

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

March 25, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Spring! May God's blessings fill you and your families with peace and joy this most Holy Season. As we enter Holy Week, may I encourage you to attend the special masses and services which surround the foundation of our Catholic Christian faith.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass which remembers the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. What more can we ask than to receive Jesus in Holy Communion as the source of our spiritual life. Come for the 7p.m. Mass and thank Him for the great gift He has given to us.

On Good Friday, come to Church any time between 12 noon and 3 p.m. Take quiet prayer time to walk with Jesus through His passion and death on the cross. Read the passion story from the Bible to assist you in your prayer. How often do you have an opportunity to be alone with your Lord who died for you because you are precious in His sight. We will have Bibles available) At 3 p.m. join us for the Stations of the Cross devotion. Then, at 7 p.m. we celebrate our Service of The Word of God, the Adoration of the Cross and Reception of Holy Communion.

May I especially invite you to our Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday at 8 p.m. We will light the new fire and hear the Easter message of Jesus' victory proclaimed. Two new members of the Church family will make a profession into the Catholic Faith. We will bless the Holy Water and make our renewal of Baptismal promises.

Easter Sunday Mass will be at 9 a.m and this too will be a celebration of Jesus' victory for us. Come as a family to any and all these Holy Week celebrations. Bring friends who can worship with us. All are welcome.

Peace in Jesus, Fr. Joe

Stations of the Cross

Reflect on the passion and death of Jesus as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. on Good Friday. The church will be open from noon until 3 for private prayer and reflection.

Easter Flower Collection

Would you like to see our sanctuary filled with beautiful Easter flowers? Please contribute towards our Easter flower collection. Since we do not have a specific envelope in our boxes for this collection this year, we have provided envelopes in the pews for your donations.

Thanks for helping us!

Parish Lenten Project

Palm Sunday is the final day to contribute to our Lenten project to assist the residents of Holbrooks Nursing Home. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help others in need.

Mark your calendars now for the dates and times of our Triduum celebration:

Holy Thursday, March 29 – 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30 – 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31 – 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection – April 1 – 9 a.m.

Check out the Holy Week bulletin insert for more information.

Quiet, Please

Our parishioners have asked for some quiet time before each liturgy so that they may pray and prepare for the upcoming liturgy. Could we all observe this request for unnecessary talking? Our fellowship with our friends is a very important part of our parish family. We are all most welcome to visit in Marist Hall before the liturgy and in the church and Marist Hall afterwards. Thanks!

Please Use the Church Scheduling Calendar

There is a Church (Master) Calendar in Marist Hall. When you schedule an activity for your group, please write in that activity on this calendar so there is no conflict. Please supply the date, times, and the organization. Thanks for your cooperation.

Please Pray

Robert Fulton, Mary Plocki, Joe Morton, Kim Casella, Fr. John Baran, Mike Derico, The Family of Janine Robinson, the Jones Family, James Dunn Family, Braden Berry, Mary Kimberly Moore, Charles Sandreth, Gary Cortes, Craig Cortes, Lori Wilcox, Joseph Cortes, Sid Holic, Lorene Hardman, Louise Hawkinberry, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Shana Erickson, Victor Zara, Msgr Michael Doyle, Brenda Gullo, Kimberly Moore, Jeff Rosenbury, Allen Rosenbury, Mary and Bob Shutran, Mike Hanson, Marsha Garton, Lorraine McLean, Mike Farah, Phil Halligan, Shaelyn Posey, Levi Abel, Rose DeProspero, Phil Murphy, Sheila Marsh, Chris, Pat Marsh, Rose Mary Tomblyn, Vonda Brandt, Janice Korish, Aaron Walden, Ann Wilson, Hugh Hensil, Roger Abel, Karen Linn, Randy Trent, Jessie Disbrow, Mary Carpino, Ron Elmore.

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.

Please pray for our homebound

Gene and Mary Stump, Jeannette Willett, Denna Bayless, Virginia Cerullo, Toni and Emerick Cerullo, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Gerald Hackney, Rose Deprospero, Rocena Ashbury, John Sneberger, Betty Ledford, Bob Jeran,

Celebrate With Your Parish Family!

Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for April? Celebrate with your parish family! Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Joe. We are always proud of the accomplishments of our parish family, but we need you to tell us about them so we can share it with everyone! Don't be shy! Call the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

April 12 Brother Roy Madigan, sm

April 14 Ron Elmore

April 15 Libby Anderegg

April 18 Dennis Cortes

April 18 John Kriner

April 19 Lany Wijayani

April 24 Donna Gjolberg

April 28 Arthur Sayre

April 29 Denna Bayless

April 29 Brian Nanners

April 30 Chase Lewell

Don't forget: Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence! The collection for this day is for the Education of Seminarians. Please be generous.

Happy Anniversary, Holy Father!

March 13 marked your fifth year of papacy. It has been one of mercy and joy, hope and challenge. During these past five years you have helped all of us to better understand who God is and our relationship with Jesus Christ. You have challenged us to reach out to those regarded as "the least" and to be bold in our thinking when it comes to how the Church is to be in the world. You are the first non-European Pope in over 1,000 years and the first Pope from the Americas. You are the first Jesuit Pope and the first to take the name of Francis. Your spirituality, which certainly reflects that of St. Francis, and the way you live it out is an inspiration to all of us. Happy Anniversary!

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, March 24

5 p.m. – No Mass (WVWC)

7 p.m. – Lafferre Family (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, March 25

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Noon – NO MASS (Sacred Heart)

Monday, March 26

7:30 a.m. – Mary Ann Zabloutney (Hospital)

Tuesday, March 27

7:30 a.m. – Steve Miller (Hospital)

Wednesday, March 28

7 p.m. – Katherine Heatherly (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, March 29

7 p.m. All Priests and Bishops (Holy Rosary)

Friday, March 30

7 p.m. (Holy Rosary)

Saturday, March 31

8 p.m. – Our Holy Rosary Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, April 1

9 a.m. – For our Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

noon - Sacred Heart Parishioners (Sacred Heart)

Palm Sunday

“Peter said to him in reply, ‘Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.’”

Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ’s death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter *“began to curse and to swear, ‘I do not know the man.’”*

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with “hosannas,” will soon be chanting, *“Let him be crucified!”* Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls

short in the moment of truth, and then *“went out and began to weep bitterly.”*

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It’s easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for *each one of us*. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father’s will because he knew *“it must come to pass in this way.”* Jesus’ passion and death took place in order to bring *us* salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere fai

