



PALM SUNDAY

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

United Catholic Community
Sacred Heart, St. Andrew, & St. Paul
March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday

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ALL DAILY MASSES (private): 8:00AM , M, W, T, F

Are available to watch on YouTube at

Parish Partnership Information

PRAYER LINE Please call with your request:

Debbie at 504-0294 (SH)

Jeannie at 866-3235 (SH)

Dody at 459-6428 (SA)

Weekend Mass and Confession Times

Saturday Confessions at 3:30PM at St. Paul

Saturday Mass at 4:30PM at St. Paul

SUNDAY: 9:00AM Mass at Sacred Heart

And 11:00AM Mass at St. Andrew

Rosary led by Ladies Guild before this Mass beginning at 10:40. All are welcome to join!

Confessions are available after the 9 & 11AM Masses by request. OR call Fr. Mark at the rectory to make an appointment.



Monday, March 29

Rosemary Flatley– Roseanna DeNiro

Tuesday, March 30- no mass

Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00 Mass of Our Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart

Good Friday, April 2

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

2:00 Celebration of Our Lord's Passion at St. Andrew

7:00 Tenebrae at Sacred Heart

Holy Saturday, April 3

8:30 Easter Vigil at St. Paul

Easter Sunday, April 4

Carmine Camillo– Sylvia Vitale and Family
Mass for the People

Bread & Wine Memorial
(SH) In memory of Petruso and
Cooper Families–

Sam, Betty, & Family



Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

Alice Kowalski, sister of Mary Grace Lewis

May Your light shine upon her and may she rest in peace. Amen

HOSANNA
BLESSED IS HE WHO
COMES IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD



Find parish news, daily inspirations, and resources on our parish Facebook page. Our Facebook page is no longer found as "Sacred Heart," but is now under "United Catholic Community" and the weblink is

<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedCatholicCommunity>.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

SECOND READING:

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

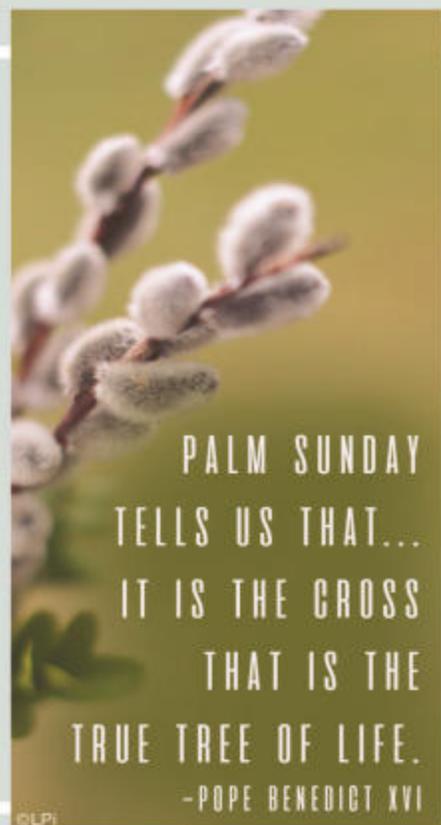
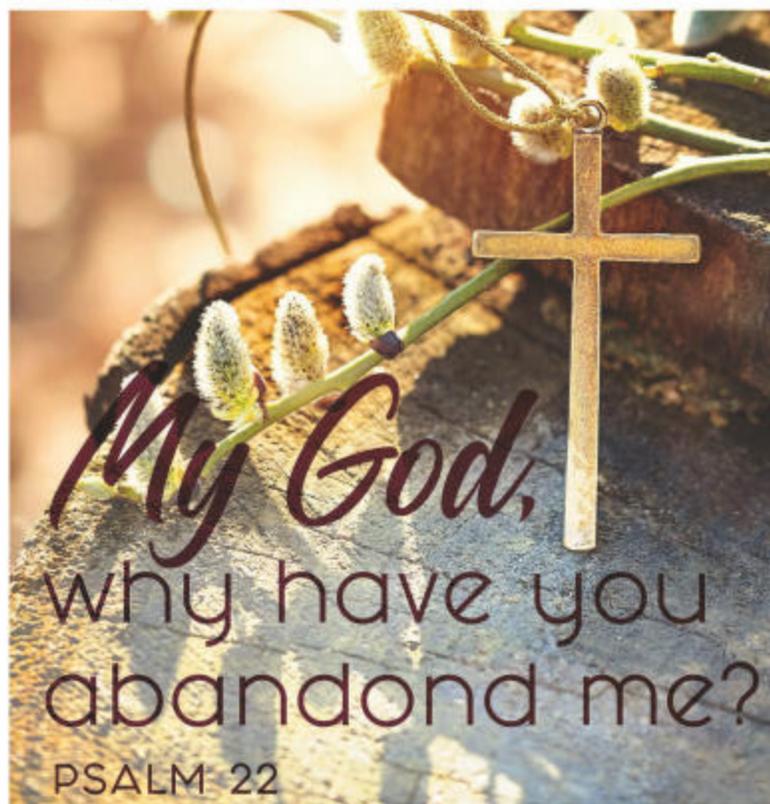
GOSPEL:

They clothed him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting
upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins
Thursday: Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day
Friday: Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah reflects on his obedience to God's call regardless of personal suffering that he endured. Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help frame your suffering?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Jesus' humility as central to his divine identity. What does this teach us about God's nature?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. What parts of the passion narrative are you drawn to?

Holy Week-MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY— 7PM at Sacred Heart
LECTOR: Joyce Sral

GOOD FRIDAY— 2PM at St. Andrew's
LECTORS: Brian & Michael Stark

SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL— 8:30PM at St. Paul's

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

9:00 AM at Sacred Heart LECTOR: Chuck Priestap

11:00 AM at St. Andrew LECTOR: Tom Sansone

USHERS: John Skrzypczak, Bill Haggerty, James Strazisar

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Arrington & Chadwick



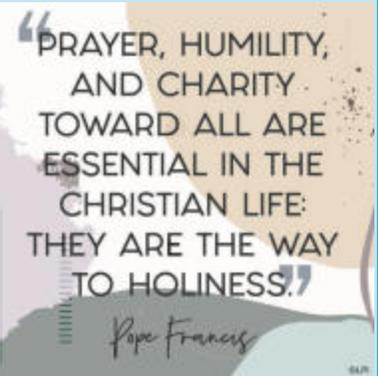
The Bag Mat Ministry

has been active behind the pandemic scene. We have delivered all but two of our Bag Mats to the needy at the **Erie City Mission**. And, we are significantly low in all health and beauty care items (we still have numerous toothbrushes). We are out of new socks, new underwear, new and nearly new gently used clothing and outerwear (including children sizes and XL-adult sizes). We appreciate any items you can generously share with the less fortunate. We will be collecting items in a bin at the Holy Family statue at Sacred Heart Church on **April 4th**. Thanks in advance for helping those that need our love and support!!



Feeding the Hungry

The Feed the Hungry ministry has been operating for a number of years now. We have sought as a faith community to not just care about those in need but to act when there is a need. Thank you, parishioners, for making a profound difference. Thank you for being Jesus (with skin on) for those who are walking a very difficult road in life. This ministry will continue until there is a time where we can say there is no longer food insecurity in this country and in our Erie community. The hungry we feed miss those days when we offered a sit-down meal in community in the warmth of St. Paul's auditorium. We do not know when we will welcome a return to the pre-pandemic days when we baked desserts and donated chili, lasagna, and canned vegetables to the Monday meals. This ministry currently relies on monetary donations to feed those who are hungry. Food insecurity and many needs facing our community and neighbors will require our continued efforts. If you would like to contribute financially to these efforts, you may send your contribution to Sacred Heart Church and designate that it is for the Feed the Hungry account on the envelope and/or the memo line of the check. We will continue to financially support the Monday meal and any other agency that needs assistance with these funds.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Sacred Heart : Every Tues
9-10AM

St. Andrew: Every other Tues
March 30, April 13 & 27:
1 to 4 PM

St. Paul : Every Tuesday
9:30 to 10:30 in Center

St. Andrew Thirty-One Club

Daily listing Sunday to Saturday:

Mar 28—Ros Cromer, **Mar 29**—Dody Tully & Nina Siggia,

Mar 30— Bill Haggerty, **Mar 31**— Mary May,

April 1— Wayne Johnson, **April 2**— Andrew Campbell,

April 3— Dolores Campbell, Marie & Craig Frisina

Special thanks to the members of the 31 Club who agree to go to Mass and/or offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. Pray for vocations.



HELP NEEDED to plan a celebration for the 150th Anniversary of St Andrew Church in July. Contact Carol (455-5853).

St. Mark Seminary CASH RAFFLE!

The annual St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party was interrupted last year due to COVID-19. To avoid another year without the needed fundraising for our seminarians, the people of the Diocese of Erie are asked to support this fundraiser. There will be a raffle of three cash prizes (one \$250 award, one \$500 award and the grand prize of \$1,000). A donation of \$25 will be your chance to win. You will receive an additional chance for every additional \$25 donated. No tickets will be issued. Your check is your entry. A live drawing will be held on the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Facebook page on April 15 at 7 p.m. Enter by mail before April 5, 2021, by mailing your donation to: St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, c/o Marjorie Adamus, 3414 Eliot Road, Erie, PA 16508. Please include your phone number or email so we can notify you if you win!



In our efforts to feed our neighbor, is it possible we met Jesus?

He came to the auditorium entrance for the Monday meal in the back of an open pick-up truck that was filled with garbage bags. It must have been his ride. It was 16 degrees out. He exited the

truck and because he looked so hungry, he was given 2 hot meals. Current Neighborhood Network rules do not allow those receiving a meal to enter the building. He sat outside on the steps of the auditorium to eat the meal shaking because of the temperature. He ate both meals along with a cup of hot coffee as he sat there shivering. He simply said "Thank you."

United Catholic Community
Outreach Ministry
Tom Hudson 864-1615



Sacrificial Giving
Thank you for your generous support of our
Tri-Parish Community!

March 14, 2021	Offertory	Weekly Expenses
Sacred Heart	\$3,215.50	\$6,888.00
St. Andrew	\$3,617.00	\$6,691.00
St. Paul	\$1,290.32	\$3,281.00

Catholic Services Appeal UPDATE

HOW TO GIVE: Please pledge your support through your parish. Call or visit your parish office for more information. Thank you for prayerfully and joyfully supporting this work.



As on 3/14/2021	Pledged	Paid	GOAL	Family Participation
Sacred Heart	\$56,310	\$24,810	\$48,508	120/548 (22%)
St. Andrew	\$37,708	\$19,394	\$48,972	55/326 (17%)
St. Paul	\$16,050	\$12,545	\$14,186	39/192 (20%)

Thank You!



Holy Saturday-Blessing of Easter Foods

Deacon Ralph Dececco will be Blessing Easter Foods this Saturday, April 3, at St. Andrew's Church at 12:00 noon. All are welcome!

The Knights of Columbus,
St. Andrew Council



is looking for men of the parish to join our Council. We are in need of men to assist with parish activities, and especially the 150th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Parish, this coming summer. If you are willing to participate please call our Grand Knight – Tom Klemm – 814-323-5222; Pat Nenno – 814-812-4238; Tim Sexauer – 720-775-9986; or any Knight you are aware of.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-
Sacred Heart Council #11818

Calling all Catholic Gentlemen, live your Catholic Faith. Become a Brother Knight and put your faith into action!

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Catholic Relief Services 'RICE BOWL':
Palm Sunday-The Passion

The story of the anointing of Jesus is one of the few stories that appears in all four Gospels. As people begin to grumble about the cost and the waste of perfume, Jesus responds: "You always have the poor with you and any time you want to, you can do something good for them."

As we continue in our CRS Rice Bowl journey, let us remember in **prayer** that we are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our own community, and in communities around the world. May our **fasting** keep us mindful that *we are* our brothers' and sisters' keepers. Money that you have saved throughout the season of Lent in your Rice Bowl may be turned in to the regular collection basket next week or the rectory (in an envelope clearly marked for CRS Rice Bowl). It would be helpful if you converted the change into bills or write out a check to the parish. We will make sure that it is forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for participating.

Holy Week Website & Resources

We are mindful that many of our families are not yet comfortable returning to Mass in-person. However, our homebound households are still valued members of our parish community. We look forward to celebrating Mass in-person whenever it is safe to return. In the meantime, United Catholic Community wants to support the faith lives of *all* our parishioners during this sacred time. Starting on Palm Sunday, the diocesan Office of Faith Formation will be sharing a slate of prayers, video reflections, and family activities for Holy Week at the website listed below. These activities are designed particularly with the needs of homebound families in mind, but are open to everyone. The website will include prayer resources relevant to all ages, including people who live alone and young families. Have a blessed Holy Week.

<https://www.eriercd.org/holyweekathome.html>

IF you do not use the internet but would like a packet of resources, copies are available at the entrances of the church. OR please contact the parish office, 456-6256, and you may pick one up or we will mail you a hard copy.

Our Parish staff wishes you a blessed Holy Week!

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children from our United Catholic Community who recently celebrated First Reconciliation. May they always know of God's great love for them.

Jacob Bakka, Charlotte Goss,
 Henry Flaherty,
 Claire Gnacinski,
 Richard Hilsinger III, Joseph Kaliszewski, Ryleigh Rios, and Evan Vieira

DEACON DABBLINGS...

I Love a Parade!

Who doesn't love a parade?

In their book, *The Last Week*, about Jesus' final week in Jerusalem, Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan describe two very different parades into Jerusalem on a Sunday some 2000 years ago. Jesus came into the city from the East, and Pontius Pilate came from the West. Of course, we don't know for sure that these two parades happened at the same time but for now, let's imagine that they did. Pilate arrived in the city with a cavalry on horses, leather armor, helmets, weapons and banners. It was a display of Roman power. Jesus' parade was quite different. Coming down from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, He rode on a donkey. There was no military might backing Him up, no, just a rag tag bunch of peasants throwing their cloaks on the road calling out Hosanna in the highest.

Think of yourself as being one of the bystanders who came to watch a parade, much like going down to 12th Street to watch the annual 4th of July parade. You were at the West gate and watched Pilate come in with all the pomp and pageantry you can imagine. But then you hear about another parade on the other side of town, a parade unlike the one you just witnessed. So you quickly head to the other side of town where you see a man on a donkey, sitting on some shabby cloaks. You notice some palm branches on the ground and in the hands of the people who are shouting, "Hosanna!" You ask the guy next to you, "Where did he come from?" The man shrugs his shoulders and responds; they say he is a king.

So you compare the two parades and wonder, "How can this King on a donkey stand a chance against the Roman cavalry? Two processions entered the city which procession do we want to be in? The power displayed in Pilate's parade is tempting. Who doesn't want to back a winner? But then again, the simplicity of the donkey parade is admirable, but the fact that that parade continues on to Calvary is not quite as tempting. Which procession do I want to be in? What kind of King is He?

He's the kind of King who took bread, broke it and said, "Take this and eat it for this is my body, given for you. In the same way he took the cup, saying, Take this cup and drink from it for this is the cup of my blood, the new covenant shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." He's the kind of King who saved others, but would not save himself. He's the kind of King who prayed, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." Two parades on a Sunday, many years ago. But these two parades keep on going: the pomp and pageantry and imperial power displayed in Pilate's parade, and the passion and divine power on display in Jesus' parade, as he rides toward the cross of Good Friday. Which parade do we want to be in? Now that's a good question!

Peace of Christ,

Deacon Tony

P. S. Don't forget to send in an answer to the riddle: What is greater than God, More evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die for a chance to win two tickets for the annual Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner. E-mail alleruzzo5712@gmail.com or drop your answer in the basket by May 2nd.



NO ADORATION THIS WEEK due to Holy Week. Please join us for our Holy Week Services. Adoration will return First Friday, May 7, 2021. See you there!

May 16, 2021-Save the Date

The 68th Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Sacred Heart
It's a Drive-Thru * 50-50s On Sale NOW *
Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more info!



The Chosen Season 2 is Here!!

The hugely successful online TV series *The Chosen* – based on the gospel accounts of Jesus Christ – has announced that Episode 1 of Season 2 is going to be released on Easter Sunday.

The first season depicted some of Jesus's first miracles and public teaching. The second season is set to focus on the disciples' relationships, as well as depicting how the everyday and eternal impact of Jesus develops.

For now, watch *The Chosen* on the free app: <https://thechosen.tv/app>.



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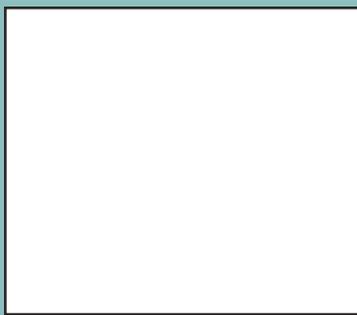
Spring Donations wanted!

Great time for Spring cleaning and getting unused items out of the house. Habitat for Humanity is now **accepting building materials, cabinets, doors, vanities, toilets, tools, home décor, etc..** The first drop off of the year is **Saturday, April 3rd 9am-12pm, 4922 Pittsburgh Ave.**



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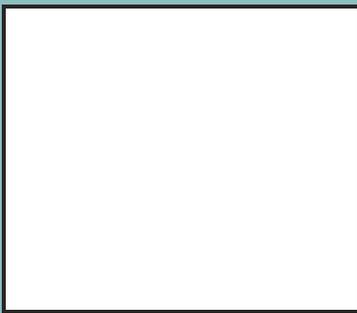
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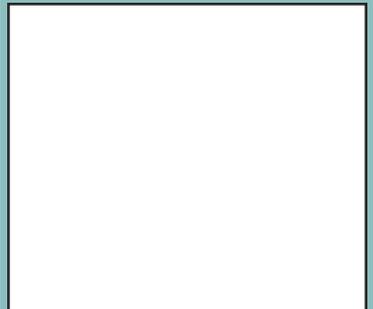
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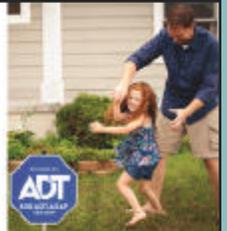
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