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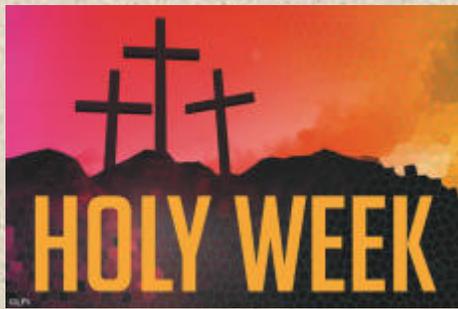
Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- Mk 11:9

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Today we begin Holy Week. It is our spiritual journey through the most sacred time of the year. Our Lenten journey is over. We walk with Jesus during the events of this week with our eyes set on Easter. Our journey through this pandemic has been, in some ways, like what the disciples experienced 2000 years ago. The uncertainty of what is coming. Not knowing when it all would end. Not knowing how it would all end. The anxiety of events and life being out of our control is unsettling. We have been on edge for the last year as we have walked this uncertain and unmarked path. It's not unlike the emotional experience of the path the disciples walked on the way to Jerusalem.

Just think of where we were one year ago when this pandemic began. Most of us thought it would end in a matter of weeks. With twenty-first century know how and American ingenuity we thought we would beat back this virus in short order. It was something from the other side of the world. It would have limited effect on us. But the road has taken many different turns over the last year leading us to places we would rather not have traveled. We have endured through difficulties and sadness that we would never have imagined.

Today we hear two Gospel stories. The first Gospel story begins our procession into church. Jesus enters into Jerusalem seemingly in triumph. People are waving palm branches in joy welcoming their king. Imagine the excitement of the disciples. This was what the journey was all about. This was why they followed their teacher to share in the glory of this moment. In the second Gospel story we see the uncertainty of life and how things can change. We hear of betrayal, denial, unfaithfulness, unimaginable suffering and death. That's not what the disciples signed up for. It's not what they expected. Never would they have imagined that this is where the path would have led them. But it is where God led them.

We have heard this story so many times that we know that it leads to Easter, new life and ends in joy. But the disciples had no foreknowledge of how it would end. They had no clue. It was only faith that helped them to hold on until the story's end and to learn the outcome. That's what happens in real life. We have journeyed through this pandemic for more than a year now. We may think we know how and when it will end but in reality we don't have a clue. But it takes faith to hold on until the end and trust that God will bring us to new life. There will be light at the end of the tunnel and, one day, we will know joy again.

So, as we make this spiritual journey through Holy Week one more time during this most unusual of times, let's put on the shoes of those fishermen. Let us walk in solidarity with their experience. And, knowing their story and how it ends, trust that God will bring this story that we are now living to the same joy-filled end. That is what Easter faith is all about. That's what it means to be a disciple of the Master.

*Fr. Petringa*



Next week's Easter collection will benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 536 active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. This year more than ever, your support is needed and appreciated. On behalf of myself and my brother priests who benefit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you.



We have reached the conclusion of our Rice Bowl Campaign. Please drop off your Rice Bowls Palm Sunday weekend. There will be baskets in the Gathering Space. You can also drop off your contributions to the office during normal business hours. It's easy to contribute online as well through our link. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and

know that these funds make real differences in people's lives throughout the world. We can be proud to be associated with Catholic Relief Services and their Rice Bowl program! Thank you!

Contribute to our CRS Rice Bowl Campaign online here:  
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# Easter Triduum



## St. Timothy Parish—Triduum 2021

*Over three days, we contemplate and celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord.*

### **Holy Thursday, April 1** **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7:00pm

Reservations required

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### **Good Friday, April 2** **Seven Last Words** **Prayer Service**

Recorded version presented online

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### **Passion Play**

Recorded version presented online

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### **Good Friday Liturgy**

7:00pm

Reservations required

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### **Holy Saturday, April 3** **Morning Prayer**

9:00am

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### **Easter Vigil**

7:00pm

Reservations required

*(Vigil will last about an hour and a half this year)*

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### **Easter Sunday, April 4** **Renewal of Baptismal Promises!**

#### **Masses:**

**8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 Noon**

Reservations required. *(Please note the change in Mass Times is for Easter only.)*

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

### Important Information and Reservations

Who would have dreamed last Easter that one year later, we would be celebrating Easter yet again under the shadow of the COVID pandemic. Clearly, our situation has improved over last year, when we could only view Easter Masses online. This year, thanks be to God, we are indeed able to gather together to celebrate the beauty of the Triduum. But we still need to stay vigilant and continue to combat the COVID virus. Therefore, we remind parishioners and visitors of the precautions we continue to take to fight against virus transmission among those who attend Masses at St. Timothy's.

- Reservations are required for **all Holy Week and Easter Masses** and are open now.
- Reservations for each Mass or service close 3 hours before the Mass begins, so please plan ahead.
- Please be considerate! If you make a reservation and then realize you cannot make that Mass, please be sure to cancel the reservation so that the space can be freed up for someone else.
- Temperatures will be scanned for each person who enters the building. Anyone with an elevated temperature (100.4 or higher) will not be admitted.
- Communion will be distributed in the hand only, not on the tongue.
- Although we are wearing masks, members of the congregation will not actually sing, as that activity can result in wider virus transmission.
- To make a reservation for any of the Masses during Holy Week or Easter, go to: <https://www.sttim.net/holy-week-and-easter-masses-2021> and click on the link that leads to the registration system. (Reminder: registration begins at 8am on March 22.) There you will be able to choose the day and time of the Mass you plan to attend.
- You may also call the office (781-769-2522) to make a reservation if you are not able to do so electronically. Please be aware, however, that the office is often not staffed on weekends, so please be sure to plan ahead. It is highly preferred that all who attend Mass make a reservation online ahead of time. Walk-ins will be accepted only on a space available basis and cannot be guaranteed.

## FAITH FORMATION

### *Our Parish is blessed to be celebrating the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation!*

We are so fortunate to work with our Faith Formation Families to prepare for these very special days!  
Let us all pray for these children and their families!

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Following all safety guidelines, First Reconciliation will take place on five Saturday afternoons 1pm-2pm, February 27 thru March 27 with the children and their parents coming to the church in ten-minute intervals.



#### CELEBRATION of FIRST EUCHARIST



**We have 81 children celebrating their First Communion this year!**

Four families will join us for First Communion at each of the scheduled 4:30 Saturday and 11:00 Sunday Masses on all the weekends of May and June.

#### CONFIRMATION

**We have 72 young adults celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this year!**

Bishop Robert Reed, our Regional Bishop, has kindly given Fr. Petringa delegation to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our St Timothy Confirmation II students. The celebrations of Confirmation will not be a Mass, but a prayer service and reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. This has been the recommendation of the Archdiocese of Boston to maintain safety guidelines and offer an opportunity to gather more of our Confirmation students and their families.



Our Confirmation Ceremonies will take place on: **Friday, April 9 at 7pm; Saturday, April 10 at 2pm and Sunday, April 11 at 2pm**

#### Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday).

#### Financial Statement

##### Weekend of March 19/20

Offertory Collection: \$6,521

Online Giving: \$395

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*Thank you so much for your generosity and support!*

#### 2020 Contribution Statements

Please call the office at 781-769-2522 or email us at [sttim@sttim.net](mailto:sttim@sttim.net) if you need a contribution statement of donations made to St. Timothy Parish for year end 2020.



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AND CHARITY  
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ESSENTIAL IN THE  
CHRISTIAN LIFE:  
THEY ARE THE WAY  
TO HOLINESS.”

Pope Francis

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

9:00am Robert & Therese Doherty, *Memorial*  
4:30pm Edna Needham, *5th Anniversary*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

PALM SUNDAY

8:00am Robert Lazzaro, *1st Anniversary* and  
Mary Lazzaro, *Birthday Memorial*  
11:00am Karen Latimer, *1st Anniversary*

### MONDAY, MARCH 29

*(No daily Mass)*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

*(No daily Mass)*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

*(No daily Mass)*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

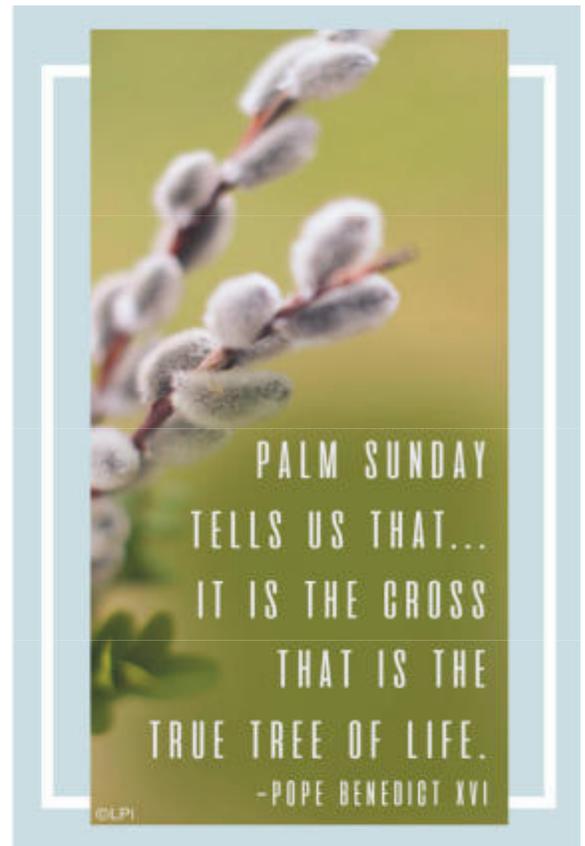
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HOLY SATURDAY

### SUNDAY, APRIL 4

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*Please pray for Gerard E. Sutherland and Michael C. Fitzpatrick  
whose funerals were recently celebrated at our parish.*



## Good Friday Seven Last Words Prayer Service, Online on April 2

Each year at 9am on Good Friday, St. Timothy parish offers a wonderful prayer service, led by lay people, and reflecting on the last words that Christ spoke from the cross. Gathered from the four Gospels, and taken together, these phrases allow us to reflect more fully and more deeply on the meaning of Christ's Passion. During this prayer service, seven lay people each share one reflection that they have written in response to one of these phrases that Jesus spoke from the cross, providing a moving witness of faith to our parish. The service includes reflective music and hymns in between the reflections as well.

This year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year that St. Timothy's will have offered this meaningful prayer service, and over the course of these 16 years, over 100 different people have been generous enough to share their personal insights and faith with us. The participants spend much of the Lenten season reflecting on their particular passage and preparing their brief reflections, so we ask you to keep them in your prayers as they complete this journey this Lent.

This year's service is going to be pre-recorded and made available online at 9am on Good Friday morning. You will be able to access that prayer service beginning at 9am on Good Friday morning, on our website at [www.sttim.net](http://www.sttim.net). Then click the "Home" button and you will see the link to the Seven Last Words Prayer Service in the left hand column.

We invite you to join us this year as the following people offer reflections on the Seven Last Words: **Andrew and Nancy Bacevich (doing a shared reflection as a married couple), Sarah Begg, Mike Fitzgerald, John Guerini, Joan Hurwitz, Brian London and Molly Polansky**. We are sure that you will find this prayer service a very fitting way to begin your observance of Good Friday. Please join us!

## St. Tim's Book Group

Our St. Timothy Book Group met recently on Zoom to discuss the book *The Francis Effect* by John Gehring. The book elaborates on Francis' papacy and examines in particular how his spirituality diverges from both of his predecessors (Benedict XVI and John-Paul II) and impacts his focus and perspective as Pope. The book is not a casual read. It is more of a historical analysis of movements within the Catholic Church and how Francis' pontificate is shaping a new image of the church as servant leaders. As a group we enjoyed most the images of Francis living out his spirituality through his own actions. We gained a deeper appreciation of how Pope Francis is living a Christ-like life amidst the trappings of the Vatican and the papacy. His authenticity shines through and is inspiring. Our next Book Group meeting is scheduled for April 25.

Our St. Timothy Book Group meets just once a month, on the last Monday of the month, from 7pm-8:30pm, virtually, through a Zoom meeting. All parishioners are invited to attend from the comfort of your own home (or office, or back yard – wherever you have a Wi-Fi connection!) Simply send an e-mail to Colleen Campion ([CNCampion@yahoo.com](mailto:CNCampion@yahoo.com)) or call the office, and we will add you to our list to send you the invite to the meeting. Attendance is always on a drop-in basis and new attendees are always welcome!

On **Monday, April 25th**, we will discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. All are welcome to join us!



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Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, one of the most significant moments of the Church year. During this week, we journey with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends and ultimately to his death on the cross.

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters we encounter Christ, Christ who continues to walk that long road to Calvary.

This final week of Lent is a time, too, to reflect on those words of St. Paul to the Philippians. Jesus emptied himself for us; how might we empty ourselves for others? Our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving have prepared us to wrestle with this question.

We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter; the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

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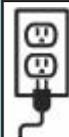
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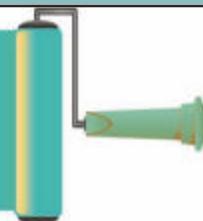
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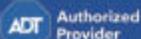
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