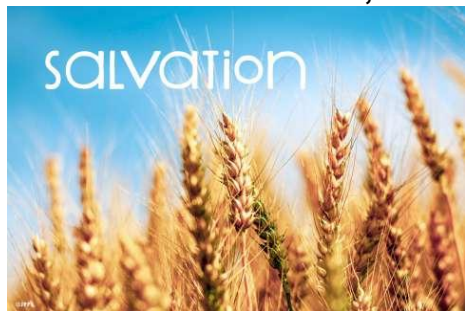


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021



Reading I: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

These four verses have been described by scholars as the most profound and most moving in the entire Bible. It marks the only time in the Old Testament when “new covenant” is used.

Reading II: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Jesus' call from God makes Him uniquely qualified as one who can sympathize with sinners. His obedience elevated the value of His death.

The Gospel: John 12: 20-33

The Gentile Greeks come seeking Jesus, thus opening a new dimension of evangelization past the Jews and Samaritans. Jesus uses the well-known parable about a grain of wheat to comment on His pending death.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: Patrick Tauriello, Seamus & Teresa Moran, Rose Ryder and Charlie Quinn
10 a.m.: Chuck Saleski, Frances Hernandez, Chris Pierce and William Pitt, Sr.

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

- 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13: **59** in the church;
5 in the hall. Total: **64**
10 a.m. Sunday, March 14: **59** in the church;
3 in the hall. Total: **62**

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 7-14: Totaled \$ 5,282.02

Envelopes: \$ 2,422.00 – Online: \$ 2,860.02

Thank you!



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A year ago, we were shuttered. The palms, already delivered, withered without distribution. The sacred Triduum – the three-day period beginning sundown on Holy Thursday and continuing until sundown Easter Sunday – passed without our faith family able to gather for even a brief moment.

It is where we were that should be kept in mind as we prepare for Holy Week this year. No, it will not be the same as it was in 2019. But we remain grateful for what we are safely able to do in the midst of this persistent pandemic:

Reconciliation Monday, March 29: Because of the six-foot social-distancing protocol, we do not have enough space at St. Paul's to ensure privacy and confidentiality for penitents. Instead, a priest will be available to hear confessions from **4-8 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church** in Middletown.

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed in advance and available from tables in the East Wing vestibule and entrance to Deacon John Hall for the **5 p.m.**

Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday Masses. After the Sunday Mass, the tables will be moved outside so palms can be taken without attending Mass.

Holy Thursday: Mass will be celebrated at **7 p.m.**; however, there will be no Washing of the Feet. Socially-distanced Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow in the hall until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: A Communion Service with the reading of The Passion will take place at **3 p.m.** Rather than the customary Veneration of the Cross, Fr. Sean will raise the cross, at which point the congregation will bow or genuflect. There will be no Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday: There will be NO blessing of Easter food. The prayer is posted on our website (stpaulsbullville.org) so families can bless their food at home – perhaps incorporating the eldest and the youngest in the household?

There will be NO Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday: Masses will be celebrated at **9 and 11 a.m.**



TOO CUTE FOR BREAD

Get a leg up on Easter preparations with a traditional butter lamb. Baroneck (or Baaa-roneck?) can be made, then frozen. For directions, YouTube link: www.stpaulsbullville.org

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD ...

Few things in life are meaningful without effort – including marriage. Spending 18,250 days with one person rarely just “happens.” Instead, it’s the shining expression of a lifelong commitment to vows pledged – a truly golden accomplishment to be celebrated.



The Archdiocese of New York’s **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place at 2:30 p.m. **Sunday,**

June 6, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2021. Timothy Cardinal Dolan will officiate. Attendees must register through their home parish by May 14.

But here at St. Paul’s, we think that spending 9,125 days with the same person is also worthy of celebration. So our Masses the weekend of **May 29** and **30** will honor those marking their 25th anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you’ve reached either milestone.



A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

A small group of St. Paul’s parishioners has been participating in the Just Faith Ministry’s program on racial equity. As a part of that experience, they joined St. Charles Borromeo Church in Harlem for Mass (virtually) and a follow-up discussion with its Racial Justice committee last Sunday.

The link that follows explores the Catholic Anti-Racism Project, made possible by a Catholic Charities’ grant. The project traces its roots to the Examen, a prayer based in the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits:

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FOOD DRIVE WILL HELP OUR PANTRY

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. next Saturday, March 27, the Wallkill East Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Town of Crawford and its Police Department, is sponsoring a **Food Drive**. Local food pantries – including St. Paul’s – will benefit from the non-perishable items dropped off at the Crawford Senior & Community Center, 115 Route 302, Pine Bush. Questions? Call or text Peggy Lucido at 304-2728.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Grasshopper. Squirrel. Ostrich. Which of those items has never been eaten by a participant in the Two Facts and a Fiction game played during last week’s virtual meeting?

Surprisingly, ostrich – an item more readily available on restaurant menus than grasshopper!

Along with being fun, the game also provided an opportunity to learn some interesting tidbits about the group: One member has visited the Galapagos Islands and another has stayed up way past bedtime - until 3:30 a.m.

Thereafter, they eagerly shared Scriptures:

Proverbs 17:22 - A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Mark 4:40 - He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

1 Kings 19:4; 19:7-8 - ...“I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” 7 The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.


1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Revelation 16:7 - And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are Your judgments.”

Colossians 3:2 - Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

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