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### Weekly Services:

Mass

Sunday Morning- 10:30am

Rosary

Tuesday- 6:00 pm

Bible Study

Thursday-6:00pm

Homeless Ministry

Saturday- 9:30 to ?

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Now that we are in the Lenten and the Easter season let us all be reminded of the meaning of Lent and Easter. I for one is really grateful and blessed for what the Lord has done in my life over the last year and the newness of life that HE shows me every day.

Thank you everyone for all your thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery on my gallbladder in the last part of January and my recovery.

I am asking each one of you to take some time and really pray for one another and for our congregation as a whole. We all have had our fair share of illness of the last several months. GET BEHIND US SATAN!!!!. Please keep Pastor Nan in your prayers as well.

The newsletter will be in September 2014. Please submit your articles to me by 8/15.

God bless you all in a special way. Love to all.

Brother Glenn

### Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday 4/13 @ 1030 am**

**Stations of the Cross Tue 4/15 @ 6pm**

**Maundy Thursday 4/17 @ 6pm**

**Good Friday 4/18 @ 6pm**

**Easter 4/20 @1030 am (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meal)**

Holidays- March-August*3/17 St Patricks Day**4/1 April Fools**4/20 Easter**5/11 Mothers Day**5/26 Memorial Day**6/14 Flag Day**6/15 Fathers Day**7/4 Independence Day*Birthdays & Anniversaries-March-August*3/16 Savannah**4/2 Doll**4/22 Steven**4/25 Rev. Patty & Kurt**5/24 Barbara**5/31 Glenn & Debbie**6/13 Arlene**6/14 Clancy & Ryan**6/17 Jessie**7/18 Debbie**7/31 Cathy**8/5 Serena**8/8 Father Rick**8/15 Mary Beth & Arlene**8/21 Rev. Patty*

**Scripture:** He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6

There are many things that remind us of Easter. There are flowers, chocolate Easter bunnies, new Easter clothes and pretty Easter baskets. One thing that all of us think of when we think of Easter is Easter eggs. How many of you have ever been on an Easter egg hunt? Have you ever wondered why we use the egg to represent Easter?

When a mother hen sits on her eggs for a few weeks, do you know what happens? That's right, in a few weeks the eggs begin to crack open and little baby chick come out. An egg means new life. It reminds us that there is a new life inside that can come out. We celebrate Easter Sunday because that is the day that Jesus came out of the grave and He was alive.

This morning I have brought what I call a real Easter egg. I will show you why I call it a real Easter egg. (break the empty egg shell) This egg is empty. That is why I call it a real Easter egg. It reminds me that on Easter Sunday, when Jesus' followers went to His tomb, the tomb was empty. An angel was there to tell them, "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."The grave is empty, Jesus isn't in there. He is alive, and because He is alive, we too can have a new life in Him.

Dear Lord, today we celebrate the empty grave. We thank you that Jesus is not in the grave. He is risen, and because of that, we can have new life in Him. Amen

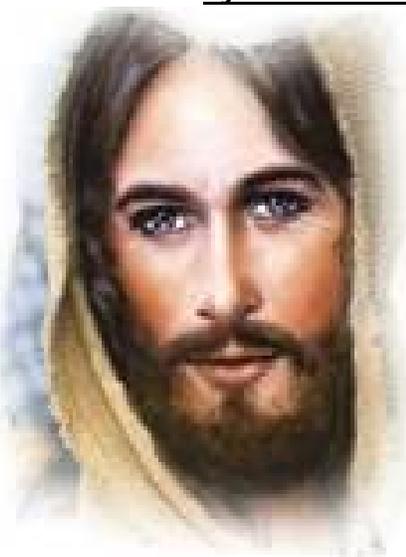
**Mothers Memos- Mother Peg "I HAVE TO DO WHAT?"**

As a young child growing up Catholic, you learned at an early age what Lent was meant to be, especially if you were in Parochial school. And I was! Oh, the nuns had a "hay-day" with us when it came to "SUFFERING". They wanted everyone to suffer! So, suffer we did!

I remember, oh so well, Sister St. Bernadette! She was a nightmare in black clothing. She walked between the rows of desks; tapping her ruler on the palm of her left hand and asking "Do you want to be next?" while all the children trembled. We were all thinking, "Am I next?" She had this way of clicking her heels when she walked, so all you heard in the dead silence of the classroom was, "click, tap, click, tap, click, tap..." We never really knew what "next" was, because "next" never came. Thank God! She scared me so bad one day that I actually wet my pants, and I was in the fourth grade! When I had my little "accident", I asked for permission to go home and change. "Suffer, Margaret, you must truly suffer as the Lord did!" Let's just say, I was suffering uncomfortably for the rest of the day. To this day when I think of her I tremble.

**If Jesus came to your house**

**By: Red Sovine**



If Jesus came to your house  
To spend some time with you,  
If He came unexpected,  
I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room  
To such an honored guest  
And all the food you'd give to Him  
Would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him  
You're glad to have Him there—  
That serving Him in your home  
Is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming,  
Would you meet Him at the door  
With arms outstretched in welcome  
To your heavenly visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes  
Before you let Him in  
Or hide some magazines  
And put the Bible where they'd been

Would you hide your worldly music  
and put some hymn books out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right  
in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder – if the Saviour  
spent a day or two with you,  
Would you go right on doing, the  
things you always do?

Would you go right on saying, the  
things you always say?  
Or would life for you continue  
as it does from day to day?

Suffering, I learned carried over to home, yes to home! My mother asked me what I was "giving up" for Lent. Giving up? What giving up? This had become a new concept to me. I had no idea what she was talking about. All I knew was that I supposed to suffer the way Jesus did, however that was, I thought. Suffer? Give up? I must have slept through that part of religion class!

Okay, so we talked about Lent and fasting and suffering. Sister St. Bernadette in her own infamous way, managed to put the fear of God in all of the fourth grade class. We had to suffer alright, but not the way she intended! I learned that I was to suffer in representation of the suffering Jesus did for me on the cross. What an ingenious thought! My little nine year old brain caught on. Give something up, yeah sure, Jesus gave up His life for me, so why not "fast", or give something up.

So I thought long and hard about what I would "give up." Then it came to me, I would give up liver. It was my least favorite meal after all. I could suffer by not eating it during Lent, maybe having a hamburger instead! But oh no! Mom wouldn't have it! She wanted more! She wanted (suggested) that I give up some of my favorite candy. That would be suffering for sure I thought. As I thought about this I said to her, "Peanut M&M's?" "Now you get it." So peanut M&M's it was. Let me tell you it was the hardest 40 days of my little life! Especially when my sister would eat them in front of me. I thought that one day I would get even, and I did, but that's for another time.

**Fathers Follies- Father Rick Linton**

**LOVE**

Jesus taught and used the word "love" in almost all He said.

What is love? This word is used more times in the Bible than any other. It is what Jesus taught. "Love God and love one another as I have loved you."

We all long to love and to be loved. But, remember this is not sex. We misname sex, we call it making love. The "little death" is orgasm, not love. Sex can be a part of love, but it is not love.

Love is when you are compelled by your own desire to please, help and care for another with no regard for your own wants and needs. Love can never be forced. It must be given freely with no strings. It must be received in the same way.

Love is to be given away never taken. When people think they can demand love from others, it is not love, it is rape. Rape is all about power and control, not love or sex.

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you go?  
Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your closest friends?  
Or would you hope they stay away, until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?  
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know, the things that you would do, If Jesus came in person, to spend some time with you.



When sex becomes a part of love, it is a giving thing. The objective is to give your partner pleasure with no regard for you own need. The act of giving pleasure bestows pleasure in the give.

The major part of love is intimacy. The sharing of everyday life in a personal and interconnected way. This personal and interconnected way holds true, both with people and God. That means that every act, word and every thought needs to be tempered with the reality of how it affects those you love and your relationship with God.

### Patriotism and the Bible

By: Brother Glenn

I think every country has them, though America seems to have the most. Christians especially like to consider themselves great patriots. Fighting for freedom is seen as an honorable cause, and dying for America is looked on as one of the noblest things someone can do in this life. I am all for freedom. However, I find that people will sooner fight and die for America and freedom than they would for God. That simple cannot be right.

Mar 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Mar 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

This verse clearly points out that the spiritual is more important than the physical. And also we know that the disciples must have had a problem in this area. In John 18:10-11 a disciple tried to keep Jesus from being capture, but was rebuked. If Christ had not died, then we could not get to heaven. We are not to spread a physical kingdom, because a physical kingdom cannot help anyone. Our mission is a spiritual one. Salvation of the soul is what is needed.

Not one passage in the Bible talks about us defending or fighting in physical warfare. And I am certain that Christ is more important. How many Christian have fought and died for America, but are too ashamed or afraid to speak out for Christ. They'll die for physical freedom, but won't die for soul salvation. They'll die for America, but not for Christ or the gospel. We are not called to that purpose. You that do those things don't pretend you are doing God's work. Look at this next verse.

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;

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If your weapon in your army is carnal, then what you are doing is not for the Lord's army. And also, if your weapon is carnal then it is not "mighty through God". You are not going to defeat evil that way. You are not going to destroy communism that way. You are not going to end tyranny that way. Why? Because that is from the heart of man. But in God's army we have mighty weapons "to the pulling down of strong holds". These weapons are for "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ". (2Co. 10:5) That is how the enemy will be destroyed.

Many would like to blame this or that for the death, and heartache and wickedness of this world, but the Bible teaches that death came into the world by sin, and "so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned". (Romans 5:12) Sin is the problem, and let me say this carnal weapons are not the cure. Christ is!

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The gospel of Christ; it is the power of God unto salvation. How about you use that. Your carnal weapons aren't going to help anyone get to heaven. How about the gospel of Christ? How about you use that and fight for souls and for God, and not for a wicked, sin filled America.

We need to bring prayers back into the schools; we need to have more revivals across our great land.... We need to bring back America to the beliefs of the founding fathers of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.... Will you not only defend our country but will you stand up and defend your faith for Jesus Christ??

Thank you to all the veterans and to our military for protecting our freedoms. Happy Independence Day and a prayerful Memorial Day to all.

**Let us pray-** Most Precious Lord Jesus, Gentle And Wonderful God, Truly Awesome And Ever-present Holy Spirit, We love You, Lord Jesus. Please bless this nation in which we live. Please pour out Your Spirit upon this nation's people and upon its leaders. Our nation has had times of trial and times of blessing. At this moment, we are facing grave dangers and trials we have not seen in generations. Because of this dark hour in our nation's history, we seek Your Touch upon this nation and its citizens. Touch the heart of every man, woman, and child who lives within our borders. O Lord, open our heart to You and to Your Love. O Lord, open our heart to You and to Your Will for our people. Protect us from the looming darkness that threatens us. Protect us from the evil that lurks about both from within and from without. Protect our people. Protect our leaders. Inspire in all of us, the desire to do Your Will and only Your Will. Keep us on our knees before Your Cross. May Your Touch open the floodgates of our creative spirit, our imagination, our inventiveness, our growth, and our unlimited hope for the future. Inspire in us a heart to turn from every corruption. Inspire in us a heart to turn from every temptation. Inspire in us a heart to do and live only Your Will each day. We ask a spiritual blessing and world peace amongst the nations in the world. All these things we humbly pray in the Name of our most Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, our Mighty God, and our Ever-present Holy Spirit upon Whom we can rely. Amen