



Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love



THE MASON - DIXON LINE

Some years before the Revolutionary War there was a dispute among neighboring colonies, notably Maryland and Pennsylvania, over boundary lines. To settle the matter, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon were engaged to determine where the lines actually ran. The two surveyors drew a 300-mile line which to this day is known as the Mason - Dixon Line. Years later it played an important role in separating the North from the South in the days of the Civil War.

There is also a spiritual "Mason - Dixon Line" dividing right from wrong, and that line is God's moral law. Adam and Eve were the first to step over that line when they disobeyed God's explicit commandment. Through the centuries all of us as their descendants have been doing the same. That's what "SIN" is... a trespassing or stepping across the border line. The penalty for disregarding God's Ten "No Trespassing" signs is more than the payment of a fine; it is death, death now and forever.

Was there... is there today... any hope for the trespassers? Yes, for in our stead came One who had never offended against the "divine Mason - Dixon Line". He was God's own Son who had become true man. This One, Jesus Christ, was not a make - believe man, not an outer - space sort of thing, not a half - angel, or even a superman. He was human in every respect, the only difference: He never once sinned; He was holy.

What a perfect candidate to suffer and die as our substitute. No sinner Himself, God made Him to be sin for us.. Altogether without guilt, God placed on Him the guilt of our sins. He carried the load of sin - guilt for the whole world as the perfect Lamb of God. Isaiah prophesied of Him: "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53: 4 - 5)

The benefit to us is this: "For our sake He (God) made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Whom did God punish in your stead? With the finger of faith let us point to the cross and answer: "Jesus". May we reflect upon this truth as we continue our journey through this Lenten season.

Wishing you God's strength,

Pastor Jeff G. Gavin



We hope you will come and join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** in the lower level of the school building . . . *open question forum*.

Please join us for our **Mid-Week Bible Class** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the school building.

PASTOR . . . has resumed taking Fridays as his "Day Off". Even though he may sometimes be in his office, he is scheduling no work; so Please do not Visit him, or Phone him on Fridays. If there is a true Emergency, call him on his Cell: (630) 776-2382. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS . . . ALTAR FLOWERS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS \$20.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, (or confirm your "standing order") please contact please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **(847) 593-7670** or email Pastor at jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!**



Please Note: When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.



LENTEN SUNDAY SERVICES

Lenten themed services start on **Sunday February 22.**

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD 1 hour** on **Saturday evening, March 7, 2026** before you go to bed so you won't be late for church on Sunday morning!



It's that time again!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we also wish a "Happy Anniversary" to those couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.

If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . **"Happy Anniversary"**:

Art & Mary Schiemann

March 16

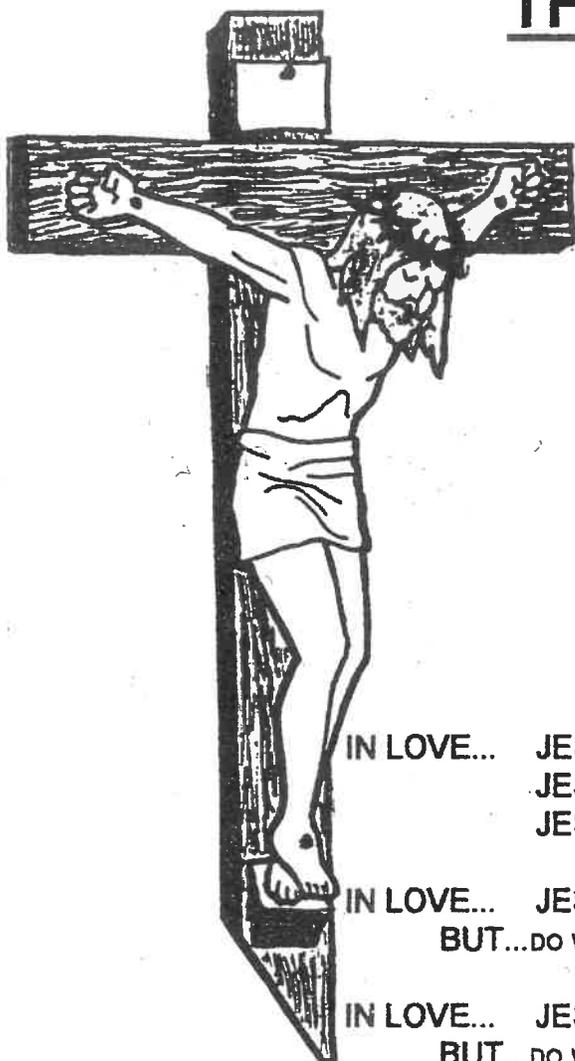
Larry & Michele Demzien

March 20

OUR WELCOME PICTURES

Each Sunday you are welcomed with a slide show of pictures on our large screen monitor. We hope you do look at these pictures; as they are not just random images, but carefully selected images that reveal the theme of the day, and are designed to depict and enhance the spoken content of the day's sermon.

THE EXAMPLE OF LOVE . . .



THAT'S WHAT LENT IS ALL ABOUT, IT SHOWS US: **THE EXAMPLE OF LOVE**, THAT IS THE LIFE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS; THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS' LOVE . . . FOR US.

IN LOVE... JESUS SUFFERED ON THE CROSS...
JESUS SACRIFICED HIS LIFE...
JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US...

IN LOVE... JESUS SPENT THREE HOURS ON A CROSS FOR US...
BUT...DO WE EVEN SPEND ONE HOUR IN WORSHIP FOR HIM?

IN LOVE... JESUS SACRIFICED HIS LIFE ON A CROSS FOR US...
BUT...DO WE CONSIDER A REASONABLE PORTION OF OUR INCOME IN OFFERINGS TOO MUCH OF A SACRIFICE FOR HIM?

IN LOVE... JESUS GAVE HIS WHOLE LIFE ON A CROSS FOR US...
BUT... DO WE CONSIDER: AN OCCASIONAL VISIT TO WORSHIP,
AN OCCASIONAL STUDY OF HIS WORD,
AN OCCASIONAL OFFERING OF OUR MONEY,
....."GOOD ENOUGH" FOR HIM?

JESUS IS FOR US THE EXAMPLE OF LOVE, OF TOTAL, SACRIFICIAL LOVE.

JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE, HIS LOVE FOR US...

WHAT LOVE HAVE WE GIVEN IN OUR LIFE TO HIM IN RETURN?

"WE LOVE, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US"

1 JOHN 4:19





Easter Lilies & Tulips

If you would like to order **Easter Lilies** or **Tulips** to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, please fill in the order form below . The Easter Lilies are available in **white only**. The Easter Tulips come in assorted colors (we cannot specify colors). The Easter Lilies and Tulips are 6" tall in 6" pots and cost **\$17.00** each: cash or check (payable to "**BUSSE FLOWERS**"). Please return your order sheet with payment to Pastor or the Church Office no later than **Sunday, March 22**. Thank You!

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE # (_____) _____

How many Easter Lilies? _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____

How many Easter Tulips? _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____

NO PREFERENCE (for Lilies or Tulips) _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____

You may pick up your plants after the 10:30 AM Service on Easter Sunday. If you need to make other arrangements for picking up your plants, please contact the Church Office at 847-593-7670, ext. 1.

I **WILL BE** taking my plant(s) home: YES _____ NO _____*

**NOTE: ANY LEFTOVER FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR SHUT-IN'S.
THANK YOU!**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

7:00 PM

Worship with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

7:00 PM

EASTER BREAKFAST SET-UP

April 4, 2026

1:00 PM

*He is Risen!
Share the Joy!*

EASTER BREAKFAST

April 5, 2026

8:00 - 9:15 AM

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 5, 2026

9:30 AM

with Holy Communion



Larry Brockie Jr.	March 1	Joseph Schubkegel	March 18
Peter Soranno	March 4	Janelle Scharlau	March 22
Connie Schimka	March 6	Rick Fiorito	March 22
Stasia White	March 9	Jill Legg	March 23
Hailee Crawford	March 9	Carol Howard	March 24
Pam Lutsch-Gall	March 11	Bret Shorb	March 26
Kathleen Betts	March 17	Lynn Gajewski	March 26

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office for a correction... Thank You!

May God Bless You on Your Birthday