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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9



Saturday, March 23

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Patrick Shaughnessy (Jim & Eileen Miller)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Brian McGovern (Ken Villone)

Monday, March 25

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Mary Ohle (Nancy O'Connor)

Tuesday, March 26

St. Mary's 9:00 am

Wednesday, March 27

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Cameron Miller (Louie & Theresa Petelin)

Thursday, March 28—Holy Thursday

St. Matthew 5:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

Saturday, March 30—Holy Saturday

St. Matthew 7:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

St. Mary's 8:30 am —For the People of this Faith Community

St. Matthew 10:30 am—For the People of this Faith Community

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This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, March 25

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 26

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

Wednesday, March 27

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—9:30 am—1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

St. Matthew—12:30 pm—Hearts & Hands

Thursday, March 28—Holy Thursday

St. Mary's—10:00 am Eucharistic Revival Small Group

St. Matthew—5:30 pm Mass

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Mary's—3:00 pm Good Friday Service

St. Matthew—7:00 pm Youth Group Presentation

Saturday, March 30—Holy Saturday

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Matthew—7:30 pm Mass—Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—03/17/2024 \$2,911.62

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

St. Matthew

*Collection—03/17/2024 **\$5,309.50**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00

What our churches need per week to meet our budget:

St. Mary's	\$2,052
St. Matthew	\$5,600

Figures in red indicate weekly budget was not met

Attendance— 03/17/2024

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	95
St. Mary's—8:30 am	83
St. Matthew—10:30 am	161

In Memory of Loved Ones

Contact your Parish Office to remember a loved one. A donation of \$50/year is requested.

In Memory Of

Amanda Coble	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Elizabeth Klapak Coble	Linda Murphy
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Jerry D'Hont	Richard O'Connor
Lucille DeClerck	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Joe Gianni	Patrick L Guenther
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Bernice Yerger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Lois Cicero
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Debra Czudak
Al Stockslader	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Mark Gargano	James Ferris
Willis Johnson	Kathie Regelsberger
Bart Johnson	Joseph Carusotti
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Joan Shattuck
Jean Marie Dellies	

Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family
 Helinski and Ellison Families
 Giuliani Family
 Jones Family
 Muscato Family
 Culotta & Hendrick Families
 Enright & Yatteau Families
 Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families
 Kucich & Juriaco Families
 Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families
 Gilbert & Somers Families
 Paul & Martha Pfuntner
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families
 Moeller & Fritzen Families

Second Collection for the Holy Land Good Friday Pontifical Collection

This effort collects funds for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

Readings and Hymns

Readings.....823 (B)
 Hymns:
 Entrance.....284
 Offertory.....297
 Recessional.....300

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Florence Ahl, Diane Backus, William Beeley, Teresa Burritt, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, John Fisher, Mary Sarah Hanna, David Hess, Mary Ann Hipp, Bob Horning, Elaine Housecamp, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Nina Monteleone, Katie Boldt Norton, Richard Nowakowski, Christina Palella, Dakota Pickett, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie Redman, Norm Schrader, Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Margaret Stuver, Marlene Tears, Ed Wendelgass

Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**, we need the permission of an **immediate** family member or the person themself to place a name on the prayer list.



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—BOTH CHURCHES AFTER SUNDAY MASS

Faith Formation

St. Mary's—3/24/2024—after 8:30 Mass
 St. Matthew—3/24/2024—9:15 am

Crossroads & KFC

St. Matthew—3/27/2024—6:30 pm Good Friday Practice
 St. Matthew—3/29/2024—7:00 pm Good Friday Presentation

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 30 & 31

4:30 pm—Altar Servers: David & John West; **Communion Ministers:** D. Winter, L. Wilbur; **Lector:** P. Rodman; **Sacristans:** L&D Wilbur

8:30 am—Altar Servers: M&J Dobbertin; **Communion Ministers:** H. Hawes, C. Andres; **Lector:** S. Brown; **Greeter/Ushers:** J&A Parshall, B. Missell; **Sacristan:** H. Hawes ; **Live Stream:** C. Andres; **Announcer:** D. Hawes

10:30 am—Altar Server: C. Corridi; **Communion Ministers:** B. Woodruff, J. Kahn; **Lector:** J. Kahn; **Sacristan:** B. Woodruff

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chiasm Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11)** for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Sacramental Life Together:

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call either parish office for arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew or call either parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.

Holy Orders:

If you're interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please visit ROCpriest.org.



We keep all those currently serving in our Military, as well as those who have previously served, in our prayers always.



Church Chuckle

Josh was trying to teach his puppy to walk alongside him by reading the Bible to him. When asked why, he said, "I'm using the healing power of prayer."

Palms



LAST YEAR'S PALMS

We will have baskets available at the entrances of both St. Mary's and St. Matthew Churches for last year's palms. You may drop them off anytime the church is open.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28, 2024—Holy Thursday (no 9:00 am Mass)

5:30 pm Mass—St. Matthew

March 29, 2024—Good Friday

3:00 pm Service—St. Mary's

7:00 pm St. Matthew—Youth Group Presentation

March 30, 2024—Holy Saturday (no 4:30 pm Mass)

7:30 pm Easter Vigil—St. Matthew

March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday

8:30 am Mass—St. Mary's

10:30 am Mass—St. Matthew

The Word of the Laird



With this Holy Week, we very much accompany Christ along the path of His last days.

Palm Sunday marks His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. However, the priests and Pharisees don't share the enthusiasm of the crowds. Also, the Roman leadership takes a dim view for it would appear that the crowds are trying to make Jesus their king rather than those appointed by Rome and Caesar.

In the synoptic Gospels there then follows the cleansing of the Temple. Again, this just heightens the tension between Jesus and the priesthood.

Behind the scenes, Judas is working on his project of betrayal, but Jesus is aware of his disloyalty.

Jesus then desires a final meal with the disciples. While the Gospels clearly indicate that the Passover began on Friday evening that year, there are traditions that suggested that some of the Jews anticipated the Passover celebration by one day. In this meal, Jesus clearly establishes that remembering Him will make Him present under the appearances of bread and wine, His body and blood.

With the agony in the garden, the arrest and the trials before the Sanhedrin and Pilate, the negative elements increase against Jesus.

Finally, condemned to death, it is clear that the ground is political when we have the "crowning with thorns" and the title on the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

Jesus' suffering on the cross was actually a matter of asphyxiation for He could not raise Himself up enough to relax His diaphragm. The burial follows Jewish protocol, being accomplished before sunset.

As we journey with Jesus through this week, let our hearts listen to what He tells us as our closest friend.

Thanks be to God.



Support Ministries

It takes many hands to help in the everyday work of our Faith Community.

Sharing in this work is part of belonging to the community.

Our two parishes are blessed with many who help things continue to run smoothly. This month we focus on four "Support Ministries."

Collection Counters

Both St. Mary's and St. Matthew have teams of parishioners who take on the responsibility of counting the weekly collection and special collections and preparing necessary paperwork. They usually do so on Monday mornings unless there is a Monday holiday. There are three volunteers in each team who are trained for this important task.

St. Mary's Parish Life

This 25-member team plans and executes various social activities open to the Faith Community and beyond! These range from what has become the Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner, to coordinating other special times to come together to build community.

Landscaping and Flowers

This ministry assists in the upkeep of the landscape, plantings and flowers for our churches. If you enjoy spending time outside, and adding to the beauty of our properties this ministry may be calling to you!

Monthly Coffee Hours

Each parish hosts a monthly coffee hour after the Sunday Mass. These teams not only provide morning beverages and something sweet and/or savory to eat, but also a time for fellowship and community building. We meet new friends and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Many hands make these happen!

**Please consider reaching out to one (or more!!) of these ministries.
Contact the office of St. Mary's or St. Matthew for more information.**