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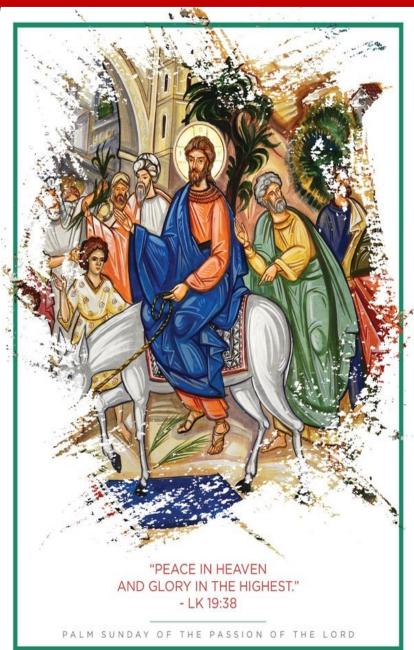
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April 13, Palm Sunday 2025



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Saturday, April 12, 2025 4 pm Mark Pollack (Family) Sunday, April 13, 2025 – PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am Ralph Passarello (Children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren) 11:30 am Casey Fitzgibbon (Fitzgibbon Family) Monday, April 14, 2025 8:30 Parish Family Tuesday, April 15, 2025 8:30 am Bob Wilson (Barb Wilson) Wednesday, April 16, 2025 8:30 am Edward Gamret (Rose Luptak) Thursday, April 17, 2025 – HOLY THURSDAY NO MORNING MASS AT SEAS 10 am - CHRISM MASS at Cathedral – Greensburg 6:30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Altar of Repose – Church open until 11 pm Friday April 18, 2025 + GOOD FRIDAY + (No Mass on Good Friday) 1:00 pm Liturgy of The Lord's Passion 6:30 pm + Stations of the Cross Saturday, April 19, 2025 – HOLY SATURDAY 12 noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil Mass (For the Parish) Sunday, April 20, 2025 – EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 am For the Parish Family 10:30 am For the Parish Family

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAYS\* 3 pm - 3:45 pm \*On 1st Saturdays - Confessions will follow 8:30 am Mass (no confessions at 3 pm). (NO CONFES-SIONS on Holy Saturday 4/19)

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6 Please pray for all of our faithful -11/

Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 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: 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 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42 Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 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, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)//Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/, Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

MEMORIALS Altar Candles - April 12-18: Jean Lynch (Bill & Kathleen Bellis) St. Peregrine - April 12-25: Ed Nolan, Jr. (Mike & Vickie) St. John Neumann – April 12-25: Blessings for Brenda & Chris Bach & Jan & Howard Jacone (Rob & Mary)

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Please continue to bring in gift bags and items for St. Anne visits. They are VERY much appreciated and enjoyed by the residents.

\*\*\*NEXT CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 AT 6:30 PM IN MACK HALL\*\*\*

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Nutritious snack items are still needed for Kid's Lunch Bags to be distributed at SVDP Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

The next SVDP clothing collection is next weekend, April 19/20.

(Please bring donated items ONLY on the designated weekends since storage is limited.)

SVDP appreciates all donations-Thank you!

(Any questions or concerns please contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505).

## departed and their families.



Online giving: \$3137.00 Weekly offertory: \$8695.00 Votive candles: \$364.00 Catholic accent: \$9.00 Easter Flowers: \$133.00 Easter: \$135.00 Holy Thursday: \$50.00 Good Friday: \$50.00 Charity: \$110.00 Total: \$12683.00

## Fr. Mike's Message

## **Entering the Passion**

All around the world, Christians are remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is easy for us to allow ourselves to be caught up in the drama of what Holy Week is about. The truth of what we are and what we remember this week characterizes what we believe. It is in and through the death of Jesus that we define what our faith is all about. However, everything we find throughout the scriptures leads us to this week, so it cannot be separated from the rest of our Liturgical year.

We start off this week with a celebration or parade if you will. People are welcoming the man Jesus with triumph and honor. They are celebrating the man for what he was and for what they hoped he would become. In spite of their misunderstanding of what Jesus was all about, the people were drawn in by this event of his entry into Jerusalem; as they struggled with who Jesus really was. Apostles, friends and disciples who should know who Jesus was and what he was about, they were the ones who betrayed, denied and fled. One really has to look at this triumphant celebration and ask: what went wrong? As followers of Jesus the real irony is that only by our own entry into Jesus' dying and rising can we truly discover who he is. Until we do that, we may participate in a nice parade but we haven't a clue where it leads.

It is interesting to take a closer look at the role the women play in the Passion. It has been said that they are like the "bookends" to the drama: we meet them in the beginning and at the end. Regardless of what is going on, it is the women who are always the faithful ones. The men in the story were not very nice, pay attention to the women and learn from them. They have something to tell all of us.

If we pay attention to the passion narrative, we will see that it is basically a story of life. The feelings and behavior of the people involved give us a live perspective of living. There is joy and singing. There is faith, doubt, greed, treachery, false accusations, mockery and jeering. There is the despair of Judas, the lying of Peter, the pride and arrogance of religious and political leaders, betrayal by friends, and the tenderness of the women. Yes, it is all there – life at its best and at its worst. The Passion of Jesus is every-body's story.

Christ showed us by his own way of living and by his ministry that the only way to share in his glory is to die to self by becoming servants and disciples following him to the cross. The only way to enjoy the passionate glory of risen life is to suffer the risk of dying. All of this is something that takes place more than just this once a year. It is the everyday of our ordinary human living: when we choose to respond to another instead of ignoring him or her, having patience rather than snapping, talking things through rather than staying angry. Yes, the paschal mystery unfolds in the little things in life that we turn into big ways

### Enlighten! for the Permanent Diaconate

If you are interested in serving the Church of Greensburg as a permanent deacon and are ready to take that initial step in formation, discerning God's call, this fall the next cohort of men will begin the *Enlighten!* program. This is the program's official first step, which all candidates for the permanent diaconate must complete. Two informational sessions will be offered in May for those interested. Sunday, May 4 @ 1:00 pm Zoom only and Thursday, May 29 @ 7:00 pm in person or Zoom.

For more information or questions, contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at <u>wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u>.



# Angels Corner

Help support Queen of Angels Catholic School Thursday, April 24th from 11:30am-8:30pm at The Firepit' During this event 20%\* of food sales will be donated to our school with the presentation of this flyer. Dine-in only. THANK YOU!

DINE TO DONATE

FIRED

GRILL

WOOD

20% donation excludes tax, gratuity, and beverages

Filling the ARK! We are finished with the season of Lent with only two more weeks before Easter! We have a long way to go to fill the ARK...this week because of your generosity we were able to board: 1 1Pig and 2 Goats, 2 Trio of Ducks,1 Bee Hive!

Remember if you would like to make a donation to HEIFER, simply put it in an envelope and mark it.





Support students in Catholic schools through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program

Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC). Select the Catholic school(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a twoyear commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/ EITC to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

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## CHRISM MASS

Thursday, April 17 at 10:00AM Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Principal Celebrant And Homilist ne Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L. Bishop of Greensburg



For 70 years, and with the ongoing support of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, Catholic Charities remains committed to its mission to provide help and create hope for those in need throughout the four counties of our Diocese. Catholic Charities Managing Director Melaney Hegyes says children are some of the neediest among us. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025 to learn about their work or to make a donation.



Donate today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025

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With Easter only two weeks away we are doing very well with our portion of DLA for this year's campaign. I is good to see so many of our parishioners respond to the needs of the Church, for that please know how grateful I am!

If you have now yet made a contribution to this year's campaign, I am asking that you please consider making one. It would be great if we were able to wrap this year's campaign up before Easter. If you have any questions about DLA for this year, please know that I am available to talk about it. Once again, I want to say Thank You to all of you who have so generously responded!

## ANNUAL SALT AND LIGHT AWARDS DINNER



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its annual Communities of Salt & Light Award Dinner Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. All proceeds from the event are distributed to the most vulnerable residents of the Diocese. This year's awardees are Thomas A. Jacobsen – Humanitarian, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg; John and Susan Coleman – Philanthropy, Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish; and Ladies of Charity Clothing Closet of The Roman Catholic Churches of Southern Fayette – Human Service Organization. Tickets are \$130 per person. Online bidding, advertising and sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, or to donate a basket or silent auc-

tion item, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org or call 724-837-1840

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is looking for caring volunteers interested in being matched with older adult clients. Volunteers provide supportive and regular visits, telephone calls, greeting cards and other mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation and brighten a person's day. Volunteers interested in delivering food boxes to clients are also welcome. For information, contact Deborah Klinvex at 724-837-1840 or dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org.



## KERYGMA DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

Are you looking to learn more about Jesus or forming a relationship with Him? Are you active in your parish and would like to renew your relationship with Jesus and be able to share His message with others? Maybe you have been away from the Church or have not heard the Gospel before and want to learn more about Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church. The Kerygma Discipleship Retreat is for you! This weekend retreat, Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, May 18, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, is an opportunity to have a new encounter with Jesus and discover ways to sustain that relationship in your everyday life. Meals are included. Commuters are welcome. For pricing, registration and other information, visit

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/kerygmadiscipleship-retreat.

Pilgrimage to Rome

October 12 - 21 2025

\* Round trip airline \* 4-star hotels \* Breakfast and dinner \* English guide \* Pilgrimage activities and entrance fees \* Mass daily \* Private transportation per itinerary

PILGRINS

Join Fr. Daniel Ulishney

FROM Pittsburgh, PA (PIT)

#### Mothers Day Raffle Tickets

It is hard to believe it but Mothers day will be here before we know it! We will be selling tickets starthing the weekend of April 26/27 until they are sold out. The winner will hvee the option of \$2500 in cash or \$1000 cash with complete rolls of \$5, \$10, and \$20 lottery scratch off tickets. Buy a cople of tickets for Mom!

#### MONEY FOR MOM!

winning number taken from First PA Lottery Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on Mother's Day, May 11, 2025 \$1000 CASH and one sealed package of each of the following PA Lottery Scratch Off Tickets: \$5.00 - \$10.00 - \$20.00 or choose \$2500 CASH with no scratch-offs Benefits Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Donation \$10.00 500 Tickets Sold SGOC License #497

Please put "SEAS 5/11/2025" at the bottom of the ticket stub



## **Three Days**

Throughout the world our Church will celebrate the Triduum which is the very heart of our Catholic faith, to which all leads and from which all flows; Jesus' redemptive death and resurrection; related to the Church year as Sunday is to each week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday culminating with the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We invite you and your family to be as much a part of this year's celebration as you are able.

Thursday: Chrism Mass 10:00 AM. At the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

The Chrism Mass is when the Bishop along with all of the priests of the diocese bless and consecrate the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the year. It is also the mass where the priests of the diocese rededicate their ministry to the people of the church as well as to the Bishop.

**Mass of the Last Supper 6:30 PM.** Followed by Eucharistic Adoration which will conclude with Evening Prayer at 11 PM.

Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:00 P.M. Stations: 6:30

Saturday: Blessing of Baskets: NOON

Easter Vigil 8:30 P.M.

Easter: Liturgies will be 8:30 and 10:30 A.M.

**Blessing of Baskets:** On Holy Saturday at 11:00 am, we will bless Easter Baskets. It is a nice tradition to come and have your "Easter Meal" blessed.



### Palm Sunday

This week we celebrate Palm Sunday where we recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. Even today, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion? -James Field