

FROM THE RECTOR...

THE INCARNATION'S CROWNING GLORY...

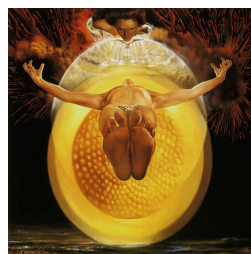


*Et Incarnatus Est...And the **Word** was made **Flesh**...Jesus became a human being and walked among us...so one day we might walk with him in heaven. When we genuflect at these words during the Nicene Creed we are acknowledging our belief Jesus is fully God and fully man.*

In a series of meditations on the Incarnation...author Michael Davies (1936-2004) states, "Christianity is founded on the reality of the Incarnation as an historical fact...that at a specific time in human history...the WORD (Jesus)...born of the Virgin Mary...took on for himself our humanity...and everything that goes along with being a human being...with real flesh and blood. The Incarnation is...a mystery. Remove the mystery of the Incarnation and we are left with nothing."

This issue of The Parish Times will coincide with the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost...concluding our celebration of the Resurrection. The Ascension...according to Michael Davies and other writers...is the crowning glory of the Incarnation...the point in human history that concludes Our Lord's bodily presence on Earth. Now we wait for his promised return.

Each year around this time, we talk about Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dali's painting *The Ascension of Christ*. It is compellingly **Incarnational** and draws us into the scene not as spectators from far away, but as witnesses and participants in the Ascension of Christ.



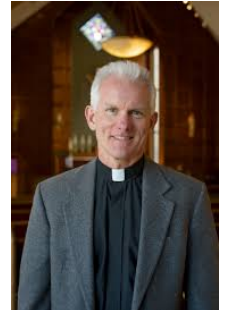
The distinctive and *Incarnational* feature of the painting...Jesus takes his dirty feet back to heaven with him! Because Jesus took his fully and completely human body back to heaven with him...we will get to take our human bodies to heaven with us...dirty feet and all.

Our crowning glory will be the moment we ascend to heaven to be with Jesus forever. And since we are "washed in the Blood of the Lamb"...we won't have to worry about washing our feet...they will be made clean too.

Father Craig Looney ✠

BISHOP SCARLETT TO VISIT...

Our celebrant and preacher on 23 June, the First Sunday after Trinity, will be the Right Reverend Stephen C. Scarlett, Bishop Ordinary for the Diocese of the Holy Trinity.



Bishop Scarlett will meet with the Vestry on Saturday 22 June and all will enjoy a catered luncheon following the Sunday 9:00 AM Parish Mass on 23 June.

DIOCESAN SYNOD...

WE'RE CONTINUING TO BUILD A BRIDGE BETWEEN SAINT JOSEPH PARISH AND THE DIOCESE OF THE HOLY TRINITY. Rebekah Shapiro and Father Looney will be attending the Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Holy Trinity, to be held at Saint Matthew's Parish, Newport Beach CA, on Friday, June 7. The Synod will include an afternoon Plenary Session between the Anglican Catholic Church Diocese of the Holy Trinity and the Anglican Church in America Diocese of the West.

ESTIVAL EMBER DAYS...



We're all familiar with the Ember Days...four sets of three days occurring roughly at the four seasons. We've learned from previous discussions "ember" has nothing to do with glowing ashes (or embers) in the fireplace. The Ember Days are known in Latin as **quatuor anni tempora** (the "four seasons of the year").

A glance at the Ordo Kalendar for June 2019 teaches us a new word...*Estival*...meaning *Summer*. The *Estival* or *Summer* Ember Days are the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following Pentecost. See if you can find the *Vernal* Ember Days in March, the *Autumnal* Ember Days in September and the *Hibernal* Ember Days in December.

The Ember Days are special days set aside during which we fast and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

HEARTS-OF-PALM DIP...

Here's another recipe you will surely want to try:

Rebekah's Hearts-of-Palm Dip

1 bunch green onions finely chopped
1 cup cheese shredded
1 can Hearts of Palm finely chopped
¾ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup sour cream
Mix well and chill.

(Thanks to Rebekah Shapiro for sharing this great recipe.)

A GENTLE REMINDER...



If you made a pledge to the Parish for 2019 and are current on your pledge contributions...we thank you! If you have not yet made a contribution toward your 2019 Pledge...please consider doing so...especially if you plan on traveling during the summer. Year-to-date Pledge Income is far short of where it should be for this time of the year.

CALL PRIMROSE...



During **June** we will be collecting paper towels, toilet tissue and paper napkins for CALL Primrose in Burlingame. During **July** we will be collecting canned or pouched tuna, chicken and other meats. Please bring your food contributions to the church on Sunday or by prior

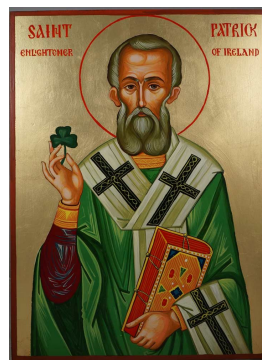
arrangement with the Rector during the week.

BUILDING SECURITY...

Saint Joseph Parish has had a CCTV system in place for several years. We recently installed CCTV signage on the outside of the building. We have all been affected by news reports of shootings and bombings at churches, synagogues, mosques and schools in our own country. While we haven't experienced anything worse than a broken stained-glass window, which was quickly repaired, the Vestry will be exploring ways of enhancing existing building security.



SAINT PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE...



Saint Patrick's *Breastplate* is the ancient name for the words to Hymn #268 in the *Hymnal 1940*. It is traditionally attributed to Saint Patrick (c. 389-461). He is generally regarded as the founder of Christianity in Ireland.

Patrick was born somewhere in southwestern England. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest. Although born into a Christian family, Patrick is not known to have been an active believer when he was young.

In his autobiographical *Confessions*, Patrick talks about his capture at age 16 by a group of Irish pirates. He was taken to Ireland and held captive for six years. During his captivity he worked as a shepherd. It's during this time Patrick went through a spiritual conversion.

Patrick escaped from captivity and returned to his native England. Now in his early twenties he studied Christianity in earnest. He was ordained to the priesthood and returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He was eventually consecrated a bishop and was instrumental in converting the Druids to Christianity.

Legend tells of Patrick using the shamrock, a three-leaved green plant, to teach the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The earliest written account of this legend dates to the early 18th Century although the story itself may be much older.

The legend about Patrick driving snakes from Ireland is metaphorical. During Patrick's time there were no snakes in Ireland. The snakes are likely a metaphor for the Druids...who lived in the "darkness" of paganism. Snakes do exist in Ireland today...probably pet snakes that have escaped from their human caretakers or been intentionally released into the wild.

The Eastern Orthodox icon above gives Patrick the title *Enlightener of Ireland*. We celebrate the life and work of Patrick...who brought the Irish people out of darkness into the Light of Christ.

Hymn #268 is often sung on Trinity Sunday and at ordinations because of its strong Trinitarian and missionary themes.

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity; by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.



During the summer months we are offering a Sunday Bible Study series of the lesser-known Epistles. We are currently reading Paul's Letter to Titus. Our goal is to read one chapter per week. We're in no hurry...we'll take as much time as we need to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the words of Holy Scripture.

Please join us at 10:30 AM every Sunday throughout the summer for Bible Study. The class will not meet on 23 June or 21 July.



Saint Joseph Parish has always been characterized by a spirit of volunteerism...things need to get done...they get done! There are two areas where help is always needed and appreciated...the Altar Guild and the Kitchen Cabinet.

The Altar Guild assists in preparation of the Altar and the priest's vestments for various church services, and the various linens required of such services. The only requirement is a willing heart and a reverent approach to the tasks. Training is provided. Please contact the Rector or a member of the Altar Guild.

Informally and affectionately known as the "Kitchen Cabinet", this group coordinates and arranges refreshments each Sunday. A schedule is maintained. Please see Ginger Dahlberg for more details.



A PRAYER FOR PARISH GROWTH

O GOD, WHO KNOWEST THE NEED OF ALL THY CREATURES, AND DOST BESTOW THE FAVOUR OF THY GRACE ALIKE UPON THE HUMBLE AND THE GREAT; BE WITH US IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS DEVOTED TO THY SERVICE, AND GRANT US, WE BESEECH THEE, SUCH INCREASE OF NUMBERS AND OF MEANS AS WILL SECURE THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER TO THE WORSHIP AND GLORY OF THY SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE AND THE HOLY GHOST, ONE GOD, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.



We often have visitors come into the church to pray after the Good Friday Liturgy has concluded. Sometimes there are just a few visitors...other times there are large groups. This past Good Friday we had a family of sixteen, including a small baby, spend an hour in prayer.

The family was taking part in a custom called the *Seven Churches Visitation*. The practice of visiting seven different churches after the Maundy Thursday Liturgy probably originated in Rome sometime after 1300. Today it is more often performed on Good Friday.

The specific observances vary by country and in the United States reflect the traditions of the immigrant groups who settled here. Observances often include saying the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Gloria Patri. People also opt to pray the Stations of the Cross...sometimes two Stations per church...with the last two Stations prayed at the seventh church they visit.

It was remarkable and moving to witness the piety of this wonderful family group. Members of the Altar Guild and the Rector had the opportunity to speak with several members of the family before they continued their pilgrimage to the next church in their visitation. They were particularly interested in the history of the church building and its connection to Mission San Jose in Fremont.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM PARISH MASS & SERMON
COFFEE HOUR & DISCUSSION GROUP

WEEKDAYS/HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BY APPOINTMENT

THE REVEREND FATHER CRAIG LOONEY, RECTOR

THE CONTINUATION OF ANGLICANISM: We affirm that the Church of our fathers, sustained by the most Holy Trinity, lives yet...are determined to continue in the Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness of the traditional Anglican Church.



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