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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday	2 Intercessory Prayer 6 pm Choir practice 7 pm	3 Wednesday Night Group 6:30 pm	4	5 Maundy Thursday 7 pm	6 Good Friday 7 pm "The Passion" show- ing in Boyd Hall following service	7
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15 Newsletter info. deadline	16 Choir practice 7 pm	17 Wednesday Night Group 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21
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“Your Will be Done...”

Part I

Being Available

Now the LORD said to Abram "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.... So Abram went... **Genesis 12:1-4**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **Hebrews 11:8**

"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." **Acts 5:20**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do..."

John 14:12

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. **1 John 5:11-13**

“And this is the testimony”....

For any of you that have been reading along for the past year and more we have come to a point where a decision was to be made. Will we become part of the great ministry of Jesus, the same ministry that has led to our promised salvation (if indeed we have received such a great salvation) or will I leave it for someone else? Please know that there is not a single “works righteousness” bone in my body, meaning we don't come to this point out of some sense of “I must now do my part or else Jesus will not save me”.

Works righteousness is impossible – there is not one thing you can do to add to the perfect completed work of Christ in His life and on the cross. Salvation comes from FAITH in Christ Jesus, faith alone. PERIOD. Let know one ever make you think otherwise. (**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.)

Yet we are called to participate in His work. In a real sense, Jesus was a tiler, sower, nurturer and harvester. That was his work. But it was not agriculture that he was concerned with, but a dying humanity. In multiple places in Scripture Jesus makes it clear that He did not come to heal here on earth (although He did do so), but to heal for eternity. Jesus' most important means of doing so was through teaching or preaching. (**Luke 4:43** "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.")

Jesus' preaching was accomplished in many ways, most commonly in the form of questions from a person or a crowd. Few of us are going to be called to be a preacher. But if we are willing we can expect to simply share, to share “The Testimony”. Seen in this light, perhaps the fear of sharing our faith can be controlled a bit.

As we end one series last month I begin a new this month. This series will focus on those that have said “YES send me Lord” (or perhaps you said, “gulp! Well eh, if you think so, I guess send me Lord”). This series will focus on two ideas: 1) first being available; and, 2) knowing our story so that we can share the testimony. I don't know long long

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it will run or even where it's going exactly. It's all new to me as well. We'll walk through discovery together.

Being **available** is the beginning point. It doesn't mean having a clear calendar, but instead a spiritual attitude that when the Lord calls, I will go. We can be sure that the Lord will call you within appropriate contexts of your life. If a brain surgeon is in the middle of a lobotomy it is exceedingly unlikely God will suddenly call the doc out of surgery to meet someone at McDonald's (or the golf course). But there may be a word said in the middle of surgery that is obvious an opening from God. Being spiritually available might simply mean one perfect word shared in the moment.

Being available will mean being attuned to the voice of God, the prompting of the Spirit. Do we make our selves available? Do we look and listen to what God might be saying to us for His ministry? It is learning to walk knowingly in God's presence and developing His eyes and ears.

When we share, it is His testimony we share, always shaped for the context of the situation. We might have the opportunity to share the Gospel story, but more likely we will have the opportunity to share a simple personal word about our lives; the testimony becomes personal. Someone says "I don't know if I can keep going" and we respond "I understand, I could but for God's personal help."

As we go forward, God's testimony wrapped up in our stories will be one of the most powerful tools you will ever possess, for others and your self. Knowing your story matters, and we will consider this at length.

We are at a truly important, almost impossible, place at AS. We are already shaping the ministry we will offer to Rosedale. Specifics are being prayed over; calendars set. We are on the verge of going out and inviting in. The Second Chapter is coming to life and it offers an entirely new day for AS, for Rosedale, and all of us that make our selves available.

We have a great testimony to share, a real life to offer.

Many of us have absolutely no doubt God is desiring to do the impossible through us. Will we be eager to join Him in the tiling, sowing, nurturing, and harvesting?

Will we make ourselves available to Him in the middle of a busy day? I promise you, he will not call you out of brain surgery to go see someone at McDonald's. But he will challenge you, and us.

Journey with me over the coming months as we consider this call. And know this – AS, Rosedale, and God is looking for you to be available to help us in our part of Christ's ministry. Please make yourself available.

Blessings

David

Why Rwanda?

As many of you know, I have become a supporter of Arlene Brown's Urukundo Home for Children and now the school she operates called the Urukundo Learning Center located at Binunga on a mountain in the heart of Rwanda.

Jesus told us that the two great commandments are to "Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart..." He said that the second is like unto it, "Love thy neighbor as thy self".

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One Light Bulb at a Time

Contributed by Lee Mackie

This might not work for all products, but every thing we buy that is made in USA helps to keep jobs here.

I didn't know Hallmark cards were made in China! That is also why I don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore. They are made in China and are more expensive! I buy them at Dollar Tree - 50 cents each and made in USA

I have been looking at the blenders available on the Internet. Kitchen Aid is made in the US. Top of my list already.

Yesterday I was in WalMart looking for a wastebasket. I found some made in China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked the lady if they had any others. She took me to another department and they had some at \$2.50 made in USA. They are just as good. Same as a kitchen rug I needed. I had to look, but I found some made in the USA - what a concept! - and they were \$3.00 cheaper .

We are being brainwashed to believe that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. Not so.

One Light Bulb at a Time...

I was in Lowe's the other day and just out of curiosity, I looked at the hose attachments. They were all made in China. The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA.

Start looking, peopleIn our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - most often, their job.

My grandson likes Hershey's candy . I noticed, though, that it is now marked "made in Mexico." I don't buy it anymore .

My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico, now I have switched to Crest .

You have to read the labels on everything.

This past weekend I was at Kroger . . . I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy -- was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value ." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared them: they were the same except for the price - the GE bulbs cost more than the Everyday Value brand, but the thing that surprised me the most was that GE was made in Mexico and the Everyday Value brand was made in - you guessed it - the USA at a company in Cleveland, Ohio.

It's Way past time to start finding and buying products you

use every day that are made right here.

So, on to the next aisle: Bounce Dryer Sheets - yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada . The Everyday Value brand cost less, and was made in the USA! I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years, at almost half the price .

My challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA - the job you save may be your own or your neighbors! Start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Stop buying from overseas companies - you're sending the jobs there. (We should have awakened a decade ago.) Let's get with the program and help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the USA . I passed this on will you?

Editors Note: While I don't usually publish articles such as these, I have now found myself checking labels. Many of our parish family are out of work, taking jobs just to make ends meet. I hope this article gives us something to think about the next time we are shopping. Thanks Lee.

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It is easy to love your neighbor who loves you and lives the type of lifestyle you do. It is much tougher to love a stranger, especially those in trouble or who have needs. We can always make excuses that we do not have enough money or time to help, but is that really true?

The people of Africa are not in our conscious thoughts, but they are among those who need the most help. They live in poverty or under the oppression of selfish and tyrannical tribal lords or the corrupt governments that provide a luxurious living for the leaders, but spend almost nothing improving the conditions of the people of the country. Often, the leaders will squander the resources of the country rather than use these resources for education, health, or job creation needs of the public. Thus, the people remain illiterate and hungry and without hope.

We, as Christians, should yearn do everything in our power to help these people (and others around the world) improve their chances for survival and happiness. We should do more than pitch a few dollars into the plate or to a charity. We should be very generous, as we have been given so very much. Are we going to love our neighbor as our self or are we going to husband our resources for ourselves? Only you and God know this answer for you.

But why, with all the need in Africa, would I focus on Rwanda?. First, I cannot do everything for so many all over Africa, so I concentrate on one place

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All Saints Prayer List

April 2012

Parish: Joanne Calderone, The McMarlin Family, Barbara Slattery, The Keller Family, The Tendick Family, Karen Rucker and Family, Shelby Rushmore, Kathy Swan and Family, Greg Jazwindki (Heidi's dad), Phoebe (Godline's mother), Charles (Godline's brother), Dolores Oliver, Jo Clapperton (Barb Harman's mother), Apollo Ogut (Moses's father)

For Moses's discernment process and Carolyn's ministry

For All Saints, for our being open to God's vision for us, and for our leaders.

For our African students: Margaret Kiconco, Kennedy Gondwe, and Emmanuel Mukeshimana. For Mission in Africa: Gisele Umotoni, Arlene Brown's Ministry (Hope Made Real)

Friends of the Parish: Bobby Nogaret (Pat's cousin), Rusty Colaianne and Family, Frank Iusi, Kathy Lockheart, Mike Theiss and Family (friend of Jes Iusi/cancer), Jack Miller, Connor and family (Dylan Arend's friend), Marge Colaianne (John C.'s sister-in-law/eye surgery), Jeff Freeman, Sarah Sydlick, Patty Palo (cancer), Debbie Ramsey, Debbie Varrati, Kathy Sozynski, Caprice Serafini (Pat's niece), Sophie Frederick (Joan's granddaughter), Mike Herold, (Ray's Brother)

For victims of human trafficking, that they may know God's loving presence in the midst of their suffering.

Armed Services: Pray for the safety of those in the armed services and the peace of mind of their families, especially those known by this congregation: Jason Biehl, Paul Burger, Dustin Churchel, Anthony Iusi, Marcus Levering, Jeff Muir.

Friends of the parish will be listed for 1 month. If you would like to add a name, remove a name, or have a name stay on the prayer list longer than 1 month, please contact Pat Serafini at 412-247-0617 or serafinip@yahoo.com

ULTRA DEEP FIELD

Contributed by Tom Nunnally

Several weeks ago at WNG, David showed a clip about the Hubble telescope and the incredible findings when they pointed the telescope toward the ULTRA Deep Field, a sliver of space where scientists thought nothing existed.

What they found were billions of galaxies each containing billions of stars. David's point in showcasing this was, if God could create this awesome universe, then nothing in heaven or on earth is beyond His power and that we, through Him, can do what we think would be beyond our capabilities.

Here is a link to the Ultra Deep Field, so see for yourself.

<http://www.flixy.com/hubble-ultra-deep-field-3d.htm>

13 billion light years are about equal to 80,000,000,000,000,000,000 (880 sextillion) miles.

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Rwanda suffered from one of the most horrendous atrocities in the history of man's inhumane treatment of his fellow man when tribal factions slaughtered 800,000 innocent human beings in 100 days back in the late 1900s. There might have been some root causes of this, such as the land being too scarce to support the rising population. But, truthfully it was really more an act of evil (indiscriminant killing for personal gain). And it still could happen in many more places.

But to their credit, Rwanda has become the model for a stable and just government in Africa.

However, they still have problems. The people are poor and the government is not wealthy. Rwanda does not have resources to export (such as oil) and they are land locked, so there is no easy way for to import capital goods (which have to come by air instead of overland through corrupt nations). 80% of the population is illiterate and must subsist off the land.

Arlene Brown is doing much more than her share of improving the lot of Rwandans. She is taking in orphans that no one else wants and that the government can't afford to help. She gives these throw away babies a new life and a good life. She is also educating them to become some of the 20% who will be able to better themselves (and Rwanda). And she is providing jobs and food and water to the people of Binunga village. She is certainly worthy of our support, as are others working in Africa or in other parts of the world.

I wear a bracelet that says "WWJHMD" That means "What would Jesus have me do"? I am guided by that bracelet whenever I have to make a hard choice between personal security and giving.. Tom Nunnally

Urukundo Learning Center

At the Urukundo Home for Children in Rwanda, there are 47 orphans. Some are infants, below the school years and some are at the high school level. Arlene Brown sends the older kids to study at a nearby high school, but teaches the lower and middle level kids at a school held in the guest house. She also invites some of the poorer children from the village to study there, which is their only access to a school.

The space at the guest house has been the limiting factor to helping more students, as they have the material and teachers to educate them. She has for years planned on a separate school house, but the funds were needed elsewhere in taking care of her children.

In January, construction started on the school house and it is now complete, with furniture for all classrooms except one. They plan on having the kids studying there at the next term, which starts in April.



You can see the construction of this schoolhouse through this link:

<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/ht6ZG4js>

Arlene plans to have a stone path to the school called "The Path to the Future". A donation of \$100US will buy a stone with the donor's name. If the members and friends of All Saints donate five of these stones, the furniture will be purchased for the remaining classroom and All Saints will have a plaque there in. Checks can be made out to Hope Made Real marked "Path to the Future" from All Saints. Your personal name will go on the stones.

What Easter Do You Share?

Can we be perfectly honest? Not all Easters are equal.

For example, there is the Easter where we celebrate spring. Another celebrates family get togethers. Another honors tradition. In most of these Easters going to church is still part of the day. This is already changing and within a generation most people that have included church attendance out of tradition will have abandoned the church.

Of course there is another Easter. The only one that matters. It is the Easter of Jesus Christ. It celebrates the (literally) most important event in all of history. It also celebrates the reality that Easters are still happening.

Family gatherings are important, so are traditions. But Easter is important because on one malicious day nearly 2000 years ago a dead man rose up and walked out of the tomb. It is the reason we have a Christian faith, it is the reason we have hope.

It turns our death really does have limitations. Death came into the world as a result of sin. But in the face of perfect righteousness death no longer exists.

Jesus lived for and through His Father, our God. In the course of His life He accomplished what we could not – righteousness. The story of Easter is all the more powerful because the sinfulness of world attempted to kill this innocent man. The world did indeed hang Him on a cross where he experienced excruciating suffering. He died, in the flesh, he was as dead as any of us will ever be.

But the story does not end there. We don't know what happened between Jesus' proclamation "it is finished!" and the moment of resurrection. Perhaps unseen spiritual battles were being fought. What we do know is that at some time in the early hours of that most important of Sunday's, the resurrection took place. Jesus was alive.

I said above that Easter celebrates this most important day in all of history (honestly, nothing else is even remotely close), and it celebrates the reality that Easter is not just a historical event.

Today, whenever someone comes to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior another Easter takes place. It is still righteousness that over comes death – becoming a Christian means we take on His righteousness where there is no death. All around the world, at this very moment, someone else, destined for death, is being saved for eternity. Maybe someone you know? Maybe you?

Easter is about the risen Lord. It is also about any of us that are "in Christ Jesus" walking away from our own tomb.

Halleluiah, the Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! And so are all of those whose lives have been offered up to God through Jesus Christ!

Halleluiah indeed.

May the truth of Easter forever change your life.

David

Birthdays & Anniversaries

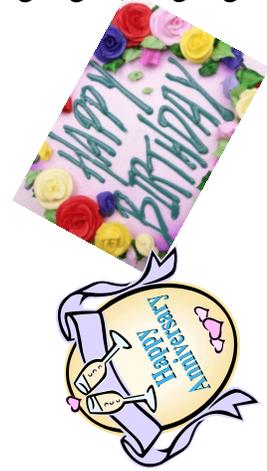
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 15 Larry & MaryLou Renner
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 23 Jonathan Violando
 26 Bill Miller
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Are you missing from our list, Please let
 Donna Violando know. Thanks



Important Dates

Choir Practice, Monday Evenings, 7:00 pm

**Wednesday Night Group that meets on Tuesday
 Every Tuesday 6:30pm**

Chinese and Discipleship every Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline, April 15th

**Healing Prayer in Boyd Hall Following the Service on
 April 29th.**

WORSHIP

SERVICE SUNDAYS

9:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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