

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 10, 2022 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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Please contact the Parish Office to:

- 1. Join the Parish**
- 2. Schedule a Baptism**
- 3. Schedule a Mass Intention**
- 4. Any other questions or concerns**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 9	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad
Saturday	April 9	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Living and Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	April 10	St. John's	8:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Nora Salata by Cathy Pearce, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher
Tuesday	April 12	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Paulina Jens
Wednesday	April 13	St. John's	7:00 am	†Leo Glueckstein by K & S Schmeling
Thursday	April 14	St. John's	7:00 pm	†Dorothy Reilly by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Friday	April 15	St. John's	1:30 pm	<i>The Lord's Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion</i>
Friday	April 15	Blessed Trinity	1:30 pm	<i>The Lord's Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion</i>
Saturday	April 16	Blessed Trinity	8:00 pm	†Joe Ehren by Ken Schmeling, †Thomas, Mary, & Jerome Buechler by Mary Klover
Sunday	April 17	St. John's	7:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 17	St. John's	9:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy and Family
Sunday	April 17	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Clara Weyker & Rosie Reiter by John & Lisa Reiter, †Virginia Rammer by LuAnn Immel & Rick Rammer

*Palm
Sunday*

Blessed be the King
that cometh in the name
of the Lord:
peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest.
Luke 19:38, KJV

HOSANNA!

WALKING THROUGH HOLY WEEK:



This week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, called Holy Week, is the most sacred time of our church-year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ — his crucifixion, death and resurrection. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we can't separate Jesus' death from his resurrection, the Church teaches that this time, called The Triduum, is really one celebration that lasts for three days. It includes:

Holy Thursday

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum. On this night we remember the Last Supper and celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At the end of the Mass, the sanctuary is stripped clean in preparation for the most somber of feasts,

Family Faith Activity: Talk about how Jesus is really present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and how sharing in his body strengthens us to become the Body of Christ and to follow him each day.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a sacred remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ. Good Friday is not a Mass; The Eucharist (Holy Communion) that has been consecrated on Holy Thursday and kept in the tabernacle for adoration is distributed at this time.

Family Faith Activity: Pray the Lord's Prayer at bedtime on this night in remembrance of Christ's gift for all of salvation.

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the high point in the liturgical year. The vigil begins in darkness (sometimes outside) and the long procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ's death and resurrection.

Family Faith Activity: During the day on Holy Saturday, spend some time as a family talking about Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection. Take a walk around your neighborhood looking for signs of new life in springtime. Talk about how Jesus' rising to new life is truly transformative and life changing. Prepare to attend Mass on Easter Sunday and to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection in a special way.

Time spent on Triduum celebrations/activities during Holy Week will make Easter Sunday and the Easter Season more meaningful for all!

(Adapted from: Windley-Daoust, J. Our Sunday Visitor. teachingcatholickids.com, April 2022.)

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist/First Communion can easily be described as a rite of passage for the students in our Second Grade Religious Education classes — part of being drawn deeper into the Catholic Church. It takes months to prepare them for these Sacraments. To help prepare these children for their May 1st First Communion Day, volunteer Catechists/Teachers from our parish, Susan Vavra, Tricia Mikolyzk and Anna Baxter worked together to help them to know that Jesus offered his body/blood to his friends and to all of us at the Last Supper, and to understand that God/Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:



The holiest week of the year begins today. On Palm Sunday, we commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, where in Luke's Gospel (19:28-40) we proclaim with the crowd "blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord." Later in Mass and later in Luke's Gospel (22:14-23:56), we enter Jesus' passion and proclaim with the crowd "crucify Him, crucify Him."

How did we go from praise to crucifixion? How did Jesus go from King to innocent victim? What are we thinking? What must Jesus, in His humanity, be thinking? Perhaps a story by Max Lucado may help...

There once was a man deep in the jungle on an African safari. His guide wielded a machete to clear away the tall grass. The traveler was hot and tired, so he asked in frustration "where are we?" "Do you know the way?" "Where is the path?" The seasoned guide stopped and looked back at the man, replying "I am the path."

We ask the same questions, don't we? One minute we are praising Jesus, the next minute, nailing Him to the cross. Like the traveler, we are clueless about many things in this jungle of life. Rather than give us the answer, Jesus gives us a far greater gift, He gives us Himself and His example of not just going TO the cross, but going THROUGH the cross. Is the jungle gone? No. Is the grass still thick? Yes. Are there still predators and evil lurking in the weeds? Yes. But Jesus doesn't give hope by changing the jungle, he restores hope by giving us Himself. And he has promised to stay until the very end. What a guide we have in Jesus, who clears our path and leads the way by example. Thank God he has such passion for His passion! Be holy this week. See you at Mass!

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsje.org



FAITH FORMATION SEEDS INTERIM PROGRAM: More information and registration forms went home this Wednesday for the Faith Formation "Seeds" Interim program that will begin on Wednesday, May 4 from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. All children in grades 4K to 6 are invited to attend this four week program that will focus on Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, our patron saint. Children in grades 7 - 12 are encouraged to volunteer to help out at these sessions. Any questions? Please contact Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K- Grade 6.

LAY MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES	Holy Thursday April 14 7:00 pm	Good Friday, April 15, 1:30 pm	Easter Sunday April 17, 7:30 am	Easter Sunday, April 17, 9:00 am
Lector	Abbagail Bishop	Erin Meyer (N) Susan Vavra (S)	Erin Meyer	Charlotte & Shannon Bullard
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion	Rich Tauferner	Sharon Kometer	Connie Katchkey	Susan Vavra
Ushers	John Egan Tom Reilly	Bill Moffatt Tom Reilly	Aaron Justinger Volunteer	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Nick Cinquepalmi	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY:	Saturday, April 9	4:00 pm Blessed Trinity	5:30 pm St. John's
	Sunday, April 10	8:30 am St. John's	10:30 am Blessed Trinity
HOLY THURSDAY:	Thursday, April 14	7:00 pm St. John's	
GOOD FRIDAY:	Friday, April 15	1:30 pm St. John's	1:30 pm Blessed Trinity
HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL:	Saturday, April 16	8:00 pm Blessed Trinity	
EASTER SUNDAY:	Sunday, April 17	7:30 & 9:00 am St. John's	10:30 am Blessed Trinity

IMPORTANT PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK INFORMATION:

PALM SUNDAY: Masses on Saturday evening at 5:30 PM and on Sunday at 9:00 PM mark the beginning of Holy Week and commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Before Mass, please come together in the Gathering Space for the blessing of the palms. Ushers will hand out palms as people enter church. Blessed palms that have not been picked up will be available in the Gathering Space of the Church until noon on Holy Thursday.



HOLY THURSDAY: Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish at 7:00 is the beginning of the Sacred Easter Triduum and is a remembrance of the Last Supper and the memorial of the institution of the priesthood. At the conclusion, the Eucharist is moved to an altar of reposition and the altar is stripped. People are invited to spend time in prayer after this. The church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY: The 1:30 pm Liturgical Service at St. John Evangelist Parish recalls the suffering and death of Our Lord on the Cross. It includes the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Veneration of the Cross may be done by bowing, genuflecting, or some other gesture of reverence. Out of an abundance of caution, the cross should not be kissed or touched. Each year, there is also a special collection for the Shrines in the Holy Land. The canopy doors of the Church will be open from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm to allow for personal prayer and meditation.

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL): The Easter Vigil begins 8:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish. On this night the Church keeps watch celebrating the resurrections of Christ in the sacramentals and awaiting his return in glory. This beautiful and inspiring Liturgy includes the Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Mass itself. Holy Saturday Mass fulfills the Easter Sunday obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY: The Lord's Resurrection is at 7:30 and 9:00 am at St. John Evangelist and 10:30 am at Blessed Trinity.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER THROUGH PENTECOST: "Daily Reflections for Easter through Pentecost" booklets are now available in the basket on the table in the Gathering Space. This is the companion booklet to the "Lenten Reflections" booklet. Please use this to enrich your journey through the Easter season. A small number of Spanish booklets are also available.



Hello Everyone,

Our Lenten journey of 2022 is almost over. Lent is indeed a blessed time, because all of us get a chance to pause for time to time to evaluate us. When we are sincere about relationships, we take special care to sustain and strengthen them going through everything that we can think of. Here the parties are of extreme importance. God being the first one; then comes our spouses, other dear and near ones; and finally, ourselves. There is a real need to strengthen our comfort level. I need to forgive scores of people. I need to forgive myself. Once I am "greased" and "aligned" well, then I turn to everyone else and ask for forgiveness and offer forgiveness to others. Finally, I turn to God asking for wholesome healing. This is in fact a true Lenten journey.



Holy Week has days of profound significance for Christians. Jesus Christ is our "greatest" example to emulate and follow. On Holy Thursday, He not only taught us to humble ourselves and serve but gave us the greatest gift of the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we have not only the greatest sacrifice on record, but also have an emptying process that we can only imagine. God emptying His Divinity for a time to be with us in human form.

Let us continue to reflect on those mind-blowing examples and quietly pray that "your will be done." (Matthew 26:42b; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42b)

Blessings,
Fr. Joe



EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 9:00 am Easter Mass on Sunday, April 17. Weather permitting, it will be held outside in the green space by the parking lot. If it cannot be held outside, it will be held in the Religious Education classrooms. All children who would like to participate should gather in the Religious Education hallway. There will be volunteers to help with the egg hunt but parents must be on hand with their children. Any questions? Please contact Jana Girdaukas (jana.girdaukas@gmail.com) or Tom Reilly (treilly53044@gmail.com).

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:



The parish office will be closed beginning at 1:30 pm on Thursday, April 14 and all day on Friday, April 15 for Good Friday. All voicemails and emails will be returned on Monday, April 18. If you have an emergency, please contact Fr. Joe on his emergency phone at 920-287-8235.

HOLY WATER:

Bottles of the Holy Water, that was blessed at the Easter Vigil, will be available at the church entrances beginning Easter Sunday. You are invited to take one of them home with you. Holy water is a sacramental which reminds us of our relationship with God and enables us to act in accordance with God's will. There are 2 sizes available. Please take one per family.

LIVING WITH CHRIST: The edition of "Living with Christ" for Palm Sunday and Holy week is available on a table in the Gathering Space. Copies of the April edition are also available.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 7 - 12 LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT: The Religious Education students in Grades 7 - 12 participated in a Lenten service project on Wednesday night after Reconciliation. Students helped Jana Girdaukas to fill plastic eggs that will be used in the Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday. They also aided Norma Horne by filling Easter baskets with items brought by 4K-Grade 12 Religious Education families. These baskets will be distributed to area nursing homes.



APRIL WINE & HOSTS:



In Memory of Leo & Kathryn Schleicher & Brian by Katchkey Family.

CHOIR: PRACTICE:

- Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm



SING:

- Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 am

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:



Training will take place on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:15 pm for any Fourth Grade or older students who were unable to attend one of the previous Sunday training sessions. Please meet in the front of church near the main altar.



SATURDAY, APRIL 30
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM WITH OUR
FIRST GAME AT 6:30

KOHLER'S ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH
LOWER LEVEL
600 GREEN TREE ROAD

**COME TO A GAME EVERYONE CAN PLAY. IT'S FUN FOR
ADULTS, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.**

GET YOUR FREE BINGO CARD AND PLAY ALL NIGHT.
**JIMMY JOHN'S SUBS, WINE, BEER, SODA AND OTHER
NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS. ALONG WITH CANDY AND BAKED GOODS
AVAILABLE AT OUR CASH STATIONS.**
FREE POPCORN!

**THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS... WITHOUT WHOM THIS NIGHT
WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.**

AARON & LYNN JUSTINGER
BAKERS OF ST. JOHN'S
BROADWAY POPCORN
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DIANE TORKE
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JIM & JULIE RUMMEL
JIM & TONI SARAFIN

JIMMY JOHNS
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ROAD WORK: The Village of Kohler has begun Phase II of the road work project near St. John's. Valley Road was ripped up earlier this week and the project is expected to continue throughout the summer until sometime in July. Alternate routes to Church may be needed as the project progresses. You may access Church via Green Tree or Pine Tree Roads. Street parking, especially on Valley Road may be restricted at times. Please be aware of workmen and work vehicles on Valley Road especially during the week.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish immediately following the 9:00 am *Penance* Mass on Tuesday, April 12 and at St. John Evangelist Parish immediately following the 7:00 am Mass on Wednesday, April 13. There will be no Reconciliation offered on Holy Saturday, April 16.

FINANCIAL: APRIL 2/3: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,796.25.

HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE - ANNUAL LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM MARCH 2 - APRIL 17, 2022



"Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out." (St. Luke's Gospel 19:28-40)

**SPONSORED BY: St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns Commission-
Social Justice Committee Blessed Trinity Parish Human Concerns Committee
Servants of the Good Help Mission – Peru**, a 501c3 non-profit organization,
reaches out in many ways to serve the needs of adults
and children in a third world country – Peru.

The Scriptural Lenten readings leading up to Easter Sunday never grow old. For Palm Sunday a Gospel Reading prior to the procession into Church is the beginning of the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery.

Jesus was getting ready to enter His Passion. However, Jesus has carefully crafted how He would approach the slope of the Mount of Olives. He was not frightened or hesitant, knowing that this was the beginning of His Crucifixion. He will approach His incumbent crucifixion as a king – a simple king: untie the tethered colt, which no one has sat upon and bring it to me; tell the owners that 'the Master has need of it.' And, of course, their Master deserved a regal setting: "... threw their cloaks over the colt." Most appropriate for a King!!! The people spread their cloaks on the road – FOR THIS IS OUR KING. How befitting that the multitude of people began to praise God...: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord..." Of course, the Pharisees would shout out and demand that Jesus rebuke his disciples. Cannot you envision this humble 'beaten down MAN' simply saying: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

- This Palm Sunday gospel reading must reflect what the 'Schmidt's on Mission' in Peru are experiencing. More than likely, the Schmidt Family is exposed to a climate where the Divine King has never been heard of – or rejected by those who have been controlled by the cartels and other evil forces. Yet, they believe, along with us, that if we keep silent 'the stones will cry out.'
- WE CAN DO OUR PART TO SUPPORT THE 'SCHMIDTS ON MISSION' WITH OUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.
- Sincere thanks for your donations to date. It is heartwarming to see how generous our two parishes continue to be. All donations received from Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes will be donated to supply meals for the approximately two hundred children who can attend school.

AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE: \$10,180

Please make checks payable to St. John Evangelist Parish or Blessed Trinity Parish.

Dear Padre,

How should we dispose of last year's palms?

Every year on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday), palm branches are handed out and blessed as a powerful reminder of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

We keep palm branches for two reasons. First, they symbolize our desire to accompany Christ through Holy Week. Second, they symbolize Jesus' desire to enter our homes and accompany us on our journey as we face our own Good Fridays. Taking the palms home and placing them behind a crucifix or holy picture is a powerful reminder of that.

Many parishes ask their members to bring the palm branches they received the previous year to church on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. These

branches are burned to make the ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday. After a time, palm branches get brittle and break easily, so if your church doesn't collect them, it's OK to break the palms up and burn them yourself.

The number of palm branches we have in our homes isn't important. Palms and other articles of devotion such as medals and scapulars don't

bring good luck or wealth, and we shouldn't try to use them in that way. We should use them to remind us of the goodness of God and the salvation Christ brings us.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/ANTHONY D. ALONZO



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus, as St. Paul tells us, "emptied himself...he humbled himself."

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 28, 2021

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 11

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

APRIL 12

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

APRIL 13

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

APRIL 14

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

APRIL 15

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

APRIL 16

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2

or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,

9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

APRIL 17

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12