



As we wait in the night-dark church for the Easter light to be struck, we should experience the consoling realization that God is fully aware of the night by which we are surrounded. In fact, he has already struck his light at the heart of it...The



night enables us to appreciate what the light really is. It is brightness or luminousness that enables us to see; that shows the way and gives direction; that helps us to know both others and ourselves. It is warmth that strengthens and brings mobility; that consoles and gladdens. Finally, it is life, and this tiny quivering flame is an image of the wonderful mystery that we call “life” and that is in fact profoundly dependent on light...At this moment we are not only celebrating the Resurrection; we are also being given a distant glimpse of the second coming of the Lord, whom we are advancing to meet with lamps lit...Something of the joy that marks a wedding should be ours on this night so bright with candles. We should also ask ourselves the question: “Will I be one of those who sit at God’s table? Will my lamp have enough oil for the everlasting wedding feast?” But perhaps it is even more Christian to ask ourselves the right questions about the present. The world is indeed dark, but even a single candle

suffices to bring light into the deepest darkness. Did not God give us a candle at baptism and the means of lighting it? We must be courageous enough to light the candle of our patience, our trust, our love. Instead of bewailing the night, we

must dare to light the little lamp that God has loaned us: “The Light of Christ! Thanks be to God?”

**Source:**

**Benedictus**

Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI, p114

**Dates to Remember**



- ⇒ **Friday, April 1st**  
24 Hour Adoration—Church
- ⇒ **Saturday, April 16 at 10:30AM**  
Palm Sunday & Good Friday Practice
- ⇒ **Sunday, April 17**  
Palm Sunday
- ⇒ **Monday, April 18**  
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
- ⇒ **Tuesday, April 19**  
Triduum Practice at 7PM
- ⇒ **Thursday, April 21**  
Holy Thursday Liturgy @ 7PM  
Adoration to Midnight in the Church  
Church Tour after Holy Thursday Liturgy
- ⇒ **Friday, April 22**  
Good Friday Liturgy @ 7PM  
Adoration to Midnight in the Church
- ⇒ **Saturday, April 23**  
Food Blessing at 9:00AM & 9:45AM  
Easter Vigil at 8:00PM  
Pray for Nick Pigounakis being fully initiated into the Church.
- ⇒ **Sunday, April 23**  
Easter Sunday
- ⇒ **Every Friday during Lent, Senior Stations will be at 1PM in the Church**
- ⇒ **Every Friday during Lent, Soup and Salad in the School Hall**
- ⇒ **Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7PM in the Church**

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# The Easter Flame

## Liturgical Ministers Still Needed!

### Altar servers:

Easter Sunday at 8:00AM Mass  
Starting 6/12 to 7/3 at 8:00AM Mass

### Extraordinary Minister of Communion:

Easter Vigil

Please call Schubie if you can fill in!  
Thank you!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

“Living with Christ” Scripture Study twice a month on a Wednesday morning at 9AM with Schubie or on Thursday evening at 7PM with Deacon Bob. If you are interested, please call Schubie on ext 201 to register...

“Women’s Bible Study” On February 8th at 7PM in the School, we started 6-week Bible Study for women of all ages. This is free! The theme is called “Real Beauty” and we have had some awesome conversations.

“Men’s Spirituality Study” Coming this Lent on Wednesday Evenings from 7-8:30PM The topic is “Be A Man” from Fr. Larry Richards. Please call Deacon Bob for more info on 630-924-8091.

## **COMING SOON AT A PARISH NEAR YOU!**

### September—October 2011

#### The Bible Blueprint

Are you intimidated picking up the Bible and attempting to read and understand it? This class will give you tips and practice, reading and understanding the Bible...which will help the Bible to become less intimidating and also fulfilling. This class is designed to help Catholics overcome your initial fear of the Bible and to discover God’s loving Word and its power for your life. (The Bible Blueprint Leader’s Guide, Page iv)

### November—December 2011

Women’s Bible Study and Men’s Bible Study

### January—February 2012

#### Practice Makes Catholic

If being Catholic doesn’t make a bit of difference in your everyday living, why bother? In this book, Practice Makes Catholic: Moving from a Learned Faith to a Lived Faith, I offer twenty-one tried-and-true practices that both flow from and shape the Catholic way of seeing—a way of seeing that can and will make a difference in your life. As you gradually integrate these practices into your way of life, your life will take on new meaning. You will see differently and, as a result, you will live and act differently. (Practice Makes Catholic, Page xii)

### March—April 2012

Women’s Bible Study and Men’s Bible Study

## The Easter Challenge

by Joyce Rupp

You believe because you can see . . . Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. (John 20:29)

Every year it happens:  
Earth shakes her sleepy head,  
Still a bit wintered and dull,  
And feels new life stirring

Every year cocoons give up their treasures,  
Fresh shoots push through brown leaves,  
Seemingly dead branches shine with green,  
And singing birds find their way home.

Every year we hear the stories

Empty tomb, surprised grievers,  
Runners with news and revelation,  
Unexpected encounters,  
Conversations on the road,  
Tales of nets filling with fish,  
And breakfast on a seashore.

And every year  
The dull and dead in us  
Meets our Easter challenge:

To be open to the unexpected,  
To believe beyond our security,  
To welcome God in every form,  
And trust in our own greening.



**This is a busy time of year for the Church and on behalf of Fr. Slawek, Andrzej and myself, along with the entire Parish Staff, we would like to extend our thanks to all of you who have given of your time, talent and treasure to St. Peter the Apostle Church.**

**We come together as a Parish Family to inspire, love, and serve each other. We are sons and daughters of God working and growing together to become everything that God has created us to be.**

