

HORIZON

'From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised' Psalm 113:3

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Easter: The Triumph of Jesus

This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. Alleluia, alleluia. Oh, what if there was no resurrection of Jesus! As St. Paul said our faith in Jesus would be in vain. There would have been only Good Friday, no Easter Sunday. But Jesus did keep His promise of being raised up. Easter means that God has *acted*. God's love has come to meet us once again. There is hope of our own resurrection as we journey in faith. The more we travel on this path with the Risen Lord, the more we can bring justice, truth and peace to a world that is still broken and fragile. We are an Easter people who are full of joy and hope and have grasped what it means to rejoice. We can proclaim the Good News with confidence because the power of the resurrection flows from us. That is, we are the face of Jesus Christ for one another because Jesus showed us the face of God by what He did, how He lived, suffered, died, and rose from the dead. We continue the mission of Jesus by "going out to the brethren" (John 20:17) teaching them, touching them, healing them, and lifting them up. The Risen Lord lives among us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are the presence of the Risen Lord, the Body of Christ the Church. The victory over sin and death lies in the triumph of Jesus' resurrection. One day the resurrection will take place in us and we will experience immense joy. And in anticipation we can truly sing: ***Jesus is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!!***

Why Catholic?--Faith Formation Workshop II

What better way to continue our Easter celebration of the sacramental life of the Church than by attending the **Faith Formation Workshop: *Christ's Presence in the Eucharist: A Eucharistic Spirituality for Today***. Sister Kathleen Collins, SFCC, from RENEW International will once again open up different ways of understanding how Christ is truly present in the celebration of the Eucharist. **Anyone from your parish may attend this workshop.** Check the schedule below. Registration from your parish is due on **Friday, March 28.**

Why Catholic? continues to have a positive impact upon the parishes and the small community groups. St. Anthony's Parish, Watertown is forming a new organization called "St. Anthony's Bread" to address some ways of reaching out to others in their faith community. The small community groups from the Churches of the Mountains and Lakes—Saranac Lake, Lake Clear, Bloomingdale are coming together to celebrate Eucharist at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake. Father Thomas Kornmeyer, pastor, will recognize each of these groups. Father will also give each facilitator a blessing. One of the participants is returning to the full communion of the Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Some small community groups within the parishes are continuing to meet once a month because they have enjoyed one another, grown in the faith, and want to maintain a connection.



Pope's Visit to the U.S.

Pope Benedict XVI will be visiting the United States from April 15-20. SIRIUS Satellite Radio will offer listeners nationwide unprecedented access when His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI embarks on his first pastoral visit to the United States from April 15-20, 2008. SIRIUS' The Catholic Channel (channel 159) will be the flagship for coverage of the first visit to the U.S. by a Pope since 1999, providing hourly updates with the latest news and information on the Pope's activities during his visit, live coverage of all the major events, and more. More information can be found on the Diocesan website for the Holy Father's itinerary www.dioogdensburg.org.

The St. Paul Event

The website for the **Year of St. Paul** www.vatican.va and its link onto Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls-Pauline Year is now in English. As we draw closer to the opening of the **Year of St. Paul** on June 28th, I will have prepared bulletin vignettes about the **Life of St. Paul**. The *St. Paul Corner* appears in the **North Country Catholic** to prepare for the **St. Paul Event**.

2008 World Synod of Bishops

In preparation for the 2008 World Synod of Bishops on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church," Pope Benedict XVI stressed that "the Synod wishes to promote an inspired rediscovery of the Word of God as a living, piercing and active force in the heart of the Church..." cf. Hebrews 4:12 (Vatican City, March 25, 2007). How can we rediscover that living, piercing, active power of the Word of God in our everyday lives? How can we help others realize that "God would like a word with them?" See the new "Evangelization Workout" exercise at <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/spiritual/evangelizationworkout.asp>.

Faith Formation Workshop (April 5-10, 2008)

Jefferson	IHC Intermediate School, Watertown	April 5	10:00-12:00 pm
Lewis	St. Peter's Church Hall, Lowville	April 6	1:00-3:00 pm
Clinton	St. Peter's Emmaus Hall, Plattsburgh	April 7	1:30-3:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm
Franklin	Holy Family School, Malone	April 8	7:00-9:00 pm
Essex	St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga	April 9	7:00-9:00 pm
St. Lawrence	Trinity Catholic School, Massena	April 10	7:00-9:00 pm
*Adirondack	St. Agnes School, Lake Placid	April 23	7:00-9:00 pm

