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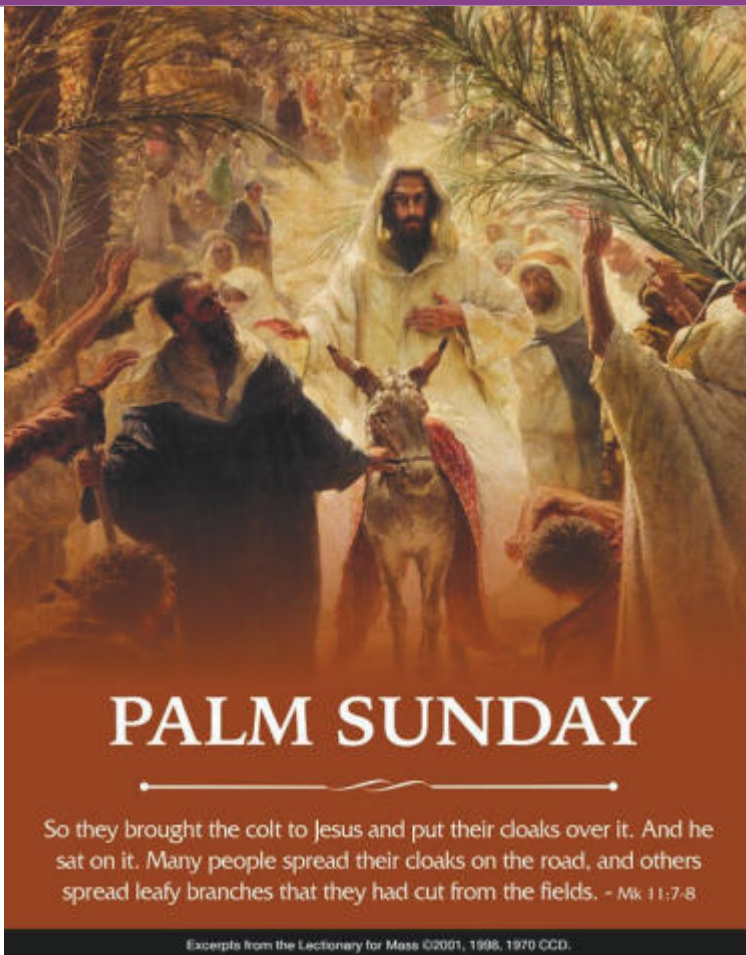
Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ-Pastor

Established December 31, 1906



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 28, 2021



PALM SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Active parish membership is both necessary and helpful to all involved when seeking sponsorship certificates, Marriage or Baptism preparations. Please call the rectory at 610.432.0034 or email stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com to register or to report address or phone number changes.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the requested wedding date in order to make proper arrangements for the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM: Parents please email the Rectory Office at stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com 3-4 months prior to expected birth of your child to register for the Baptism and Baptism Prep Class.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please have someone notify the Rectory when you or a family member is hospitalized.

PAST PASTORS:

Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel

Rev. Dominik P. Kalata

Very Rev. Dr. Robert B. Kosek, C.R.S.P. (Barnabite)

Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday -9:00AM—2:00PM

Office Closed - Saturday, Sunday, Holy Day and Holidays

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN:

Please visit website at www.allentowndioocese.org/

Please read St. John's current and past bulletins online by just logging on to: WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

To speak directly to the V.A. Coordinator please call:

DIRECT LINE ~ 1-800-791-9209

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Ms. Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 28, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday
9:00AM ~ Birthday Blessings for **Jenica Chateau**
By Labram Family

Monday, March 29, 2021
8:00AM + **Mildred Soha** *by Teresa Neupauer*

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
8:00AM + **Theresa Wittman** *by Rose Mrazik*

Wednesday, March 31, 2021
8:00AM ~ **Living and Deceased Parishioners**
7:00PM ~ **Reconciliation Service**

Thursday, April 1, 2021 ~ Holy Thursday
NO AM MASS ~
7:00PM ~ **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Friday, April 2, 2021
NO AM MASS
3:00 ~ **Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord**

Saturday, April 3, 2021
11:00AM ~ **Blessing of Easter Baskets**
8:00PM ~ **Easter Vigil Service**

Sunday, April 4, 2021 ~ Easter Sunday
9:00AM ~ Health & Blessings for **Michelle Granberg** *by Parents*

SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS

\$5 for +**Mary Panik** *by husband, Stephen Panik*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Family of St. John the Baptist Catholic Community called by God and redeemed by Jesus Christ to be holy through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments; to be faithful through Prayer, Scripture and Worship; to be Ministers and Witnesses with our Time, Talent, and Treasure; seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things as we move forward on our journey to Eternity."

DO NOT FORGET TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING OF THE PARISH
Especially those in the hospitals and nursing facilities. Also, for those confined to their homes with an illness or disability.

MASS SCHEDULES: -

8: 00AM ~ Daily (Monday to Friday)
4:00PM ~ Saturday
9:00 AM ~ Sunday
Vigil 7:00PM & Noon— Holy Days of Obligation

CONFESSIONS:

Before 8:00AM Mass ~ Monday to Friday or
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM

Kolbe Academy, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem is an Allentown Diocese high school serving teens in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions. They are hosting Open House on April 21 from 5-7PM. All are welcome to visit during this time. Come and see what Kolbe Academy offers its students and the community. Please note that due to COVID-19, masks must be worn. Visitors will be asked to use hand sanitizer, complete a brief health survey and have their temperatures taken upon entry.

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 1-800-276-1562

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: *Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ*
SECRETARY: *Mrs. Pat Noga*
HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: *Mrs. Loretta A. Dashner and Mrs. Lisa Capece*
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: *Miss Amy Zvitkovitz*
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: *Mr. William Drost*
DATA ENTRY COORDINATOR: *Mr. Ray Fernandez*
WELCOMING MINISTRY: *Mrs. Pat Noga*
SEXTON: *Judith Smith*
LECTOR COORDINATOR & SAFE
ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR: *Mrs. Michele Mrazik Grasso*

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TO OUR CELEBRATION



While Communion may only be received by prepared Catholics, our non-Catholic guests are welcome to receive a blessing from the priest or deacon during Communion. Join the Communion line with your arms crossed over your chest to receive your blessing. **GOD BLESS!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

A REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION	March 21, 2021	July 1, 2020 to Date
	\$2,275	\$103,690

Lottery Calendar Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners:

- March 15 - Unsold Ticket
- March 16 - Darla Bowers
- March 17 - Unsold Ticket
- March 18 - Unsold Ticket
- March 19 - Unsold Ticket
- March 20 - Unsold Ticket

Reflection on the Gospel

The unnamed woman's anointing of Jesus might seem a little thing, but it is the most any of us



can do: she recognizes Jesus, and gives all she has for him, not understanding completely that her actions helped to prepare the King, first for his death and then for his triumph, but knowing somehow that he is the Messiah. We, too, are called to recognize Jesus the Messiah in faith, not simply as a conquering hero but as a

servant willing to give himself up to death for us.

-Living Liturgy, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 2021

Food Drive for Chew Street Soup Kitchen

Don't forget to bring your non-perishables, unopened items for the food drive. Place items in boxes in the vestibule. Food will be delivered on April 17th.

PARISH EVENTS/UPDATES

April 13 - Auxiliary Meeting - 7PM

April 15 - Knitting & Crochet Group 11AM-1PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Chrism Mass - Held at St. Catherine of Siena at 10:30AM. Closed to public but streamed on Diocesan social media outlets. Check Allentown Diocese website at www.allentowndiocese.org for viewing information.

Holy Thursday - Mass of Lord's Supper will be held at **7:00PM**.

Good Friday - Adoration of the Cross at **3:00PM** during the Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord.

Holy Saturday - Traditional Blessing of the Easter Baskets starting at **11:00AM**

Solemn Easter Vigil - celebrated at **8:00PM**.

Easter Sunday - Mass celebrated at **9:00AM**

For both the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Mass, parishioners will renew their Baptismal Promises.

Holy Water will be blessed separately in small bottles for individuals to take home after Mass.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
April 1, 2021 - 7PM	Loretta Dashner	Rose Mrazik	
April 2, 2021 - 3PM	MaryJo Rosenberber Lisa Capece	Leon Sostak	
April 3, 2021- 8PM	Michele Grasso Jim Talianek	Rose Mrazik	
April 4, 2021	Andrea Hajducko	Ed Marth	

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