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Evangelion

(Evan-JEL-yon, Greek, "the good news")



HE is HERE! | March 28, 2021 | PALM SUNDAY

"Christ's Entrance to Jerusalem," by Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin, 1842-8

PALM SUNDAY + MARCH 28, 2021

PROCESSIONAL—"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(R.) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel, And David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

The company of angels are praising you on high; and mortals, joined with all things created, make reply.

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FIRST READING—Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

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.

RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him." (R.)

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. (R.)

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. (R.)

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" (R.)

SECOND READING—Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Please participate by reciting the words in bold print.

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said, **"Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."**

When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant. **"Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."** They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, **"Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"** He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be." Then Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." But he vehemently replied, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes

open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging, "**We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'**" Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "**Prophecy!**" And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "**You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus.**" But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "**This man is one of them.**" Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more, "**Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean.**" He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept.

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "**Crucify him.**" Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "**Crucify him.**" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. 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. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull —, They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him shaking their heads and saying, **"Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."** Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."** Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, **"Look, he is calling Elijah."** One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.

RECESSIONAL—"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; all kingdoms of the earth resound in praise of him alone. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy risen King for all eternity.



the VICTORY

One thing I missed in “Corona Time” was Heinz Field waving the yellow towels cheering on our Steelers as they took the field... I would like to think this was a factor in our loss to the Cleveland Brownies in the playoffs. There are a lot of losses we experienced in these past 12 months. I do not want to superficially brush over them but instead invite us during this Holy Week to feel the pain of the losses and rather than bury or ignore them... bring these heartfelt defeats to the victorious heart of Christ.

April 2020 was my dear Grandmother’s 95th birthday. Over 200 of us were going to celebrate with her in Naples, Florida. Corona cloud came upon us and she kept us from singing “Happy Birthday,” enjoying giving her a hug, and laughing with her in person. We did the “Zoom thing” and YouTube Mass, etc... but it is just not the same as eating her favorite meal and sharing her birthday cake. The loss and pain of not being with Grandma was tough to absorb. Until recently, I did not know what to do with such splinters received during “Corona Time.”

Holy Week, and specifically Palm Sunday, are about Jesus’ triumphal taking the field of our losses, to win the victory of freedom over slavery to “Corona Time” quarantining and mask wearing. Jesus is outside of time but was in time when he rode onto the field of play on an afternoon in Jerusalem roughly 2,000 years ago. But since he is God, what he did then is relevant now. Namely, as we wave our biblical *Terrible Towels*—the blessed palms—we can wave them to cheer Jesus on as he wins the victory over our painful “Corona Time” losses. The waving of the palm, like the waving of the *Towel*, really does little toward scoring a touchdown or saving a soul for heaven. All Jesus needs us to do is be present to the apparent loss, and give him the wave to take it. Freely cheering Jesus to win our game of Corona disappointments—such as offering up sins in Confession, or prayers for a loved one, or simply crying out to Jesus in pain in the face of apparent defeat—can open up our hearts to feel the victory of the triumphant Christ!

The victory Christ won for me in the face of losing out on my Grandmother’s birthday is seeing her now celebrate her 96th birthday. This time I will be able to concelebrate with my cousin, Father Chris Donley, and offer my Grandma Jesus’ ultimate victory over *Covid-19* with the heavenly Eucharist: the Body of Christ.

So, as you hold and wave your palm at Mass and eventually even place it in a special spot (maybe near your *Terrible Towel*), let it be a reminder that our worst losses this year, united to the Eucharistic Victory of Jesus Christ, are ultimately triumphal steps toward heaven!



THE MIND OF CHRIST

Our second reading today may well have been an early Church hymn celebrating Jesus' incarnation, humiliation, and exaltation. In other words, it is perfect for Palm Sunday. The verse immediately before this reading begins sets the scene for us: "Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus" (*Philippians 2:5*). This reading is a hymn about how we should put on the mind of Christ, his worldview. So how do we do that?

Jesus "was in the form of God" (v. 6). He was God himself. He deserved certain things, should rightly expect people to treat him a certain way. And yet he did not grasp at what was rightfully his. How many times do I grasp at things that I think are mine by rights? I often demand my rights! But Jesus did not do this. Instead, he set aside his rights for our sake.

Jesus "emptied himself" (v. 7). Jesus did not set aside his divinity, but he restricted his use of certain divine abilities during his earthly life and accepted certain restrictions of being human. You could say that Jesus' entire earthly life was Lent. Think of all that he gave up, not for forty days, but for his lifetime! Jesus embraced the full human experience. He was not some sort of demigod, somewhere between humanity and divinity. He was fully both. Sure, Jesus did perform miracles as a sign of his divinity, but even those he often made contingent upon human faith (see *Matthew 13:58*).

Jesus became "obedient to the point of death" (v. 8), a statement that echoes last week's second reading: "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered" (*Hebrews 5:8*). Whereas Adam was disobedient to the point of introducing death to the world, whereas Adam grasped at being like God without God's help, Jesus accepted limitation and was obedient to death. And not just any death. He accepted one of the worst forms of capital punishment that humanity has devised.

While Adam's sin resulted in a curse for all of us, Jesus' obedience resulted in his glorification! Jesus never set aside his humanity, and so when he was glorified, his human nature was glorified as well. A similar glory awaits you and me, if we can have this mind of Jesus, if we can take on his worldview and be "transformed in the renewal of your mind" (*Romans 12:2*). Let us empty ourselves and take on the mind and heart of Jesus. 

THE CATECHIST COLUMN

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Christ-centered conversations with Padre Jay

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 *The Great Grouping*
HOLY WEEK

7-9PM CONFESSIONS in the Multi-Purpose Room: Monday, March 29 • Tuesday, March 30 • Wednesday, March 31

HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 1

7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Confessions in the main church immediately following
Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 2

1PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
7:30PM Tenebrae

EASTER VIGIL
SATURDAY, APRIL 3

NOON Blessing of the Baskets
8:30PM Mass

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4

7:30, 9, & 11AM Mass
(no 7PM Mass)

ADORATION SUSPENDED 8PM Wednesday, March 31. RESUMES 8AM Monday, April 5





Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously**
 God, the Father of Heaven, **have mercy**
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy**
 God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy**
 Holy Trinity, One God, **have mercy**

Holy Mary, **pray for us.**
 Saint Joseph, **pray for us.**
 Noble Offspring of David, **pray for us.**
 Light of Patriarchs, **pray for us.**
 Spouse of the Mother of God, **pray for us.**
 Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, **pray for us.**
 Foster-Father of the Son of God, **pray for us.**
 Zealous Defender of Christ, **pray for us.**
 Head of the Holy Family, **pray for us.**
 Joseph Most Just, **pray for us.**
 Joseph Most Chaste, **pray for us.**
 Joseph Most Prudent, **pray for us.**
 Joseph Most Courageous, **pray for us.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

V. He has made him lord of his household.
R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray. O God, who, in your love, have made Joseph the
 spouse of your most Holy Mother, and the foster-father of your
 Son, in heaven whom on earth we venerate as the Holy Family,
 and ever. Amen.

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Saint Joseph

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- Joseph Most Obedient, **pray for us.**
- Joseph Most Faithful, **pray for us.**
- Mirror of Patience, **pray for us.**
- Lover of Poverty, **pray for us.**
- Model of Workmen, **pray for us.**
- Glory of Domestic Life, **pray for us.**
- Guardian of Virgins, **pray for us.**
- Pillar of Families, **pray for us.**
- Comfort of the Afflicted, **pray for us.**
- Hope of the Sick, **pray for us.**
- Patron of the Dying, **pray for us.**
- Terror of Demons, **pray for us.**
- Protector of the Holy Church, **pray for us.**

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sins of the world, **Graciously hear us, O Lord.**
sins of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

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“THE GREATNESS OF SAINT JOSEPH IS THAT HE WAS THE SPOUSE OF MARY AND THE FATHER OF JESUS. IN THIS WAY, HE PLACED HIMSELF, IN THE WORDS OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ‘AT THE SERVICE OF THE ENTIRE PLAN OF SALVATION.’”

— Pope Francis



Returning home from college one Easter, I was looking forward to catching up with friends.

VISIT OUR SEVEN TABERNACLES AT:

- *Good Samaritan (Park & Pray)*
 - *Our Lady of Peace*
 - *Quigley Catholic*
- *St. John the Baptist*
- *Saints John & Paul*
 - + *Main Church*
 - + *Grotto Chapel*
 - + *Park & Pray*

My mom reminded me it was Holy Thursday and we “visit the churches.” She typically visited Christ the King, St. Veronica’s, St. Stanislaus and Holy Trinity on Holy Thursday. I never understood the meaning but I know she enjoyed the quiet prayer time and reflection. Reluctantly and respectfully, I went with her.

We started at Christ the King with Rosaries in hand. At that time, I didn’t fully understand how to pray the Rosary so mom patiently explained. In the silence and sacred space of the church, my mind and eyes wandered and discovered tiny details of the holy statues, windows, Stations and Crucifix that I never noticed before. On to the next church we walked, always silently and reverently, with the Rosary in our hands. She continued to silently pray the Rosary without ceasing, nodding to familiar faces we saw along the way. When I asked her why we visited the churches, she explained her mom was born in the town of Roccasale, Italy. Visiting the churches was a tradition she brought with her. Sometimes there were seven chapels to visit.

“Why seven?” I asked. Her mom said sometimes there were seven chapels in various European towns and each one was visited. Some say it was symbolic for the last words of Jesus. Some say it reflected on the deadly sins. She shared the stories of the sacrifices of many to build the various churches, having pride in celebrating their faith in buildings built by their labors and she masterfully interwove the story back to the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. We continued our Holy Thursday visit to the churches for several years but life went on.

I went on to a demanding career and family and my mom got older. She and my Aunt visited the churches when I wasn’t available. Eventually, it was too difficult for her to walk so she stayed home and prayed as though she was visiting the churches. The tradition and routine was lost on me until several years ago, a younger parishioner and her family were interested in starting up the visiting of seven churches. The ritual would be modified to drive to the various churches. As I participated, with Rosary in hand, the memories of being with my mom and praying on Holy Thursday came flooding back to me. I regret letting so many years pass without visiting the churches on Holy Thursday, and feeling that spiritual connection. My mind still wanders and soaks in the beautiful details of the various churches and the promise of resurrection.

FOR INFORMATION ON THIS DEVOTION, VISIT greatgrouping.org/LENT

Saints John & Paul 

Evangelion *LIVE!*

SHARING OUR STORIES

MARCH 31 *Karen Walker: Your Cannonball Moment*

What is a cannonball moment? Is it when you jump off the edge of the pool, grab your knees to your chest, and shout, "Cannonball!" before plunging into the water? Or is it when Gregory Polanco hits a long fly ball into the left field stands and Greg Brown shouts, "Clear the deck! Cannonball coming!"?

No, it's neither of those. It's a reference to the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola whose aspirations were altered on the battlefield one day by a literal cannonball moment that struck him out of the blue.

Has the trajectory of your life ever veered off the course you expected it to follow? Are you wandering down a path you never imagined you would be on? Where is God leading you?

At our final Evangelion LIVE!, we'll hear about the cannonball moments that have changed people's lives and brought them into closer relationship with our Lord. Come join us and, perhaps, you'll share your story, too!



7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

how is
GOD
working
in **YOUR**
LIFE?

SHARE YOUR STORY
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ADORATION

On Wednesday, March 31 we will repose the Blessed Sacrament in the Grotto at 8PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed until Monday, April 5 at 8AM.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

There will be overflow Masses offered in the Upper Cardinal DiNardo Center on Easter Sunday for the 9AM and 11AM Masses. In addition to the Masses in the church.

OFFICES CLOSED

The offices will be closed in our grouping on Holy Thursday, April 1, Good Friday, April 2, and Easter Monday, April 4.

BLESSING OF BASKETS

On **Saturday, April 3** the annual blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place in the **church at Noon**. Please bring your baskets full of your Easter feasts and treats.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

Our annual St. Anthony Novena will be at **Good Samaritan on Tuesdays beginning on April 13** with Mass at 6:30 PM followed by novena prayers and veneration of the St. Anthony Relic.

XLT

Join us for our next XLT on **Wednesday, April 14, 7:00-8:30PM, at Saints John & Paul** in the church. XLT is an evening of worship music led by our contemporary band, Anchor1, an uplifting message from our guest speaker, and Adoration.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Our bible study is preparing a group for consecration to Saint Joseph. There is space available for participants. Classes begin April 6. Registration ends soon. Register online greatgrouping.org/bible-study

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

Did you know there is a faithful group of people that gather **every Friday at 7PM at Good Samaritan** for Adoration, reciting the Rosary, and Mass. All are welcome to join in this beautiful evening devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary.

SEVEN TABERNACLE WALK

St. Philip Neri began the tradition of a Seven Church Walk in the mid-16th century as a devotion for Wednesday of Holy Week. In the spirit of this devotion, the Great Grouping offers the following devotion for use while visiting the seven tabernacles in our grouping. Our churches will be open **Holy Thursday, April 1, following the evening Mass until Midnight**. At each tabernacle you are invited to pause and reflect on one of Jesus' seven last words from the Cross. All material can be found at greatgrouping.org/lent

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Saints John & Paul will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in a special way this year. Please join us on **April 11 at 2:30 PM in the church** for a Divine Mercy prayer service including Eucharistic Adoration and procession, confessions, praying of the novena, and reverencing of the Divine Mercy image.

SPOUSAL LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Spousal Loss Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7PM in the lower CDC. Our next meeting is **April 6**. Anyone who has lost their spouse is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Karen Walker kwalker@greatgrouping.org.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

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(all in the Multi-Purpose Room)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Immediately following Mass of the Lord's Supper until Midnight (in the main church)

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

† Memorial Mass ‡ Mass for Spiritual & Physical Wellness

MONDAY, MARCH 29 (Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11)

9:00 AM † Mary Lou McGonigle (Praskach Family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 (Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)

7:00 AM † Bernice Spagnolo (Ross Family)

9:00 AM † Andy McNellis (Linda Carr)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 (Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Mt 26:14-25)

9:00 AM † Gemma & Massimo Feeley (Chiara Feeley)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1 (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15)

7:00 PM † Nate Trapuzzana (Family & Friends)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 (Is 52:13;53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42)

1:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3 (Gn 1:1;2:2/Ex 14:15;15:1/Is 55:1-11/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Mk 16:1-7)

8:30 PM ‡ RCIA Candidates and Team

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4 (Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9)

7:30 AM ‡ Faithful of the Great Grouping

9:00 AM † Geraldine Kruglak (Clare Giuffre)

11:00 AM ‡ Madeline Alexander's 17th Birthday (Meg Alexander)

HOLY WEEK

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 2

1:00 PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

7:30 PM Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, April 3

NOON Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

(No 7:00 PM Mass)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our parish, and for the families or friends of our parishioners.

Bradley; Brian Bart; Boyd; Bella Grace; Patrick Connolly; Fran Crawford; John Dehler; Hudson Donahue; Tom Hall; Diane Jones; Margaret; Dave Mehalik; Pierre; Ruth Sweeney

Names of the sick will be included for a four-week period—if prayers are continued to be needed following four-week period please contact the parish office at (724) 935-2104.

Even though a name is removed from the Evangelion, prayers are offered indefinitely.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 29

9:45 AM Making Music Praying Twice (MPR)
10:00 AM Mary, Help of Christians (Virtual)
7:00 PM Separated & Divorced (Virtual)

Tuesday, March 30

9:00 AM St. John Paul II Co-op (CDC)
7:00 PM RCIA (Church)

Wednesday, March 31

7:00 PM Easter Choir Rehearsal (UCDC)
7:00 PM Six Steps to Sanity (Virtual)
7:00 PM Evangelion LIVE! (Church)

Thursday, April 1

Parish Offices Closed

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)
Churches open until Midnight for Adoration and the Seven Tabernacle Walk

Friday, April 2

Parish Offices Closed

1:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church)
7:30 PM Tenebrae (Church)

Saturday, April 3

7:00 AM Catholic Men's Fellowship (MPR/Virtual)
11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Pavilion)
12:00 PM Blessing of Baskets (Church)
7:00 PM Easter Choir Practice (UCDC)
8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass (Church)
10:30 PM RCIA Reception (UCDC)

Sunday, April 4

7:30 AM Easter Mass (Church)
9:00 AM Easter Mass (Church/CDC)
10:00 AM Lectio Divina (MPR)
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9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
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6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
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9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley
4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley
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5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
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11:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
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4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Quigley

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