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# ❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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## Update on Kajo Keji Sunday, March 1

On Sunday, March 1, Mr. Charlie Barebo will be the guest speaker at the Adult Forum. Mr. Barebo is the chair of the New Hope Campaign of the Diocese of Bethlehem.

Significant work has been accomplished in Kajo Keji, our companion diocese in the Southern Sudan. Mr. Barebo will present a special slide show of the work on the various projects supported by the New Hope Campaign.

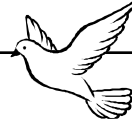
All are invited to the Forum, which is held at 10:30 AM, immediately following the 9 AM Worship.

### Accessibility Ramp Fund Continues to Grow

The Daughters of the King donated \$193 to St. Paul's accessibility ramp fund. The Daughters held their annual Celtic Dinner on January 30<sup>th</sup>, which included delicious food and the beautiful music of the Saving Graces from the South Montrose Community Church. The free will offering at the dinner was earmarked for the ramp fund and resulted in the largest offering collected at the Celtic Dinner. Support for St. Paul's and the ramp is strong!

### Looking Ahead:

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Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

**STEWARDSHIP IS NOT A PROGRAM AT ST. PAUL'S...IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.**

There are many ways that we view stewardship in the church. Too often we only roll out stewardship in the fall of the year, send out some letters, and pray for a good response. I would like to suggest that stewardship is not a program, nor is it limited to one period of time during the year, but that it is a way of life.

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians that "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

(I Corinthians 10:31)

Yes, whatever you do. Now there's a wide charge to each of us. I bet that few of us think that everything we do is for the glory of God. On reflection, with some of the things we do, this is a frightening thought.

Usually, we divide stewardship up into three categories: time, talent, and treasure. This month, let's just take time.

How is all your time given to the glory of God? I bet you really divide your time up into little pieces and call one "god time." Maybe that is the one hour a week that you attend worship on Sunday morning. Well, that leaves a lot of time during the week to account for, doesn't it!

Maybe your sing in the choir, so you add another hour on for practice. Or, maybe you are on the altar guild. Maybe the vestry. The clock is ticking.

Oh, yes, how about the volunteer work your do...the volunteer fire department, or the girl scouts, the after school tutoring. The clock is ticking.

How about that quality time with your children? No, not in front of the TV -- REAL quality time. Or, with your grandchildren. Are your family meals on the run? Umm. Maybe here we should take some time away from the clock. When was the last time you prayed with your children? Umm.

At work? We should not forget that the bottom line of our professions and labor is not only our paycheck, but the quality of our relationships in the workplace, as well as the people who benefit by our service and productivity.

When you start thinking of stewardship as a way of life, it really gets interesting.

"...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Charles A. Cesaretti

## Senior Warden Article, March 09

Dear friends,

There were four major items on the table at our recent vestry meeting

**What is the most fiscally sound way to set up the salary, housing, and pension for a new rector?** This is a complex topic, one where every decision has ramifications. Together, we have been muddling through these ramifications, carefully listening and weighing the pros and cons of each. As many of you know, we have turned to you for your ideas, opinions, and involvement. At the March 16th vestry meeting, we will need to decide whether to buy a rectory, build new for a rectory, or to give our new rector a housing allowance. Many people have expressed strong opinions about this topic; we welcome your ideas and your insight, please do share!

**How can we best repair, maintain, and upgrade our historic and aging church?** With the guidance and direction of our dedicated property committee, the vestry continually works through the needs, hopes, and budgetary constrictions of this parish. With these as our guide, we try to prioritize improvements for the month and the year as well as work on a 3-5 year plan for larger capital repairs and improvements.

**How can and will we keep the Spirit of Summer alive and well during the summer of 2009?** Much of the work for this project has been divvied up between various members of the parish and the community. The Music camp will be from June 22-26 under the direction of Sarah Birchard and organized by Mary Ann Dewitt. Carol and Richard Marker have agreed to chair the 4th of July float while other parishioners are already preparing ways to welcome and refresh visitors in our garden. A reading camp will be offered from July 27-31; this camp will be organized and run by several members of St. Paul's under the leadership of Mike Shingler. And plans are underway (under the direction of Sandy Schwab) to make the August 7 and 8 GO BLUE at St. Paul's an even greater attraction and support for the library.

**How do we close our time with Father Charles, allow for transition time in between, and then welcome a new rector with open hearts and minds?** There are various tasks to complete and items to check off one list or another. Highlights are as follows: we will have the financials audited in late April/early May and are in the process of scheduling an exit interview with Father Charles. These two items will allow the parish the opportunity to review and reflect on our time together as well as demonstrate transparency and good stewardship as we move ahead. The Reverend Janet Watrous has agreed to serve as our supply/interim rector for May and June with the possibility of longer if needed. Finally, our search committee is helping to line up ways to welcome a new rector and his or her family.

Through it all, we remain thankful for and committed to the ministry and mission of St. Paul's. Thank you for your prayers and your support.

Come, grow, and share...

Rachel

## Church School Update

Our Church School Scholars have had some amazing experiences in the past two months. In January, Mrs. Welden returned with her niece, Veronica, a wool spinner, lots yarn, and a fantastic project for the children. The hands-on opportunity was fabulous; spinning the wheel, stretching the wool, and making God's Eyes was both challenging and rewarding. Witnessing the sharing of Mrs. Welden's passion and this generation-old-skill was priceless. In February, Mrs. Chandler led the children through a music appreciation class. With the help of Mrs. Welden and Mr. David Chandler, Mrs. Chandler instructed the students on using their recorders (a Christmas gift from Mrs. Washo) and led them through some cute songs. Ask them about the alligator song! The session concluded with a detailed discussion about how different instruments make music and how keys, strings, pedals, and fingers can change that sound. Again, it is a wonderful experience to watch our fabulous scholars listen and learn from others. In the coming months, the children will enjoy visits from Mrs. Leigh (wood project) and Mr. Ron Chandler (drawing). The calendar is already filling up for the fall. A special thank you to the adults that have offered to share their time and talents with our children. It is a wonderful experience for all!

Our church school lessons have focused on exploring our own responses to our environment and worship space. The children did a terrific music mapping activity that resulted in beautiful collages (and a great chance for me to learn a little more about each student). There are upcoming lessons about being "called to worship" and about the flow of the church year. In the coming months, the children will be designing and creating a miniature worship space. These special creations will be highlighted at our end of the year celebration.

The church school program is a reflection of our community. A collaborative effort between parents, grandparents, teachers, musicians, and others in our community of faith has lead to a rich and rewarding experience for all. Come and grow...

## Children's Sabbath, Sunday, March 29 Community Children's Choir to Sing

On Sunday, March 29 will be the next Children's Sabbath at St. Paul's. This monthly event brings forward our Church School Scholars as lectors, greeters, ushers, and choristers. The newly organized Community Children's Choir, which has been rehearsing at St. Paul's, will sing several anthems.

As St. Paul's observes the Year of the Child, our Church School Scholars have stepped forward to take their part in the active worship life of the parish. We have all witnessed the outstanding leadership they have displayed at the Vespers Service, the Advent/Christmas Service at St. Matthew's, and the Christmas Eve Service.

We are thankful for the outstanding mentoring of Rachel Barton, Dawn Washo, and Mary Ann DeWitt.

The Community Children's Choir is under the direction of Sarah Birchard. The Choir for children in the Montrose area has been meeting at St. Paul's, rehearsing every Thursday after school from 3:45 PM – 4:45PM.

Please join the Scholars for the Children's Sabbath Celebration, premiering the Community Children's Choir, on Sunday March 29, at the 9 AM Worship.

A special Coffee Hour and Adult Forum are planned for this Sunday. All children are welcome and will be cared for and supervised if parents would like to attend the meeting. Please see the article on page 7.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Women and Men's Group  
Sunday, March 15**

All women and men from St. Paul's are urged to attend the Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Adult Forum, to be held immediately following coffee hour. Discussion will center around the formation of a women's group and a men's group at St. Paul's that is geared toward fellowship, socializing, service to the church and the community, and carrying out enjoyable fund raising events to benefit our Capital Improvement Fund. Some interesting ideas are already surfacing, and our discussion on the 15<sup>th</sup> should generate more. New to St. Paul's? That means you may have some new ideas, so please join in. Been there/done that? Don't be so sure – we aren't planning the same old, same old. Do you need more inducement? How about:

- Few meetings
- No dues
- No work overload for anyone
- "We've always done it this way" doesn't apply

Let's add fun and socializing to our parish life – for all ages

Please bring your imagination, your ideas, or simply a willingness to try something new. 2009 is a year of change at St. Paul's – let's talk on March 15<sup>th</sup> about making change exciting and positive.

Sandy Schwab

**EASTER FLOWERS**

An envelope is attached to this issue of the Newsletter for Easter Flowers. Each year we decorate the altar with special flowers for both the Easter Eve and the Easter Day services. Parishioners give these flowers in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving. Please use this envelope to indicate the names of those you wish to remember at Easter. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, April 1. The envelopes may be placed in the Sunday offering plate, or send to the Parish Office.

**When Cantata was King:  
A History and Critique of  
Church Music from the Past**

**By Scott Zimmerman  
Sunday, March 22, at the Adult Forum**

On Sunday, March 22 at the Adult Forum immediately following the 9 AM Worship, Scott Zimmerman, St. Paul's Organist and Choir Director, will present a special program on the Cantata. The program will focus on Cantata No. 80 of J. S. Bach, *Ein feste Burg*.

Today in the Episcopal Church, there are specific readings assigned for the week in the liturgical calendar. By the same token, there are hymn selections for each Sunday in the liturgical calendar that are recommended, and these are changed depending on whether or not it's year A, B, or C in the cycle. In the Baroque era (1600-1750), the Protestant churches followed a similar format with their music.

Nowadays, we think of a cantata as a work being performed only at Easter or Christmas time as a special performance, but back then, there were cantatas written for every Sunday in the church year.

The great composer Johann Sebastian Bach wrote quite a few cantatas during his lifetime, and we're going to examine one of them. Cantata No. 80, *Ein feste Burg*, is based upon a chorale tune that most of you will recognize, as in the present day it's the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," Hymn 687. *Ein feste Burg* is a work in eight movements. The participants will listen and Scott will give a musical analysis of four of the movements.

All are invited to the seminar, which will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday, March 22.

## **The Six Weeks, 2009 Montrose Area Women's Bible Study**

This is an invitation to join a women's Lenten small group on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Bible Conference. The first session is Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at which time we will begin a Bible study, take on a daily discipline of extended prayer, and choose a new devotional practice to deepen our spirituality.

The focus of this Lenten small group is contemplative spirituality, the presence and action of Christ within us, through the exercise of centering prayer, a personal prayer without words. We will read the Bible, the Book of James, encountering the presence and action of Christ within us and we will take on a daily discipline of extended silence.

Very few of us feel we know how to pray as we ought, but most of us yearn for a deeper relation with God. We do, however, know what it is to sigh. We sigh unconsciously, naturally, without thinking or planning it, to take a deeper breath, to gain some time, some perspective, some fleeting wisdom to calm a troubled moment. We barely notice; our attention is elsewhere.

A sigh is a silent moment of grace...God breaking through the noise of our homemade selves. And it comes again and again. To recognize a sighing heart, through the practice of centering prayer, is to enjoy the presence of God and live more fully in his spirit.

**Lent** is the 40 day long liturgical season of fasting and prayer before Easter. 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the desert where he endured temptation by Satan (Matt. 4:1-2; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-2). The purpose of Lent is preparation, through prayer, penitence and self-denial, for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25, and ends on Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. (The six Sundays in Lent are not counted among the 40 days because each Sunday represents a mini-Easter, a celebration over sin and death).

Protestant churches recognize Lent, not as an obligation, but as an opportunity to deepen one's faith by taking on some special practice or discipline. Over the years, Christians have chosen to engage in an extended daily prayer period, to study the Bible, to commit certain scripture to memory, to refrain from eating certain foods, to participate in small devotional groups. One church invited all its members to select a biography of a saint (however defined) to read during Lent; at the end of the six weeks, the congregation came together for a simple meal and divided into small groups to share stories of the saints they had come to know.

Please bring your Bible and a notebook you can use as a Lenten Log. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn promptly at 9:00 a.m. Enter Dreyer Hall at the Bible Conference Center and a sign will direct you to our group. May God add His blessing to our coming together.

## **Vespers Service Sunday, March 8, 5 PM**

The monthly community **Vespers Service** will be held at Historic St. Paul's Church on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Greeter will be Cathy Chiarella; the lector will be Douglas Sivers; and, Holly Andre will be the soprano soloist. Sarah Bertsch will be organist for the meditative selections of the service.

A light meal of Irish Soup and Soda Bread will follow in the Parish House prepared by Martin Comey.

Please join us for the lay-led service.

## Search Update

If you were unable to attend the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Adult Forum, please feel free to pick up a photocopy of our parish profile at the back of the church. The Search Committee continues to move forward. Within the next 30 days we anticipate receiving names of potential candidates. Rev. Janet Watrous has agreed to serve as interim clergy and work with us through the transition from Father Charles' retirement on April 26<sup>th</sup> to welcoming our new rector. Our committee will very soon move to the phase of visiting parishes and interviewing potential rectors. We ask for your continued prayers and support throughout this process. We also ask that anyone who knows a priest that they feel would be a good fit for St. Paul's (even if they are currently with another parish) please contact Brenda Allen and ask that a profile be mailed to that person.

Your Search Committee

## Stewardship Corner

Ah, Lent is upon us. That mysterious season of denial and sacrifice of the greater things in life. But what are the greater things in life? A new car, computer, playstation 3 or your health, your family, your marriage or may be even your CHURCH !!! As stewards we seem to focus too much on the material and not enough on the spiritual or eternal aspects of life. Do you think there's a reason for all the violence, rape, robbery, adultery and other garbage in our high speed frenzied society today? I think there is. In their great rush to achieve success, our society has forgotten about the one entity that would give it to them freely. They've forgotten about God. If they would only open their hearts and their minds to God and his son, our lord and savior, Jesus Christ, success would be theirs and ours also. Do we forget God in our busy daily lives? Are we good stewards? Something to Ponder !!

Bernie Zalewski

## Annuity & Life Insurance Seminar Adult Forum, March 29

On Sunday, March 29, agents from the Benefits Group will conduct a special educational seminar. The topics will be Life Insurance and Annuities. The agents will discuss appropriate strategies and uses, and explain the complexities of these often misunderstood topics.

What is life insurance? Are there varieties of life insurance? What are the consequences of "cashing in" your life insurance when you are facing tight financial times? What is an annuity? Is it tax deferred? These and other questions will be the subject of the Adult Forum which will be conducted by members of the Benefits Group.

The Benefits Group, LLC, is a fully licensed group of benefits provider located in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. They are a locally owned agency and have been in business since 1992. They assist clients set up and manage their Group Health, 401k, Life, Disability, Dental and Vision plans.

The presenters will pay special attention to the issues facing young families. However, the information is applicable to all ages.

All are welcome to the seminar, which will begin in the Parish House immediately following the 9 AM Worship, on Sunday, March 29. A special Coffee Hour and Adult Forum are planned for this Sunday. All children are welcome and will be cared for and supervised if parents would like to attend the meeting. All are welcome.

### **What If. . .?**

Genesis 6:12- 16 12 And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted the ways upon the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of cypress wood, make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

What if Noah said,

**“. . . but, we never did it that way before.”**

Joshua 6:1-5 Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in. 2 The Lord said to Joshua, "So, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. 3 You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days,

4 with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead.”

What if Joshua said,

**“. . . but we never did it that way before!”**

Matthew 5:1- 7 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. . .”

What if the disciples said,

**“. . . but we never did it that way before!”**

Submitted by Jane Chandler

## Holy Week and Easter at Historic St. Paul's

### Worship Services

- April 5: Palm Sunday  
9 AM: Blessing of Palms & Holy Eucharist
- April 8: Wednesday in Holy Week  
12:10 PM: Healing Worship Service  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Bountiful Blessings  
Distribution
- April 9: Maundy Thursday  
5:30 PM: Covered Dish Supper  
7 PM: Holy Eucharist & Stripping of Altar
- April 10: Good Friday  
Noon: Ecumenical Walk with The Cross  
7 PM: Liturgy of the Day ~  
The Solemn Collects
- April 11: Great Vigil of Easter  
10 AM: Easter Egg Hunt in the  
Memorial Garden  
5 PM: Lighting of Pascal Candle,  
Baptism & Holy Eucharist
- April 12: Easter Sunday  
9AM: Festive Choral Eucharist of Easter

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

The 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th, 9 am. If you have family or friends that are interested, all are welcome. If you are interested in helping or providing some treats for the morning, please let Rachel know!

## Bountiful Blessings Wednesday, April 8

Bountiful Blessings, our special program to provide a dinner at Easter to those in need, has begun. The program is a countywide effort, hosted at St. Paul's. It is estimated that we will need to prepare over 600 dinners this year.

The effort has several parts. First, is the solicitation of funds to purchase the hams, which are the centerpiece of the Easter dinner. The second aspect is the collection of canned veggies, boxed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, fruit, and loaves of bread. All the parts are brought and assembled in the Parish House of St. Paul's.

If you wish to be part of the team that makes this annual event a great gift to those in need, please contact the Parish Office (278-2954). We need volunteers in a number of areas, especially during Holy Week at the time of distribution, which will be held on Wednesday, April 8. Keep this yearly mission in your prayers.

## Easter Eve Vigil, April 11 Time for Baptisms

Our Prayer Book (p. 312) reminds us "Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil..."

If you know of someone who wishes to be baptized, please contact Fr. Charles (278-2954) to discuss and plan for the Easter Vigil this year, which is April 11.

For other Sacramental and Pastoral Ministries, please refer the pages 11 & 12 in your Parish Director, or on the St. Paul's website: [www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org](http://www.stpaulschurchmontrose.org).

## Second Sunday of each Month WRC

The Women's Resource Center serves adult and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their significant others. The WRC satellite office was first opened in Montrose, Pennsylvania in 1990. Our branch in Montrose frequently helps women find housing. These women may have children. Their need is like one who is just starting out on their own. Cleaning supplies, along with paper products, blankets, pillows, pillowcases, towels or even gift cards to a department or grocery store help them get started. Since there are often children, baby items ie. baby wipes, plastic bottles, diapers sizes 4,5, and 6 are needed along with games, playing cards, and art supplies for the older siblings. The WRC has a wish list of items which can be used by the family trying to get restarted again. See the bulletin in the Guild room.

If you can bring in some items for the second Sunday of each month, it will be greatly appreciated. A basket has been placed in the rear of the church for your donated items. Thank you.

## St. Paul's Continues to Support the Food Bank

Today's economy has people cutting back on many things. We hear and may even know of some who have trouble feeding their families. There are some children whose only meal may be the one they get at school. For many years St. Paul's has collected food to give directly to our local Food Bank.

Our collection date is the last Sunday of the month which is Youth Sunday. Our youth will bring the food up to the altar as a way of thanking those who contributed.

Most non-perishable food items that can be used to make a meal, along with personal care, paper goods and cleaning products are needed. We have a collection area at the back of the church for you to place your items in on any Sunday. Please check expiration dates.

This is such a simple way to help those less fortunate. Please bring a few items each month. Thank you.

## Saints for the Month Of March

"Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in Heaven..."

God has infinite patience as He waits for us to live that prayer, as well as we say it.

In the millennia since the creation of Adam and Eve, and since granting them and their descendants free will, God has provided increasingly specific instruction in discerning and living according to His will. Today we study the instructions and the examples He provided, in the Old and the New Testaments, but we also have another valuable resource, in concrete examples, of lives striving to do His will: The lives of more than a score of people are commemorated, just in the month of March, in our Church calendar. These 'saints' devoted their lives to understanding, and living by that understanding, of the will of God.

While God may not have invented it, the Internet is available to make the study of these lives infinitely simpler than it might otherwise be. The people commemorated in the Calendar reflect at least two kinds of lives: One, dedicated to the growth and development of the Church; the other, devoted to understanding and living by individual relationships with God. Both are worthy of study, and for many of us, worthy of emulation.

In March, we tend to think first, of St. Patrick and St. David, because of their crucial impact on Christianity in Ireland and Wales, (not to mention, shamrocks and dragons) but the lives of many others in the March calendar have lessons for our own lives. Sometime, while sitting at your computer, type in: <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>, and then, click on Charles Henry Brent; Gregory the Illuminator; or any of the many others cited. You may be surprised at the wealth of information – and inspiration – available in this part of the Internet.

Take Perpetua and Her Companions, for example. These women, martyred in the arena at Carthage in 202 personified Christian faith, love, devotion, caring and above all, courage in the presence of unimaginable horror. Perpetua, faced with death by a wild beast and finally killed by an inept swordsman, ministered to her fellow martyrs until the very last moment of her life. ...And Perpetua had not even lived long enough to be baptized.....We who have been baptized can never do more than she, as she lived her faith. *Submitted by Edward A. Stark*

## Beyond “The Millenium”, Way Beyond

There is a Buddhist saying, “When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.” For the last few years I have shared my spiritual journey ... centering prayer, the psalms, lectio divina, revelation, among others. Imagine my joy when I found a web site that has ALL of these topics and more.

The link is “lectio-divina.org” and the first page says “the Lectio Divina homepage” with the author’s name Richard McChambly. In most cases I have experienced that those who use the word “the” rather “a” when describing a subject are a bit pretentious. They have an attitude that this writing is the cure-all and end-all on the subject at hand. This is the first instance where I observed that “the” was not capitalized. I reflected.

On entering the homepage I clicked on the “Lectio Divina” tab and observed references that I’d been using over the last few years. Highlighted was a link that I’d used the previous day. Hmm.

I don’t recommend the following book to the casual spiritual pilgrim, but for several years I have been reading daily “The Cloud of Unknowing” by an anonymous 14<sup>th</sup> century monk. In it he recommends a book by a the 12<sup>th</sup> century monk, “The Ladder of Four Rungs” by an Italian, Dom Guigo II. For the past two years I’ve been trying to get that book from Amazon.com. I get books by “Guigo”, but not the one I’m looking for. The book was on this homepage. If I wanted to, I could get a copy of it in English OR the original Latin. One click away. (*When I was in college, I LIKED Latin. I was working on a Liberal Arts degree concurrent with my Engineering degree. My language? ... Latin. My engineering job got in the way.*)

And now, back to “Revelation.” Guess what site had a topic on the subject. You guessed it! Not only that, he goes back to the original Greek! ... and explains the Greek in readable English! Plus, he did a series of Lectio Divina articles on Revelation, chapter by chapter, verse by verse! So, I suppose, I now have a third reference source for “Revelation.” (Maybe this new reference source will keep me too busy to bug you to read “Revelation” ... NOT. Consider yourself bugged.)

By the way, did I mention that my “teacher” is a Cistercian monk? I suspect that he is a gatekeeper for the homepage where he freely documents his spiritual thoughts on his journey. I already have an email response. What a gracious gatekeeper!

I’ve got some work to do on Revelation from my new source. I’ve already copied Chapters 1-5 and 20 of Revelation so that I can peruse them at my leisure off-line. We (you and I)WERE going to consider Chapters 21 and 22, but I’ve got some serious homework to do. Pardon the sidetrack. Read chapter 20 again while I do my homework.

It’s been a long time since I’ve felt like “Grasshopper.”

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Submitted by Al Leigh(BoSA) for St. Paul’s Mar. 2009 newsletter  
BoSA(Brotherhood of St. Andrew) = f(prayer, study, service)

## March, 2009 Lay Ministry Schedule

### Altar Guild

1: Bernie Zalewski  
8: Mary Zalewski  
15: Margie Baker  
22: Else Brunner  
29: Barb Buffington

### Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

### Coffee Hour

1: Kathy Warriner  
8: Sherri Warriner  
15: Esther Welden  
22: Mary Zalewski  
29: Else Brunner

### Counters

1: Sandy Schwab and Bernie Zalewski  
8: Nancy Finlon and Dick Schwab  
15: Karen Wolfson and Bernie Zalewski  
22: Jane Chandler and Ed Stark  
29: Richard Marker and Warren Morgan

### Eucharistic Minister

1: Esther Welden and Bernie Zalewski  
8: Margie Baker and Jennie Bowen  
15: Jane Chandler and Alma Shingler  
22: Brenda Syle and Mary Jane Syle  
29: Esther Welden and Bernie Zalewski

### Greeter

1: Carol Lasher  
8: Jack Lasher  
15: Richard Marker  
22: Fraser Moffat  
29: Alma Shingler

### Lector

1: Fraser Moffat  
8: Scott Finlon  
15: Richard Marker  
22: Margie Baker  
29: Jerry Sock

### Usher

1: Bob Arnold  
8: John Finlon  
15: Al Leigh  
22: Richard Marker  
29: Ed Ochse

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