

APRIL 6, 2025 + PALM SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5 ~ Vigil/5th Sunday in Lent
 5:30 PM Stiano Family, living & deceased
 Charlotte Zupetz

Sunday, April 6 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent ~ healing for
 9:30 AM Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C.

Monday, April 7
 9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 9
 9:00 AM

Friday, April 11
 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 12 ~ Vigil/Palm Sunday
 5:30 PM Dave Barbuti, Alice Rocket

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
 9:30 AM Lena Ferrara, Mary Klimczak

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, April 12 ~ Vigil/Palm Sunday
 5:30 PM Narrator: Eileen Ernst
 Lector/Voice: Jen Zupetz

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
 9:30 AM Narrator: Beth Texter
 Lector/Voice: Sam Osborne

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, April 12 ~ Vigil/Palm Sunday
 5:30 PM Connie Pollos(a), Mary Morse (c)

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
 9:30 AM Colleen Wall (a), Seema Cristallo (c)

Pray For Those Who Serve

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*) Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)
 Juan Gonzales (*Navy*)
 Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)
 Robert Pape-Laucella (*Marines*)
 Pasko Shkreli (*Army*) Carissa Tironi (*Army*)
 Nicholas Turner (*Army*) Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

Pray For the Infirm

Marion Andersen, Bridget Auer, Joanna Bach,
 Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C., Brian Cross,
 Nicole Dawson, John & Lorraine DiCicco, Walter Earl,
 Anna Gallo, Rocco Gallo, Margaret Hale, Nicole Langer,
 Fr. Joe Komonchak, Mark, Julia Oparski, Marianna Oparski,
 Carol Orlando, Frank Orlando, Sal Rappo, Richard,
 Helen Ryan, Fran Salewski, Arthur Seaman,
 Deacon & Fran Trapani, Kevin Uffelman, Terry Waterson

Pray For Facility Residents

Barbara Ceriale, Brad Ceriale, Gina Lempka,
 Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Sue Schmaus,
 Fran Salomone, Elissa Zahn, Vicky Zedda

Looking Ahead

A.A. Meetings
 Thursdays 6:30 PM Sundays 3:30 PM

Tuesday, April 8
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM
Reconciliation for Students & Parents

Friday, April 11
 Monastic-Style Simple Soup ~ 5:45-6:45 PM
followed by Tenebrae ~ 7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK BEGINS April 12th

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 15
NO Religious Education Classes

Holy Thursday, April 17
 Mass with Washing of Disciples' Feet ~ 7 PM
followed by a procession to 'the Garden'
to Pray with Jesus until 10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18
 Stations of the Cross ~ 3 PM
 Veneration of the Cross & Communion ~ 7 PM

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19 ~ 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday Mass, April 20 ~ 9:30 AM

NO 9 AM Mass on Monday, April 21

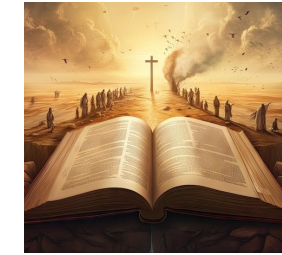
Tuesday, April 22
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11



LIVING THE LITURGY

Condemnation or Forgiveness

Usually, we begin celebrating the Mass with a Penitential Rite, recognizing our sins. We do this not to appease an angry God, but to remind ourselves of our own failings, our need for humility and forgiveness, so that we can be as merciful towards others as we hope God will be to us. Jesus has already taught us that God is always eager to forgive. He is not interested in condemnation. Instead, condemnation is a human preoccupation: something that we continue to do even though the Lord has taught us differently. Today, we have another reminder of the way God truly wishes to deal with us.

The Gospel Reading this Sunday presents this contrast between our harsh judgement and God's mercy in a very striking way. A self-righteous, terrible act is about to take place: blood will be shed and will be on the people's hands, even though they seem to welcome such a thing. The accused woman will surely suffer terribly, but all those caught up in the killing will also suffer the effects of their inhuman cruelty. Jesus' challenge saves the woman, and it also saves those who sought her life.

The scribes and Pharisees are forced to admit that they are more like the woman that they are unlike her. All are sinners in need of God's mercy. And God, through Jesus, is quick to offer that mercy, with its power to heal us. Saint Paul reminds us today this gift of God's love through Jesus Christ is more precious than anything else. All else is rubbish.

How have you experienced Jesus's forgiveness?
 How could you extend that forgiveness to others?



APRIL CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

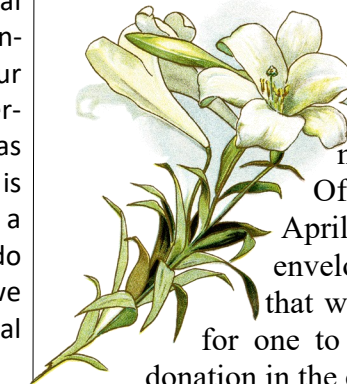
NO Parish Council Meeting in April

Tuesday, April 15
 Religious Education **CLOSED** for Spring Break

Monday, April 21 ~ NO 9 AM MASS

Tuesday, April 22
 Religious Education **CLASSES RESUME**

Easter Flowers



Please make certain to have any requests for Easter Flower Memorials submitted to the Church Office no later than *next* weekend, April 12-13. You may use the special envelope found in your envelope packet that was mailed to you, or ask an Usher for one to use. Put the envelope with your donation in the collection box or basket when the offering is taken. Please remember to write clearly.

Monastic-Style Simple Soup

Friday, April 11 beginning at 5:45 PM

Simple Soup offers the opportunity to eat a meal together with others in silence and mindfully. You also get your food in silence, buffet style. As you eat, readings from scriptures will be shared to nourish your mind and heart while you nourish your body.

Tenebrae Friday, April 11 at 7 PM

A Tenebrae service, meaning "shadows" or "darkness" in Latin, is an ancient Christian tradition, particularly observed during Holy Week, that uses the gradual extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of Jesus' last days, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his arrest, crucifixion, burial and resurrection.

The performance of "No Greater Love" by Xavier Company of NYC last Sunday had those who attended riveted to their seats. You could have heard a pin drop as all witnessed the portrayal of Jesus and his last days on earth. No props were used with the exception of palm branches shown here, yet all actions were believable. Each actor (except Jesus) played multiple roles and excelled as each one. Afterward the troupe and many members of the audience enjoyed the fruits of Ted Wall's culinary talents. (Thanks, Ted!) *The entire event was wonderful!*

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