



Christian Education News

Baptismal Prep for the Whole Church School

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The Church School is fortunate that some members will be baptized on New Life Sunday, April 11. We have decided to take advantage of this opportunity to teach about baptism and holy communion, and three special all-church-school classes will be held Mar. 7, 14, and 21 to prepare for this important event.

Using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd materials, music, fun activities and crafts, all students will review the meaning of these important sacraments, tour the

sacristy, check out the font, practice how to take communion, and go through the important parts of the baptism and communion services. Then, the church school will have a special role to play in the baptismal service itself.

We are looking forward to this special event. Anyone contemplating baptism, child or adult, should check in with Julie for an opportunity to join in. A special mailing is going out to the identified baptismal families, but we

look forward to new candidates. Let us know if you would like to join in!



Jesus Rocks on New Life Sunday, April 11

Next Jam Session Friday March 12, 7-9 PM.



Wow. When we thought we would organize a youth worship band, we had no idea it would be so immediately successful.

On Feb. 26, the Jesus Rocks Association met for its second pizza and jam session, and five more members joined the effort: Drew, Jon and Tom Walter, Raphael Finardi and Ben Richardson. The group brainstormed numbers to prepare, found someone to research and locate the sheet music legally, decided with Music Director Jim Ferguson on a first event (participating in

the New Life Sunday baptismal service on April 11), and actually practiced their first piece of music as a group. Thanks, **Tom Walter**, for volunteering for music research and ordering: a big job!

Selections for music ranged from hard rock numbers from the Christian band, *Skillet*, to "rockified" favorites from the old Cursillo song books. The group is off and running. **Our next jam session is Friday, March 12, 7-9 PM.** Pizza is included!

Holy Week for Kids:

Invite your friends and neighbors to these "easy entry" church experiences.

March 28: Palm Sunday Pony Rides, 9:15 AM.



All Church School Students are invited to come be Jesus and ride into

Jerusalem as he did! Pony rides will begin at 9:15, and the Palm Sunday procession will start at 10:00 and lead us all around the building. This is a fun event and a real favorite of the kids. No regular church school classes that day, but everybody comes.

April 1: Maundy Thursday Last Supper Eucharist with Footwashing, 6 PM.

Come enter the world of the disciples and experience the last supper of Christ. This service went beautifully last year and we expect it to be

even better this year. This service is a real Eucharist. Costumes and appropriate food assist us to enter in. Come join us, and prepare for an event that carries deep meaning.

April 2: Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross, 4:00 PM.



Combine a mystery treasure hunt with deep spirituality, run around outside in the mud (come rain or come shine!), and you have the recipe for foolproof, high-quality children's experience that goes deep without fear of "too much information" for your child's developmental level! Wear your boots!

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt! after the 10 AM Service

Our delightful tradition continues, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Patty Der Garabedian, who is stuffing eggs with sweet treats and trinkets as I write. This "no tears hunt" is appropriate for all ages. Big kids help hide the eggs, little kids are guaranteed a fair share of easy-to-find eggs and, unlike at many public egg hunts, wild greed is kept to a minimum! Invite your friends for this charming custom. Bags provided for all. Bad weather, we move inside.



Acolyte Brunch & Skills Workshop: Join in now.

Sunday, March 7 after 10 AM service



All Acolytes are encouraged to attend our Second Annual Acolyte Brunch and Advanced Skills Workshop. This is one of the most important Acolyte events of the year where we review the skills needed for the complicated Holy Week services. Please come for brunch right after church; the workshop will end promptly at 1:00 PM.

Any student fourth grade and up wanting to join the acolyte corps is welcome to come to the meeting and join the corps. One of our major emphases for this meeting will be getting the acolytes comfortable closer to the altar - picking up and removing the vessels, etc. So come to the meeting and learn all about it.

You'll get up to speed fast!

Passport Launch Meeting Thursday Mar. 18, 7PM

We are so excited that Allen Kohler-Burns, Ben Richardson, Carmen Puchulu, Lindsay Reamer, Victoria Pavan, Drew Walter and Jon Walter have committed to the Passport Mission Camp! The dates are set: July 26-31, with the missionaries being commissioned on July 25th and preaching on Aug. 1. These missionaries and a parent are requested to our Launch Meeting on March 18 to discuss trip prep and fundraising. Each family will host a fundraiser and Elizabeth Kohler-Burns and Susan Richardson have already committed to Snow Ball childcare, a car wash, and a massage fundraiser. Pat Strine will help with cheese, too! Much more will be needed. A big goal for this year will be to find enough money to underwrite costs for

adult sponsors, so they need not sacrifice their pocket-books as well as their vacation time to the cause!

Passport still has a few slots the week we are going. Call Lori now!



New Acolyte Parent Guild to Support Acolyte Needs

Is it because I am a mom myself that I found it hard to find help with the washing and sizing of robes, and cooking for Acolyte events? Was I blind to the fact that acolyte parents are eager to help with this work? Good News! A cadre of loyal parents have volunteered to assist with robe-fitting and maintenance! They actually came to me and asked! I just about fell down with delight. Elizabeth Kohler, Susan Richardson, Pam O'Callaghan and Chris Daniele have come to the rescue! They will fit and wash the robes, redo the crosses, and even cook for the March 7 Workshop. Yippee!

I am calling this a guild, for lack of a better term, and because it's not all "Acolyte Moms." Thanks from the bottom of my heart (and the parish's)!

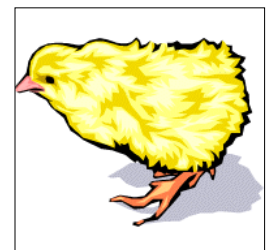
Snow Ball Childcare to be Passport Fundraiser

Have fun and do good at the same time. Four hours of child care and dinner for \$10 per child! Help our missionaries get to Passport and relax, knowing your child will be well-tended right where you can check on him.

Susan Richardson will be coordinating care. Call the church office or sign up on the special events bulletin board.

FSC Chaplaincy Moves into Mission

As we have been putting our own mark on the FSC Chaplaincy effort this year, an interesting twist has occurred. The students who seem so busy want to be of service to the world as well. The students have agreed on three new service foci: 1) Creating a basket for the University-wide "Helping Hands for Haiti" Basket Raffle (chaired by our own new parishioner Dawn Ross); 2) Singing at Carlyle House; 3) Hosting a baby animal petting zoo "stress reliever" event for the entire campus during finals.



Take a Bow . . . Thanks very much to:

Melanie Levesque and her family for making the *wildly* popular donation of a Foosball table to the Activities Room, **Patty Der Garabedian** for masterminding; **Elizabeth Mazza**, for loaning her truck; and **Bill Mills-Curran and Mark Der Garabedian** for loaning their muscle; for the Foosball table's transport. . . **Rachel Carlson**, for agreeing to help with the Last Supper and baptismal family hospitality. . . **Susan Richardson and Elizabeth Kohler-Burns**, for being the first Passport parents to spearhead a fundraiser (Snow Ball childcare). . . **Heather Corcoran-Krebs**, for donating her time to the Passport Fundraiser even though she is not going to Passport(!). . . **Jim Ferguson, Michel Puchulu, Heather Benson and Tom Walter**, for endless help with the Jesus Rocks Association, when it's still kind of a white-knuckle endeavor. . . **Vanessa McGrath** for setting up the Rite-13 visit to the Salvation Army Kitchen . . . **Elizabeth Kohler, Pam O'Callaghan, Susan Richardson and Chris Daniele** for acolyte support . . . **Hannah Schearer-Boehme, Cathy Corcoran, Vanessa McGrath, and all of Rite-13**, for agreeing to put on a Variety Show as a mission trip fundraiser even though not all Rite-13 is going on mission trips! Wow, I am running out of room here, and I haven't even gotten to the possible **piano and drum set** donations. Next month!



March Christian Education Events

Sundays in bold	Event
Tues. Mar. 2	VBS Planning Kick-Off, 7PM
Wed. Mar. 3	Framingham State Chaplaincy: Lenten Bible Study @ 7:30PM
Sat. Mar. 6	Snow Ball Passport Fundraiser: \$10 per kids to send teens to mission camp!
Sun. Mar. 7	Regular Church School at 9:00 AM: Session #1 of All-Church-School Baptismal Prep Acolyte Brunch and Advanced Skills Workshop , 11:30 AM
Wed. Mar. 10	Framingham State Chaplaincy: Church History 101 @ 7:30 PM
Fri., Mar. 12	Jesus Rocks Association Jam Session @ 7PM
Sun. Mar. 14	Regular Church School at 9:00 AM: Session #2 of All-Church-School Baptismal Prep Rite-13 and Friends (5th grade and up): Laser Tag after church (check your mailing for details)
Tues., Mar. 16	Church School Teacher's Meeting @ 7PM
Thurs. Mar. 18	Passport Mission Launch Meeting @ 7PM
Fri., Mar. 19	Rite-13 Miracle Kitchen Trip/Dinner : (check your mailing for times and details)
Sun. Mar. 21	Regular Church School at 9:00 AM: Session #3 of All-Church-School Baptismal Prep Rite-13 to Parish MDG Stations of the Cross
Sun., Mar. 28	Special Event: Palm Sunday Pony Rides! 9:15 AM No church school.
Thurs. April 1	Last Supper Eucharist @ 6 PM
Fri. April 2	Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross @ 4PM
Sun. April 4	Easter Sunday: Egg Hunt after the 10 AM Eucharist. No church school.

