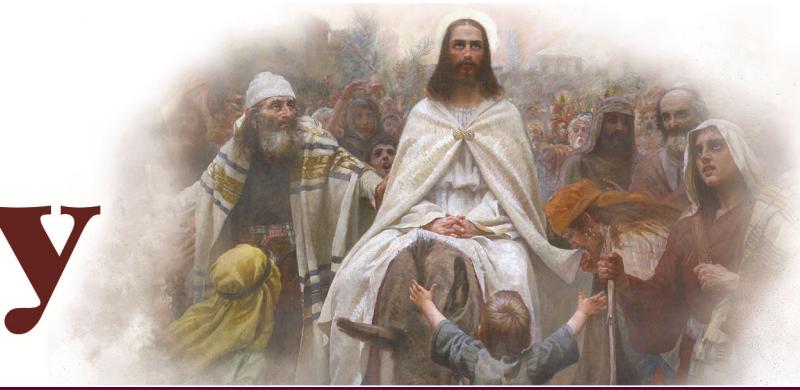


Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord



April 10, 2022

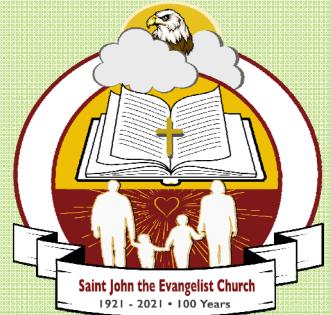


"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord." Luke 19:38

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 - Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
April 15 - Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM
The Passion of the Lord 7:00 PM
April 16 - Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food - 12:00 PM
Easter Vigil 8:30 PM
April 17 - Easter Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Thurs. Apr. 14 - 7:00 PM - TBD
Fri. Apr. 15 - 7:00 PM - TBD
Sat. Apr. 16 - 8:30 PM - TBD
Sun. Apr. 17 - 8:00 AM - TBD
Sun. Apr. 17 - 11:00 AM - TBD

ALTAR SERVERS

Thurs. Apr. 14 - 7:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, McKenna Koeck, Amber Yasolsky
Fri. Apr. 15 - 7:00 PM - Lily Davis, Sadie Swope, NOT FILLED (2)
Sat. Apr. 16 - 8:30 PM - Aidan Schurr, Emily Miller, NOT FILLED (3)

Sun. Apr. 17 - 8:00 AM - Sadie Swope, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. Apr. 17 - 11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Thurs. Apr. 14 - 7:00 PM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sat. Apr. 16 - 8:30 PM - Dolores Capriotti, NOT FILLED
Sun. Apr. 17 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Apr. 17 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Thurs. Apr. 14 - 7:00 PM - Mary Truesdale, Lou Ann Clark
Darlene Scarpaci, Jane Strasser
Fri. Apr. 15 - 7:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti, Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz, Mike O'Neill,
Sat. Apr. 16 - 8:30 PM - Connie Baker, Charlie Moore, Ginny Reeder, NOT FILLED
Sun. Apr. 17 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Apr. 17 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Marilyn Bevan, Patrick Podoletz, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Thurs. Apr. 14 - 7:00 PM - Barbara Bundy
Sat. Apr. 16 - 8:30 PM - Dolores Capriotti
Sun. Apr. 17 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Apr. 16 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sun. Apr. 17 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Apr. 17 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

HOLY WEEK BEGINS - Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It's more sacred than Christmas! This is because Holy Week commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. As Holy Week progresses to its final days the solemnity heightens.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM - Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the *Easter Triduum*, also known as the *Sacred Triduum*, or *Paschal Triduum*. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word *triduum*, which comes from *tris* ("three") + *dies* ("day"). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. *The Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us: "Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery"* (USCCB).

HOLY THURSDAY MASS AND ADORATION - The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the church, for continued adoration until 10PM.

GOOD FRIDAY - This is the day of the Lord's crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. - This is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered.

HOLY SATURDAY - On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. We recall, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as He lay in the tomb. The faithful often continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday. In the Apostles Creed we pray "He descended into hell" (translated hades, that is, the temporary abode of the dead—not the eternal lake of fire) which describes what Jesus did in the time between his burial and Resurrection. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls—the Old Testament patriarchs, for example—who died before his crucifixion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Jesus' descent into the realm of the dead "the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission," during which he "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him." Before Holy Saturday, there were no souls enjoying the beatific vision of God in heaven! Christ's work on Holy Saturday is also known as the "Harrowing of Hell."

THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKET – This has been a cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds. On Holy Saturday, families prepare their Easter Baskets to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family and guests would share this blessed fare and exchange good wishes. Our Easter Basket Blessing will take place on Holy Saturday at noon. Please come and bring your baskets!

THE EASTER VIGIL - A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. The vigil is divided into four parts: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY - The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it this way: "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'. St. Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Rice Bowls can be returned to the parish by placing them in the basket provided in the Gathering Spare. Your generosity is so much appreciated.



**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
April 10, 2022**

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a

Schedule for the Week

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00 AM - Mass for *Genie Semko*
requested by Jo-Ann Semko

Monday, April 11 - Monday of Holy Week

8:30 AM - Mass for *Tom Semelsberger* requested by
Barb & Dave Hastings

Tuesday, April 12 - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 AM - Mass for *Bob Bundy, Sr.* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Wednesday, April 13 - Wednesday of Holy Week

5:30 PM - Confessions
6:00 PM - Mass for *Stephan Fix* requested by
Becky Marshman

Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

8:30 AM - Observance of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

8:30 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,
10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted in the Gospel reading from Luke: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is that Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion.

In contrast, "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But, they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples. (*Stewardship Reflections*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/4/3)

March 19/20, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 3,640.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 740.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 180.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 40.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
Ukrainian Relief Fund	\$ 3,540.00
Easter Offering	\$ 50.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$ 265.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 190.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,683.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,373.00

March 26/27, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 3,609.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 223.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 9.00
Parish Development	\$ 20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 260.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 5.00
Ukrainian Relief Fund	\$ 2,655.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$ 677.00
Food Bank Collection	\$ 40.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,791.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,289.00

Restore*Repair*Rejoice

Payments/Donations \$183,401
Pledge Payment Committed \$7,435
Total Pledges/Donations \$190,836

Catholic Ministries Drive

Goal - \$42,211

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gyny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

Aiden • Seth Alexander • Janine Anna • Joshua Banks
Bernie Beiswenger • Scott Brenneman • Dan Burley
Cari Ann • Arthur Campbell • Cheryl Cherry
Michelle Cooney • Betty Dennis • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Bernadine Farrell • Kathy Felty
Leann Frazier • Donna Harpster • Norman Hastings
Don James • Nancy James • Tim Jimenez
Amy Langenbacher • Lisa • Sherri Maffettone
Genevieve Mathias • Angela Mazzei • Susie Miller
Karrie McCall • Sylvia Louise Mills • Barbara Moore
Ailani Myers • Patricia Olson • Linda Pletcher
Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker • Vicki Riley • John Rita
Carol Rodgers • Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph
Bruce Shank • Anne Showalter • Betsy Slat
Mary Jo Stephenson • Tim Temofonte
Marion Tessitore • Mary Truesdale • Kathy Wagner
Lois Werfel
HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Mary Ann Rossman, mother of Bonnie Loth
Mary Ellen Wess, sister of Lois Werfel
Mary Oricko, mother of Joseph Oricko
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS: Grief is a journey. It is a wilderness that we wander through without a map. Grief changes, but it doesn't end. We don't move on instead we move forward, carrying our heartache and learning to live in a life that is very different, without a person we love. Adults who have a family member or close friend who has died are invited to join Journey Through Loss. We will come together to share or to listen, to connect with others who understand the journey, to learn about common grief experiences, and to cling to Christ our great hope. We will meet in the St. John's Parish Center from 6:30-8:00 for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings, from April 19th through May 24th. Please register by April 12th. To register or for more information contact Mary Petrak, (814) 502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: We will be meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, in the Saint Rose of Lima Social Hall (use the 56th Street entrance between the Maria Parish Center and the school). Doors open at 6:45 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 — Serves all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! Find us online at: cda2625.com. Catholic Daughters primary focus is Spirituality and Service!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- April 10: CLASS - 9:15 - 10:45 AM
April 17: NO CLASS
April 18: Confirmation Practice at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for Candidates & Sponsors
April 19: Confirmation at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
April 24: LAST CLASS - 9:15 - 10:45 AM
2nd Grade First Holy Communion Retreat for all 2nd grade students, both public and Catholic schools
May 1: First Holy Communion at 11:00 AM Mass

April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



THE FRIAR'S NOOK GIFT SHOP EASTER SALE: Need a Peter Cottontail to spruce up your Bunny Trail? Hop into The Friar's Nook Gift Shop Easter Sale and save 20% off all Easter, Lent, and spring flags, decor, books, and more! Easter Sale: April 4th – 14th (ALWAYS closed Sundays) – Closed Good Friday (4/15) and Holy Saturday (4/16) Address: 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg – Facebook: "The Friar's Nook Gift Shop" – Phone: 814-695-3802.

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Ken Dunmire - Maintenance

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

MAY 1, 2022 / MAURICE STOKES ATHLETIC CENTER @ SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY, LORETO

DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS FATHER CHASE HILGENBRINCK BAS RUTTEN

MEN'S CONFERENCE: A professional soccer player turned priest, a man nicknamed the “Dynamic Deacon,” and a mixed martial arts champ are the headliners for an upcoming men’s conference sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Titled “Strength in Christ,” the gathering is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Noon at Saint Francis University in Loretto. The speakers are Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, a professional soccer player turned priest in the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a dynamic evangelist, author, and radio host; and Bas Rutten, a mix martial arts champion and TV/movie star who openly shares his Catholic journey. The conference is open to all men 18 and older, and includes lunch, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and a closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Mark, which is open to the families of the conference attendees. The cost is \$10. Please register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish. The registration deadline is April 25.

CLEANING SUPPLY DRIVE: Catholic Charities is asking parishes to participate in their Spring Cleaning Product Drive. We will be collecting items for local families in need from March 26 to April 24. Please place your donations in the collection box in the Gathering Space. A list of needed supplies can be found on the flyer on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. Thank you for supporting this important endeavor.

SHROUD OF TURIN TALK: On Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, 433 W. Church St., Somerset. In 2013 Bill Wingard established “Shroud Talks” to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle the biggest mystery...Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth of Jesus? You are invited to hear the talk and see the full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. Priests will be available following the presentation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No tickets are required; a free will offering will be collected. For more information, contact Deacon Mark Komula at (814) 233-9285 or email mkomula@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

CA\$H BA\$H: The Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus is holding a Ca\$h Ba\$h at the East Freedom Fire Hall on Friday, April 22nd Doors open at 5:30PM, dinner at 6PM, music after the drawing until 11PM. \$40 ticket includes two dinners, beverages and 1 entry in the drawing. In addition, “The Big One” 50/50 tickets are available for \$5 with the winning ticket drawn at the Ca\$h Ba\$h (winner need not be present). Only 1000 tickets being sold! For tickets, see any Knight or call 814-695-4752 and leave a message.

SPAGHETTI DRIVE-BY: The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 Third St. Conemaugh, will be having a Spaghetti Drive -By on Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Meal includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll & Dessert. All for \$8.00 per meal!

100TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS: *Please complete the questionnaire for memories/stories about St. John's & return as soon as possible. Questionnaires are on the table in the Gathering Space.*

You can sign up on the kiosk if you are planning to attend the St. John's School Alumni Reunion on Saturday, May 28. Pass the word to former attendees of the school!

FYI - a formal invitation will be mailed after Easter for our 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Casino on Sunday, June 26. All former parishioners are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. We are challenged to open our eyes and see those in our midst that bring hope to life through their time and talent in serving the community through the 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive. Our parish goal is \$42,211.

A PRAYER CANDLE FOR EASTER - We will be making available this Easter small votive candles which will remind us during the Easter season of Christ’s presence as the Light of the World. They can be a small reminder of the beauty of the Easter candle, and can be placed next to an icon or crucifix. They can be lit at Easter dinner or anytime a person praying privately, aware that it is Christ who is our Light.

EASTER FLOWERS: All memorial donations for Easter flowers should be submitted by this Monday, April 11, in order to be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

LUKE 23:43

APRIL 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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HYMNS TO BE REMEMBERED

One of the best ways to remember something truly important is to set it to music. It can be easily recalled and sung by heart and passed on. As you focus on the scriptures for Palm Sunday, it might be helpful to think of them as past, present, and future versions of the same story. In Isaiah, we hear one of four hymns referring to the "Suffering Servant" that paints a poignant picture prefiguring Jesus' crucifixion. "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." Psalm 22's refrain is some of the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross. The Philippians hymn is one of the most beloved and poignant passages ever, "Christ . . . becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." All of these are songs, hymns to be remembered.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY?

We might assume that we know the scriptures and tend to tune out something as difficult to comprehend as the Passion of Christ. What we often end up doing is taking all four of the Gospels and sort of mixing the accounts into one story. The theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "making Gospel Soup." Today's Passion is from the Gospel of Luke, and there are some elements that are very different from Matthew and Mark (the other synoptic Gospels read in Lectionary years A and B), and John's Gospel text which is always proclaimed on Good Friday. Let's look at the elements that are specific to Luke as we break the Passion into five sections.

THE LUKAN PASSION

Lord's Supper (22:14–38) Luke portrays Jesus as fiery and working for justice, both in his passion and in his ministry. The Passover feast is a very special time for the disciples, and while they are being commissioned, it is clear that they do not understand yet how they will carry on; Jesus warns them to protect them from evil.

Mount of Olives (22:39–53) Luke's Jesus doesn't seem as desolate as in other accounts about his imminent death, and goes to pray in regular fashion. He calls out his betrayer by name, hinting at foreshadowing of knowledge.

Peter's Denial – Sanhedrin (22:54–71) One can see the special care Jesus takes for Peter, and the scene takes place in the courtyard where Jesus was earlier abused as prophet.

Trials before Pilate and Herod (23:1–25) In this account Pilate and Herod both proclaim Jesus to be innocent, and this heals a "rift" between them. Jesus is good even to those who maltreat him.

Crucifixion, Death, and Burial (23:26–56)

There are no soldiers; it is the chief priests who take Jesus to Pilate. Jesus' words on the Cross are kind: "Father forgive them." In Mark' Gospel both criminals mocked Jesus, but here one of them begs forgiveness, and Jesus grants him salvation. Jesus' last words show a sign of trust: "Father, into your hands . . ." May we also place our trust in

TODAY'S READINGS

Luke 19:28–40

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24

Philippians 2:6–11

Luke 22:14 – 23:56 [23:1–49]

Men's Conference 2022
Sunday, May 1, 2022
Saint Francis University, Loretto



Bas Rutten



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers



Father Chase Hilgenbrinck

SAVE THE DATE! Men's Conference 2022
Sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown



- Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Saint Francis University, Loretto.
- Beginning at 12:00 p.m. with lunch.
- Talks from UFC champ and movie star Bas Rutten, professional soccer player turned priest Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, and powerful evangelist and preacher Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers.
- Closing Mass with Bishop Mark at 5:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 25, 2022

Registration Fee: \$10

For any questions or concerns, please contact: Father Warchola at bwarchola@dioceseaj.org or 814-472-7244

Men's Conference 2022 Registration

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

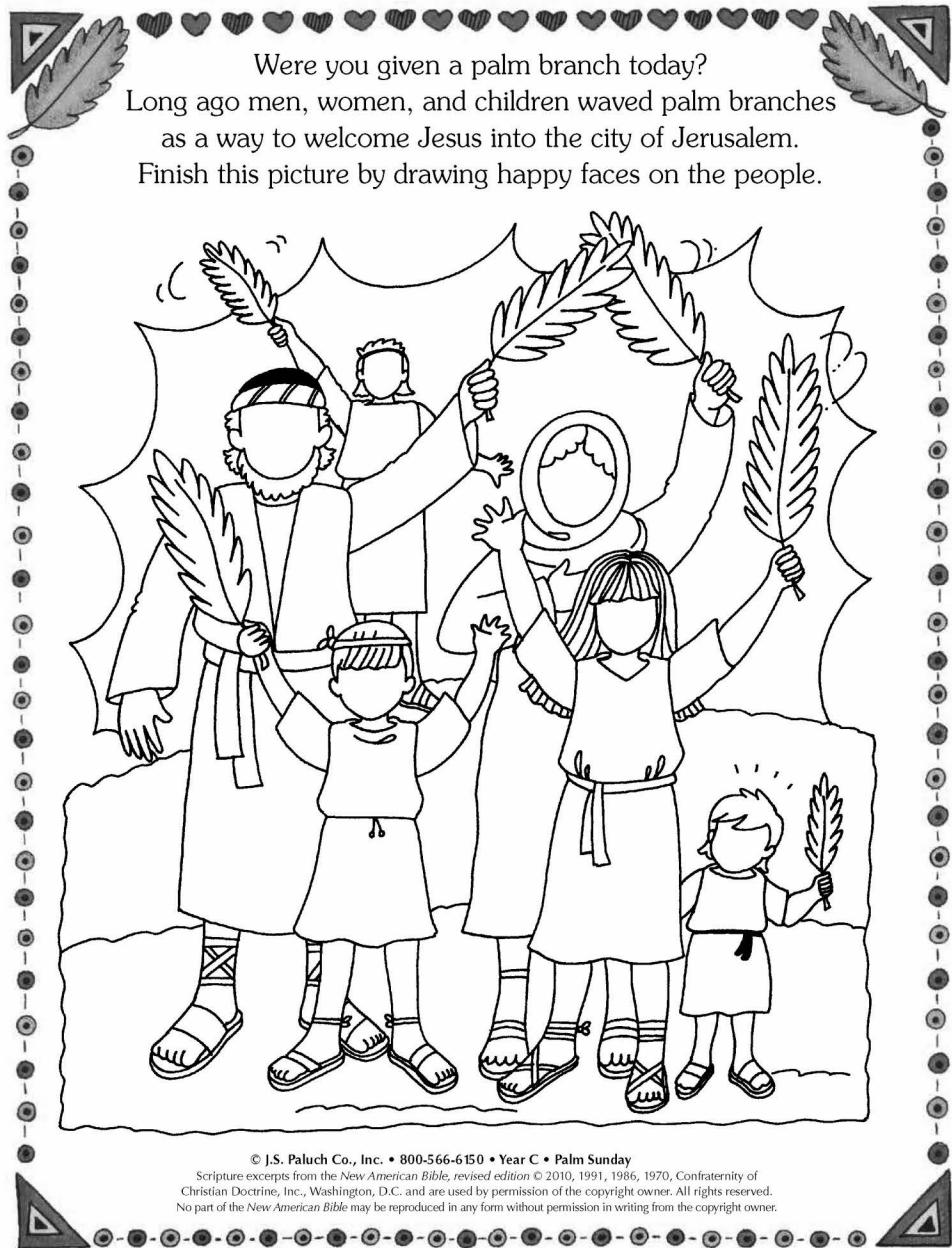
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Registration form can be dropped off or mailed to:

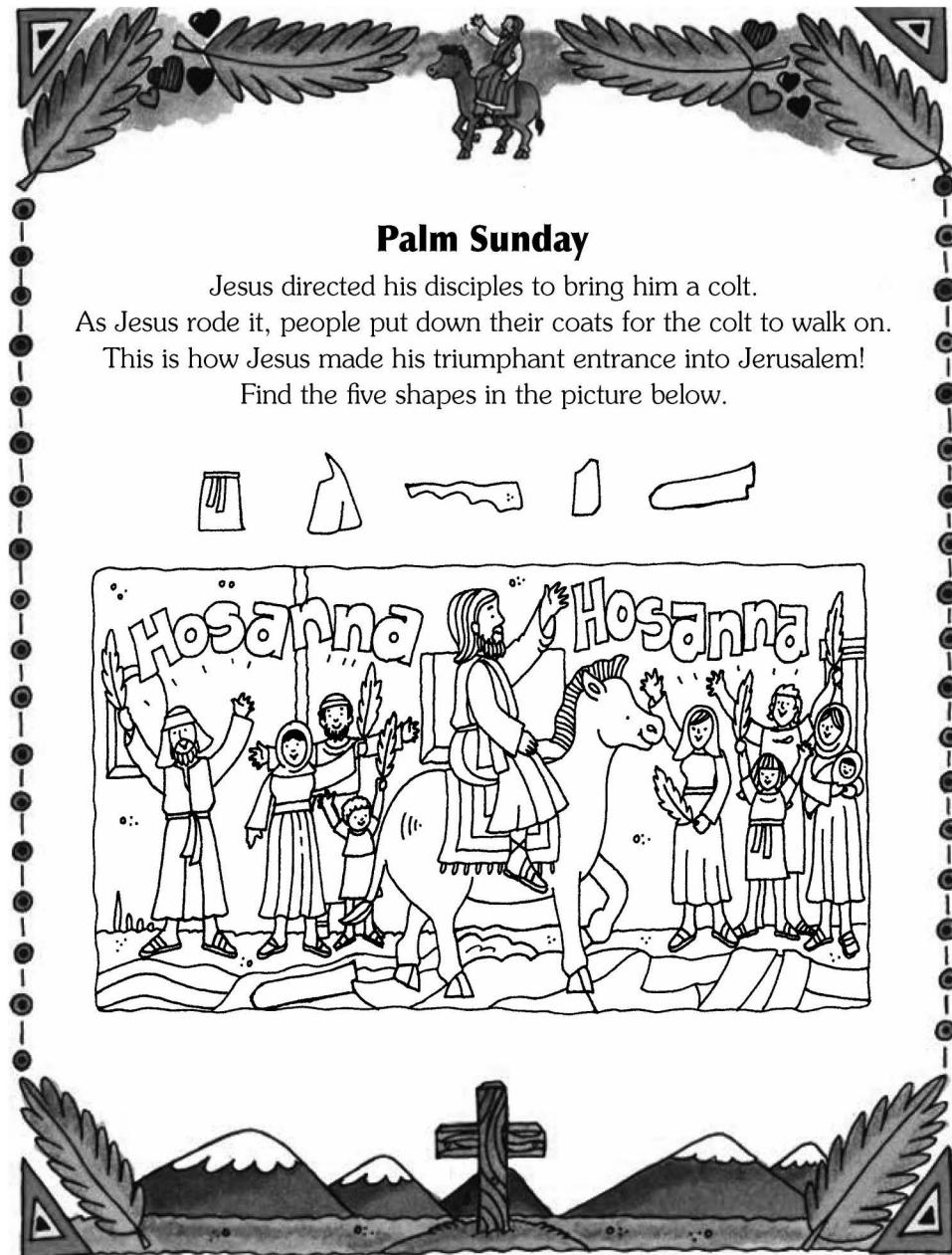
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Palm Sunday

Jesus directed his disciples to bring him a colt. As Jesus rode it, people put down their coats for the colt to walk on. This is how Jesus made his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem!

Find the five shapes in the picture below.



HOLY WEEK COMPANION: JESUS HIMSELF

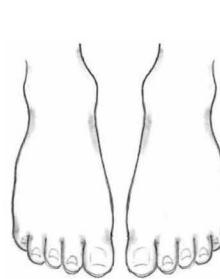
1 week to Easter:
We travel with Jesus.

Our greatest example and Lenten companion is Jesus. Today begins Holy Week, the holiest days of the liturgical year. On Holy Thursday Jesus will be our example of how to serve one another. He washed the feet of his disciples and gave us himself in the bread and wine. He taught us that whatever he did, he wanted us to do. "Do this in memory of me," he said.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered and died for us. He gave us this example because he knew that there would be times when we would have to suffer and die in little ways so that others could live better lives. Have you ever given up a toy? Have you stayed with a friend and given up your recess time? Have you eaten small meals or given up junk food and donated the money you saved so that others could have food to eat? These are ways of dying to ourselves so that someone else can have a better life.

On Holy Saturday Jesus remained in the tomb. He taught us two things: death is not the end, and our trust in God is always rewarded. Even though it is sad to lose people we love we believe Jesus' promise. If we live as Jesus taught us, we will also rise with him on the last day. Even when his life was difficult, Jesus always put his trust in God. When our lives are hard we must always believe God is with us. God will give us the strength and courage to endure hard times. God will give us new life and we will live with God forever.

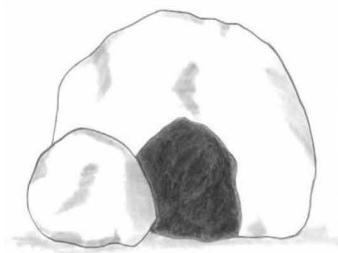
Think about these questions. Invite the people in your family to give their own answers.



How do I serve others?



How do I give some of my life to others?



How do I show my trust in God when times are hard?

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