

Have a Blessed Birthday!
The list of birthdays is in this week's printed bulletin!!



Palm Sunday
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Prepare the Way of the Lord

This Sunday marks Palm Sunday, the day of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred time of the Church year. The upcoming week should be a time of reflection and preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

When it was known that Christ was coming to Jerusalem, they said "prepare the way of the Lord." His followers in Jerusalem lined the dusty road into the city with palms, a sign of utmost respect for Jesus. Little did they know that this man, the Christ, would soon give his life for them and for all of humanity.

As a remembrance and celebration of Christ's great sacrifice, several events are planned for this Holy Week on campus. On Tuesday, there will be a Campus-wide Way of the Cross, as a means to symbolize Christ's journey to his crucifixion. The event starts at 8 p.m. in front of Campus Ministry, and will make a procession all around campus with the Cross. This is a great way to experience the presence of the Lord and reflect on the Lenten journey as a university community.

If you are staying on campus for Easter, please come celebrate the Sacred Triduum. The Triduum marks the Paschal Mystery...Christ's death, burial, and glorious resurrection. The Triduum starts Holy Thursday with the Mass that commemorates the Last Supper and enriches the meaning of loving service with the washing of the feet. *The Eucharist and the washing of the feet, ritually and symbolically express that true life and love is to be found in the sacrifice of service.* On Friday, we celebrate the Passion and Venerate the Cross—no Eucharist is celebrated on this, the most solemn day in the Church year.

Saturday is the Easter Vigil, awaiting the celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection. Additionally, at the Easter Vigil, we will welcome new members into the Church. These candidates have been preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation for several months and it is beautiful to be a part of the celebration of these sacraments with them as we too renew our baptismal promises.

If you are on Campus for Easter, please join us for the celebration of the Triduum in St. Vincent's Chapel. The Sacred Triduum is truly a time to reflect on the beauty of Christ's triumphant death and joyful resurrection, and to move from the darkness of night into the splendor of Easter. If you are going elsewhere for Easter, you can celebrate the Triduum wherever you may be.

Our Easter break is not vacation, but a time to retreat unto the Lord and reflect on his gift of salvation to us. It is a time for renewal and celebration, and hopefully you will take time to celebrate this joyous season with friends and family.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
T	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
W	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 6:14-25
TH	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
F	Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
S	Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/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/Mt 28:1-10
Sun	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Cor 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

WE REMEMBER

+Phillip Patrick Battle, brother of Kim Battle, a graduate student in the School of Nursing, died on Monday, March 10, 2008. Condolences may be sent to Ms. Kim Battle, 3329 Seventh Street, S.E. Washington, DC 20032.

+Robert Keith Lanier, brother of Jesse Lanier, Public Safety Assistant in the Office of Public Safety, died on Monday, March 10, 2008. The Viewing will take place on Tuesday, March 28, 2008 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. with Funeral service immediately following at Faith Temple No. 2, 211 Maryland Park Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. Condolences may be sent to Ms. Jesse Lanier, Office of Public Safety, Leahy Hall, Room 120.

+Christopher Trotta, father of Katie Trotta, a student in the School of Arts and Sciences, died on Friday, February 29, 2008. Condolences may be sent to Miss Katie Trotta, Quinn Hall, Room 311.



Prayer for Our Holy Father
We pray for the Holy Father as our spiritual leader. And we remember all of his intentions as we anticipate his arrival at CUA on April 17th

You are only 500 words away from meeting the Pope!
Student Essay Contest Rules

Essay Topic

Title: *How Catholic education has changed my life.*

How and why has your Catholic education been important to you?

RULES (A partial list)

1. All entries must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. delivered between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. EDT March 18 to be eligible for consideration.
2. Essays must be hand-delivered to the Office of Public Affairs, McMahon Hall, Room 311. Each entrant will receive a receipt and confirmation number.
3. Essays must be typewritten and must be double-spaced and may not exceed 500 words.
4. Contestants must submit the following information about themselves on a separate cover sheet stapled to their essay:
Name, Local Address, Telephone number, E-mail address, CUA school and class, Student ID number (*Student ID numbers must be included on every page, including cover sheet.*)
Name or any other identifying information (with the exception of student ID number) must NOT appear on essay pages.
5. Students must submit six copies of their entry. Each copy must be numbered (for example, copy 1 of 6, copy 2 of 6, copy 3 of 6, etc.).
6. Winner and runner-up will be notified on or before April 9, 2008.

Awards

1. The winner and runner-up will each receive a ticket to Pope Benedict's address on Catholic education to be held on April 17, 2008, at Catholic University's Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center.
2. The winner of the contest will be introduced to the Holy Father by Father O'Connell.

Please visit the contest website at <http://papalvisit.cua.edu/essay/> for the complete list of rules.

Announcements

Come, pray, and experience an Eastern Catholic Lenten Liturgy! St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary is sponsoring the celebration of the Lenten Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays during Lent. The final two for this Lent will be March 19 (The Holy Wednesday service will also include the Sacrament of Anointing) at 5:00 p.m. in the Byzantine Chapel (crypt level) of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited to attend this special service of evening prayer and Holy Communion that carries us on the journey from Lent to the Glorious Feast of the Resurrection.

Papal Music

We would like to acknowledge those people who will be singing for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI during his stay in Washington, DC. Four students: Katie Dryer, Lindsay Fisher, Katherine Latham, and Anthony Rennekemp are singing for the Pope during the Papal Mass at the National's Stadium.

A choir of sixteen students was also selected to sing for the Pope in the Pryzbyla Center during his visit. These students are Verena Anders, Julia Austin, Olivia Buthod, Alex Cifelli, Gregory Comishock, Kyle English, Megan French, Leon Griesbach, Brenna Hanson, Crossley Hawn, Charlie Hyland, Anthony J. Marini, Brian Niemiec, Kevin O'Brien, Anna Reed, Jonathan Laird and Alyssa Stanton. Dr. Leo Nestor of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music will conduct.

Operation Rice Bowl

If you participated in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent, your rice bowls, full of spare change, can be returned to the Office of Campus Ministry this week.

Please note

There will be no Praise and Worship Adoration or "The Light is on for You" this week. A reminder there will be no university masses next Sunday, Easter Sunday. If you are on campus, instead, please join us for the Easter Vigil, Saturday night.

Pax Christi Corner –A Reflection by Chris Needham

Recently, people have been thinking about being green for St. Patrick's Day. However amid all the excitement of that, you may have missed another major green event: a statement from the Vatican on the continued importance of environmental stewardship.

There are many easy ways you can improve your 'green' rating and be a better environmental steward. By taking small steps: recycling, re-using and buying sustainable or recycled products, you can use your purchases to be a more environmentally friendly person. So this weekend, when someone asks where your green is, explain that you recycle.

We would love for you to come join us. We meet in Pryz 205 every Thursday from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. If you have any questions, e-mail me at 86needham@cua.edu. Check out our website: studentorg.cua.edu/paxchristi