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## Holy Week begins with Liturgy of the Palms

### Remembrance of Jesus' Journey to the Cross

Holy Week observances begin with services on Palm Sunday, April 1st, culminating with the celebration of Easter on April 8th. Holy Week has always been a special time in the church, both the busiest time liturgically, and probably the most spiritually intense time as well.

Towards the end of the fourth century, the complex structure of Holy Week services at Jerusalem was clearly something new in the church's worship. There is no evidence elsewhere at the time for anything of this nature. Now, for the first time, Palm Sunday and Good Friday make their appearance. The essential feature was to link the culminating events of Jesus' ministry with the days of their occurrence and the places where they happened.

Holy Week at Jerusalem was intimately and topographically related to the sanctuaries of the holy places. As the practice of the observance of Holy Week spread throughout the Christian world, some modification of the details of the celebration was necessary, for complete realism was possible only in the Holy City. The dynamism of this profound innovation surged throughout the Christian world. The energy of the movement has never ceased throughout all of the Christian centuries. It is the idea of liturgical realism, the idea that the life of Christ is manifested to the worshipper in the liturgical year, which has not only transformed Holy Week but has also been the motive power behind the mature growth of the Christian year as a whole. Important though the influence of Jerusalem was here, the rapidity with which the rest of the church adopted it shows that it

was psychologically and spiritually ready to make this fundamental change in its approach to worship.

In the general celebration of Holy Week, four great services highlight the main events being celebrated, namely those of **Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.**

Along with much else, the churches of the Reformation largely abolished the special liturgies of Holy Week, and often the observance of the week itself. The Book of Common

Prayer retained the week in outline, but liturgical provision was limited to the normal services of Morning and Evening Prayer and Holy Communion with appropriate lections. In recent decades many Anglicans have found this inadequate, and there has been much borrowing and adaptation of material from the Latin rite.

The way the Holy Week liturgy has developed down through the centuries illustrates three types of liturgical piety, which may be called respectively 'unitive', 'rememorative', and 'representational'.

The modern Roman rites and those suggested by the Church of England Liturgical Commission are essentially rememorative in character, each part of the total mystery of salvation being celebrated separately at an appropriate time, but still through a mixture of word, ceremony, and symbol.



# HOLY WEEK

#### Holy Week Schedule

April 1-8

Palm Sunday 8, 9, 10:45

Maundy Thursday, St. Matthew's, 7PM

Good Friday, St. John's, 7PM

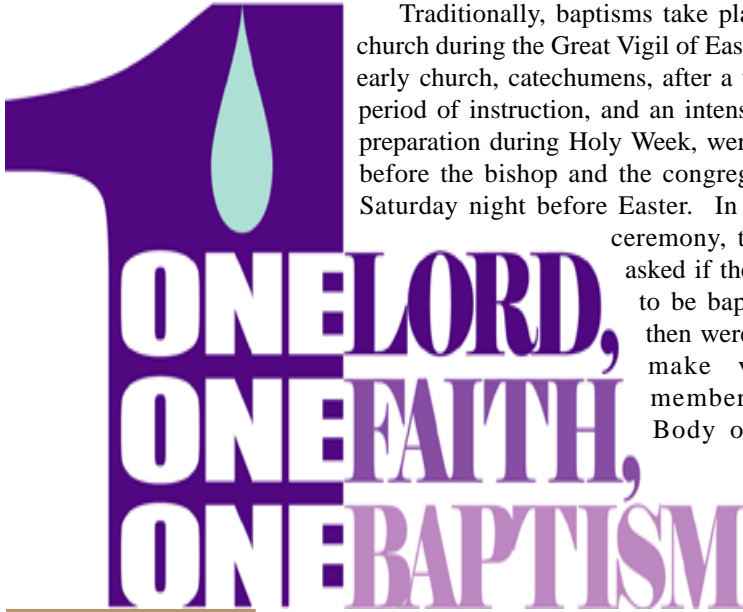
Easter Vigil, St. Matthew's, 7PM

Easter Day, 8, 9, 10:45

See page 6 for details

# “Will You...?”

## Baptismal Covenant requires values assessment



Traditionally, baptisms take place in the church during the Great Vigil of Easter. In the early church, catechumens, after a three year period of instruction, and an intense time of preparation during Holy Week, were brought before the bishop and the congregation the Saturday night before Easter. In a solemn ceremony, they were

asked if they wished to be baptized and then were asked to make vows as members of the Body of Christ.

They were baptized and admitted to the

Eucharist, which had been denied them all during this period of instruction, as full members of the congregation. The tradition has carried down through the centuries into the present-day church. When there is no one to be baptized at this service, the congregation is still invited to renew their own baptismal vows. We will, once again, carry on that tradition at the Vigil service next Saturday. We will be asked the same questions that have been asked of Christians for nearly two thousand years:

*“Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship and in the prayers, persevere in resisting evil, proclaim the Good News by word and example, seek and serve Christ in all persons, strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being?”*

That’s our Christian responsibility. By living into the covenant we have entered, we become more sensitive to the higher purpose to which we are all called.

Frederick Buechner defines vocation as the point where our great joy meets the world’s deep need. What are we passionate about? How can that passion serve others? This should be an ongoing

question for us. We need to be focused on what we are best able to do for others in the name of Christ. This can be treacherous at times. Someone once said, “If people are shooting at you, you must be doing something right.” That’s one of the guarantees of living out the Covenant. When we begin to be liberated from the social, political, economic, and ideological shackles we place and endure upon humanity, we’re going to do more than ruffle feathers. It is not an endeavor without its pain. In fact, Jesus said it was going to be a difficult path to follow when it comes to our relationships with family and friends. Even the institutional church can chastise you for the stand you take on behalf of justice and peace if it is at crossed purposes with the church’s traditions. As Jesus’ life was lived with a sense of participation in a power that unifies and transforms the world, we are called to do the same. The rewards are huge, and I’m not talking just about the promise of eternal life. It’s about the peace of having done something that really needed doing, the peace of knowing you stood up for the little guy when

no one else would. It goes without saying that that upon which we are focused will come to pass. We must examine our focus daily. We really do have the power to change the world if we are focused on doing so. If we regularly examine our lives in light of our baptismal covenant, we go a long way to

becoming all we were created to be, and, in the process, regularly experience the meaning of resurrection.

*“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire”*

*Chip +*



# Age is Relative

## Keeping the wheels turning

Mike Belmonte rides a bike. He rides it here... he rides it there... he rides it pretty much... anywhere!

Octogenarian member of St. Matthew's Parish, Mike Belmonte is also a charter member of the "Chain Gang", a group of local bicyclers distinguished not only by their energy, verve and vitality, but also by their ages. Most of the Chain Gang range in age from 55 to Mike's early eighties and are characterized by a love of physical activity and an interest in the beauty of the world around them. One pedal at a time, this group of enthusiastic "senior" cyclers has traversed the mountains of the Alleghenies and covered Garrett County top to bottom and east to west. The Chain Gang has even gone "on the road" to exotic locations in Europe, including trips in England and Italy, with a special trip several years ago biking between Berlin, Germany and Prague, Czechoslovakia. A recent trip to Sicily proved to be very challenging for all the members!

The group comprises anywhere from eight to twenty-five people, often including St. John's parishioners Joan and Ron Downey. In the summers, the group meets at the Turkey Neck Yacht Club on Friday mornings for all-day biking adventures around Garrett County. Every Spring and Fall, they make plans for a more extensive biking trip, usually out of the area.



This past fall, eight members of the Chain Gang, including Mike, hauled themselves and their bikes out to Clinton, MO to ride the famous Katy Trail from Clinton to Augusta, MO. This venerable trail, one of the first railroad beds to be converted from the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Line for recreational use, is a leafy, serpentine ride along the Missouri River in some of the more rural parts of the "Show Me" State. The intrepid bikers averaged 33 miles a day of cruising along the trail, staying at Bed & Breakfast accommodations along the route of their 200 mile trip.

Inevitably, they ran into other biking and hik-

ing groups on the trail, often crossing paths both on the ride and at local watering holes or restaurants in the evenings. Many professional and casual groups run biking clubs or organizations, including Elderhostel, the group the Chain Gang saw the most of in Missouri. Other biking trips are offered through many different travel agencies, including Senior Cycling, Backroads Travel and an online travel site called Go-Today.com.

In "Younger Next Year", a cutting edge publication dealing with ideas about healthy aging, bicycling is considered one of the best all around exercise people of any age can participate in. According to authors Chris Crowley and Henry Lodge, MD, bicycling works both the upper and lower body, exercises the heart for good cardiovascular health

and provides strength training as well! Biking also provides a social context where people get together with a common interest and attend to common goals – the very definition of community. Yes, the Chain Gang is a

small community indeed, but the members care for and look after each other, as all good communities do.

Mike Belmonte knows all these things... and just keeps riding along...



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# Bishop Ihloff Retires April 10th

## Search Committee Seeks Candidates for 14th Bishop of Maryland



Bishop Ihloff's retirement takes effect officially on April 10. After nearly twelve years of service to the Diocese of Maryland, Bob and Nancy will move to their home in Calvert County to spend more time with family and to devote time to teaching and writing. A number of receptions have been planned throughout the diocese, including a Western Maryland Farewell on March 31 at 5:30PM at Emmanuel Parish in Cumberland.

A lot has already taken place in the preparations to call the 14th Bishop of Maryland. The Standing Committee has appointed the Search Committee

which is charged with developing the profile of the diocese, the screening of nominees, interviews, and selection of a final slate of candidates to be presented to the Standing Committee.

Bishop Rabb will become Bishop-in-

Charge on April 10 and will serve as such until the new bishop is elected.

The Selection Committee will receive names in nomination in June and July, screen nominees in August and September, begin interviews in October, and present a final slate of candidates in December. There will be public "walkabouts" of the candidates in March with the election taking place in special convention March 29, 2008. Consecration of the new bishop is planned for June 21, 2008.

For more information and to follow the progress of the search process, visit the diocesan website at [www.ang-md.org/bishopsearch.php](http://www.ang-md.org/bishopsearch.php).



## Wooddells Honored at Mountain Lake Park Celebration

Dr. Joseph "Hop" Wooddell and his wife, Karen, were surprised and moved at Mountain Lake Park's 125th anniversary celebration last August when town officials unveiled the new name/sign for the former Allegheny Park — now called Wooddell Park. The couple was honored for their many contributions to the town, such as the restoration of four historic homes and forming the Mountain Lake Park Historical Society. "Never has anyone done so much to protect the history and heritage of this town," Mayor Leo Martin said during special ceremonies at the park.



# A Short History of the Easter Lily

History, mythology, and art are filled with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Through the ages, allegorical tales have linked lilies to the sacrament of motherhood. Ancient fables tell us the lily sprang from the milk of Hera, the mythological Queen of Heaven. Roman mythology credits lilies to Juno, the queen of the gods. The story goes that while Juno was nursing her son Hercules, excess milk fell from the sky. Although part of it remained above the earth (thus creating the Milky Way), the remainder fell to the earth, creating lilies.

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies are said to have been found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white blooms sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. At Easter time,

Churches bank their alters and surround their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

The pure white lily has long been associated with the Virgin Mary, too. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending a branch of pure white lilies to the Virgin Mary, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus.

A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope and life. Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter Lily serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating.



*Make checks payable to St. John's or St. Matthew's depending on the church you select for your memorial. Mail to: PO Box 303, Oakland, MD 21550*



Easter Flower order for  
St. John's St. Matthew's  
(circle one)

Name:

Phone:

Memorial for:

Your order should be accompanied by a check for \$20 for each plant ordered. Orders must be received in the church office by April 2nd. Please mail to: Easter Memorials, PO Box 303, Oakland, MD 21550, or call 301-334-2510 to make a reservation.

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

**Sunday, April 1**

**The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)**

St. Matthew's

8:00AM and 10:45AM

St. John's 9AM

**Thursday, April 5**

**Maundy Thursday**

St. Matthew's, 7PM

**Good Friday, April 6**

St. John's, 7PM

**Saturday, April 7**

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

St. Matthew's, 7PM

**Easter Day, April 8**

**Festival Eucharists**

St. Matthew's, 8 & 10:45

St. John's, 9AM



## Can't Make it to Church?

**Now you can watch services live on the Internet**

**The Church on the Web brings our churches to the world**



The Episcopal Church in Garrett County continues to expand its mission to the community and to the world through the available technology of the Twenty-first Century.

Since last year, Morning and Noonday Prayer, Compline, and sermons preached to the churches have been available as podcasts on the Internet. Morning Prayer alone reaches over 15,000 listeners a month.

Now, because of advances in technology and the acquisition by the Diocese of Maryland of an audio/video server, we are now able to broadcast live audio and video to the Internet, and via the Internet to local

radio station WMSG. Both the 8AM and 10:45AM services at St. Matthew's are telecast on the web and the audio portion of the 8AM service is broadcast on WMSG, 1050 AM. If you find yourself away from town and unable to attend services, the Internet will make it possible for you to be with your church family, wherever you may be. Visit the Church on the Web page for more information, links to the broadcasts, and to subscribe to Podcasts at [www.episcopalchurchingarretcounty.org](http://www.episcopalchurchingarretcounty.org).



**MINISTRY**

# Garrett Choral Society Presents Spring Concert

## Mozart Requiem Featured in Program of Sacred Music

The Garrett Choral Society will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Requiem" at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Saturday evening, March 31 and Sunday afternoon, April 1 in a series of Easter season concerts.

The Choral Society, comprising 60 to 70 individual singers, comes together in their love of song several times each year to share their love of music and singing with the community. Under the direction of Julie Turrentine, the Choral Society performs each holiday and spring season, with an occasional turn with GLAF in the summer.

Often thought to be Mozart's premonition of his own death, the "Requiem" was actually commissioned by representatives of the eccentric Franz, Count Walsegg in 1790. The composition was cut short by Mozart's death in May of 1791. Since Mozart had already received half the payment for the work, his widow was anxious to have the piece completed, since she had no other source of income. Initially, the composition was expanded by Joseph von Eybler, who worked on the middle parts of the composition, but ultimately the remainder of the work was completed by Franz Xavier Sussmayer, who had been one of Mozart's students. Sussmayer combined some of von Eybler's work into his own and completed the Requiem from the movement titled "Deus Irae" through the end of the piece. He also added the last three movements, not composed by Mozart, which rounded the piece and brought it

into the style of the time, the Sonata Form. There are several other completions of this work, though the Sussmayer edition is considered the closest to the style and verve of Mozart. It is suspected that Sussmayer may also have had help from other composers who knew Mozart and some notes or sketches which Mozart may have left behind after his death. The piece was completed and delivered to Count Walsegg under Mozart's counterfeited signature in 1792. Controversy rages to this day about the work and its authorship.

However it was completed, the Requiem is one of Mozart's most iconic works and can often be heard as background music in films and videos, usually to announce a suspenseful scene. The "Dies Irae" portion of the piece is the one most often used. Composers from Mozart's time to the present have also tried their hand at alternative completions of the Requiem, with varying degrees of success and popularity.

The work itself is presented in fourteen movements for a choral group and a small orchestra, with several quartets and solos. Tickets for the concert are on sale now for performances at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Oakland on the evening of March 31 at 8:00 PM and at 2:00 PM on the afternoon of April 1. Tickets can be purchased at Gregg's Pharmacy or from any Choral Society member.



*Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Youth 18 and under. Purchase at Gregg's Pharmacy or at the door.*

### **We Are All Members, One of Another**

#### **Please pray for our members listed here**

Virginia Poling, Ferne Belmonte, Ashley Deal, Lauren Hatcher, Alice Soberg, Nancy Wright, Betty Rundquist, Robert Coughlin, Derek Parker, Evelyn Lamp, Sean Snider, Maureen Sharps, Paul Keister, Tom Watts, Kyle Swaim, Mike Fulmer, Bill Dodds, Carol Mattingly, Peggy Houston, Rose Meyer, Joe Frantz, Charles Herman, Bonnie Conway, Irene Schrock, Betty Jane Cook, Liz, Will, Ben, and Annie Biser, Dewey Dunn, Sandy Tasker, Sam Eastman, Robin Eastman, Dave Martin, Michelle & Lindsay Faggio, Taylor Frederick, Nancy Hill, Sam Goots, Merle Weeks, Sue Townshend, Edith Auchter, Arthur Byrne, Marilyn Regentin, Vivian Padgett, Rita Mae Likin, Bev Williams, Bonnie Winters, Jeannette Hatcher, Virginia Bishop, Roy Dockery, Teri Broadwater, Anne Wilson, Ron Umbel, Rachel Kinnemant, Bob Ross, Earl George, Rylan, Denise and Vince Brulinski, Gabriel Rentschler, Jane McGee, Ellen Beckman, Dan Rumer, Kaylin Faith Paugh, Mary Alice Fries, Valerie and Samantha Hodge-Williams, Walker Hauser, Lynn Broadman,

## Weekly Service Schedule

### St. Matthew's

**Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 8AM and 10:45AM, Sunday School 10:15AM**

**Wednesday: Healing Service, 7PM**

**Thursday: Holy Eucharist, 7:30AM**

### St. John's

**Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 9AM**

**Sunday School, 9AM**

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## Open Baptisms Offered Again

For the second year, open baptisms will be offered at the Easter Vigil service at St. Matthew's, Saturday, April 7, at 7PM. This means that anyone desiring baptism into the Body of Christ can come to the service and be baptised. If you know of anyone who is contemplating baptism, or if you would like more information, contact the Church Office at 301-334-2510.

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