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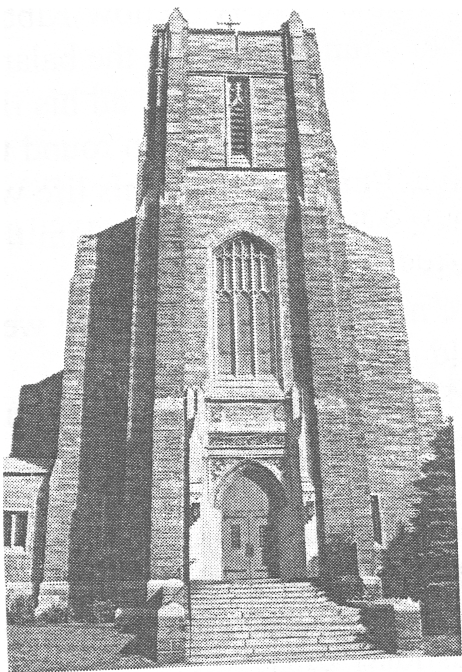
We welcome the following parishioners who have joined our parish family through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and ask you to remember them in your prayers.

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Significant dates to remember . . .

With the beginning of the next school year 2015-16, the parish will mark two special dates in our history. On September 1, 1865, Holy Trinity School opened its doors to the initial enrollment of nearly sixty students. This September 1 will mark the 150th Anniversary of Holy Trinity School. Fifty years later on October 24, 1915, the present school building was dedicated. This year the building is 100 years old. Plans to commemorate these special dates are underway, and Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will celebrate the 10:30 A.M. Mass on October 25, 2015. Details will be forth coming.



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Know Your Faith . . .

“Just as through one person (Adam) sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death comes to all, in so much as all sinned.” Thus wrote St. Paul in his letter to the Romans (5:12).

From the beginning of time people sought to be set free of the bondage of sin so to gain divine life. The scriptures reveal that the ancient Hebrew people tried unsuccessfully to rid themselves of their sins. Thus, we read in the Book of Leviticus, “One shall bring an unblemished she goat as the offering for his sin” (4:28). They also established, what they called the day of atonement in Hebrew, Yom Kippur, to seek forgiveness of sin. Included in this ritual, the high priest smeared the blood of a sacrificial goat on the piece of furniture, called the mercy seat in the temple. Through the blood of the animal the Hebrew people sought forgiveness of their sins. Following that ritual, the high priest, standing before the people, placed his hand on a second goat then it was led out into the wilderness to be destroyed. Its slaying was to indicate that the peoples’ sins had been removed.

However as we read in the Letter to the Hebrews, “It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins.” “Who but God alone can forgive sins” (Mark 2:7). Our Lord’s enemies once asked, and they were correct. Only God can take away sins. But He can entrust such powers to human beings, and He did so on the first Easter Sunday. Christ, the Son of God, said to the Apostles, whom He ordained as His priests at the Last Supper, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23).

Consequently, when a priest absolves a penitent in the sacrament of Penance, one’s sins are removed. Unlike the sacrifices offered by the ancient Hebrew people who celebrated a penitential ritual, in which a person was simply reminded of one’s sinfulness, in the sacrament of Penance when the priest says “I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” a penitent leaves the confessional knowing without any doubt that God has removed his sins and he is more richly endowed with divine life.

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Another Busy Fastnacht Season Is History . . .

“Rollin, Rollin, Rollin”. . . (the theme from “Raw Hide”) kept the 21 women and men, who rolled out the dough making fastnachts, going. Bright and early each one of the 11 mornings of the fastnacht bake, they would come in at 4:00 A.M., bright and cheerful, to be greeted with the strains of “Rollin, Rollin.” It became the theme for these rollers and dough boys. Music provided by “Mr. Entertainment and Roll Master” Mark Grab.

This was just a small segment of the many facets of this 91st Fastnacht Bake that turned out to be a huge success. Overall we have about 167 volunteers who make this happen. For example 37 folks are part of the Evening Crew, and they like to be called “The A Team.” These are the ones who mix the ingredients and create the 57 batches of dough each day.

We can’t forget the “Wash Can Crew of 6.” They toil cleaning out the dough cans and processing, via the dish washer, all of the utensils used in the early morning hours.

Among the day side crews we count about 55 rollers and dough handlers who are busy between 4:00 A.M. and 8:30 A.M.. We affectionately refer to them as the “Holy Rollers.” Over in the Fry Room you can count about 21 volunteers laboring over the deep fryers making sure the fastnachts turn to a golden brown color, and then they are transferred to the glazers. The process continues with at least five baggers, folks who count and pack the fastnachts for pickup.



Out front greeting the public we have four individuals: two at the money table and two who are classified as Packer/Sellers. Other elements, that are just as important to our success, include Sales Control (coordinating factory orders, etc.), Paper Hangers and (another group who are very important) the Measurers. They are instrumental in making sure the flour, sugar, lard, dry milk, salt, etc. meet the exact measurements that make our fastnachts so delectable.

Last but not least are the Order Takers, who spend eight hours a day for at least three and one half days dealing with the public and filling the order forms a week in advance of the bake.

The 91st Fastnacht Bake was wrapped up on March 19th when an army of volunteers showed up for the clean up



Music Ministry Growing . . .

St. Paul directed that when they assembled, Christians should be “singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in [their] hearts to God” (Col 3:16). In light of this admonition our liturgical celebrations reflect our growth as a singing parish. Moreover, the number of parishioners responding to serve in music ministry has increased. At the parish Appreciation Dinner on April 20 all who serve to make a vibrant music ministry were recognized. Enhancing the assembly’s sung prayers with harmony and offering liturgical choral pieces are nineteen choir members ranging in age from fifteen to eighty-three. Leading the sung responses of the assembly are ten cantors. Offering their gifts at solemn liturgies are eight instrumentalists.

Winters Last Hurrah . . .

It was Thursday, March 5, 2015, when Mother Nature dumped nearly 10 inches of snow on Columbia and the surrounding area of the Susquehanna Valley. When the snow fall ended, an insurmountable task challenged the army of volunteers.

The men of the parish, assembled from the rosters of the Holy Name Society and The Men’s Club, rallied to the call for H E L P! Personnel began arriving late in the afternoon and worked tirelessly until all sidewalks and parking lots of the parish property were declared FREE of the white stuff.

It is an arduous task that we are confronted with each and every time snow blankets the area.

Like all property owners the parish is required to adhere to Columbia Borough ordinances especially the one requiring sidewalks be cleared of snow within 24 hours.

In the above photo you see the smiling faces of some of the men who participated in what they hope was the “last” snowfall of the season. The shovel planted at the top of this snow mound is symbolic and signals the end of hours of moving the snow. They conquered Mother Nature like the Marines conquered Mount Suribachi during World War II in the South Pacific.

Sometimes it is difficult to muster enough men to meet the challenge. By and large this season has seen a pretty good turnout of volunteers. We are extremely thankful for all their help. The volunteers represented a cross section of the parish including retirees, working adults as well as able bodied young men of high school age. It’s nice to see a plan come together and everyone working as a unit.





Community Choir Festival . . .

Holy Trinity was one of ten Columbia-area church choirs that participated in the Choir Festival on May 3 at St. Paul Episcopal Church. The choir sang two Latin pieces which they sang at the 10:30 A.M. Mass that morning: Ave Maria by contemporary Spanish composer, Ramiro Real, and Regina Caeli (Queen of heaven, be joyful, Alleluia) by 19th century French composer, Charles Gounod.

Music Director To Attend Convention . . .

Holy Trinity’s director of music ministries, Bernie Wickenheiser, will attend the 38th Annual Convention of the National Pastoral Musicians, July 6-10, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme is “Called to Joy and Hope ~ Let the Servant Church Arise!” The convention is a learning opportunity for pastoral musicians to sharpen their skills, be nourished by respected speakers and fine performances, and discover new music and resources to share with the communities they serve.

A Call To Share Your Gifts . . .

Music is a gift of God that opens for us a glimpse of God’s glory. Consider offering your gifts in parish music ministry and share what we do, summoning God’s people to sing. “A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship [2007] no. 7).

phase. This normally takes several hours of cleaning equipment, wiping down the walls and chandeliers, mopping floors, packing and storing equipment. With the temperatures hovering in the upper 30s two brave souls, Jim Knapp and George Overmeyer, braved the elements and handled the power washing of floor mats, used by the rollers and packers, and the plastic trays, used to cool the fastnachts when they come out of the fryers.

Lest we forget the Money Counter who tabulates the daily cash flow and provides us with the profit numbers!

Meanwhile here are the numbers of our overall production: we produced 6,942 dozen or 83,304 fastnachts this season. A further break out shows that Glazed exceeds the Plain count. The public ordered 4,702 dozen, or 56,424 glazed which represents 67.7% of our total. The plain count totaled 2,240 dozen or 26,880 which is 32.3% of the total output.

As a matter of fact we set an all time high for profits this season \$40,057.18, and it’s all thanks to the many volunteers and most importantly to the nice folks who patronize our fastnacht bake year after year. Thank you very much for a BANNER YEAR.

By the way next year our first bake will be Monday, February 8, 2016. Circle that date on your calendar as a reminder.

40 Year Tradition For This H. T. Family . . .

(This article was published in the LNP Sunday Edition
March 8, 2015, on the feature page Lancaster That Was)

For 40-plus years, it was a tradition for her family to make fastnachts at the Columbia Church that is Lancaster County’s “Fastnacht Central.”



Former Columbian Josetta Grimes, now of Ohio, submitted this photo of her mother Bernice Stein (on the left) and her aunt, Rosemary Donnelly, who are twins, with NBC-TV’s Williard Scott when the “Today Show” weatherman came to Columbia to broadcast in 1989. The broadcast originated from the Parish Center by a WGAL-TV, Lancaster crew.

The whole family has helped with fastnacht-making at Columbia’s Holy Trinity Catholic Church for years, Grimes recalls. “I guess you could say making fastnachts was a family affair going back as far as my grandmother, Mary Loder, who was her mom and aunt’s mother,” Grimes says.

Her grandmother helped out with the fastnachts for years, followed by her father (Paul Stein) and mom, plus her aunt and her aunt’s husband Richard Donnelly. “All four of them would go in on the night shift to make the batter and get it ready for the morning,” and after her uncle died in 1996, they moved to the “day shift” for fastnacht-making at Holy Trinity.

Wherever her father was working on fastnacht duty at Holy Trinity, whether in the kitchen or helping with cleanup, “you could hear him singing through it all,” Grimes recalls. He died in 2012, “and I understand that the crew missed his singing!”

Parish Pastoral Council . . .

The Areas of Mission Part III

Each parish must establish Areas of Mission which encompass every activity and goal within the parish. The Areas of Mission are divided into manageable sections in order to assist the parish in the organizational efforts through the diversity of specific ministries and activities. This allows the parish to channel its efforts most efficiently and invite parishioners to live out their baptismal call.

- The basic functions of the Missions are:
- 1). To investigate the needs of each Area of Mission in the parish and make recommendations to the Parish Council on meeting those needs.
 - 2). To collaborate with the priests and parish staff in their particular Area of Mission in implementing the priorities of the Council.
 - 3). To communicate with the various standing committees, parish organizations and boards in their Areas of Mission and keep the Council updated on their activities.
 - 4). To ascertain and implement the diocesan norms in all Areas of Mission.

The following are examples of the variety of parish programs, ministries, and activities that fall under the various areas of mission.

- Evangelization
- Education
- Pastoral Ministry
- Liturgy
- Social Concerns and Outreach
- Ecumenism and Interfaith Concerns

Each month the parish council reviews reports given by organizations within the above missions. In future newsletters these missions will be introduced and defined.

Can You Drink the Cup . . .

About a year before His sacrificial death on the cross on Good Friday and His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday, two of the Lord’s Apostles, James and John, approached Christ with a request. Could they sit one at His right and one at His left in His kingdom?

Jesus didn’t answer their question, but replied with a question of His own, “Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?” (Matthew 20:22)

To drink of another’s cup signifies the sharing of a mission. Christ’s cup was that of service. “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve” (Matthew 20:28). Consequently when Jesus asked James and John if they could drink the cup He was to drink, He was asking them if they could follow His example and put themselves at the service of God and neighbor. They responded that they would do so, and Christ acknowledged that fact. “My cup you will indeed drink” (Matthew 20:23), and they did. Like Jeremiah of old they took the cup from the hand of the Lord” (Jeremiah 25:17), and they drank it. They spent their lives putting themselves at the service of God and others.

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The Canopy Is Safe . . .

During the restoration work of the Crucifix and Canopy above the altar, an inspection was completed as well. Our concern was whether any deterioration developed since the installation of the canopy, sometime in 1947.



While the scaffolding was in place, eight attachment points of the canopy were photographed and inspected. The work was conducted by the restoration project engineers from Bahret Church Interiors of Harrisburg, who were restoring and cleaning the Crucifix and Statues above the altar. The focal point of the inspection was the top portion of the canopy, as well as the anchor positions located in the attic above the sanctuary.

In this photograph you can see one of the steel brackets bolted to a main cross member of the canopy and attached to the chain. Aside from being dusty there is no evidence of ex-

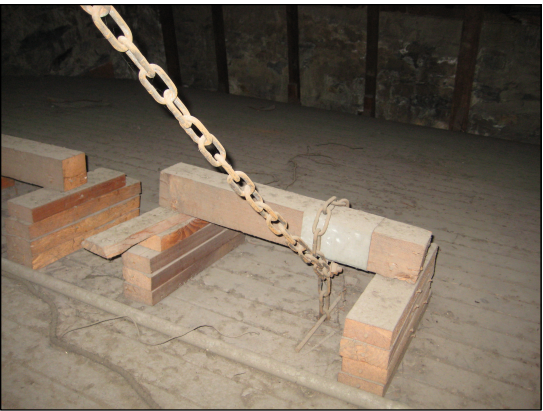
cessive rust or deterioration.

The second photo was taken in the attic space above the chancel ceiling and the inspection of four weight bearing attachments of the canopy.

The chains are wrapped around and bolted to a 4” x 4” wood member on a 2” x 4” blocking. This is centered over the ceiling joist and provides proper weight bearing to the ceiling joist.

The chains are then wrapped around and bolted a second time. Again, all four attachments were found to be in good condition and secure.

For most parishioners this is your first look at the top of the canopy, as well as a peak at the attic high atop the sanctuary. The safety of the canopy should last for many more years into the future. The safety inspection was concluded in mid-February 2015.

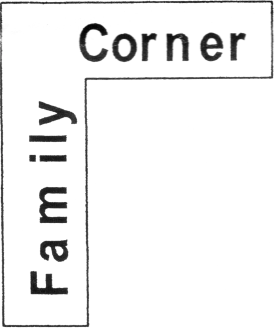


Defying the odds: Faith

Every once in a while, we meet someone who copes with something that would debilitate the rest of us. When we ask where they find the strength to persevere, they say ...FAITH.

Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, an anti-Nazi activist who was put to death in a concentration camp, said “. . .being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God’s will . . .in so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God . . .that, I think, is Faith. “

(Christopher News Notes: 569)



Confirmation Class . . .

Logan Ackerman	Alexandra Henry	Teresa Pessolano
Miranda Askey	Jacob Hess	Mya Palmieri
Chrissa Balsley	Ryan Kemmerly	Hannah Reese
Bree Benfer	T. J. Keener	Kristin Schahren
Lindsey Bennett	Gabriella Kraft	Dylan Smith
Lane Bishop	Dylan Livelsberger	Mason Wall
Natalie Bourne	Josie Marcello	Kendra Weiss
Meghan Braas	ChanelMusser	Adam Wernoch
Morgan Creek	Patrick Noonan	Hillary Zink
	Matthew Nikolaus (Adult)	

First Eucharist Class . . .

✚ Welcome To the Lord’s Supper

Drew Bennett	DerekIrwin	Clayton Ruth
Brandon Day	Julia Lutz	Nikolaus Schoelkoph
Sydney Droege	Hannah Menard	Cieran Stehman
Olivia Edmond	Olivia Menard	Emma Tollaksen
Steven Fontanez	Brianna Nikolaus	Breanna Young
Mihyanni Hernandez		

New Fourth Grade Altar Servers . . .

Carson Askey	Benjamin Giles	Aidan Moon
Caius Baker	Mya Grove	Zachary Snyder
Elissa Dommel	Olivia Menard	Sophia Spencer

Mother Daughter Banquet . . .

The Altar Rosary Society hosted, as it has for many years, the annual Mother Daughter Banquet. Held in the social hall, more than 120 ladies attended this year’s event on the first Tuesday of May. Jean Bourne, President of the Society, gave the opening remarks and drew inspiration from the Bible regarding Our Blessed Mother Mary. She cited two episodes in the Bible where Mary spoke, “Thy Will Be Done” and “Do as He Says.” Father Lawrence offered an opening prayer at the banquet. Sue Kraft and her committee did a great job organizing the evening. The highlight was inarguably the hot turkey dinner served by the men of the parish. Most were members of the Holy Name Society and the Men’s Club. Raffle tickets were sold for prizes, including gift certificates to local businesses, artwork, and young girls’ jewelry. Kathy Kuhn recited a poem befitting the evening.

Congratulations . . .

Richard Groff, Director of the Columbia Catholic Youth Ministry Program, recognized the following out-going altar servers with a medal and certificate from the Serra Club of Lancaster County, that takes its name from the Franciscan Missionary, Blessed Junipero Serra. The members of this club are instrumental in having these special medals made to honor the altar-servers for their faithful service since the fifth grade.

+ Senior Altar Servers . . .

Ruby Baker	Andrew Edmiston	Christopher Grab
Stephen Braas	Andrew Fischer	Alexis Krug
Alyssa Diffenderfer	Adam Geltz	Justin Schahren

Director Groff also presented the Senior Recognition Award to the following high school seniors who actively participated in the Youth Ministry and in the life of the parish throughout their senior year.

Senior Recognition Awards . . .
(Youth Involvement)

Ruby Baker	Andrew Edmiston	Christopher Grab
Stephen Braas	Andrew Fischer	Justin Schahren
Alyssa Diffenderfer		

Director Groff concluded the presentation by thanking all the graduating seniors for their faithfulness to God and our parish and by wishing them God’s guidance and direction as they continue their pilgrimage of life.

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Her mother had passed away in 2003, and her aunt, Mrs. Donnelly, died in 2013. They were known as the "Loder Twins" back in the day, Grimes says. But the family fasnacht work didn’t end with them. Later, Grimes says, her cousin Linda Kopp and Linda’s husband, Tim, joined the team and helped until they moved out of the area. “All I know is that we really enjoyed the results of nice, warm fastnachts when they came home,” said Grimes, who now lives in the Cleveland area and for years got two dozen fastnachts annually from her dad after she moved to Ohio in 1991. “Ohio does not make fastnachts. I bet the post office had a nice aroma when that package came through,” she adds. Making fastnachts on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins, began as a way to use up stored fat and sugar before the coming Lenten fast. This year is the 91st straight year volunteers from Holy Trinity have gathered to make fastnachts, making the effort perhaps the oldest in the county.

Young, Man of the Year . . .

The annual Holy Name Society Father & Son Breakfast was held on February 8, 2015. Following the 8:00 A.M. Mass the men converged on the Parish Center. It quickly filled with a cross section of dads, sons and grandsons.



HNS President Mark Grab presided over the event and introduced Father Kenneth Lawrence who led the men reciting the Holy Name Pledge. Then he installed two young men into the ranks



of the HNS. The new inductees included Mathew “Matt” Nikolaus and William “Will” Bourne. Matt, whose father Donald was unable to attend due to illness, was sponsored by his uncle Gerald and cousins Paul and John Nikolaus and Ron Sahd. Will was sponsored by his father Michael.

The highlight of the affair was the naming of Dave Young as the Holy Name Man of the Year. Dave, a relative newcomer to the parish, is not one for letting grass grow under his feet. Since he became a member of the Holy Trinity family, he has immersed himself in many activities. You’ll find him working with the volunteer maintenance crew, helping with the weekly cleaning of the church, and devoting untold hours to the operation of the festival. He also is a fastnacht bake volunteer, part of the snow removal gang, a “chief operator” of the Bobcat all terrain vehicle, and (at the parish Christmas Party) plays an important role portraying the jolly fellow from the North Pole.

The MOTY Award was presented by HNS President Mark Grab. Dave, his wife Maureen, and daughter, Dixie, reside in Mountville. Congratulations, Dave, for this well deserved honor.

Jim Robertson of Marietta was the featured speaker. Jim kept his audience on the edge of their seats with his exploits about travel along the Amazon River and the jungles of Peru. He leads groups of teenagers, who do mission work, teaching natives English and distributing English/Spanish Bibles. On their trips to the South American Country they also bring supplies from the States and teach how to start up and operate small businesses. Jim’s presentation was interspersed with colorful slides.

The large crowd enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, potatoes and scrambled eggs, coffee, fresh fruit salad, juice and pastry. The ladies of the parish prepared and served the gathering “home style,” and there were a lot of them involved: Margaret Bransby, Kathleen Lutz, Barbara Leibhart, Beth Resch, Betty Jo Stephenson, Pat Motter, Carol Leibfried, Janie Zell, Catherine Zell, Claudia Reese, Mary Boyer, Floss Brown, Jane Grab, Cheryl Grab, Sara Grab and Joan Kauffman. Thank you, ladies, for making the morning special.

Important Parish Events . . .

- Annual Parish Festival - June 3rd to June 6th
- Vacation Bible School - July 27th to July 31st
- Chicken Barbecue - August 8 (11 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.) There will be 2 pick-up locations: Holy Trinity parking lot and the Susquehanna Fire Co., 10th and Manor Streets.
- Parish Picnic - September 13th

Diocesan Men’s Conference . . .

On Saturday, March 21, a small caravan of cars departed from Holy Trinity parking lot and headed towards Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg. More than a dozen men were enroute to attend the 2015 Men’s Conference: Warriors For Christ – Men After God’s Own Heart.



The conference this year broke all attendance records with 838 men, representing 88 of the 97 parishes and missions of the Diocese. Doors opened at 7:30 A.M. with the men filing into the huge auditorium of the two year old McDevitt High School.

In the photo at the left are some of the Columbia men reading left to right: James Knapp, Mike Leibhart, Josh, Brett and Luke Wolgemuth.

The gentleman in the foreground is unidentified.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, DD, JCL delivered the Keynote Address with his remarks focused on the theme: “Warriors For Christ.” He applauded the large gathering for its sacrifice of giving up a Saturday and saying they were “men after God’s own heart.”

The Bishop’s address was followed by gospel reflections delivered by former Columbian, David Abel, who grew up in Holy Trinity Parish. Abel now resides in Elizabethtown where his businesses are located.

Men could select two workshops to attend from among 19 that were offered. In addition during the lunch break 15 priests were on hand for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following lunch and confessions there was a half hour set aside for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

The afternoon workshops were next. The program concluded with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Gainer and priests of the diocese and visiting priests. Most members of the Columbia contingent, that included about an equal number from Saint Peter’s, arrived back home around 5:00 P.M..

Can You Drink the Cup continued from page 4

In the sacrament of Baptism Christ asks a person the same question He asked James and John. “Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?” (Matthew 20:22) A person responds using words similar to what James and John used, declaring they will imitate Christ in putting themselves at the service of God and neighbor. The person pledges to live the kingly ministry of service, service of God and service of neighbor. As the Baptismal ritual expresses this fact: “As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body.”

Drinking the cup is not always easy. Kneeling in the Garden of Gethsemane that first Holy Thursday night, Jesus prayed that, if it were possible, He did not have to drink it. “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me” (Luke 22:42). But it was His Father’s will and He drank it. In like manner, while the cup of service may be difficult, a baptized person is to follow Christ’s example, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, drink it every day.