This series on the commandments will resume after Easter.)

Brothers and Sisters of St. Jude Parish,

As we enter into Holy Week, please remember that the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter on Holy Saturday night are open to all. Technically, these three *Triduum* celebrations of the Paschal Mystery form one liturgy which takes place over three days: one flowing into the next, and culminating in the celebration of our blessed Lord's glorious Resurrection. Please know that you are welcome, and that the sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation will be widely offered this week at our parish and throughout the diocese (please see separate schedule in this bulletin). Take advantage of this opportunity God gives us to shed our sins and receive His forgiveness and mercy; especially if you have been away from Mass and the Sacraments for a long time. It is always a good time to come home to the Lord. And don't forget to ask for the "White Sale"—only one Hail Mary as penance, no matter how long it has been or what your sins are—when you come to confession... there's no better deal in town!

**With prayers for a blessed Holy Week,
Fr. Greg**

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Jude

7:30pm Meghan Joan Kelly †

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012

8:00am Palma Scalzo †

9:30am Anna Diadema †

11:30am Tom Verga Sr. †

5:00pm Luis Carols †

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

9:00am Margaret Izzo †

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

9:00am Laura Szumski †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012

9:00am Stephen J. Stribula †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:

Lorraine Bonelli †

William George Pfautsch III †

Elliott Konian †

Carmine Pagnotta †

Robert D. Hodgson †

8:00pm Penance Service

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012

9:00am Morning Prayer

8:00pm Intentions of living and deceased
priests of the parish

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012

9:00am Morning Prayer

12 Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Liturgy of the Word

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012

9:00am Morning Prayer

8:00pm Easter Vigil
Parishioners of St. Jude

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012

8:00am Easter Remembrance

9:30am Easter Remembrance

11:30am Easter Remembrance

1:00pm Easter Remembrance

No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Joseph Buccilli III, Frances X. Butler, Stephen Connelly, Anthony Cuccia, Michael Cuervo, Anna Daly, Raymond Michael Dhyne, Carol Franzone, George Gebhart, Nora Getchell, Michelle Gonzalez, Ralph Guardi, Nikki Guinta, Catherine Hannon, Steve Herrbrandt, Donna Kilmer, Carol LaCrocca, Cookie & Steve Landau, Maddi Lechner, Brian Loftus, Robert McCloskey, Patricia Miller, Martin Minogue, Joseph G. Mosca Jr., Fairlie Pasfield, Abdul Rattu, Mary Saggio, Patricia Swenson, Pam Tyimoke, Mary Vazzana

FOR THE DECEASED: Marianne Gries, Margaret C. Rozmus, Joseph Mortak

FOR THE MILITARY: John Abel, Matt Corica, Joseph Competello, Michael Cuervo, Kenneth Drumm, Jr., Daniel Edwards, Daniel Engo, Michael Hickey, Jeffrey Holmes, Steven Kay, Richard Kruger, Chris Manakides, John Maresca, Joe Occhineri, Anthony Ochoa Jr., Katherine M. Onorato, Matthew Parenti, Rich Pinckney, Tory Pinckney, Gerard Posillico, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Vinnie Riveria, Randy Sanchez, Steven Schloesser, Carl Seaman, Don Skelton, Arlise A. Smith, Bobby Sosa, Derek Trabocchi, Timothy Weisner

Sacrament of Confession/Penance

It is a special time of grace in the life of the Church. It is a time when many people receive the grace to come back to the practice of the faith. It is also a time of ongoing conversion for each of us. The Sacrament of Confession/Penance is available Wednesday after the NOON Mass until 2:45PM, after the 8pm Confession Service and on Saturday 12 noon–1PM and from 4PM–4:45PM. We encourage you to make use of this sacrament.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, April 6th. The intentions and chaplet will be prayed at 8:15AM in the church; followed by the Holy Rosary. The novena will continue each day, and conclude on Sunday, April 15th at 3PM with Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday, April 6th our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection.

Faith Formation

BAKE SALE: Faith Formation will be sponsoring our Spring Bake Sale Event on April 2nd, 3rd & 4th from 4–7:30PM in the parish center lobby. Anyone who wishes to donate baked or store bought cakes, cookies, candies, any mouth watering goodies, can bring them to the 'Faith Formation Office' on these specific dates after noontime or when you bring your child to class in the evening on these days. Remember... Come with money too and purchase some great treats!

SPRING RECESS: No Faith Formation classes from April 7–14th. Classes will resume April 16th. The 'Faith Formation Office' will be open April 9–12th from 9–5:30PM.

CANCELED CLASSES: Faith Formation Classes have been cancelled on April 5th, Holy Thursday. Instead of classes, students are required to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8PM in our church with their families. Thank you.

The 'Faith Formation Office' staff wishes all of our parishioners and students a Happy and Blessed Easter!

St. Vincent de Paul

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Holy Thursday Collection

April 5th. Washing feet in public seems out of place. We don't do that. How often do we lovingly wash our own feet, much less someone else's? Even harder than washing another's feet is allowing someone to wash yours! It seemed wrong to Peter, too. Scandalized by the idea, he resisted Jesus' act of humble service. But Jesus insisted that without it, Peter had no share with Him. At that, Peter allowed it. Jesus then told the disciples that they too must be foot-washers. 'St. Vincent de Paul' reaches out to the needy in our community. Following the example that Jesus left-humbly doing for others as He has done for us, so we, too. He loved the needy, the destitute, and those less fortunate—so we love also. That's what 'St. Vincent de Paul' is all about. LOVE. On Holy Thursday the collection taken will allow this ministry to help bring those in need relief in hard times and circumstance. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you; GOD LOVES YOU!

Eagle Scout Project

As you may have noticed an outside podium has been completed off the path on the west side of the church. We are now asking ministries, parishioners, families and friends who may be interested in donating towards purchasing the St. Francis statue that Fr. Greg has chosen to be mounted on the completed podium. All donations can be placed in the regular collection basket, dropped-off or mailed to the rectory. Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the 'Eagle Scout Project-Statue'. Funds donated to the project are \$1,145 as of 3/20/12. Cost for statue approximately \$5,000.

Attention: Working Families

Outreach will be open the second and last Wednesday of the month, from 5PM-7PM to accommodate a 9AM-5PM work schedule.

The Rosary Altar Society

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 2nd. We will begin with our rosary in the church at 7:30PM, immediately followed by our meeting in the Parish Center. **AGENDA:** Voting of New Officers, Demo Altar Linen Pressing, Rosary making, Communion Breakfast Tickets and Raffle Tickets & letters. The 'Rosary Altar Society' will be sell copies of their cookbook. Saturday, April 14th after the 5PM Mass & Sunday, April 15th after all morning Masses. The cookbooks cost \$10 a piece. Checks can be made out the 'St. Jude R.C. Church'. Proceeds will go to the 'St. Jude Outreach', and a donation for the St. Francis statue. For more information please call Susan at 729-3711.

Easter Remembrance

The envelope for the 'Easter Remembrance Masses' is included in the active coded parishioner mailed envelope packet. These Masses will be celebrated beginning Easter Sunday, April 8th. Please return your Remembrance Mass envelopes by this Wednesday, April 4th in the regular collection basket or at the rectory, so that your loved ones are in the Easter Day Intentions.

“Sanctify yourself and you
will sanctify society.”
—Saint Francis of Assisi

Lighthouse Catholic Media

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? – FR. ROBERT BARRON A sought-after speaker on the spiritual life, Fr. Robert Barron here illuminates and explains the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testaments, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the Church.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Retired? Semi-retired? Consider the IVC—the benefits are priceless! 'The LI Chapter of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps' is recruiting for 2012-13. Attend an upcoming Wednesday morning info sessions on either April 4th or 18th from 10:45-11:45AM at 'Saint Ignatius Loyola Retreat House' located at 251 Searingtown Road in Manhasset. Would you like to make a significant contribution with your life to the lives of others? 'The Ignatian Volunteer Corps' (IVC) is an opportunity for adult men and women to share their life skills and wisdom in direct service to the economically poor and marginalized. IVC volunteers work in local social service and educational programs. A carefully guided process of reflection helps IVC volunteers to discover the deeper meaning of the work they do and to see the face of Christ more clearly in their experiences. R.S.V.P. to Nick O'Neill 516-435-0065 or nickpat@aol.com to confirm attendance or for more information.

Good Friday Way of the Cross Pilgrimage

On April 6th, 9AM-12:30PM join 'Our Lady of the Snow' and 'St. Lawrence the Martyr' in the Way of the Cross Pilgrimage/as we walk behind the Cross of Christ. Gather at 'St. Lawrence the Martyr' at 9:15AM for registration and quiet preparation departure at 9:45AM walking route along Montauk Highway with police escort to 'Our Lady of the Snow'. Arrive by 12 noon to attend Stations of the Cross with 'OLS Parish Family'. Water will be available for walkers. Paul Johnston's DBA Transportation Inc. will provide free service back to St. Lawrence.

Virtus Español

Alguna persona que voluntariamente y regularmente ofrece su tiempo y servicio en sus parroquias y escuela y desea permanecer activo en sus ministerios debe participar en una sesion de entrenamiento de virtus. Sirvase tomar notar que solo necesita asistir a una sola clase de virtus. Hemo programado virtus en nuestro centro de formacion del apostolado hispano de brookhaven como sigue: viernes, 13 de Abril 7PM. Para registrarse en esta sesion, hagalo a traves de online www.virtus.org ó venga a la sesion 15 minutos antes para su registro. Para mas informacion llamar a carmen roncal 516-395-2174.

St. Theresa Circlette Squirettes of Mary

'The Squirettes' will be having a membership drive on Saturday, April 14th after the 5PM Mass, and Sunday, April 15th after all morning Masses. The purpose of the Circlette is spiritual, cultural, civic, social growth and to develop their leadership qualities. Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 7PM at the 'Knights of Columbus', Mastic. Any Catholic girls ages 10-16 years old are welcome to join. For more information please call Patti at 772-8081 or Susan at 729-3711.

Benincasa Family Services

'Benincasa Family Services', a sponsored ministry of 'Dominican Sisters of Amityville', invites you to join us at our eleventh annual 'Partners in Mission, Spirit, and Hope Breakfast' at the 'Woodbury Country Club' on Saturday, April 14th at 8AM. This year we are honoring Sister Mary Posthauer, OP, former faculty member of 'Dominican Commercial High School' and John J. Hogan, former faculty member of 'Dominican Commercial High School' and presently Superintendent of Schools in 'West Hempstead School District'. For further information please call 631-842-6000 ext. 351.

Pride makes us forgetful of
our eternal interests.
It causes us to neglect
totally the care of our soul.
—St. John
Baptist de la Salle

ST. JUDE R.C. CHURCH

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

28th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

TO BENEFIT PARISH OUTREACH

Longest Drive (2)

Closest to the Pin (3)

Hole in One (1)



Putting Contest

50/50 Raffle

Raffle Prizes

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

ROCK HILL COUNTRY CLUB

Clancy Road, Manorville, N.Y.

631-878-2250

\$150.00 per person

\$45.00 dinner only

Tee sponsors **\$100.00**

8:00–9:30AM: Registration

Driving Range • Buffet Breakfast

10:00AM: Shotgun Start—Scramble Format

Lunch • Beverages • Course Snacks

4:00PM: Buffet Dinner • Open Bar

**Call Tom Gross 921-6793 or Ron Gross 255-0339
for golf, sponsorship, and raffle tickets.**

Register or sponsor at www.stjudegolf.org

Are You a Fully Initiated Catholic?

The **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION** are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you have not received all of these three sacraments, your initiation in our Catholic Faith is not complete. **TO SPONSOR SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO BE BAPTIZED OR RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, YOU MUST HAVE RECEIVED ALL OF THESE SACRAMENTS YOURSELF.** Some of our parishioners may not have completed their preparation for these sacraments when they were younger—they may have only been baptized or been baptized and received their First Communion. As in past years, we are offering a course for those who have been baptized and received the Sacrament of Eucharist as Catholics, but **HAVE NOT RECEIVED SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.** This course begins Tuesday, April 10th at 7PM and will continue meeting once a week until May 22nd. Attendance is mandatory, more than one absence will result in you being dropped from the class. Material fee is \$20.00 per person. Must provide documentation of baptism and communion. If you are interested in completing your initiation in our Catholic Faith, please fill out the form below and return it in any of the collection baskets or at the rectory. You will be contacted by phone or email. All of the classes will be here at St. Jude in the parish center and run approximately an hour and a half to two hours.

PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date and Church of Baptism: _____

Your age: _____

To take this course you must be at least 18 years of age and out of high school. For further information or any questions you may have, please contact the rectory during regular office hours.

Easter Flower Donations

Easter is NEXT WEEK and what would the celebration be without all the flowers that gracefully decorate our church and help bring us into the joyful spirit of Christ's resurrection? Flowers maybe dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. A minimum suggested offering is \$20. Please use your envelope received in your mailed package or use the form below and drop it off at the rectory with your offering. Thank you.

Sign Up Form

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS FLOWERS DONATED BY: _____

DEDICATED TO OR IN MEMORY OF: _____

AMOUNT: \$ _____

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY			Total	
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30		
Mar. 4	411	157	199	415	510	286	1978
Mar. 11	410	133	191	357	580	248	1919
Mar. 18	325	175	170	365	520	230	1785

March 25th will be reported in April 8th bulletin.

Weekly Collections

Due to early bulletin submission requirements the collection for March 25th and 'Spare-A-Dime' will be reported in the bulletin of April 8th, 2012.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2012 Goal	\$56,200.00
Pledges a/o 3/20/12	\$54,900.00
# of Donors	158
Payments a/o 3/20/12	\$24,060.00

Thank you to all who have pledged.

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 *Holy Week*

IS 42:1-7 • JN 12:1-11

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012 *Holy Week*

IS 49:1-6 • JN 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012 *Holy Week*

IS 50:4-9 • MT 26:14-25

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012 *Holy Thursday*

Mass of the Lords Supper

EX 12:1-8, 11-14 • 1 COR 11:23-26 • JN 13:1-15

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012 *Good Friday*

IS 52:13-53:12 • HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • JN 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012 *Holy Saturday*

GN 1:1-2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31A • GN 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18 • EX 14:15-15:1 • IS 54:5-14 • IS 55:1-11 • BAR 3:9-15, 32-4:4 • EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 • ROM 6:3-11 • MK 16:1-7

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012 *Easter Sunday*

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 • COL 3:1-4 OR 1 COR 5:6B-8 • JN 20:1 OR MK 16:1-7

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine for the week of April 2nd has been donated:

In memory of Charles Rannacherty

Baptisms

Due to early bulletin submission will be reported in bulletin of April 8th.

Dead Sea Scrolls

The Exhibition at 'Discovery Times Square' through April 15th only! This once-in-a-lifetime exhibit is an opportunity to travel back in time and explore the everyday lives of the ancient people of the near east. The over 500 artifacts cover a vast period from the Iron Age to the Roman Empire and focuses on the civilization's accomplishments, contributions, beliefs and traditions. The exhibition culminates with the spectacular presentation of authentic 'Dead Sea Scrolls' and examines how they influenced the three major religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The hours are Sunday–Thursday: 10AM–8PM, Friday & Saturday: 10AM–9PM (Last entry one hour prior to closing).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter—Long Island

Put the spring back into your relationship! Celebrate your marriage and your love by experiencing a 'Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend'. Make your good marriage truly great. Next weekend is April 20–22nd. Registration is limited. For more information or to apply, call 1-866-499-6354 or visit our website at www.wmeli.org.

Catherine McAuley High School Reunion

The CMHS Annual Reunion is on Saturday, April 21st from 12 noon–5PM at 'Russo's on the Bay' in Howard Beach. Alumnae, Former Faculty, Friends and 'Sisters of Mercy' are cordially invited. If you, or someone you know, is a graduate of 'McAuley' or 'Mercy Commercial' and would like further information about the reunion, please call Sister Margaret Dempsey at 718-462-7282 ext 16 or email mdempsey@mcauleybrooklyn.org.

Golden Wedding Liturgy

Honoring couples married 50 years or more on Sunday, April 22nd at 'St. Lawrence the Martyr' in Sayville. Liturgy will begin at 2:30PM. Anyone wishing to attend, please come to the rectory to fill out a registration card. Registration for the April 22nd liturgy must be received by April 15th. There will be a reserved pew for the registered couples. For questions, please call Suzanne at 'DRVC—Office of Worship' 516-678-5800 ext. 207.

College Open House

'Molloy College' is hosting a 'Spring Open House' for prospective students and their guests. On Sunday, April 29th at 1PM at 'Molloy College' in Rockville Centre. For information please call 516-678-5800 ext. 6230.

Event Dates Available

Escape to the 'Seminary of the Immaculate Conception' and enjoy our beautiful grounds and the tranquil atmosphere of our magnificent building. We are the perfect location for a weekend retreat, day of recollection, barbecue, staff day, confirmation retreat or conference. We have over 200 acres, close to 200 guest rooms with private bathroom and shower and an attentive, professional staff to serve your needs. Please call 631-423-0483, ext. 128 to discuss having the Seminary host your next event.

Vacation Bible School 2012

Keep the week of August 6th–10th open for our 'Vacation Bible School' this summer. The cost is \$30 per child. The time is 9AM to 12PM Ages 5 to 12 years old. More details and registration form will be in future bulletin.

April Fool! —Will his passion change you?

APRIL FOOL!" Sure, it's a modern saying, but that's how I felt when Pilate called for my release. He wasn't serious, was he? Was the crowd really asking for me, Barabbas—a convicted murderer—to be released instead of that seemingly insignificant Jesus? I didn't believe it until my shackles were undone and the rowdy crowd was slapping my back in celebration.

What I remember most is how he looked at me. The crowds were shouting, "Crucify him!" It was terrifying. But Jesus didn't look at me with anger or hatred. The tenderness in his eyes astounded me. Took my breath away, really. It was momentary—but I felt he could see all the horrible things I'd done, and yet he... *loved me*. It's hard to explain and probably sounds ridiculous. But it felt very real.

I was swept up with everyone following Jesus to his crucifixion. Part of me wanted to shout, "Stop! This man is going to die! This man was supposed to be me!"

Yes, the crowd and leaders chose me, but ultimately, Jesus did the choosing. He didn't fight back, despite being innocent. He freely chose this path. It was terrible to watch him suffer and be crucified. Others taunted him, but I averted my eyes. I kept thinking about how he looked at me. I couldn't shake it.

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After he died, I hung around, but not too long. His women friends stayed close to the cross, but I was afraid and confused. My buddies wanted to celebrate, but I needed to be alone. I suddenly felt like a different man.

That look he gave me, and witnessing his passion—it changed me. I didn't know then where it would lead me, but I knew I was a changed man.

Will his passion change you?

JANEL ESKER

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