Protestant Worship

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Worship at 8:30p.m.
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Chaplain's Message

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Christian year, yet the rest of our life doesn't stop for it. Classes continue and papers are due. Projects and concerts and clinicals and labs do not run on the Christian calendar.

Perhaps the tension I feel this week between my everyday life and the importance of this week in Jesus' life offers insight into the experience of Jesus' earliest followers. For Jesus' mother Mary, Mary Magdalene and Salome, for Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, and the other disciples, their beloved Jesus had died. Yet the rest of the world went on normally as if nothing had happened. As anyone who has lost a beloved friend or family member, knows that when the beloved dies, it is as if the world has come to an end. Yet the universe seems to go on with business as usual, paying no attention to the space the loved one has left and the deep sadness the loss has caused.

On Good Friday, as we remember Jesus' crucifixion and death, I am grateful to be part of a tradition that recognizes--and redeems--the sadness and despair that is a part of our human condition. Christ's victory over death assures us that love is stronger than any other power in the universe, including death itself. In the end, Love Wins. That does not lessen the difficulty of working through the dark times, but it does assure us that the struggle is worth it.

You are invited to join the Nazareth Catholic Community for a Maundy Thursday service of footwashing and communion on April 5, at 8pm, and a Good Friday Mass at 3pm. On Easter Sunday, April 8, please come to Protestant Worship at 8pm to celebrate the Resurrection. All services will be held in Linehan Chapel.

Blessings,
Alison

LOOKING AHEAD:

• MAUNDY THURSDAY
Apr. 5. For more info see pg. 3

•BE A MONK FOR A DAY
Sat. Apr. 14th • 9:00am-2:00pm
Shultz Forum (more info see pg. 4)
To RSVP email Jamie Fazio, Catholic Chaplain jfazio1@naz.edu

• MAY SERVICE TRIP
May 14- May 19, 2012 (Thurs. Sept.) St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia
SIGN UP NOW!!!!!! For more info see pg. 2

Scripture Readings		
	Mark 16:1-8	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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Sing with the Choir!!

Just show up in the Community Room, GAC 151, at 7:30p. m. on Sundays.

GET TO KNOW YOUR PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN:

Alison is on-campus Tuesdays and Thursdays

Alison works part-time at Naz, and is on campus all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She would love to meet with you for coffee/lunch/dinner and conversation about what is going on in your life (spiritual or otherwise). To plan a time, call 389-2306 or e-mail her at aschmie1@mail.naz.edu or stop by the Protestant Chaplain's Office at GAC 164.

TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PROTESTANT WORSHIP!

For more info. contact : Alison Schmied at aschmie1@mail.naz.edu OR Salina Barnett at sabarnet7@mail.naz.edu

May Service Retreat Trip!

Monday, May 14 to Saturday, May 19

ST. FRANCIS INN

Located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia

St. Francis Inn is a Catholic Franciscan community located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia where they minister among the poor and homeless by means of a soup kitchen, a thrift shop, and a women's day center.

They strive to build relationships with those that they serve as guests and promote the dignity of each person.

To lean more check out: http://www.stfrancisinn.org

Information Meeting will be held Sunday, March 25 at 8:00PM after Mass in GAC 151

Space is VERY limited!

Priority is given to those who have not visited the inn before. If you are interested or would like more information please e-mail Jamie Fazio at jfazio1@naz.edu

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WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?

"Maundy" comes from the Latin word mandatum, from which we get the word "mandate." A mandate, according to the merriam-webster.com dictionary, is "an authoritative command," and "an authorization to act given to a representative."

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the mandates that Jesus gave his disciples. As Jesus' followers in today's culture, we believe that these commands Jesus gave to his first followers are given to us as well: we are to love one another, to be representatives of Jesus to all the world.

The mandate Jesus gives his followers at his Last Supper with them is to love others, just as Jesus has loved them (John 13:34-35). Jesus tells his disciples "if you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). At the Last Supper, Jesus gives many examples (he is a good teacher!) of what his mandate to love one another means, as well as many ways to remember it.

Jesus shows his love and for the disciples in the act of washing their feet, taking the role of a servant (John 13:14-16). Jesus shows how his life is given for others as he takes, blesses, breaks, and gives bread to the disciples, instructing them to "do this in remembrance of me" (Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:19).

Jesus shows how his life is given for others he takes a cup from the table, blesses it and shares it with them. Jesus instructs his disciples to "drink of it," as it is the blood of the covenant- the agreement sealed with Jesus' blood, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:27-28; Mark 14:23-24; Luke 22:20).
On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' love for his first followers and for us. We remember that Jesus gave a mandate to all who follow him to love one another; and we remember that none of us have followed this commandment in its entirety.

We enter into a somber time of remembering Jesus' arrest, trial, denial by his disciples, torture, crucifixion, death, and burial with the weighty knowledge that we, like Jesus' first followers, understand only part of his message. We have failed to live with the love Jesus has given to us and commanded us to show to all the world.

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Be a Monk for a Day!

A Day of Prayer, Creativity and Meditation with Br. Paul Quenon

Saturday, April 14th 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Location: The SSJ Volunteer Corps House at St. Boniface ~ Transportation provided from Naz

Cost: FREE – includes lunch

Open to all Nazareth undergraduate and graduate students, staff and faculty

RSVP to Jamie Fazio, Catholic Chaplain jfazio1@naz.edu

Paul Quenon, O.C.S.O., is a Trappist monk who has lived for more than 50 years at the Abbey of Gethsemani in rural Kentucky where the famous monk and writer Thomas Merton was his novice master. Quenon is a poet and photographer whose words and images offer a glimpse of the life of modern-day monks. Sharing his wisdom and wit, he illustrates the monastic life as an ordinary life lived in extraordinary awareness of God's presence.

Poetry is for Quenon "the language of the heart... the language of the imagination." Writing poetry, he says, can be a meditative practice, as can photography. Quenon's poetry collections include Laughter, My Purgatory (2002) and Monkswear (2008), a collection of poems and photographs that offers insight into what it is like to be a monk. He co-edited the creative writing collection Monkscript: Literature, Arts, Spirituality, and Photography (2002) and co-authored Holy Folly: Short and Tall Tales from the Abbey of Gethsemani (1999).

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