

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

ISAIAH. 50:4-7. In spite of my sufferings, I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame.

PSALM 22. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

PHILIPPIANS. 2: 6-11. Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation.

MARK. 14:1—15:47. The account of Christ's passion according to Mark.



GOD'S WORD TODAY: The abandoned Jesus: the lonely way of the cross. In his account of the Passion, Mark portrays a Jesus who has been totally abandoned by his disciples and friends. There is no one to defend him, to support him, to speak for him. He endures such a cruel and unjust death alone. Yet, amid the darkness, a light glimmers: The prophecy of a new temple "not made by human hands" is fulfilled in the shreds of the temple curtain; a pagan centurion confesses his new-found realization that this crucified Jesus is indeed the "son of God"; and a member of the Sanhedren, Joseph of Arimathea, is embolden to break with his fellow councilors and request of Pilate the body of Jesus. The Passion of Jesus should be a reason for hope and a moment of grace for all of us as we seek the reign of God in our own lives—however lonely and painful our search may be.



INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

MONDAY-3/29

8:00 A.M.

Louise Fitzgerald (M/M Joseph Fuga)

Monday of Holy Week

TUESDAY-3/30

8:00 A.M.

Jean McDernott (Pete & Sheila Wilkes)

Tuesday of Holy Week

WEDNESDAY- 3/31

8:00 A.M.

Frank Ryczak, Sr. (Norma & Guy Errigo)

Wednesday of Holy Week

THUSTRDAY-4/1-MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 P.M.

People of the Parish

FRIDAY-4/2-FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY-4/3

12:00 P.M.-BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

8:00 P.M.

Loretta Hyland (Bob & Dorothy Jones)

SUNDAY-4/4-THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 A.M.

Deceased of the Lowe-Kopa Families (Ken & Joan)

10:30 A.M.

George Kitchura (Pete & Sheila Wilkes)

12:00 P.M.-SPANISH MASS

People of the Parish

WORD OF LIFE: "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life. ... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make an effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves' ... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life 86*).

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Thank you for your generous support Of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world.



OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION MARCH 28, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$3,454.01
ON-LINE GIVING	\$365.00
DUES/SALARY	\$225.00
FUEL	\$360.00
FLOWERS	\$231.00
RICE BOWL	\$63.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF	\$146.00
INCOME=	\$4,495.01
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES=	\$4,803.34



COUNTERS FOR MONDAY MARCH 29, 2021

Diane Chelik
Theresa Daley

LENTEN RENEWAL SERIES: Join us for one hour of a renewal of our Catholic Faith. **Tuesday Morning at 10:00 A.M. Video series in the Church.**

HOLY WEEK:

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Saint Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's Entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.



peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES/RICE BOWL: SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference; those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sister and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. Church will be open til 9:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY 1:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY

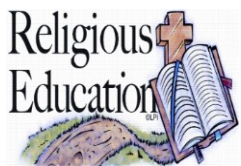
BLESSING OF BASKETS: 12:00 P.M. in the Church Basement

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO 4:00 P.M. MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 3)

(VIGIL MASS IS AT 8:00 P.M.)

HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 P.M. (NO 4:00 P.M. MASS ON SATURDAY)

EASTER SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. 12:00 P.M. SPANISH



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

WEEKLY SCHEDULE CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Mar 28-Palm Sunday-Regular Classes
 April 4-Easter Sunday-No Classes
 April 11-Divine Mercy Sunday-Classes
 April 18-Third Sunday of Easter-Classes
 April 25-Fourth Sunday of Easter-Classes
 May 2-Fifth Sunday of Easter-LAST DAY OF CLASSES

C.C.D. PARENTS:When you bring your children to Mass every week-you are instilling in them the good habit of praising God & His Church (One day they, too will bring their own children to Mass).

IRA DISTRIBUTIONS: Please consult with your tax advisor on setting up Tax-Free distributions to Sacred Hearts parish. We all benefit!

CARE AND EDUCATION FOR PRIESTS: We no longer have an envelope for this collection. So, the Second collection next week-end will be for the Care and Education of Priests.



SONNY SAYS: The priest announced at Mass: "My people, I have 3 sermons. A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts 15 minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now we'll take up the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

GOOD FRIDAY PARKING: Please do not park in front of the Day Care Center. We need a volunteer to help direct people away from the Day Care. If you can give 15 minutes (Good Friday 12:45-1P.M.) please call.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over One pound now. His mother can feel him Moving now. Before he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it—the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: THIS Monday will be the last opportunity in Lent from **6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.** the church will be **OPEN** for confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let's celebrate Christ's gift of peace.

ROAST BEEF DINNER: The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that the annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. The dinner will be take-out only in the Parish Center (church basement) from 1:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M. Curb-side pick-up will be available behind the church for anyone who wishes to remain in the car. Cost is \$12.00; tickets for children under 12 are \$6.00. The meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and a dessert. Tickets can be purchased from Stewardship Committee members or at the following locations: The Parish Rectory (570) 876-1061, T & R Service Station, Battenberg's Furniture Store and Sterling Pharmacy. Thank You in advance for your support!

ROAST BEEF DINNER TICKET SALES: Tickets for the upcoming Roast Beef Dinner will be sold and after masses on the week-end of April 10-11. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. **The takeout only dinner** will be **on Saturday, April 17th** from 1:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M. in the Parish Center (church basement). Curb-side pick- up will be available behind the church for anyone who would like to remain in their car. Thank You in advance for your support.



EASTER COLLECTION: Please be generous to this special collection.

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK:

God, as we walk through Holy Week toward the Cross, May we remember the wonder of who you are. Beyond sin, your love is inexhaustible. Beyond brokenness your forgiveness is incomprehensible. Beyond betrayal your grace is poured out eternally. Beyond death your life is unimaginable. Beyond human understanding your ways are always higher than ours.

