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A Catholic Faith Community
Franciscan Friars

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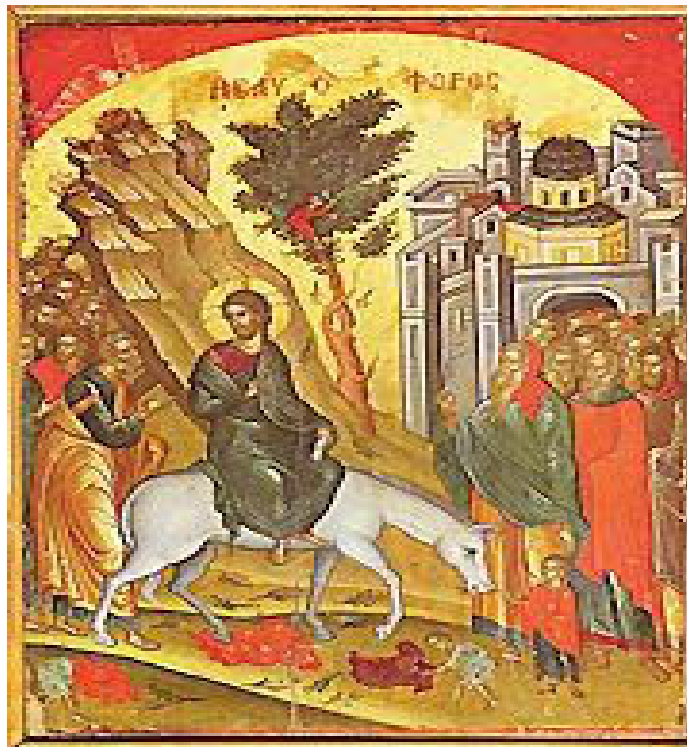
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PARISH CENTER HOURS
Weekdays
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

BASILICA HOURS
Monday through Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Palm Sunday of
The Lord's Passion*



Parish Mission Statement

As children of a loving Creator, baptized into Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Mary's Faith Community believes in the power of the Sacred Liturgy which challenges us to faithfully live out Gospel values of peace and justice.

Following the example of Mary's openness to God's call and in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we minister with courtesy and compassion to all people, especially the poor and marginalized. Reflecting God's all-inclusive love, we commit ourselves to welcome and affirm the whole diversity of God's people.

Our commitment includes educating and forming ourselves into a community that joyfully celebrates our oneness in Christ. Acknowledging that all gifts come from our Creator, we seek to become good stewards of all God's gifts.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays 12:05 p.m.
Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.
Sundays
9:00 am and 11 a.m.
Holy Days
12:05 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4 to 5 p.m.
or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Minimum of six months preparation
602-354-2100

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Celebrated monthly
During Mass
602-354-2068

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please contact the parish for a priest.
602-354-2072

HOLY HOUR
Thursdays
11:00 a.m. and 6:00 pm

VIA ASSISI GIFT SHOP
Dee Pennartz
Manager
602-271-0042
Wednesdays - Fridays
9:30 am. to 3:00 pm
Saturdays
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sundays
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

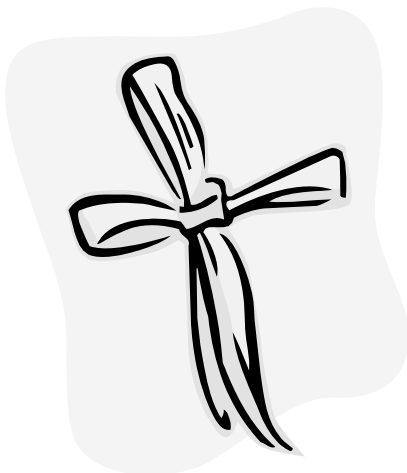
Dear Friends,

Peace and Good!

Now it begins! The drama of our salvation begins today with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday highlights the victory of grace over sin. In the first reading, the servant of God stands fast against opposition, an example for us in resisting temptation. The second reading reminds of Christ's glorious triumph over the power of death. And the Passion narrative from St. Matthew reveals the great love by which we have been redeemed from sin. Let us keep in mind that Christ suffered for our sins but Christ's love reminds us that grace abounds for us even more than sin, leading us to new life. I encourage all of us to participate in the "Triduum" (Sacred Three Days) liturgies. We begin a beautiful concelebrated Mass on Holy Thursday. As we begin the celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery---his passion, death and resurrection---we are commanded by Jesus to serve one another. Be sure you come prepared to take part in the moving Foot Washing ceremony. At the end of the Mass, we will transfer the Eucharist to the chapel in the diocesan pastoral center. The Eucharistic Night watch will continue until midnight. Please sign up in the vestibule to spend some time with Christ. On Good Friday, we will have the traditional Stations of the Cross outside in the plaza followed by silent prayer in the church. At 3:00 p.m., we will begin the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death. We will hear the chanting of the Gospel of John, the veneration of the cross and holy communion. Then, the climax of the Sacred Three Days---the glorious Holy Saturday Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m. This is the most important Liturgy of the Church year. Please plan to attend this grand liturgy during which we will welcome new members to the Church. Then, on Easter morning the Church continues to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. If you have small children I would encourage you to come to the 11:00 a.m. children's family Mass. After the Mass, everyone will gather in the plaza for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please keep the Holy Week schedule handy during the week. And please don't forget to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

I would like to introduce the members of our new Pastoral Council: Alicia Torres, Dave Madole, Hector Sanchez, Leslie Gracia, Susan Kapuza, Mike Denea, Beverly Carr and Rachel Schnatz. Congratulations to all of you! We will have our next pastoral council meeting Tuesday evening, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. I look forward to seeing all of you.

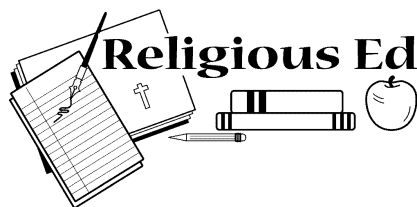
Keep praying. "The Bells of St. Mary's" could be ringing again on Easter. We hope so. This has been a three year project and I am proud to announce that the original three bells in the west bell tower will be electrified. We will soon here the real bells ringing the Angelus and as a call to worship. Weddings and major feast days will resound with the pealing of the bells! Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to this fund.



Would you like to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, Fatima, Liseaux, Paris, Avila, Loyola, Salamanca and other beautiful places of Spain, Portugal and France? Well, we are beginning to put together a pilgrimage for next spring, 2009. Watch the bulletin for more details. It's going to be a grand tour of many holy sites as well as great cities and wine country! Can't wait!

Have a Blessed Holy Week,

Jr. Vance



Religious Education

Religious Education Schedule

Parents please be reminded that there will be **no R.E. Classes on Sunday March, 16th and Sunday, March 23rd. R.E.**

Classes will resume on Sunday, March 30th.

Please contact the parish office if you should have any questions at 602-354-2100



Adult Confirmation Classes

The Adult Confirmation Classes will resume on Monday

March 31st at 6:30 pm.

There are only more classes left until your Confirmation on Trinity Sunday.

Class dates are Mondays, March 31st, April 14th & 28th and May 5th. Your Retreat and Rehearsal are on May 17th.

VIA ASSISI

GIFT SHOP

Hours of Operation

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday	1:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Stop in and Check it Out!!

Dee has First Communion and Confirmation Gifts now available in the Gift Shop!

The Legion of Mary

St. Mary's Basilica announces the creation of a new Legion of Mary at our parish.

The Legion of Mary is the largest lay organization of Catholic men and women in the world.

The requirements for membership are attendance at a weekly meeting, recitation of Legion Prayers, and a work of apostolic duty per week. Works can include hospital ministry, home visitation, consecration of homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and prison ministry to name a few.

Meetings are held at the Parish Office, Thursday evenings at 6PM. Please join us!

For more information, call Catherine (602) 956-6474

Extraordinary Catholic Composer and Concert Pianist

Eric Genuis along with a concert violinist will perform at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Tempe on Saturday, March 29, 7 to 10 pm. The evening is sponsored by the JP2 Resource Center of the Diocese and will celebrate John Paul II's passing into eternity. Yummy gelato will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$40 for a family ticket (ages 13+).

**Call 602-354-2179 for more info or purchase tickets online at www.TOBCenter.org.
ou can listen to Eric's music at www.ericgenuis.com.**

“ God greatly exalted Christ and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.”

Holy Week Schedule

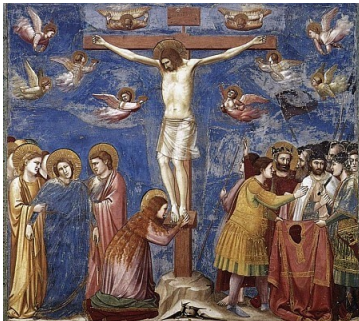
Tuesday
March 18th

Communal Reconciliation Service
6:30 pm in the church

Triduum
The Sacred Three Days

Holy Thursday
March 20

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
Adoration following in the
Diocesan Chapel until midnight



Good Friday
March 21

Stations of the Cross
Noon -Diocesan Plaza

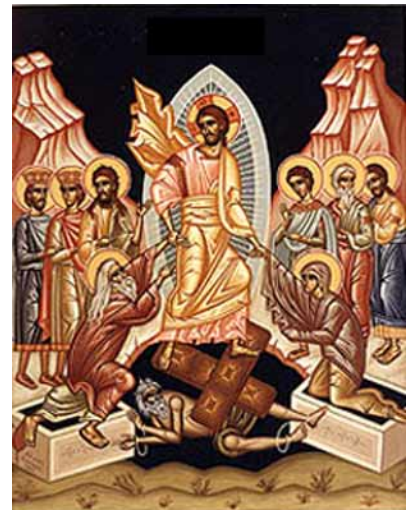
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3:00 pm in the church

Holy Saturday
March 22

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection
8:00 pm in the church

Easter Sunday
March 23

The Resurrection of the Lord
7:00 am Sunrise Mass
9:00 am Solemn Mass
11:00 am Solemn Mass





*St. Mary's Basilica
Weddings
God's Blessing upon*

**Rigoberto Quinones Felix
And
Angela Michelle Boozer
March 29, 2008**

**David Steel
And
Jessica Kay
March 29, 2008**

Weekly Offering

March 9, 2008
was \$ 9,230.65
Thank you very much!!!



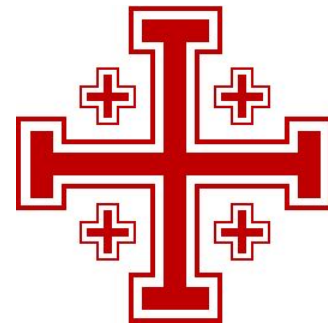
Stewardship involves a willingness to give from the very core of who we are and what we have; from substance rather than abundance.



Annual CDA Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has in the Charity and Development Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation and \$53,882. We currently have 25.7% participation and \$39,008.00 toward our goal. Please take some time to prayerfully discern your gift to our One Family in Christ.

The CDA provides critical funding to more than 70 charitable, spiritual and educational programs and organizations. Gifts can be made online at www.diocesephoenix.org/cda or by completing a donor card.



**Good Friday Collection
A Cry for Help!**

In the land where Our Lord Jesus Christ chose to be born, where the ultimate loving sacrifice was made by his dying on the cross, and where his glorious resurrection took place...**a desperate cry for help can be heard.** For many centuries, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have been charged with the protection of Christians and the care of our holy shrines, including the Tomb of Christ. On Good Friday, a special collection is taken up worldwide for this very important cause.

Please be very generous this Good Friday, as the needs are especially great due to the unrest in the land of Our Lord.



***May Our Lady of Palestine
bless and embrace you!***



Wedding Seminar

Interested in getting married at St. Mary's Basilica?

Join us on **Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm.** We will offer information, go over our policies and requirements. This seminar is required for weddings at the Basilica. This informative meeting will help you in making your wedding a memorable and liturgically beautiful Sacrament.

**Please call the parish office to register.
602-354-2100**

What's Happening At St. Mary's

Sunday, March 16th

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 9:00 & 11:00 am Basilica
No R.E. Classes

Tuesday, March 18th

Communal Rite of Reconciliation 6:30 pm Basilica

Please see the schedule on page 4 for all Holy Week Liturgies

Wednesday, March 26th

Wedding Seminar 6:30 pm Parish Center

Thursday, March 27th

Holy Hour 11:00 am and 5:00 p.m. Basilica
Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Choir Loft

Sunday, March 30th

Divine Mercy Sunday All Masses Basilica
Baptisms 9:00 am Basilica
R.E. Classes Resume

Monday, March 31st

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Noon Basilica
Adult Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Parish Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2
b) Gn 22:1-18
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1
d) Is 54:5-14;
e) Is 55:1-11
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
h) Rom 6:3-11
i) Mt 28:1-10



Sanctuary Candles
In Memory of

Charles Hanosh

Join us for
Respect Life Rosary
After the
Noon Mass
April 4, 2008



Reading for
Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of
the Lord

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Mary Holden (*Deceased*)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

People of St. Mary's

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Charles Hanosh (*Deceased*)

Monday 12:05 p.m.

For those who worked for Peace and Justice in Northern Ireland

Tuesday 12:05 p.m.

Jesus Renteria (*Deceased*)

Wednesday 12:05 p.m.

Pro Pluribus Defunctis

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Vocations to the Priesthood
And Religious Life

Good Friday 3:00 p.m.

Peace in the Holy Land

Donate Your Vehicle

St. Mary's Basilica

The Mother Church of Phoenix

Helping those in need within our Community for over 100 years.

(602)252-1128

All proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Basilica an Arizona Treasure at the center of downtown Phoenix.

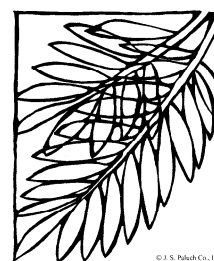
- Free Pick Up
- Tax Deductible
- We Will Complete All IRS & Title Docs
- Any Condition, Running or Not
- All Proceeds Benefit Our Local Community

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St. Mary's Basilica

If you have a vehicle, boat or plane, working or not, you can donate it to St. Mary's Basilica and take the sale proceeds as a tax deduction.

Just call 602-252-1128 and they will take care of the rest!!!!



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