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Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Holds Its First Agape Meal and Dinner Theater

On April 9, 2017, Palm Sunday, about 140 parishioners and non-parishioners alike 'travelled' to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish hall to celebrate its first Agape Meal and Dinner Theater. Agape is a Greek word whose meaning is 'love' - love that is unconditional and voluntary. Upon entering the hall, each person received a bag of 'gold coins.' These coins were used to purchase dinner.

After dinner, people portraying residents of Jerusalem, travelers who journeyed for the Passover, Roman Soldiers, Temple Priests and people who walked with Jesus, began strolling about the hall and the production began. The hall fell quiet as the cast performed, taking the audience back in time to a Thursday evening in the marketplace. Little did the people of this time know, but this meal would later mark the beginning of the First Holy Week.

Of note, if the Agape Meal and Dinner Theater is presented next year, get your tickets before they are gone; you won't be disappointed!



Thank you to the cast, support and kitchen staff and helpers. Without you, this event would not have been possible!

Pictured: Our Lady Queen of Martyrs First Agape and Dinner Theater Cast

Holiday Fair Will Be Here Before You Know It

The Holiday Fair Team is getting ready for this year's Fair. They've held their annual spring kick off meeting and plan to meet again in June, prior to the *Christmas in July* drive to solicit items for the Fair. Additional details will be coming over the next two months, stay tuned!

Sit Down with Fr. Dan

What is the most significant thing you've achieved over the past three years?

It would have to be working with the Parish's Pastoral and Finance Councils, in tandem with the Parish assemblies to create a Pastoral Plan which was unveiled last May. Very few parishes have a Pastoral Plan. In fact, we are one of two parishes to develop one in the area. Having a sense of vision allows a focus for development in the Parish, and a blueprint for Fr. Cambra to see what we were striving to achieve and develop as a Parish.

What will you miss most?

The 9 o'clock flock. The morning mass group. I've gotten to know them well. There's a sense of family that has developed that you can't establish with a Sunday assembly. So many good, caring, and faith filled individuals.

Landscape Project Update

You may have noticed that the entire lawn area of the church has been raked, branches and twigs have been picked up and leaves have been removed from under the bushes. The area around the Saint Vincent dePaul collection bins has received a little TLC as well. The Landscaping Team met at the Parish Life Center (PLC) on Saturday, April 8th along with a terrific group of volunteers and parents from our Confirmation Class, who were recruited and supervised by Sheila and Calvin Field. The pictures below show some of our volunteers in action!



The adult team worked on the PLC and Rectory flower beds – did you know that 200 perennials were planted last year?

The PLC team filled two very large trash bags with debris including, bottles, cans, paper and plastic food containers and bags from the woods along the side of the PLC parking lot.

Confirmation Group Volunteers: Zachary Pierce and Zach's dad Jeff Pierce, Matt Viveiros, Justin Nicolas, Matthew Garrott and his mom Sally Garrott, and Matt's sister Cassandra Garrott, Tommy Field, Xavier Frick, Meghan Panzer, John Anghinetti, Matthew Anghinetti, Mary Bent, and Sheila and Calvin Field.

Adult Landscaping Team: Shannon Hanifin, Michael Price, Jim Frick, Frank Kosowski, David Goodreau, Joanne Nicholson, Irene Frechette and Paul Rego.

Thank you to Jim Frick for supplying lunch for all volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the clean-up!