

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

FOCUS: *Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

During his journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to his Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. Jesus knows what it means to sacrifice out of love. We journey together through loss, never alone, but always united with Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the Gospel for the procession, Jesus enters

Jerusalem amid an enthusiastic crowd. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks for the Lord, despite opposition. In the second reading, Paul writes to the Philippians that Jesus emptied himself, "*becoming obedient to the*

point of death." Mark's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: **Sonia Del Pilar, Lori DuBois
Rita Murawski and Msgr. Joseph Reynolds**

10 a.m.: **Kristen Garry Gerace, Richard Tolliver,
Peter & Anne Sheppard
and Msgr. Joseph Reynolds**

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 87

Sunday – 135

CONDOLENCES

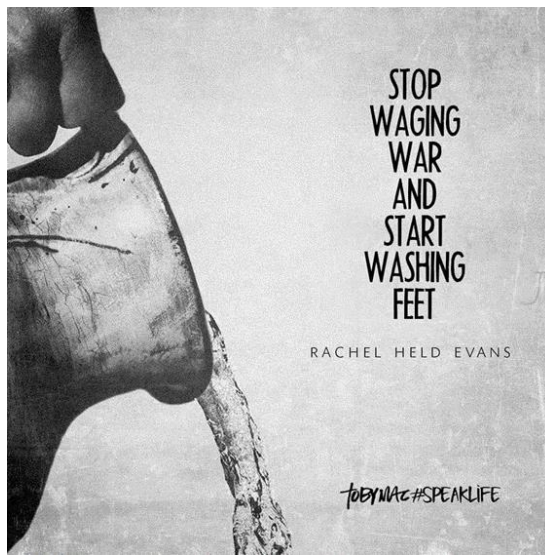
We extend our deepest sympathies to JoAnn and Gregg Kroner upon the recent death of her sister, Mary Alice Roberts, and to Owen and Mary Ann Reynolds, upon the sudden death of his brother, Msgr. Joseph Reynolds. Please keep them in your prayers.

SECOND IN THE SERIES TO START

Following Christ is the second part of the ChristLife evangelization process. It is designed to help people who have completed the Discovering Christ course to grow in friendship and union with God; however, participation in the prior course is not required. Following Christ examines how to live as Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world, based on basic disciplines and truths that have been practiced by Christians from the time of the early Church. Each weekly session includes: Prayer, video teaching, group discussion and practical applications.

Following Christ starts at 5 p.m. **Sunday April 7.** It encompasses seven weekly sessions at St. Paul's and a day retreat in Pilgrim Hall at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

For more information or to register, contact the church office at 845-361-3107; Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or carsonmark224@gmail.com; or Kate Carson at 914-850-5107; ktqcarson@gmail.com



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Reconciliation Monday - March 25

Confessions 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel only

Holy Thursday

Mass at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration

Good Friday Service: 3 p.m.

Blessing of Easter Food

Noon on Holy Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil

8 p.m. Mass, Saturday, March 30

Easter Sunday

10 a.m. Mass, March 31

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The **Book Club** will begin discussing "Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus' Greatest Miracle," (\$16.49 on Amazon) by Fr. James Martin, SJ, on **Thursday, April 11**, from 10-11:15 a.m. via Zoom. The author explores Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead and what Jesus means when he calls each of us to "come forth." Profound reflections are offered on Jesus' lessons on love, family, sadness, frustration, fear, anger, freedom and joy. Contact the office or email Deacon Carl at carlloc@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.



Scripture Discussions of the Letter of James, First and Second Letters of Peter and Letter of Jude, using the Ignatius Catholic Study, will begin on **Monday, April 15**, from 10-11:15 a.m. on Zoom. Call Gail Van Tassel at 845-457-3432 to order the book, which is \$14. Everyone is welcome.



For more than 60 years, the Cursillo movement has been helping Catholics bring about changes in themselves and the world around them. The three-day **Cursillo weekend** is a joyful workshop on the fundamentals of faith and the value of becoming a member of a living Catholic community. The next **women's weekend** is **April 11-14**. For more information, call Debbe Garry at 845-695-1944.

PALM SUNDAY: STEWARDSHIP

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?'

And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.' " – Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

Less than \$10,000 to go!

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$ 41,710** has been received/pledged as of March 19 from 97 families. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which helps countless people and can be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

March 10-17: \$ 6,397.80

Envelopes: \$ 2,025.00 – Online: \$ 4,372.80

THANK YOU!



WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING...

Irish caps off to the lads and lassies who make up our Social Activities team. Unsolicited feedback was that they served up another scrumptious meal to about 80 guests last Saturday evening. There was corned beef and cabbage, of course, mac and cheese, Irish bangers, appropriate libations and more - illustrating that everyone is a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

Then there are those who are a lot more than a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day (and every day). Decked out from head to toe in green with shamrock accents, Ann Shannon has inspired others over the years to get into the colorful spirit of this annual celebration. She even persuaded Fr. Sean to add a hat and glasses to his look this year.

"He tried to run away, but I caught him."

And why green on St. Patrick's Day anyway?

Legend has it that those wearing green are invisible to those mischievous leprechauns, who love to pinch those they can see. For sure, there was nary a pinch to ruin her good time!

"I'm there to have fun," she says. "The fantastic food is a plus. They do an excellent job, and I make sure to tell them."

Along with the entire kitchen crew, she also praised the Youth Ministry volunteers who helped out during the evening.

"The kids are so cute."

EASTER DECORATING

Calling all bunnies: Even a few extra paws multiply into decorating efficiency.

The church will begin its transformation from the austerity of Lent to the splendor of Easter at 10:30 a.m. Holy Saturday.

We appreciate your generous donations toward Easter flowers, which enhance the beauty of our church. Now, a small donation of your time brings it all to fruition.

