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April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

In last weekend's gospel, we saw Jesus transforming the life of a woman taken in adultery and the lives of her accusers. Our God is a God of mercy and grace. Understanding mercy is often difficult for people as we tend to be a generation of "I'll get him for that" and "I hope they get what they deserve."

God, however, is merciful to even the worst offenders, sinners, and law-breakers. This means that even though He knows of our guilt, He doesn't always issue the punishment deserved. To illustrate the verse in Romans 3: 23-24 says "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Simply, we are all sinners and do not meet the standards of righteousness that God intends us to have. But, through His mercy and grace He provides a way for our sins to be forgiven through our acceptance of Christ Jesus—even though we don't deserve it. Coupled with grace, mercy is shown because He loves us and only asks that we accept His Son by faith.

The God of mercy calls for the following in Micah 6:8: "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." These are words to all of mankind. Mercy is offered to you and me alike. He has shown us what is good and what is required of us. Micah asks God in Micah 7:18, "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy." This passage shows that God enjoys being merciful, and continues to show mercy.

We have seen that forgiveness or reconciliation does not come easily for most of us. Many times it seems like it is impossible to forgive someone who has hurt us. But the Bible teaches us that our Lord is good and abundant in mercy, and ready to forgive all those who call upon Him. We are entering into Holy Week leading to the Easter celebration, the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We prepare for it by deeply reflecting upon Jesus' suffering and sacrifice.

During this time, we remember the greatest gift of God to humankind, that is, the reconciliation of humankind with Himself brought about by the sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus, on the cross. Man's relationship with God was broken when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and fell into sin, but it was restored by God's only Son, Jesus Christ who died on the cross for us. Our offended God has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ.

Reconciliation means the restoration of the broken relationship between the divine and the human. No doubt we all understand what that means. We see the need for reconciliation in our day-to-day life. Reconciliation is needed between friends, children and parents, spouses, nations, races and religious groups. At the same time we also understand the pain of alienation and separation in broken relationships and the obstacles to reconciliation.

In one of his letters, St. Paul was imploring the Corinthians to be reconciled with God. He does not mention the reconciliation between human beings. Why does he say, "Be reconciled with God"? How important is the reconciliation between humankind and God? Reconciliation between human beings is necessary because we are sinners and no one is perfect. In a dialogue we can acknowledge and confess to one another our guilt and weaknesses, and try to reconcile with one another even though it may not be a true or genuine reconciliation. True reconciliation requires true forgiveness.

Let us continue to seek the face of God and be reconciled with the Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday, I encourage you to take part in the activities of the Holy Triduum which will lead us to fruitfully celebrate Easter.

Peace and Love Fr. Francis

NEWS AND EVENTS

Special Collection on Good Friday: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provides Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. There are two boxes located in the Narthex for this collection. Thank you for your generosity.

White books will be available in the narthex next weekend.

2022 Anniversary Masses: The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again recognizing those couples celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of Christian marriage. 2022 Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 24th at 3:00 pm for 5 & 25 years and May 15 at 3:00 pm for 50 years. To register, please email Joanne at jciaravino@saintelizabeths.org.

Collections For The Week Ending April 3
Offertory \$16,405 Online \$11,271 Total \$27,676

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9

9:00 am Thomas Davey 5:00 pm Richard Fellinger

Sunday, April 10

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Scott Edward Mault 10:30 am Narciso & Bruna Morson 12 noon Conrad & Helen Hurtz 6:15 pm June A. Phelan

Monday, April 11

7:00 am Elizabeth Minoque 9:00 am Odell Nassar

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 am Elizabeth MacCallum 9:00 am Rose Naples

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 am Gloria Simpson 9:00 am Cornelius Curran

Holy Thursday, April 14

9:00 am Morning Prayer 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Louanne Cosenza, Capalbo & Calandra Families, D'ura & Gringeri Family & friends deceased

Good Friday, March April 15

9:00 am Morning Prayer 12:00 pm Way of the Cross 3:00 pm Lord's Passion 7:00 pm *Tenebrae*

Saturday, April 16

9:00 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am Blessing of the food baskets 8:00 pm Pascal Vigil Joseph DiBella

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Joseph DiBella 10:30 am Church Maryann Collura 10:30 am Gym Calandra & Capalbo Fam. 12 noon Church Joseph Surace 12 noon Gym Joan Kalmar

NEWS AND EVENTS









DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 24 AT 3:00 PM

ADORATION, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, AND CONFESSION

Rosary Society: the next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, at 10 am in the Elizabeth Room. Father Carlos will be the guest speaker. Also, on Thursday, May 19 the Rosary Society will be going on a retreat at St. Joseph's Shrine in Sterling, NJ. The bus will leave St. E's at 8 am. The schedule will include Mass, confession, and conferences with Fr. John Gabriel of St. Paul's in Ramsey. Lunch will be available. Please contact Ronnie at 201-891-5560 if you are interested in attending. The cost of the trip is \$40. Your check made payable to St. Elizabeth Rosary Society can be dropped off at the Parish Center.

Coming in May! Sign up for your yearly subscription to "Give Us this Day." Details to follow.

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Your loved one will be announced at Mass for two weeks, then included in the bulletin for six weeks. Call the Parish Center to let us know the names of those we should include in our prayers.

Healing prayers for: Art Ebner, Ginny Schroller, John Markowski

Recently deceased: Romana Arnold, Marcello Allegra

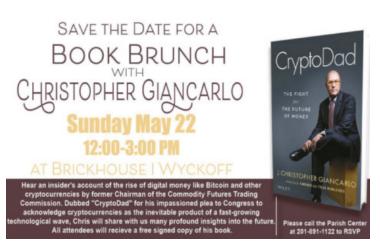
Memorials for the week of April 10

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Catherine Guglielmo donated by her family

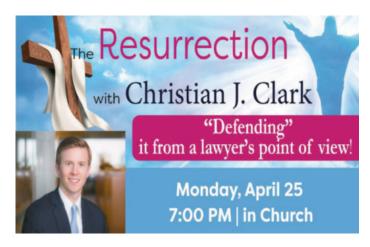
Candles on the Altar: In memory Alicia & Bitsy Madigan donated by Tom & Mary Madigan













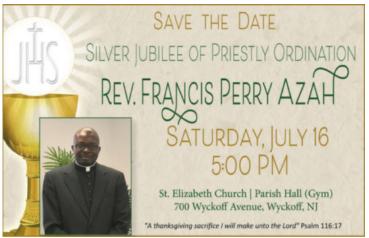
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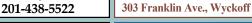
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