

Pastor's Note

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking"

Hosanna!

This week, we begin a very special week as we reflect on The Lord's Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection. Today, our liturgy is divided into three parts: commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, Liturgy of the Word, and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Passion story shows how Jesus responded to what was done to him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. We see amid his Passion, Christ cared about others - the women of Jerusalem who sympathized with him, the thief being nailed to the cross next to him, and his mother Mary. Even when they nailed his hands and feet to the cross he was loving.

We all have gone through a very difficult year with the Covid-19 pandemic, but there is hope as more people get vaccinated. As we continue to pray for all those who have lost a loved one from the virus, we pray for our doctors, nurses, EMTs, police officers and firefighters. Let us continue to pray for our elected officials, those local, state, and national. Let us also pray for our African American and Asian American communities who continue to face fear and persecution in our communities across the country. Pray that we may all be one.

Hosanna!

Palms and Bulletins

We will have Palm branches available on the front porch at the Parish Office, located at 509 S. Dallas Avenue in Point Breeze. Feel free to stop by to pick up palm, a bulletin and drop off your offertory envelope in our secured mailbox.

Parish Share 2021

Our **2021 Campaign Goal is \$178,677**. Anything we collect over our goal stays in the parish. No funds collected via the program go towards lawsuits or legal affairs, rather they support the day- to- day operations at the Pastoral Center and Seminary in Green Tree, the Hospital Chaplaincy programs in our area hospitals and nursing homes, tuition scholarships and grants for our Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, and the Campus Ministry programs at our local colleges and universities. Parish Share also helps the individual parishes with assistance from the Diocesan Insurance and Benefits Office for our parish and school employees, Property and Planning Office to assist with buildings and grounds issues and the Parish Services Office assists Pastors and Business Managers with the day-to-day operations of the parish. We all benefit from Parish Share!

Something to consider... if you received your Covid Relief Stimulus Check and are financially comfortable without it, consider contributing all or part of it to St. Mary Magdalene Parish to help recover the recent high costs of snow removal, salting and utilities the past several months. We appreciate your generosity.

RCIA Class of 2021

The Class of 2021 preparing to enter, into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, next weekend:

Nadia Mari Mercado

Catechumen-All three sacraments

Jennifer Lynn Whitley-

Catechumen-All three sacraments

Ninoshka Mary Aponte

Candidate for Confirmation

Anna Elizabeth McDevitt

Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Erica Lynn Moulinier

Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Mary Nyamekye

Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Devin Thomas Slaughaupt-Candidate for Eucharist & Confirmation

Special thanks to our RCIA Team

Teresa Maynor, Tim McCarthy, and Nancy Tullar for their leadership.

Looking Ahead

Holy Thursday - April 1

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Bede

Church will remain open until 10 pm for private prayer and adoration.

Good Friday - April 2

1 pm - Liturgy of the Word Service Mother of Good Counsel

Holy Saturday - April 3

7pm - Easter Vigil - St. James

Easter Sunday - April 4

9 am - Mother of Good Counsel

10:30 am - St. James

Noon - St. Bede

The parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday, March 31, and reopen on Tuesday, April 6, at 9 am.

****Please note that I will be on my annual Spring Retreat- Monday, April 5, through Friday, April 9. Please hold any phone calls or emails until I return to the office on Saturday, April 10.***

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Anna McDevitt** and **Mathew Kizior** who are validating their marriage this weekend.

Congratulations to **Elijah Craighead** and **Clementine Ryan Kostura** who are being baptized this weekend.

Congratulations to **Dr. Kathy Humphrey** being named president of Carlow University.

Something to Think About...

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

With God All Things Are Possible!

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