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**Easter Baptisms:** The next opportunity for baptisms will be the Easter Vigil, the early service held on Easter Sunday. If you or someone you know desires to be baptized, please contact the parish clergy in order to make preparations for receiving this sacrament.

**An Easter Taize:** Usually our Taize service is held the second Sunday of each month. However, the April service will be held on Holy Saturday, April 7, at 5 p.m. in the main church. This is a meditative time of chant-like songs and reflections and offers a peaceful oasis. If you've never attended this type of service, this Easter season would be the perfect time to come.

**Birthday Wishes:** Pray for the lives and ministries of those celebrating birthdays during the next two weeks: March 28, Archie Morris; March 29, Calwell Beatty; March 30, Pat Hammer; March 31, Jeff Kay, Jeff Rockwell and Willard Sullivan; April 1, John Albaugh, Mary Lou Farris and Elena Pomponio; April 2, Ann Korwan; April 3, Sharon Carter, Samuel Gibson and Dan Kehde; April 5, Melora Cann; and April 8, Parrish Thompson and Michelle Walker.

**In Memoriam:** We sadly announce the death of parishioner Dick Young on March 14. His funeral service was held at St. John=s on March 17. *May light perpetual shine upon him.*

**Journey of the Heart:** This is the theme of a weekend workshop to be held April 20-22 at Sandscrest. Designed for anyone who wishes to explore their own spiritual growth, it will offer presentations of various forms of personal prayer and spiritual disciplines including spiritual companionship, writing as a way of prayer, praying with nature, praying with the rosary, praying with Holy Scripture and corporate prayer. For more information, contact Mollie Bailey by e-mailing [m Bailey@wvdiocese.org](mailto:m Bailey@wvdiocese.org).

**Please Note:** The church office will be closed the week following Easter. However, messages will be checked daily. Please call 346-0359.

**Interchange Deadlines:** The next issue of Interchange will be for the weeks of April 15 and 22. Items may be submitted to [julkemp@suddenlink.net](mailto:julkemp@suddenlink.net) (note change of address) or [bdearien@stjohnswv.org](mailto:bdearien@stjohnswv.org) by Tuesday, April 3, at 4 p.m.

# Interchange

The parish newsletter for the people of God called to form the Christian community of Saint John=s Episcopal Church, Quarrier at Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, West Virginia.

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## Sunday April 1, 2007

### Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**
- 8:45 a.m. Lectionary Study and Group Discussion**, library
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum:** Parishioner Lynn Clarke, who is also a beloved Ahang-on@ at Synagogue B=Nai Jacob, will enlighten us concerning AModel Passover Seder Do=s and Don=t=s@, Room 109
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery Open** B Babies to 2 years old, Room 297
- 10:10 a.m. Parents= Fellowship**, Room 208
- 10:10 a.m. Chapel for Older Children**, Room 225
- 10:30 a.m. Classes for Toddlers to Grade 5;** Toddlers, Room 298; Godly Play, 4 to 8 years old, Room 299; St. John=s Eagles,

3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades, Room 221

- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**, with choir
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour**, Hunter Hall
- 11:45 a.m. Rite 13/Journey to Adulthood**, Room 208

## Sunday April 8, 2007

### The Day of Resurrection

- 6:00 a.m. The Great Vigil of Easter**
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and party for children**  
**Adult Forum will not meet**
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**, with choir  
(See schedule above for Sunday School Classes)

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We reach out to the world in Christ=s name  
in the hope that all might find a home in God=s healing love.*

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# Holy Week

***Holy Week** is our most important religious observance during the Christian year. In this important week, we recall the events that led up to the arrest, passion and resurrection of our Lord. Reliving these events of Jesus= suffering, dying for us, and his new resurrected life, helps us to understand and appreciate the Easter life we are called to live. Please join us for each of these liturgies that you may share in the walk of Christ through the passion to the joy of the resurrection.*

**Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion**, April 1, at 8 or 10:30 a.m., begins with the remembrance of Jesus= triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The congregation joins in the procession by waving palms and singing hosannas. The mood changes quickly as we reenact the story of the passion with young people taking on the roles. We continue with the Eucharist and the final remembrance of hosanna that Jesus is King.

**Maundy Thursday** liturgy commemorates the institution of our Lord=s Supper at 7:30 p.m. April 5. This is one of the most beautiful and moving liturgies in our church. The liturgy tells the story of Jesus= last meal with his friends before his death. We recall how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples; we re-enact this event and invite those who want to participate to come forward to have their feet washed. Following communion, the altar and chancel are stripped of all adornments as the church is darkened. We remember how Jesus fled into the darkness of the garden to pray all night before his arrest and crucifixion. The bare altar recalls Jesus= tomb as we anticipate his passion. We leave the church in darkness while some remain in prayer vigil through the night.

**All-Night Prayer Vigil** begins immediately following the Maundy Thursday service and continues until the Good Friday liturgy at noon. One or two people may sign up for each hour throughout the night to sit in silence and prayer in the church. We ask people to sign up for a time of vigil throughout the night so that we can keep this holy time of prayer as we await the passion of Jesus. If you would like to reserve a particular time slot to participate in this watch, the sign-up sheet is on the back bulletin board in the parish house. For safety purposes the church building is locked except for the door at the ramp off the parking lot. We will have a few hearty watchers in the kitchen all night to be sure those in vigil are not disturbed.

*∆We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your holy cross you redeemed the world.*∂ These are the words that characterize **Good Friday** on April 6. We will observe the three hours of Jesus= passion on the cross from noon to 3 p.m. with liturgy and prayer. People may come to participate at each of the three hours, marked by liturgies and periods of silence. We re-enact the Passion of Jesus in the story of John=s Gospel. At 1 p.m. we will pray for the world, the universal church, our loved ones, and our parish in the beautiful words of the Litany.

At 2 p.m. we will join in the Stations of the Cross. The devotion known as ∆The Way of the Cross∂ is an adaptation to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem:

the offering of prayer at a series of places in the city traditionally associated with our Lord=s passion and death.

**Holy Saturday**, April 7. The Christian world awaits as Christ=s body lies in the tomb. Some like to remember this time when Jesus was in the tomb with times of confession and repentance. Some use the rite of reconciliation as a regular part of their devotion. The clergy will be available on the morning of April 7 by appointment. This year for the first time, a Taize service will be held at 5 p.m.

**The Great Vigil of Easter** begins at 6 a.m. Sunday, April 8. The climactic liturgy of the Christian year, the vigil begins outside in the darkness. Fire is kindled and the Paschal Candle is lit. The gathered faithful proceed into the church by candlelight. There, in the semidarkness, through readings from the Jewish Testament, we hear of salvation history before the Christ. Then the Gospel story of Jesus= resurrection is read. The church is lit and decorated as we sing alleluias. Marking the new life, we will baptize a few new Christians into the resurrected life of Jesus. The first Eucharist of Easter morning is celebrated. An Agape Breakfast follows the vigil. Please make your breakfast reservations by calling the church office, 346-0359, by Thursday, April 5.

**Our family celebration of Easter** begins with a joyous **Easter Egg Hunt** and party for the children. The hunt will be in the garden, weather permitting. Children and families will meet in Hunter Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

**Festival Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Easter. This sung celebration of Easter includes Easter hymns and anthems of praise by our choir. Alleluia banners, hid during Lent, will be found by the children who once more boldly announce alleluias to our God. The Eucharist is shared by all.