

Catholic Neighbors In Faith



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

3PM - St. James Reconciliation
4PM - St. James Church
3PM - Sacred Heart Reconciliation
4PM - Sacred Heart Church
5PM - St. Patrick Reconciliation
5:30PM - St. Patrick Church

Sunday

8AM - St. James Church
9AM - St. John Church
9AM - Sacred Heart Church
11AM - Ss. Peter & Paul Church
11AM - St. Patrick Church

Reconciliation is also available Wednesday evenings from 6- 6:30PM before 7PM Mass at St. James. Or call the Central Office to make an appointment.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays- Through April 1st - JHN - 6PM

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 2

PAT - 9AM - Morning Prayer Service
SHR - 7PM

Good Friday - April 3

JHN - 9AM - Morning Prayer Service
SPP - 12PM - Seven Last Words
PAT - 12 - 3PM - Doors open for private prayer
JHN - 3PM Prayer Service

Holy Saturday - April 4

JMS - 9AM - Morning Prayer Service
JMS - 12PM - Easter Basket Blessing
JMS - 8:30PM - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - April 5

9AM - St. John Church
9AM - Sacred Heart Church
11AM - St. James Church
11AM - Ss. Peter & Paul Church
11AM - St. Patrick Church

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Holy Apostles:

Ss. Peter & Paul
508 Cherry St.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. John

282 Newton Ave.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. James

27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave.
Lakewood NY 14750

St. Patrick

189 Main St.
Randolph NY 14772

Sacrament of Anointing

If you are in need of an emergency Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Central Office. After office hours, your call will be automatically directed to one of the parish priests.

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday,
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Divine Mercy: Everyone is invited to a special program on the Divine Mercy. On **Sunday, March 29th**, at **St. John's Church**, immediately following the **9:00 a.m. Mass**, two guest speakers will offer reflections on Divine Mercy Sunday and how it can impact our daily lives. Our first speaker is a member of the **Third Order of the Dominicans**,

and our second speaker is from the **Society of the Divine Mercy**, based at the **National Shrine of Divine Mercy** at Eden Hill in Stockbridge, MA.

Novena prayer sheets will be available for you to take home. The **Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday**. The speakers will also discuss the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We hope to see you on **March 29th!**

Leave a Legacy of Faith

As you reflect on the blessings in your life, consider making a lasting impact by including your parish in your will or estate plans. Your gift will help ensure that our mission continues to thrive for generations to come — supporting worship, outreach, and the spiritual growth of our community.

Please contact the Central Office to add a name onto the prayer list after obtaining the individual's consent. Please let us know when someone can be taken off the list. Thank you.

Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, March 30 at 2:30pm at Sacred Heart conference room. Any Catholic women interested in seeing what our ministry is about are welcome to attend.

"The Gift of Dying Well" – National Catholic Bioethics Center Video:

An educational video on end-of-life decision making and discussion of the unexpected graces encountered during the natural process of dying. Following the video, local physician Dr. Stanley Bukowski will field audience questions. No reservations required. Refreshments will be served. **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 7pm-9pm. St. Leo the Great Parish Center.**

For questions contact Rose Quebral at (716) 319-7657 or rosemaryquebral@gmail.com.



Holy Apostles Altar & Rosary Society

The next meeting of Holy Apostles Altar & Rosary will be on April 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at SSPP Church Hall. All are invited to attend, (including men) if you are interested in finding out about the Altar Rosary Society Ministry.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are currently in need of guardians for the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays. We especially need guardians during the 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, and 6:00 PM hours. If you are able to commit to one hour of weekly adoration so that others may attend, please contact the Central Office at 716-487-0125.

Please pray for the healing of the sick

Elaine Agen
Chris Allenson
Monica Becht
Carm Bellitto
Kim Brown
Maryann Carlo
Lori Carvelli
Kevin Covey
Dee Covey
David Covey
Dayanna Cruz
Frances D'Angelo
Emma Eldridge

David Flavin
Elizabeth Franklin
Joe George
Heather Gonzalez
Jackie Hitchcock
Levi Hall
Darlene Kelsey
Cindy Kukoda
Johnny La Mancuso
Jim Mathis
Amanda Marsh
Joseph Moynihan
Krystyna Muniz

Dana Neal
Shelly Pacheco-Johannessen
Mike Papalia
Antoinette Pearsall
Grace Peterson
Kim Piazza
James Post
Johanna Ramsey
Danielle Russell
Mary Helen Smith
Sayer Spinler
Aubrey Spitzer

Kathy Tiedeken
Mary Tiedeken
Frances Tuzzo
Edw. Bruce Zunner

Prayers for the actively deployed Military.

Prayers for the unborn.

Prayers for the souls in purgatory.

Anointing of the Sick

Every Wednesday after the 7PM Mass at St. James the Anointing of the Sick is offered. Those in need of this Sacrament are invited to stay.

Sacrament of Anointing

If you are in need of an emergency anointing of the sick, please contact the Central Office. After office hours, your call will be automatically directed to one of the priests.

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Wine Intentions - March

St. James Church

In Memory of Henry & Adeline Karg
By Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

St. John Church

In Memory of Josie Farnella
By Godson, Bud & Sandy Reale

Sacred Heart Church

In Honor of the Birth of our Grandson, Teddy Nicholson
By Greg & Debbie Lee

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of G. Craig Miller
By Family



Host Intentions - March

St. James Church

In Memory of Betty Munella (Birthday)
By Husband, Jack

St. John Church

In Memory of Josie Marcello (Birthday)
By Daughters, Diane & Joan

Sacred Heart

In Honor of the Birth of our Grandson, Teddy Nicholson
By Greg & Debbie Lee

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of G. Craig Miller
By Family

Our Stewardships for March 15, 2026:

Holy Apostles - Offertory \$4,807, Repair & Maint. \$175, Holy Land \$10, Black & Indian Missions \$120, Flowers \$1039

St. James - Offertory \$6,965.44, Parish Improv. \$285, Fuel \$205, Easter Flowers \$340, Black & Indian Missions \$160

Sacred Heart - Offertory \$3,581, Repair & Maint. \$321, Easter Flowers \$355, Pieta Fund 1,758.90

St. Patrick - Offertory \$1,300, Easter Flowers \$371.75, Black & Indian Missions \$10

Thank you for your support of our parishes and ministries!



A Memorial was presented to

Holy Apostles Parish
Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In memory of Nancy Ward
by the Senior Exercise Zoomers Class



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the Our Lady of Victory Chapel at Saint James Church, unless it is canceled due to inclement weather.



Catholic Neighbors in Faith **Rosary Prayer Groups**

Ss. Peter & Paul Church - Monday & Friday at 11:30am prior to 12:10pm Mass; Sunday 10:30am prior to the 11am Mass, meet in the Chapel.

St. John Church - Sunday 8:30am prior to the 9:00am Mass in the Church.

St. James Church - Saturday 3:30pm prior to 4:00pm Mass

Everyone is invited to pray the holy rosary in scriptural meditation and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary!



JHN - St. John, Jamestown
JMS - St. James, Jamestown
PAT - St. Patrick, Randolph
SHR - Sacred Heart, Lakewood
SPP - Ss. Peter & Paul, Jamestown

Saturday, March 28

JMS - 4:00PM † L & D Members of the Cusimano Family
 By Susie
SHR - 4:00PM † Living & Deceased Mothers
 By the Parishioners
PAT - 5:30PM † DMO the Hoffman Family
 By the Hoffman Family

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

JMS - 8:00AM † Salvatore & Edda Liuzzo
 By Andrew Liuzzo
JHN - 9:00AM - In Honor of Christine Szczesny (Birthday)
 By Son, Greg & Family
SHR - 9:00AM † Janine Corrain
 By the Flaherty Family
SPP -11:00AM † Carolann Darling
 By sister, Susan Mistretta
PAT -11:00AM † Living & Deceased Fathers
 By the Parishioners

Monday, March 30 - Monday of Holy Week

JMS - 8:00AM † Chester "Chet" Fisher
 By Son, Gene Fisher & Carmela Fisher
SHR - 9:00AM † Deceased Members of the Spitale Family
 By the Family
SPP -12:10PM † For the Parishioners
 By Fr. Paul, Fr. Don, Fr. Marcin

Tuesday, March 31 - Tuesday of Holy Week

PAT - 8:00AM † Donald Minton
 By Bruce & Rosemary Gillen
SHR - 9:00AM † Souls of the Faithful Departed
 By the Parishioners

Wednesday, April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week

JHN - 8:00AM † Roger D. Coan
 By Mother, Alice Coan &
 Sister, Heidi Bane
JMS - 7:00PM † Alice Barber
 By Vince & Maryfran Powell

Thursday, April 2 - Holy Thursday

PAT - 9:00AM - Morning Prayer Service
SHR - 7:00PM - Intentions of O.C.I.A Candidates
 By Parishioners

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

JHN - 9:00AM - Morning Prayer Service
SPP -12:00PM - Seven Last Words
SHR - 3:00PM - Prayer Service

Saturday, April 4 - Holy Saturday

JMS - 9:00AM - Prayer Service
JMS - 8:30PM † For the Parishioners
 By Fr. Paul, Fr. Don, Fr. Marcin

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord
JHN - 9:00AM † Carol Olson
 By Rich & Emily Ruggerio
SHR - 9:00AM † Joe Vullo, Gaetano & Anna Alessi
 By Wife, Mary & Children
SPP -11:00AM † Bev Grobaski
 By the Raimondo Family
PAT -11:00AM - Intentions of Ginger Oyer
 By a Friend
JMS - 11:00AM † DMO Fiorella & Cala Families
 By Charles Fiorella



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HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

Bruce Zunner, a longtime member of St. Patrick's, will be Celebrating his **100th Birthday** on April 23rd. We are sure Bruce would love to receive some birthday wishes! If you would like to send Bruce a birthday card, please mail it to:

Bruce Zunner, 500 W. Main St, Randolph NY 14772



Dear Ministers of Praise,

It is truly wonderful to see so many members of the CNIF family committed to prayer. We currently have over **70 people signed up**. Thank you for being part of this powerful ministry!

In March, you prayed for our **First Reconciliation students** and the celebration of the sacrament was beautiful. Thank you for your faithful prayers.

April begins this week, and there is much to pray for this month. First, we thank God for the gift of **His Son**, who saved us. Even something as small as a rose thorn can cause pain, yet what Jesus endured for each of us is beyond imagination. Thank you, Jesus! Please remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving on **Easter** for our many blessings.

Please pray that many people will attend the **Holy Week services**, and that our churches will be filled as we thank Jesus for all He suffered for each of us.



ADOPTION MASS:

All are welcome to this special Mass honoring anyone touched by adoption - Sunday, April 19, 2026 - 12:00 PM at OLV National Shrine and Basilica - 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218. Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. David LiPuma.

A light reception will follow Mass. Tours of the OLV Infant Home will be offered after the reception.

For more information contact the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Buffalo at (716) 847-2205 or pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org

Vocation News:

The crowds acclaimed Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem, then days later they demanded His crucifixion. Public opinion can change in an instant. Let's forget about what the world wants, and focus on what God desires.

If Jesus is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection.

Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

—Rev. James Field



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Community Food Cupboard for Area Families

During the Lenten season, we are asked to pray, fast, and give alms. With that in mind, we are asking our Religious Education students and parishioners to donate food for the Randolph Community Cupboard. Our Community Cupboard receives food from FeedMore WNY in Buffalo. Unfortunately, they only provide a limited amount of food. Many area families rely on our local cupboard. We will be **collecting food until Easter Sunday**. We will then deliver the food to the Cupboard. The food list below is what the program currently needs per Louise Boutwell, the director of the Randolph Cupboard. If you donate items, please place them into boxes located in the front and rear of the church.



Food items needed

Peanut butter – small and large sizes needed
Saltines and crackers
Chili beans
Flavored instant oatmeal packets
Fruit juices
Spaghetti sauce
Pastas
Condiments – Mayo and ketchup (no mustard)
Blocks of cheese

Cereal – any kind that children would like to eat
Baked beans
Canned chicken, ham, spam, and tuna
Canned fruits
Brownie mixes
Tomato sauce and diced tomatoes
Mac and cheese
Vegetable oil

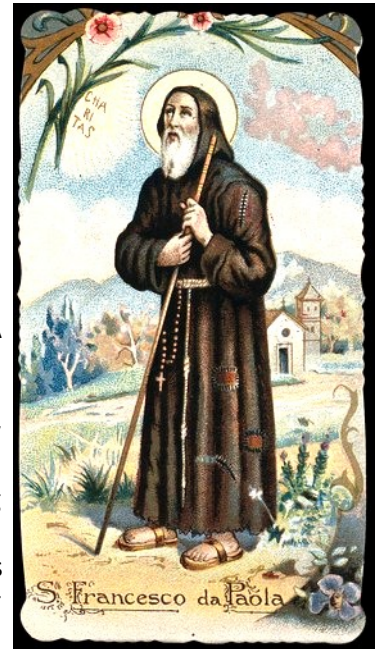
SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA (1416-1507)

April 2

A witness to miracles from a young age, Francis of Paola later went on to perform many himself. His parents struggled with infertility, so turned to the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi. Their devout prayers bore them a son, whom they named Francis out of gratitude. As an infant, Francis suffered from swollen eyes and was again healed by his namesake. His parents promised him a friary education, where young Francis voluntarily abstained from meat, practiced solitude, and prayed fervently. After a year, he went on a pilgrimage with his parents to Assisi which deepened his devotion. Upon their return, Francis committed to the life of a hermit, first on family property before moving to a remote cave near the sea. A couple others were inspired by his journey and joined him, forming a small hermitage with a chapel. Over several decades, they expanded to a larger church and monastery as more followers joined. They became known as the Minims Friars, *minim* meaning least to convey their humility. They valued poverty, chastity, obedience, and later added veganism to their vows. Francis is said to have performed many miracles: prophetic speaking, food appearing from nothing, casting out demons, and raising the dead. Despite a life of solitude, he was sought out by many, popes and kings even calling on him for counsel. In his old age, Francis returned to complete solitude for three months, before passing on Good Friday—fitting for a life of perpetual Lent. Francis embodied love for God through radical vocation, giving his all in everything he did. While we may not be as radical in our own lives, the same call of love is extended to us today.

—Meghan McDonagh



April 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY						
<p>Easter Calendar</p> <p>Holy Thursday, 4/2 PAT 9AM - Prayer Service SHR 7PM - Mass</p> <p>Good Friday, 4/3 SPP - Seven Last Words, 12noon PAT - Doors open for private prayer, 12-3pm JHN - Prayer Service, 3pm</p>	<p>Holy Saturday, 4/4 JMS - Morning Prayer Service, 9am JMS - Easter Basket Blessing, 12noon JMS - Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm</p> <p>Easter Sunday, 4/5 Masses: JHN & SHR - 9am JMS, SPP & PAT - 11am</p>	<p>1 Holy Week JMS: Adoration in Chapel 9am-7pm; Confessions 6-6:30pm</p> <p>Stations of the Cross: JHN 6pm</p>	<p>2 Holy Thursday PAT: Morning Prayer Service, 9am JMS: CNIF Office closes at 12pm SHR: Choir Rehearsal, 4pm</p> <p>JMS: Music Ministry rehearsals - Bells 5pm, Choir 6pm SHR: Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm</p>	<p>3 Good Friday Fast & Abstinence, Frat Friday Pray 1st day of Divine Mercy Novena on own</p> <p>JHN: Morning Prayer Service, 9am JMS: CNIF Office closed JMS: Liturgy of the Hours - Zoom, 9am SPP: Seven Last Words, 12pm w/Choir PAT: Doors open for private prayer, 12-3pm JHN: Prayer Service, 3pm</p>	<p>4 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Frat Saturday</p> <p>Pray 2nd day of Divine Mercy Novena on own</p> <p>JMS: TMJY, No class JMS: Morning Prayer Service, 9am JHN: Easter Egg Hunt, 10am by Eastside Fellowship JMS: Easter Basket Blessing, 12pm JMS: Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm</p>	<p>5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Pray 3rd day of Divine Mercy Novena on own</p> <p>Masses: 9am at JHN & SHR; 11am at JMS, SPP & PAT JHN: Jubilates 9am, Mass JHN: Rosary, 8:30am SPP: HA Choir w/Brass & Handbell Choir SPP: Rosary, downstairs Chapel 10:30am bef. Mass</p>	<p>6 Easter Monday JMS: CNIF Office closed JMS: 8am Mass only today SHR: Holy Hour 3pm, Adoration & 4th day Divine Mercy Novena prayed JMS: BAM-Be A Man Ministry, No Class</p>	<p>7 SHR: Holy Hour 3pm, Adoration & 5th day Divine Mercy Novena prayed JMS: BAM-Be A Man Ministry, No Class</p>	<p>8 Our Lady of Lourdes JMS: Adoration in Chapel 9am-7pm; Confessions 6-6:30pm SHR: Holy Hour 3pm, Adoration & 6th day Divine Mercy Novena prayed</p>	<p>9 SHR: Holy Hour 3pm, Adoration & 7th day Divine Mercy Novena prayed JMS: Music Ministry rehearsals - Bells 5pm, Choir 6pm JMS: Knights of Columbus 926 meets, 6pm, 21st Street Hall JHN: Jubilate Singers rehearsal 6:15-7:30pm, Church SPP: Altar & Rosary Mtg., Hall 6:30pm</p>	<p>10 SHR: Holy Hour 3pm, Adoration & 8th day Divine Mercy Novena prayed JMS: Liturgy of the Hours - Zoom, 9am SPP: Rosary, Chapel 11:30am bef. Mass</p>	<p>11 JMS: TMJY, No class SHR: Holy Hour 3pm, Adoration & 9th day Divine Mercy Novena prayed PAT: A&R Mtg. Hall 10am w/Rosary Confessions JMS & SHR: 3pm PAT: 5pm JMS: Rosary, 3:30pm bef. Mass JMS: Dinner & Movie after Mass, 5-7pm Hall</p>



April 2026

Church Abbreviations

JMS: St. James, Jamestown
SPP: Ss. Peter & Paul, Jamestown
JHN: St. John, Jamestown
SHR: Sacred Heart, Lakewood
PAT: St. Patrick, Randolph

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>12 Divine Mercy Sunday FE: Classes & Mass, PAT only JHN: Rosary, 8:30am JHN: Jubilates 9am, Mass JMS: OCIA, 9:10am Lib. SPP: HA Choir Rehearsal 10:15am, bef. Mass SPP: Rosary, downstairs Chapel 10:30am bef. Mass</p>	<p>13 SPP: Rosary, Chapel 11:30am bef. Mass JMS: LTMTP (CoEd) "Year of Grace" Hall, 6-7:10pm</p>	<p>14 JMS: BAM-Be A Man Ministry, 6-7:10 pm, Hall Classroom</p>	<p>15 JMS: Adoration in Chapel 9am-7pm; Confessions 6-6:30pm</p>	<p>16 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary SHR: Chiavetta's BBQ 12-6pm, Parking lot SHR: Choir Rehearsal, 4pm JMS: Music Ministry rehearsals - Bells 5pm, Choir 6pm JHN: Jubilate Singers rehearsal 6:15-7:30pm, Church</p>	<p>17 Spring Begins JMS: Liturgy of the Hours - Zoom, 9am SPP: Rosary, Chapel 11:30am bef. Mass</p>	<p>18 JMS: TMIY Men's Faith-Sharing Group 7:30am, Hall, <u>Last Class till fall</u> JMS: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Hall, 10am Confessions JMS & SHR: 3pm PAT: 5pm JMS: Rosary, 3:30pm bef. Mass JMS: Dinner & Movie after Mass, 5-7pm Hall</p>
<p>19 *FE: Mass & Classes SHR, JHN & PAT JHN: HA Choir Rehearsal 8:15am, bef. Mass JHN: Rosary, 8:30am JMS: Coffee Hour after 8am Mass, Hall by Prayer Shawl Ministry JMS: OCIA, 9:10am Lib. SPP: Rosary, downstairs Chapel 10:30am bef. Mass</p>	<p>20 SPP: Rosary, Chapel 11:30am bef. Mass JMS: CNIF Staff Mtg., <u>Office Closed 1-3pm</u> SHR: Cath. Daughters Mtg. Conf/Rm 2:30pm SHR: Morning Star Family Holy Hour, 5:45pm JMS: LTMTP (CoEd) "Year of Grace" Hall, 6-7:10pm</p>	<p>21 JMS: BAM-Be A Man Ministry, 6-7:10 pm, Hall Classroom SPP: HA Choir Rehearsal, 6:30-7:30</p>	<p>22 JMS: Adoration in Chapel 9am-7pm; Confessions 6-6:30pm</p>	<p>23 SHR: Choir Rehearsal, 4pm JMS: Music Ministry rehearsals -Bells 5pm, Choir 6pm JHN: Jubilate Singers rehearsal 6:15-7:30pm, Church JMS: Holy Name Society Mtg., Library 6:30pm</p>	<p>24 JMS: Liturgy of the Hours - Zoom, 9am SPP: Rosary, Chapel 11:30am bef. Mass</p>	<p>25 St. Mark, Evangelist Confessions JMS & SHR: 3pm PAT: 5pm. JMS: Rosary, 3:30pm bef. Mass</p>
<p>26 World Day of Prayer for Vocations *FE: Mass & Classes, SHR, JHN & PAT JHN: Rosary, 8:30am JHN: Jubilates 9am, Mass JMS: OCIA, 9:10am Lib. SPP: HA Choir Rehearsal 10:15am, bef. Mass SPP: Rosary, downstairs Chapel 10:30am bef. Mass</p>	<p>27 SPP: Rosary, Chapel 11:30am bef. Mass JMS: All St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4pm Hall JMS: LTMTP (CoEd) "Year of Grace" Hall, 6-7:10pm</p>	<p>28 JMS: BAM-Be A Man Ministry, 6-7:10 pm, Hall Classroom SPP: Bell Choir rehearsal, 6:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>29 JMS: Adoration in Chapel 9am-7pm; Confessions 6-6:30pm</p>	<p>30 SHR: Choir Rehearsal, 4pm JHN: First Eucharist practice, 6pm JMS: Music Ministry rehearsals - Bells 5pm, Choir 6pm JHN: Jubilate Singers rehearsal 6:15-7:30pm, Church</p>		<p>MAY Calendar: First Eucharist at JHN Sat. May 2nd at 11AM</p>

REFLECTIONS

Inspiration Daily - A Week to Feel His Profound Love

Today's Gospel reading reveals the depths of divine love through Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. This passage is enormously long! As we stand to listen to the Gospel proclaimed during Mass, you may feel your knees buckle a little or your back begin to ache. Small children in the pews will fiddle and whine. Altar servers' arms will grow tired from holding their candles. You will also feel your heart break as we recall Jesus' pain and suffering, our contribution to His pain, and the profundity of His love for us.

The physical discomfort that you'll likely experience at Mass today is part of the genius of the Catholic liturgy. The twinges of pain or discomfort that we experience while listening to Matthew's account of the Passover meal, Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, his trial, passion, death, and burial, is part of the point. We may offer our discomfort as a miniscule, participation in Jesus' crucible ordeal. By the mere act of standing for the Gospel, we may draw closer to Jesus' cross and understand his profligate and sacrificial love for us more fully.

Entering into Holy Week, we have just a few more days to rededicate ourselves to our Lenten penances, mortifications, and fasts, to get to confession, and to prepare our hearts for Easter. Throughout Lent, and especially as we listen to today's Gospel, our hearts are filled with compassion and gratitude for Jesus' suffering. Our Lenten offerings may not have been easy, as suffering rarely is, but our physical work truly prepares our hearts and souls to receive all that Jesus offers us.

Though today's Gospel passage is full of trials, Jesus, as a deliberate and loving participant in humanity's redemption, also reminds us of God's goodness. Jesus promises us that goodness prevails. During the Passover meal, Jesus gives the disciples His body and blood. And on the cross He offers that same body and blood in death for the salvation of all. As the baptized Christians, we participate sacramentally in Jesus' death and resurrection. Entering into the waters of baptism, we die to sin, and emerging, we rise incorporated into Jesus' divine sonship. This is a sonship whereby we participate in the life of Jesus eternally. We know that without the cross there is no resurrection. Rather than avoid suffering this week, let us unite our sufferings to Jesus and prepare our hearts for Easter's victory over death and the opening of the promise of heaven. By Elizabeth Tomlin

The Word In Our Lives - My Will Be Done

One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. That might sound odd, considering how the disciples fall asleep while Jesus is in distress. I suppose I could identify with them as they show weakness when Jesus needed strength. But I am really comforted by Jesus' words. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his Father, "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39), I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it's comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father's will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." But how often do we still take the easy way out? Ever hear someone tell a lie or spread gossip that hurts a person's reputation? We can choose to do nothing (the easy way) or gently reproach the other with a simple question, "What would Jesus do?" When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it's none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, "Not my will, but yours be done"?

Luke's Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, "When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden. and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father's will. Our temptations continue every day as we face frustrations, desire for things we can't have, unanswered prayers, or our own weaknesses. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what we think is best, at least remember to say, "Not my will, but yours be done."

By Tom Schmidt

In Loving Memory Memorial Page

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen.

Andrew B. & Eleanor H. Johnson
DMO Hutchinson & Truax Families
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