

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Beacon of Ambler—Where Faith and Family are One

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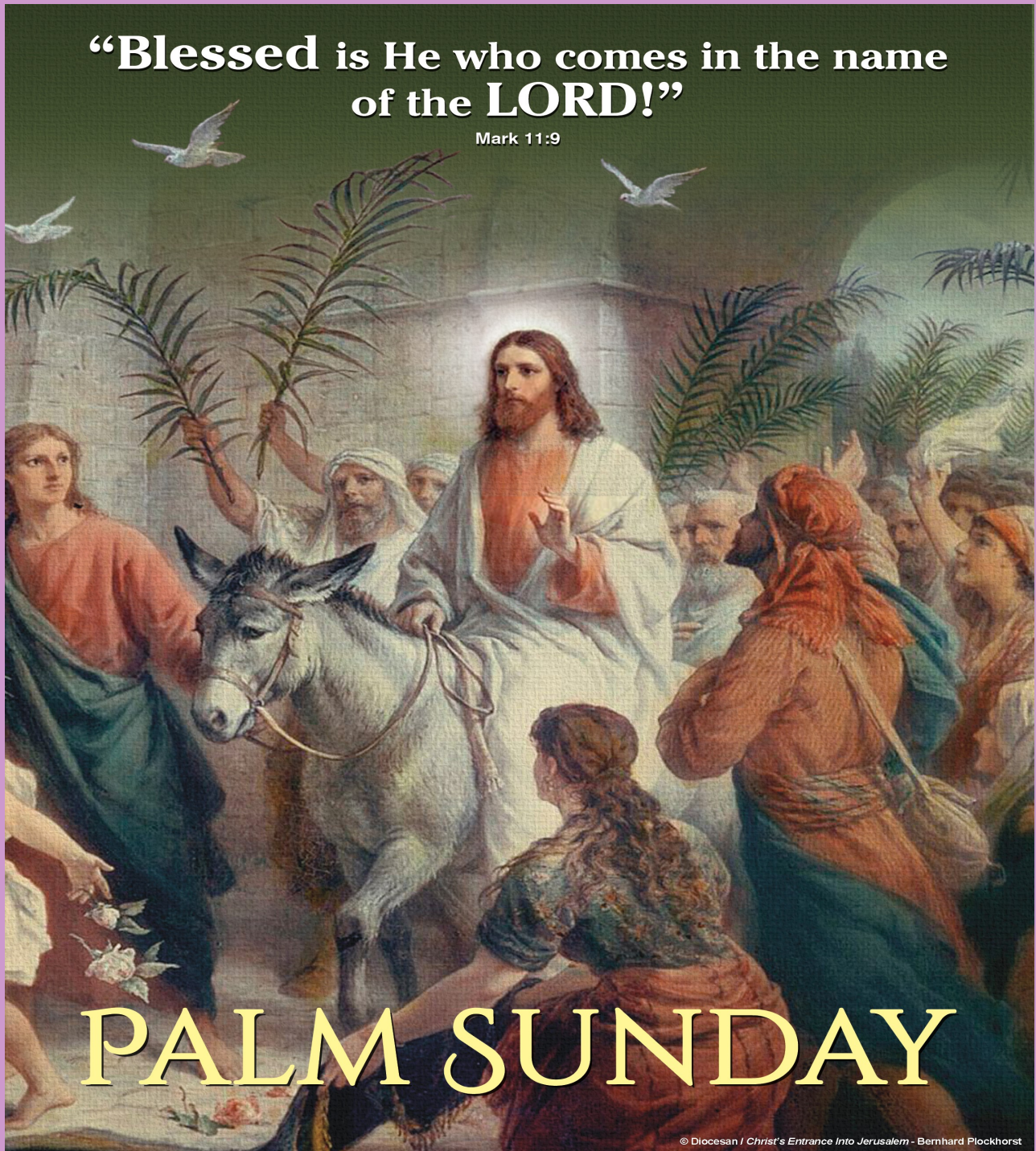
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**“Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the LORD!”**

Mark 11:9



PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE!
DAILY: MONDAYS-COMMUNION
SERVICE ONLY @ 6:30 AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAYS MASS—
6:30 AM AND 12:05 PM. Miraculous Medal
 Novena Devotion takes place every Friday at the
 6:30 AM mass and at the 12:05 Mass. The rectory
 chapel is also opened daily during business hours—
 9AM TO 4 PM (Mon.-Thurs.) for visitation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays- 3:00 PM- 3:30 PM

WEEKEND MASSES—
SATURDAY VIGIL— 4PM
SUNDAY— 9 AM AND 11 AM

HOLYDAYS— 6:30 AM AND 12:05 PM
(NO EVENING MASS)
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH— 7 pm mass

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS—
 MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM
 (Closed for lunch from 12:30PM to 1:30PM starting in January)
 FRIDAY— 9:00AM TO 12:00PM
 OFFICE IS CLOSED ON ALL HOLYDAYS/ HOLIDAYS

*All those who are in need of our prayers,
 Victor Balten, Rachel Barboni, Jimmy Cowman,
 Anthony D'Acunto, Diane Camasso, Clare
 Di Donato, Kathleen Hart, Donna McMullan lives of
 the Unborn, all who have been killed by unnecessary
 violence, people of the Ukraine, people of Israel and
 all those in our hearts.*

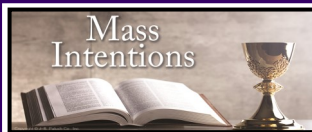
****Please continue to pray all who are ill or in need of
 prayers. Names of the sick will be removed at the end of
 the month unless notified. If you know anyone who
 would like to be on our prayer list, due to privacy issues,
they or a family member must call the rectory. Let us
 know if they can be removed from the list. It is so good to
 know that prayers are answered!**



Sunday collection:

March 17TH- \$ 2951.00
 Second coll. Church in Latin America- \$431.00
 Hispanic mass (Esquipulas) \$1,000.00
 Block Collection \$625.00

**Anyone needing their 2023 contribution
 information please contact the office by
 phone or email. Thank you!**



St. Joseph Our Patron
Pray for Us!
March 23-24
PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM Rosario Ferro **Family**

Sunday

9:00 AM Pro Populo

11:00 AM Father Eugene Tully **Gallagher family**

1:00 PM n/a

WEEKDAY

Monday COMMUNION SERVICE at 6:30 AM
 (no intentions taken)

12:05 PM Agata Chung **Marianna Yun**

Tuesday

6:30AM Charlie Cunningham family **John Strong**

12:05 PM Margaret Fitzhenry **Lou Fitzhenry**

Wednesday

6:30 AM Babe Giuliano **Theresa Pier**

12:05 PM Father Eugene Tully **Jeanette McKenna**

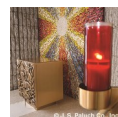
Thursday Holy Thursday

7:00 PM *Bus Pilgrimage follows the mass

Friday Good Friday

(Church will open at 9 AM for visitation/quiet prayer)

3:00 PM Service begins



Candle Memorials/Intentions
Remembering

The Sanctuary Candle
Michael Mc Kenna

The Mary Candle
Donna Mc Mullan



The St. Joseph Candle
Father Tully



Liturgical Schedule for March 30-31

Celebrants: (subject to change)

7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL
FATHER Saban

9:00 AM FATHER Saban
11:00 AM FATHER Saban

1:00 PM N/A

**TAKE THREE
 SECONDS RIGHT
 NOW AND PRAY
 FOR YOUR
 PARISH PRIESTS.**

At the Mass - Reading I **Is 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. The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

R. ***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. ***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

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. ***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

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. ***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

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. ***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

Reading II **Phil 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

(the CROWD is in bold writing— please read aloud together)

Gospel **Mk 14:1—15:47**

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.

(cont.)

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. (cont.)

NOTHING COMPARES to Being There



We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!
If you are interested in joining our wonderful Parish family, please register after any of the masses or:

- register online at stjoeambler@gmail.com
- visit our website at stjoeambler.org or
- contact the rectory office at 215-646-0494.

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.

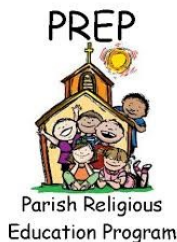
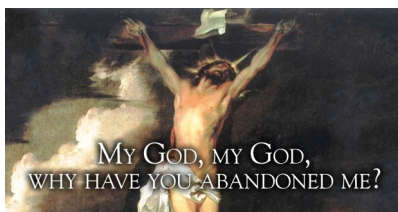
Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*



This year, our school children are participating in a Lenten One-Can Meal Drive, and we invite all of our parish family to join in. The next time you are at the grocery store, pick up a meal in a can--for example chili, beef stew or ravioli. Starting next week, bring the can to church with you and place it in one of the boxes at the doors. There will also be a box in the corridor of the school. The cans will be used to stock Archdiocesan food cupboards, which have experienced unprecedented demand in recent years. The drive starts Ash Wednesday and runs through Easter Sunday, March 31st. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity to the many hungry people in our local area!

Scripture Readings For the Week of March 24, 2024

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Chrism 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; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Good Friday

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

Saturday Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

AROUND TOWN.....

All St. Gen's Alum & Former Teachers Reunion

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 7-11pm Sandy Run Country Club
\$45 per person includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and 1 complimentary drink Cash Bar Checks made payable to "St. Genevieve Reunion" are due by March 1 (please memo class year on check) Mail to: PO Box 31, Oreland, PA 19075 Any questions, please contact Heidi Brugman White
hmw118@gmail.com

Father Judge High School Class of 1974 50 Year Reunion

Saturday, April 27th from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge
Cost is \$80 per person Please
contact khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information.

Hallahan - Class of '74 -

50th Reunion - Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 12:00 pm - Brunch at Panache - for more Details email:
HallahanClassof1974@gmail.com

Cardinal O'Hara High School is planning a 50th Reunion for the **Class of 1974**. The reunion is October 19, 2024 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico at jcaramanico56@gmail.com or 610.633.0783.

Corpus Christi Lunch & Bingo

900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale Saturday, April 6, 2024
Doors open at 9:00am, Bingo starts at noon. \$35 (Includes Lunch and Bingo) Computers available for \$40 Guaranteed Jackpot \$1000 Door Prizes, 50/50 For advanced sales and table reservations: Contact Laurie Ponticello: 610-584-5694
geraldponticello@comcast.net

St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the second annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



Experience G.F. Handel's Messiah as a modern arrangement!
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Sunday, March 24, 2024 7PM
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**Tickets: Adults \$30
Children 12 and
under \$5
online or at the door**

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MARRIED COUPLES – When was the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are April 19-21 and July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.

HELP CONTINUE OUR TRADITION
WITH OUR 17TH YEAR OF OUR HOLY
THURSDAY BUS PILGRIMAGE. WE
WILL HAVE OUR 2 BUSES (if needed)
TO VISIT OUR NEIGHBORING
CHURCHES WHILE SAYING A DECADE
OF THE ROSARY AT EACH PLACE. WE
WILL LEAVE SAINT JOSEPH'S AFTER
THE 7PM MASS. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE
ON ALL THE ENTRANCE TABLES.
CHURCH SCHEDULE TO BE
DETERMINED.

EASTER 2024 SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY-PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 23rd: Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday, March 24th: 9:00 and 11:00 AM
ADDED CONFESSIONS: Saturday, March 23rd:
2:30-3:30 PM

HOLY THURSDAY: March 28th Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM Church will be opened until 10:00 PM for visits to the Repository. Traditional bus Pilgrimage to neighboring churches will begin .

**GOOD FRIDAY: March 29th 9:00 AM Church open for visit to the Repository.
3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Jesus:
Liturgy of Word - Veneration of the Cross - Communion**

HOLY SATURDAY: March 30th NO CONFESSIONS

7:00 PM: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: March 31st Masses at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



All Prep children and their families, please be sure to attend the Holy Week liturgies and attend mass on Easter Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION ROLE OF SPONSORS



A baptismal preparation evening class is mandatory for all parents who are requesting Baptism. The class is usually provided on the **third Thursday** of each month.

Baptisms are scheduled with the

Deacon. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

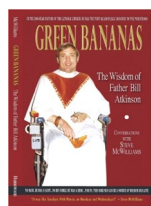
Godparent or Sponsor Requirement- You must be a **practicing Catholic**, in good standing, and **attend mass regularly**, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Eligibility Certificates for another Parish- ***We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish.**



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory or call the emergency number if after office hours.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners planning wedding dates must make an appointment to set a wedding date at least six months or more prior to that wedding date. They must also arrange for Marriage Preparation Class by contacting **www.philamarriageprep.com** or call **610-873-2017**. Saturday weddings cannot be scheduled any later than 2PM. Non-parishioner weddings are up to the Pastor's discretion. If a couple is not a member of this parish, they should request a letter of permission from their 'home' parish.



Father Bill Atkinson's Cause for Canonization: Please continue to pray for his intercession.. **For favors received or for more information, write Fr. Bill's Cause -Augustinian Provincial Offices PO Box 340- Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330 www.augustinian.org**

As you know we continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'. Father Atkinson has a beautiful story of his journey of faith and carrying his cross. Please continue to pray for Father Atkinson and all those whose lives were touched because of him.



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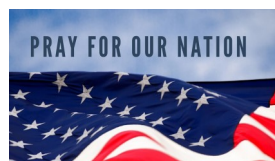
Is God calling you to 'step out of your comfort zone'?

NOW IS

THE TIME

TO ASK YOURSELF... HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED AND HELP OUR CHURCH GROW? STEP UP AND CONSIDER BEING AN USHER, LECTOR, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, ADULT SERVER, OR CHURCH SACRISTAN? SING WITH YOUR HEART AND BECOME A LEADER OF SONG.

The work is easy, but the benefits are out of this world! Please contact the rectory office if you hear the call.



Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend". May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!

Universal Prayers for Peace in the Middle East

We offer these special Universal Prayers for those affected by the violence in the Middle East: For an end to the tensions escalating in the Middle East, may they be transformed by the peace that comes from God; the peace that surpasses all human understanding, let us pray to the Lord. For those who have died in the violence in the Middle East, may they find perpetual peace and rest in the comforting arms of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. For those who are mourning the deaths of friends or family members, and those whose loved ones are missing, may God console them in their pain and grief and grant them strength, let us pray to the Lord. For all innocent people in the Middle East harmed by violence or instability, may God's grace sustain and strengthen them and keep them from harm, let us pray to the Lord. Amen.



Living God's Word Loving God, give us a new heart in these final days of Lent, a heart that carries within it your loving imprint, that we may always know your will and yield to it, even when it calls for a dying of some kind. In such dying, may we trust that you will bring forth new life.