Easter 2015



On Holy Ground

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

Houston, Texas

The Passionists of Holy Cross Province



"Where Miraeles Happen"

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From the Director's Desk



Fr. Joseph Barbieri, C.P. Retreat Director

day! (Ps 81:2-3)

When time allows, I like to take photos. On occasion they even turn out pretty good! Here is a photo I took of the last Lunar Eclipse, also known as a 'Blood Moon'.

On the topic of time and the Moon, ever wonder how the Easter date is calculated? The Gospels testify that Jesus' death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which

celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. This soon led to Christians celebrating Easter on different dates. At the end of the 2nd century, some churches celebrated Easter on the day of the Passover, while others celebrated it on the following Sunday. In 325 the Council of Nicaea decided that the Easter date would be the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the March equinox (19, 20 or 21 March). This year the March equinox occurs on Friday, March 20. The first Full Moon after that is Saturday, April 4. The first Sunday after the Full Moon is April 5 and therefore Easter!

Happy Easter, Felices Pascuas, Buona Pasqua, Joyeux Pâques! The word "Easter" brings to mind a plethora of thoughts and memories to the mind. For the Christian it is of course the Feast, the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection and the promise of our While the fullness of Resurrection is reserved for us at an unpredetermined time, and we don't know what it will look like -even though we are assured that "we shall be like him" (1 Jn 3:2) - we can have an inkling in the here and now of what that future life will be like: whenever there is a healing, when

Start the music, sound the drum, the tears are wiped away, when there is a melodious lyre and the harp; sound the New reconciliation, when suffering is alleviated, Moon trumpet, at the full moon, on our feast when we get up after a fall. The Retreats at Holy Name – both Catholic and 12-Step – offer us all a foretaste of what is to come. It is something akin to what our Founder, St. Paul of the Cross once said: "When you behold a beautiful landscape, say: Heaven

> is more beautiful than that!" Delights beyond our imagining await us; and that is certainly good news.

Building on the foundations laid bу my many competent

predecessors, the pastoral and spiritual activities at the Retreat Center are growing and expanding! (See page 5.) At present we find ourselves short of office and storage space. This is particularly true for the which Office Registrar's sorely inadequate for the purposes it serves. The

Easter Appeal (see page 6) this year is for the purpose of creating more office space and updating equipment so that we may continue to serve our retreatants in an efficient and professional



manner. The estimated cost for the project is approximately \$30,000. I do hope you will help support the activities of Holy Name with your contributions. God indeed loves the cheerful giver!

With my sincerest best wishes for a Blessed Easter Season and abiding peace at Passover, I am,

Cordially yours,

In Joseph Burbien', CP

Fr. Joseph Barbieri, C.P.

Retreat Director

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Catholie Programs

Meeting the Jesus | Never Knew

2014-2015 Catholic Retreat Season Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross



"So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19

The suggested readings for this season are <u>The Jesus I Never Knew</u> by Philip Yancey and <u>Jesus Before Christianity</u> by Albert Nolan. The suggested offering is \$200 which includes a \$40 deposit. These are the remaining retreat dates after Easter:

Catholic Men's Retreats

March 27 – 29

April 17 – 19

April 24 - 26

Catholic Women's Retreats

May 15 – 17

June 26 - 28



Lenten Evening
Reflection Series
Wednesdays, March 18
and April 1
Holy Week Presenter:
Fr. Ronan Newbold, C.P.
Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
followed by Mass

Join us for the Holy Week installment of the Lenten Evening Reflection Series. During this Lenten season, the Passionists invite you to come and reflect at the Foot of the Cross. "We preach Christ crucified..." 1 Corinthians 1:23. Each evening of our series we will have a different Passionist religious or lay person giving a reflection on a topic relating to the Passion. This series is FREE and open to the public. The evening includes a presentation, reflection time, and Mass. A free will offering is appreciated.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m.



Begin the Easter Triduum with us on Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Mass will conclude with the transfer of the Holy Eucharist to an altar of repose that has been prepared by our Young Adult Community. There will be time for personal adoration and keeping vigil with the Lord. Registration is not required and this is open to the public. A free will offering is appreciated.



On the Cover

This image of the Pieta greets each retreatant who comes to this Holy Ground.

Jesus said to them, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"
Matthew 26:40

May the Passion of Jesus Christ Be Always in Our Hearts

You are welcome to come and pray the Stations of the Cross anytime, especially on Good Friday, April 3, 2015.



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Holy Week Young Adult Holy Hour Monday, March 30 6:30 p.m.

Finish out Lent strong by taking time to spend with Jesus at the Foot of the Cross. The evening will consist of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with readings, music and reflections. Confessions will also be available.

Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship as we approach the Easter Triduum.

Parish Staff Day of Reflection Wednesday, April 15 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Come get away to listen, pray, reflect and relax in this beautiful place "Where Miracles Happen." We are all in need of some spiritual renewal, especially in what we share as part of a parish staff.

Presenter for our English track will be Rev. Cedric Pisegna, C.P., and Rev. Antonio Curto, C.P. will present in Spanish.

Suggested Offering: \$25 per person or \$20 per person for groups of five or more from the same parish. Lunch is provided.



Women's Day of Reflection Living Out the Gospel: Walking in His Way Thursday, April 30 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

We are called to be loving and compassionate witnesses for Christ. As we revel in this Easter

season, let us gather and reflect on the communion of women, explore their lives, reflect on our own and see how we can exude the love and light of Christ in our actions and words.

Throughout the day we will have conferences, quiet reflection and small group discussions. The day concludes with confessions and Mass.

The suggested offering is \$40 per person. Coffee, breakfast pastries and lunch will be provided.

Eventos en Español



¿Necesitas cargar tus pilas Espirituales? En esta temporada tendremos varias oportunidades para crecer Espiritualmente.

PASOS DE FÉ 3 de abril — "Tre Ore" — Día de Reflexión en Viernes Santo -Oración de la Divina

Misericordia, Vía Crucis, Predicación de la Últimas Siete Palabras de Jesús en la Cruz. De Mediodía a 3 p.m. y a las 3:30 p.m. Servicio de Jueves Santo

15 de abril – "La Santidad del Trabajo" – Día de Reflexión para empleados en una parroquia o institución. De 8:30 a.m. a 2:30 p.m.

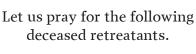
9 de mayo – "Toda de Dios" – Día de Reflexión para Mujeres

20 de junio - "Hombres de valor necesita Dios"

11 de julio - "El que coma de este Pan" -Un Día de Reflexión para Ministros Litúrgicos.

Horario de los Días de Reflexión es de 8:30 a.m. hasta las 4:30 p.m. incluye charlas, momentos de Oración y Reflexión personal y celebración de la Santa Misa.

We Hold in Our Hearts





Reed Bond Michael Falco Joyce E. Reny
Bill R. Hablinski Leroy G. Rodriguez
Vivian Hames Suzanne Rohrer
Louis C. Johnson John Jung Raymond Sarabia
Jim Kral Eleanor Saunders
Sylvester Leonards Maria Venarske
Ricardo P. Martin Charles J. Wendt
Michael Mims Frederick Wilson

We invite you to hold these retreatants and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Page 5 Easter 2015

Archdiocesan Life Awareness Discernment Retreat July 24-26

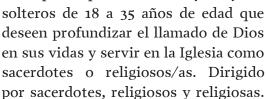
Spend a weekend learning about a life serving God

and His Church as a Priest, Brother or Sister. The retreat is for single adults ages 18 to 45. For information, please contact Denny Matranga (713.462.0136, damatranga@att.net) or

Dolan Kit (713.462.7888,kdolan@proterraproperties.com). www.houstonvocations.com for an application.

Vengan y Vean Retiro **Discernimiento Vocacional** 10-12 de julio

Un retiro en español para hombres y mujeres



Información e inscripción, comunicase con Oficina de Vocaciones, 713.652.8239, vocations@archgh.org y www.houstonvocations.com.

Holy Name Welcomes Fr. Antonio Curto, C.P.

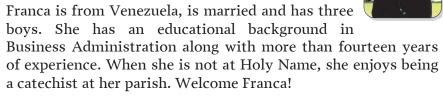


Fr. Antonio Curto, C.P., was ordained on October 8, 1977. Fr. Antonio has been involved in a variety of ministries, worked in our Generalate as personal secretary to two General Superiors, and as General Secretary for our overseas Passionist Missions. He Provincial Superior, served as 2003-2011.

Additionally, Fr. Antonio has assisted at different parishes in the United States and Canada. Fr. Antonio will work with Joe Castro on the *Instituto Pasionista de Espiritualidad* program.

Padre Antonio Curto, CP, fue ordenado como sacerdote el 8 de octubre de 1977. P. Antonio ha participado en una variedad de ministerios, trabajó en nuestra Casa general como secretario personal de dos Superiores Generales, y como Secretario General de nuestras Misiones Pasionistas en el extranjero. Se desempeñó como Superior Provincial en 2003-2011. Además, P. Antonio ha asistido a diferentes parroquias en los Estados Unidos y Canadá. P. Antonio trabajará con el Sr. Joe Castro en el programa del Instituto Pasionista de Espiritualidad.

Welcome Franca Delli Veneri New Assistant for the Hispanic Program



Franca es de Venezuela, esta casada y tiene tres hijos. Desarrolló sus estudios en Administración de Empresas y cuenta con más de catorce años de experiencia en el área. Parte de su tiempo lo dedica a ser Catequista en su parroquia. Bienvenida Franca!

Hello to Deacon **James Anderson New Administrator** at Holy Name



Among the new additions to the staff at Holy Name we warmly welcome our new Administrator, Deacon James Anderson. Anderson hails from New Iberia, Louisiana and has worked in the oil business for 35 years. James is a parishioner of St. Theresa's in Sugar Land and was ordained a Permanent Deacon for Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on January 31 of this year. He and his wife Carla have one daughter, Megan. We happy to welcome him aboard!

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Thank you Ramon!

three years dedicated and generous service as Administrator

of Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, Mr. Ramon Gonzales leaves us to pursue other interests. Our deepest gratitude goes to him, and we wish him every blessing in his future endeavors!

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St ewardship Corner

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professional manner. The estimated cost for the project is approximately \$30,000. Please prayerfully consider donating to assist in the completion of this project and return the enclosed envelope with your donation.



Cycling for Recovery B-geO Magnolia Miles Saturday, March 14

B-geO Magnolia Miles is scheduled to celebrate its eighth year with a

successful bicycle ride. This annual event benefits Holy Name Retreat Center and the Greater Magnolia Chamber of Commerce.

This year cyclists will chose from three different routes winding through the beautiful Magnolia countryside. All cyclists and volunteers will receive not only a t-shirt or a safety armband, but also a free 2015 Renaissance Festival Ticket. A baked potato lunch will be enjoyed by all and catered by the Hickory Corral in Magnolia.

This years' theme *Cycling for Recovery* is in deference to the prominent place Holy Name Retreat Center holds in the Recovery Community. Holy Name offers weekend retreats for those in recovery from addiction and also hosts 20 recovery meetings weekly. A special thank you goes to all the tireless volunteers who will get up early on a Saturday morning, and make this event a safe and successful ride.

Save the Date 21st Annual Golf Tournament Tuesday, September 22

The 21st Annual Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center Golf Tournament will be held Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at Meadowbrook Farms Golf Course in Katy, Texas. Please mark your calendar and plan



Fr. Cedric's team prepares to go out onto the course!

mark your calendar and plan to join us for a great day on the golf course.

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Call 713-464-0211, or email *mktortorice@passionist.org* and we will make the contact for you. Your vehicle will be picked up and all the details will be handled for you. Proof of your donation will be provided for your tax records. Invite your friends and family to participate in this program.

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Today's Date				
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Reservations: Please reserve a place for the	weekend/day of	(month/day	/year)	
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Help the Miracle Grow: Impact of Regular Giving

We are so grateful for your generosity that helps us to maintain the beauty

and upkeep of our facilities at Holy Name. On top of our ongoing maintenance, we have successfully replaced the pipes in the retreat center kitchen and have plans to begin work on new office spaces for our growing ministries. Thank you so much! If you would like to join our donors who support the retreat center on a regular basis, please contact Mary Kay Tortorice at 713.464.0211.

Giving Cycle	Number of Donors	Total Amount per Giving Cycle	Total Amount per Year	One Year Projected Recurring Income	
Monthly	142	\$4,999	\$59,988	461 726	
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A Seasonal Newsletter from Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

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Upcoming Events

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	Lenten Series	March 18
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