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CHECK:  New Registration  Change of Address  Moving out of Parish  Want envelopes

Please drop this information into the Offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.



## Second graders on Reconciliation Retreat.



**PALM SUNDAY**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 29th**

8:30 AM – Marjorie Jones  
c/o Joe & Carol Baker

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30th**

8:30 AM – Jeff Van Buren  
c/o Ken & Barb Rogers

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st**

7:00 PM – Mary Robich  
c/o Irene & Geraldine Bicek

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1st**

7:00 PM – For Our Parishioners

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd**

3:00 PM – Good Friday Service

7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd** (Easter Vigil)

8:00 PM – For Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4th (EASTER SUNDAY)**

7:30 AM – For Our Parishioners

9:00 AM - For Our Parishioners

11:30 AM – For Our Parishioners



**ALTAR SERVERS**

4/1 H.Thu 7:00 pm **Volunteer**

4/2 G.Fri 3:00 pm **Volunteer**

4/3 H.Sat 8:00 pm **Alexa Macchia**

4/4 Easter 7:30 am **Volunteer**

9:00 am **Volunteer**

11:30 am **Tyler Mattern**

**E. MINISTERS**

**Volunteer**

**Volunteer**

**Volunteer**

**Volunteer**

**Monica Hanrahan**

**Mike Drda**

**Volunteer**

**Ken Rogers**

**Howard Fagan**

**Rudy Koraus**

**LECTOR #1**

4/1 H.Thu 7:00 pm **Volunteer**

4/2 G.Fri 3:00 pm **Volunteer/Volunteer**

4/3 H.Sat 8:00 pm **Donna Pavlovich/Diane Salatino**

4/4 Easter 7:30 am **Volunteer**

9:00 am **Ron Carson**

11:30 am **Mary Liz Moroco**

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

4/1 H.Thu 7:00 pm **Volunteer/Volunteer**

**Volunteer/Volunteer**

4/2 G.Fri 3:00 pm **Volunteer/Volunteer**

**Volunteer/Volunteer**

4/3 H.Sat 8:00 pm **Mat Macchia/Mona Macchia**

**Mary Ellen Dout/Volunteer**

4/4 Easter 7:30 am **Volunteer/Volunteer**

**Volunteer/Connie Titus**

9:00 am **Craig Patrizi/Kathy Patrizi**

**Volunteer/Bonnie & Peter Gibb**

11:30 am **Don Mattern/Cyndy Mattern**

**Volunteer/Volunteer**

**MARY GARDEN BRICK ORDERS**

Are being taken by the Altar Rosary Society. Order forms are available in the office or are in the church on the usher stands. Please call Joyce Blanke at 330-448-2426 or the church office at 724-528-3539, option 5 for questions and to place an order. **DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER IS APRIL 7, 2021.**

**MARCH 28, 2021**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/March 28, 2021**

**Sunday, March 28th**

Religious Ed Classes – Grades 1-11 (In-Person)  
10:45 am – Easter Egg Hunt (Gr 1-6 and siblings in preschool or kindergarten)  
2:00 pm – Anointing of the Sick/Communion/Palms

**Wednesday, March 31st**

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Zoom Meeting – I Heard God Laugh

**Thursday, April 1st**

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
Adoration until 11:00 pm

**Friday, April 2nd**

*Parish Office Closes at Noon Today*  
3:00 pm – Good Friday Liturgy  
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross / Church

**Saturday, April 3rd**

12:00 noon – Blessing of Easter Food / Church  
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 4th**

7:30 am – Easter Sunday Mass

9:00 am – Easter Sunday Mass

11:30 am – Easter Sunday Mass

**COLLECTION – 3/21/21**

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....529  
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 3,112.25  
Children’s Offertory.....\$ 0.00  
Loose Offertory.....\$ 94.00  
# of Envelopes Used.....142  
Attendance at Mass.....230

**CSA PLEDGE INFORMATION**

# of pledges.....194  
Amount Pledged.....\$70,345.00

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

**April 4th (Easter) – No Class**

***Holy Week at Home 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 together in-person whenever it is safe for everyone to return. In the meantime, Church of the Good Shepherd wants to support the faith lives of all our parishioners, near and far, during this sacred time in our Church’s liturgical year.

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 they 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. Check out the website at <https://www.eriecd.org/holyweekathome.html>.

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

**The Passion of Jesus according to Mark** At the Last Supper, the dish is passed and the morsel of bread shared as the treacherous question oozes out of Judas, out of his inner darkness: “*Surely, not I, Rabbi?*” The cup is given and drunk and Jesus speaks about a new Passover – a new exodus out of the slavery of sin and a new covenant sealed in blood. However, this new promise soars over the heads of his friends, so fragile in faith that they will abandon him within hours. Peter boasts about his fidelity while other disciples join in, but like the disciples, how well or how little do we know ourselves? Are we inclined to put our trust in our own opinions of ourselves or in Jesus who knows what is in us?

We move with Jesus to the garden where three groups form: the three inner circle apostles, Jesus and the remainder of their dining companions. Soon Jesus is separated from them not only by space, but by their deep sleep. Suddenly the kiss of a traitor arouses them, there is an embarrassing bit of swordplay, and they run away from Jesus.

Mark paints a small but unique detail of tragic discipleship into this garden scuffle in the darkness. After the disciples race away, a young man who was following Jesus is apprehended by the soldiers and he flees from the possibility of sharing the suffering that was to come to Jesus. Leaving his linen cloth in the soldiers’ hands, he races into the darkness, naked. Some scholars propose that for Mark, this is the tragedy of those who once left everything to follow Jesus, but now leave everything to run away from him. Nakedness is a symbol of emptiness, nothingness, degradation and misery. Spiritually, that is what a disciple of Jesus becomes by refusing to share his destiny.

What could only be called a miscarriage of justice takes place in the high priest’s courtyard as Jesus is on trial with untruthful evidence before religious leaders, and Peter is put on trial by a lowly servant girl who accuses him with the truth. The rooster crows and sentences Peter who only hours ago boasted of his fidelity. What will save him is his embrace of the words of Jesus and his own salty, bitter tears. Curiously, that is what will save us who are listening and watching on this Palm Sunday.

Physically abused, he is handed over to Pilate who compromises with the crowd and hands over Barabbas to freedom and Jesus to crucifixion. What about the “Pilate” in all of us; the compromises, the surrender to social and peer pressures, the reluctance to fall out of favor with important people?

Simon of Cyrene might have thought he was in the wrong place at the wrong time when he became the only person to help Jesus during this long and brutal day. Cyrene was a region in northern Libya making Simon an African and Mark’s mention of Simon’s sons Alexander and Rufus is pretty solid evidence that his family had embraced the faith of the early Christian community and was known to the people for whom Mark was writing the gospel.

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Unaided by anyone else, Jesus goes through his passion, accompanied by peculiar signs in the heavens when it was midday. Psalm 22, frequently sung by observant Jews in their synagogue services, comes to the mind and lips of Jesus, sometimes leaving us with the thought that Jesus is looking for a way out. But it isn’t a cry of despair, for it would be hard to believe that someone sends out a passionate plea to a God in whom they do not believe.

Bystanders try to quench Jesus’ thirst with a moist sponge, but Jesus is deeply thirsting for the salvation of the world, and he screams his human way into death with a wordless cry. Stunning! And who, after all 16 chapters of this gospel is the first human in his right mind (not possessed) to declare Jesus as the Son of God? A pagan Roman soldier who witnessed the entire event. He becomes unwittingly one of the first “living stones” that St. Paul teaches make up the Body of Christ.

Mark wraps up the story by introducing Joseph of Arimathea who fearlessly takes custody of the body and does what the disciples fail to do: associate with the Crucified One. He folds Jesus in clean linen sheets, places him in a personal rock tomb, and the women who “watched from a distance” come closer to see where the body is laid. Is the tomb the end of the story? Is this where God abandoned his Beloved Son? We know what they did not know – Easter is coming!

**Triduum Liturgies**  
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**THANKS** We are grateful to the persistent and deliberate care members of the Liturgy Committee have demonstrated over these last few weeks in preparing the environment for Lent and Easter. John & Donna Pavlovich, Patty Holsapfel, Marie Flickinger, Ed Robich, Beth Garrett and our video crew members Anita, Lisa, Bob, Ed and all the help we got from Frank Gingras in enhancing our signal strength and troubleshooting. Volunteers who stepped forward to lector, assist with cross carrying, Communion distribution, greeting and ushering, serving and a special shout out to the musicians and cantors. Take some time to savor the joy of Holy Week and Easter!

**THANK YOU** to all my Good Shepherd friends for your kind sympathies and cards in the recent passing of my two sisters (Anna Mae Oliver and Cathy Sarvas). Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless, Cindy Bartolo.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. All Ministers and Servers please check the sign-up sheet located in the gathering space.