



## *The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties*

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### **RE: April 3 Update – Live stream with us!**

***Blessings to you all! I hope you are all safe, healthy, and at peace. I wanted to give you an update for this weekend and the week ahead.***

### **Confessions**

Confessions will be heard on Saturday at Christ the King and Sacred Heart from 10:00 AM until all are heard.

### **Palm Sunday and Live Stream**

The priests will celebrate Palm Sunday Mass live at 10:00 AM on Sunday morning. Christ the King will be closed from 8:00 AM to Noon on Sundays for set up and to live stream. You can watch on our parish's **YouTube channel**, or directly on the **parish's website**. (Just click the bold words in the last sentence to go directly to the website or YouTube channel.) On Sunday morning, when you go to the YouTube page, the video will appear when we start streaming. If you come too early, you may need to refresh the screen--now there is a change to your prayers before Mass ☺.

While we will be blessing the palm branches and putting them out in churches later in the day, you don't need to have one of these palm branches with you as you participate in Mass. You may remember that Palm Sunday is one of those days where we start with a procession from the entrance of the church. There, after we bless the branches, a Gospel is read before the procession starts. It is from Matthew's gospel, chapter 21, verses 1-11. It says, "The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road."

***While we use palm branches in church, you can go to your own yard and cut a small branch/stem/leaf and hold it during the blessing of palm branches. You don't need a "church palm" to honor Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and proclamation as king.*** You can hold a branch from your home and join us in praying the Mass this Sunday. Later, even after this stay at home order is over, you can get a palm branch from the church.

## Weekday Masses and Adoration during Holy Week

On Monday, join us for the Mass streamed online at 8:30 AM.

On Tuesday, join us for the Mass streamed online at 6:00 PM.

On Wednesday, join us for Mass streamed online at 8:30 AM.

You can also join us online for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM.

## Churches are Open

St. Paul is open every day from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Christ the King is open all day and night, except Sundays from 8AM until Noon. Please use the side door facing the parking lot to enter. Sacred Heart is open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Holy Cross is open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Please make use of the *Living Faith* and *Living with Christ* books and *Our Sunday Visitor* and *The National Catholic Register* newspapers available at the entrances.

## The Triduum

On Thursday, we will stream live the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM.

On Friday, we will stream the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil will be streamed online at 8:00 PM on Saturday.

Finally, you can wake up on Easter Sunday and celebrate Mass online with us at 10:00 AM.

## Other Resources

You can participate in Mass for today, Friday April 3, 2020 with the video [here](#).

There is also a [video meditation](#) to help you pray the Stations of the Cross today. Music performed by Tony Bruno.

***We continue to pray for you all, and we miss you!***

