

# PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021



## Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Like the prophets before him, Isaiah is mistreated and spit upon. But his face is strong like flint - a direct reference to Christ's treatment.

## Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

St. Paul exhorts his readers to selflessness. He quotes from an extant and beautiful hymn of the early Church. It poignantly describes both the abasement and the exaltation of Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

## The Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15:47 or 15: 1-39

The Gospel of Mark has been described by scholars as "A Passion Narrative with a long introduction." Be that as it may, this latter part is key to the rest of the Gospel.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: Andrew Kierych, Kevin Stanton,  
Victoria Mercado and Gloria Palmeri
- 10 a.m.: Grace Greenslit, Tomasz Pienkowski,  
Betty Ann Cieslewitz Sutton & Rosa Roman

## LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday, March 20: **44** in the church.  
10 a.m. Sunday, March 21: **60** in the church;  
**28** in the hall. Total: **88**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

March 14-21: Totaled \$ 5,693.97

Envelopes: \$ 2,788.00 – Online: \$ 2,905.97

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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](http://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](http://www.stpaulsbullville.org)



You will never look into the eyes of someone God does not love.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you’ve reached either milestone.

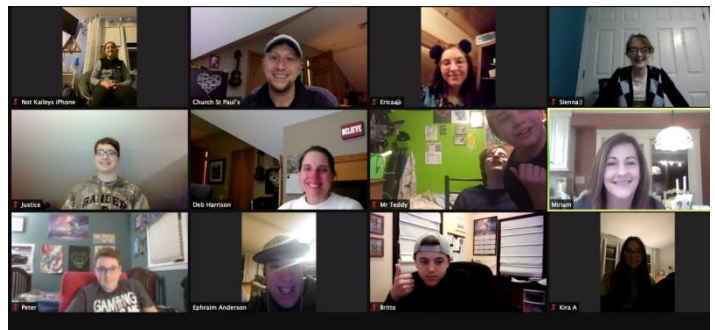


## **A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE**

We are continuing to share resources for insight into the current issues of social justice from a Biblical/Church perspective. This week’s reflection, “Catholic Order Pledges \$100 Million to Atonement for Slave Labor and Sales” can be accessed via this link:

[https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/15/us/jesuits-georgetown-reparations-slavery.html?campaign\\_id=9&emc=edit\\_nn\\_20210316&instance\\_id=28100&nl=the-morning&regid=80139784&segment\\_id=53490&te=1&user\\_id=cb918f6f649fa92085bdf3ae0213ae5](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/15/us/jesuits-georgetown-reparations-slavery.html?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20210316&instance_id=28100&nl=the-morning&regid=80139784&segment_id=53490&te=1&user_id=cb918f6f649fa92085bdf3ae0213ae5)

For your convenience, go to [stpaulsbulldville.org](http://stpaulsbulldville.org). Click “more” under the Social Justice heading on the home page for one-click access to all the articles.



## **YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

Last week’s meeting opened with Deb Harrison singing Phil Wickham’s “Battle Belongs,” which was followed with equal passion by an animated game of “Lightning Scavenger Hunt.”

Working at lightning speed, in just a mere 6 minutes and 4 seconds (6 minutes 53 seconds the second round), myriad random objects were found.

“Find a breakfast food,” Chris Worthington, the youth minister, told the first player. Once an item was found, the next player was tasked by either Chris or his wife, Deb, with a new object to unearth. “Something purple.” “A button.” “An Easter decoration.” “A paper airplane.” “A blade of grass.”

“Really, Chris? A blade of grass?” Deb said. “It’s raining outside!”

An only-slightly-soggy adult volunteer returned to her computer screen to display that blade of grass.

Scriptures were also shared, including:

**John 13:14** - Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.

**Joshua 1:9** - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

**1 Thessalonians 1:4** - For we know, brothers and sisters[a] loved by God, that He has chosen you,

**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.”

**2 Timothy 1:7** - For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

**Mark 11:24** - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

**1 John 4:19** - We love because He first loved us.

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