

CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

6300 E Dublin Granville Road
New Albany, Ohio 43054

PALM SUNDAY

“HOSANNA TO THE SON OF
DAVID; BLESSED IS HE WHO
COMES IN THE NAME OF THE
LORD; HOSANNA IN THE
HIGHEST.”

- MATTHEW 21:9

Upcoming Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Monday - April 3rd - 9am

Tuesday - April 4th - 9am (no 7pm)

Wednesday - April 5th - 9am

Holy Thursday - April 6th - 7pm

Good Friday - April 7th - Living Stations (live-streamed)
at noon & Service at 3pm

Easter Vigil - April 8th (live-streamed) - 8:30pm

Easter Sunday - April 9th - 9am (live-streamed)
& 11:30am

(Incense to be used)

April 2, 2023

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Pastoral Staff | Stewardship | Thankyou

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STEWARDSHIP

PARISH FINANCIALS



Thank you for your support and continued generosity!

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You can visit our website, www.cotrna.org, or use this QR code to get started:



	Actual	Budget	Variance
February Offertory	\$169,136.....	\$163,586	+\$5,550
YTD Offertory	\$1,510,505.....	\$1,470,796	+\$39,709
<i>Total Budget for FY 22-23 \$2,207,529</i>			
<i>Our fiscal year runs July 1st - June 30th</i>			

For questions, please contact Chris Roberts in the parish office: 614-855-1400.



**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE
PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

**Helping
Christians
in the Holy
Land**

It is critical that we continue to support the Christians who are living in the land of Jesus' birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection. These faithful Christians are surrounded by a majority Jewish and Islamic population. With your support, we can help to ensure that Christians living in the Holy Land now, and that future generations of Christians will have a place to live and thrive. Please help the Christians in the Holy Land with your contribution to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.

ASH WEDNESDAY — THANK YOU FROM J.O.I.N.

Dear Parish of the Church of the Resurrection:

Thank you for this gift from your Ash Wednesday collection. Your compassion and generosity are blessings to JOIN and the neighbors we serve. We are grateful to be a part of this devoted community. Being able to share your kindness with our brothers and sisters is a chance to bear witness to the gracious love of our Lord.

May He bless you, all, for this grace and peace!

*Lisa Keita, Director of JOIN,
614-241-2530 or lkeita@columbuscatholic.org.*

LET US PRAY... FOR ALL WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY AND FOR ALL WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL, RECOVERING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS OR SURGERY

If you would like to add the names of family members to this list, call the Parish Office (614-855-1400).

U.S. ARMY

MAJ Ryan Griffin; CPT Rick Lovering; SPC Corey Luffler; PVT Adam P. Kearney; CPT Cody Kehres; SGT Ryan Krysmalski; 1LT Bill Lovering; SFC Craig Markish; 2LT Ross Mitchell; Sgt. Paul D. Perez; MAJ Derek Stocker

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SERIOUSLY ILL OR RECOVERING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS OR SURGERY

Brian Annis, Dr. Amy Arnett-Budzik, Kam Baloue, Catherine Barren, Kathy Browning, Joanna Bruskin, Mary Elizabeth Buynak, Julia Calvert, Lindsay Cannon, Andrew Cavulich, Terry and Daryl Cooper Family, Cory Crabtree, Katie Curry, Bob and Marie Dawes, Paz Del Rosario, Kathleen Deveix, Ray Drum, Jeanne Fealy, Vijay Gaddam, Pat and Katie Hall, Halsey Family, Carl Higginbotham, David Hoy, Jean Jannety, Marcia Jenkins, Barbara Jones, Suzy Kiefaber, Gayle Kerkman, Tom Kolda, Jamie Lynn Konrath, Marty Laubenthal, Maelee Leonard, Tim Longstreth, Nina Lyons, James Manville, Steve Maxwell, Betty McColeman, Joe McCullen, Nancy McDonald, Beverly Meholick, Debra Moore, Zachary Moyer, Tammy Neal, Edgar Neff, Helen Nugent, Bill Parry, Jennifer Pierce, Angela Plummer, Paulette Poaches, Potts Family, Jackson Preston, Tony Ray, Adam Rempe, Grace Schell, Wilhelmina Schnetzler, Stephen Schultz, David Shepardson, Cathy Stocker, Kyle Stuart, Jennifer Anne Stuesser, Rick Stuesser, Suzanne, Dorothy Taylor, David Thatcher, Niko Treadway, Carlene Tucker, Leona Ventrella, Sandy Walsh, John Wheeler, Monica Wolford.



MASS INTENTIONS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 am Dr. Jenny Maple - living

11:30 am PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 am Kathy Ferrera

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 am Lois Figueroa

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 am Kitty Alexander

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 pm Deceased Priests of our Diocese including those of our parish: Msgr. Colby Grimes and Fr. James Cszar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

3:00 pm Service - No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - EASTER VIGIL

8:30 pm PARISH

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 am Mary & Bill Kelley

11:30 am David Blankenship

Please add our Confirmation students to your daily prayers. Come Holy Spirit

Daniel Adams
Samantha Beleski
Kate Bohman
Alexa Briggs
Lauren Carr
Will Collins
Olivia Comerford

BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 9TH - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."

— Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Our Prayer Chain is very active in praying for the needs of others, both individually and as a community. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please let us know. Send prayer requests online to: <https://cotrna.org/intercessory-prayer>.

For more information, contact: Valerie Coolidge, Prayer Chain Coordinator, by email at: Valerie@wyandottewinery.com.



MINISTRY NEWS

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SIGNS OF FAITH

INQUIRERS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process through which persons inquire into and determine if they are called to live out their faith as a member of the Roman Catholic Community. For more information, please contact either Brian Franz at 740-817-4467 or bfranz001@hotmail.com; or Marian Prentice at 614-530-0630 or meiwen.1@gmail.com; or the Parish Office at 614-855-1400.

BAPTISM

INFANTS & CHILDREN:

In the Infant Rite of Baptism, *celebrated with children up to the age of reason*, the parents make a profession of faith for their child and accept the responsibility of nurturing God's gift of faith in their child as he/she grows and matures and is formed in many ways. Therefore, parents are asked to attend a Parent Preparation Session (*preferably during pregnancy*) before the child's baptism. The goal of this session is to provide an opportunity for faith reflection and sharing with the support of other parents. The discussion centers on the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism and the challenges of our own faith and how we might pass our faith on to our children.

Sessions are usually held at **12:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of the month, in the OLR Chapel.**

Register on the parish website. Following registration, a response with further information will be sent to you. Scheduling of the Baptism will take place after attending the Parent Session.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Parents will be asked to meet with *Peggy Kehres, Coordinator of Children's Ministry, after attending the Parent Session.* At this time, appropriate preparation will be planned based on the needs of each child.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Mary Koors, 614-855-8861 or marykoors1@gmail.com.

EUCCHARIST

Weekdays - Consult bulletin for times
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Individual - anytime by appointment.
Advent and Lent communal services.

ANOINTING

Please call the Parish Office to notify us of an illness in the family and especially if someone is confined at home or in the hospital.

MATRIMONY

Please call the parish office for an appointment with Fr. Denis Kigozi.

WELCOME:

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Anyone interested in registering with our parish, please visit our website: cotrna.org and click on *Get to Know Us/New Member Welcome*. If you don't have access to a computer, but would like to register, please call the church office at 614-855-1400 and ask for Chris Roberts.

SIGNS OF FAITH FOR MARCH 2023:



We welcome the following families to our parish:

Aaron & Jenifer Hatcher
Tina & Tom Hoelzle
Michael Montgomery
Natasha Paul
Mary Rittman
Jack & Judy Sandman
Paige, Sukhwinder & Remy Singh
Marianne & Michael Viola
Richard & Patricia Gibson
Thomas & Theresa Repicky
Miriam Hays



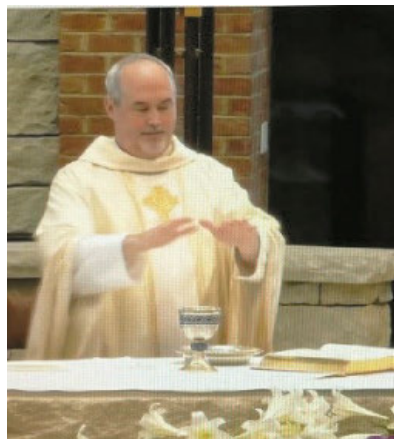
Congratulations to the following who entered into Holy Matrimony:

Anthony & Kathleen (Diley) Gastaldo



Parishioners called home to Heaven:

Madeleine Peters
Gayle Kerkman



Deaf Priest to Conduct Retreat:

Church of the Resurrection, New Albany Ohio, will host a retreat conducted by Fr. Mike Depcik entitled *Mary Calls Us To Be Holy* on April 22nd from 10am until 3:15pm. The retreat is open to all Deaf, Interpreters for the Deaf and hearing people who are fluent in sign language throughout Ohio and surrounding states. **Each person must register to attend the retreat.** The day-long retreat will conclude with Reconciliation and then

Mass at 5:00 pm concelebrated by Fr. Mike Depcik, Fr. Denis Kigozi (Pastor at Church of the Resurrection), and Fr. Anish Thomas (Parochial Vicar). **THIS MASS IS FOR BOTH HEARING AND DEAF PEOPLE.** An interpreter will be used during the Mass for people who do not know sign language. To register for the Retreat or for more information, go to the Church Website: cotrna.org or use the QR code to the right.

No reservations are needed for the Mass.



YOUNG AT HEART

Over age 55? Join us! A meaningful, vibrant, fun ministry with breakfasts, luncheons, and events all year! No fees! Ongoing: First Friday Mass and breakfast each month; mid-monthly luncheons on third Wednesdays from September thru May. Picnic in the summer. For more information, get in touch with Brad Romantic at 614-855-1400 or by email at bromantic@cotrna.org.



Pray The Rosary With Us!

Continuing each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in 2023!

Whether or not you are a member of Young At Heart, you are welcome to take part! To add your name to the email reminder list, please get in touch Brad Romantic at the phone number or email address shown above.



March & April Activities:

- **April 7** - No Mass (service only) or Breakfast due to it being Good Friday.
- **April 14** - YAH Breakfast in the Ministry Center immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. It's potluck so bring 8 servings of your favorite breakfast item to share.
- **April 19** - Annual Kentucky Derby Party and Hat Contest! Hosts: Judy and Dave Lovell. No Raffle following. Potluck luncheon: Noon - 2:00 pm. Last names with the following letters, please bring dishes to serve/share: Vegetables A-D; Main Dish Q-Z; Salads E-K; and Bread or Desserts L-P.
- **April 28** - Executive Committee Meeting at 1:00pm in room 104 in the Ministry Center.



JOIN THE AUDIO-VISUAL MINISTRY. We need your help!! The A/V ministry is responsible for the operation of audio and video equipment for liturgies and special events. Members must be willing to arrive at least 20 minutes before each liturgy to setup equipment and in some cases remain after to support various audio/video requirements. Please contact Chip Cogswell for more information at chipcogswell@aol.com.

BULLETIN

SUBMISSION DEADLINE,
NOON, ON **WEDNESDAYS**,
10 DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLISHING DATE
(UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED).
E-mail articles to: bulletin@cotrna.org.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

APR 9 EASTER - DEADLINE PASSED
April 16 bulletin - Due Apr 5
April 23 bulletin - Due Apr 12
April 30 bulletin - Due Apr 19
May 7 bulletin - Due Apr 26

A CONTEMPLATIVE MOMENT

"The contemplative movement towards divine love is growth in humility which is the acceptance of the reality about ourselves, our own weakness and limitations."

— Thomas Keating

Like us on Facebook:
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Note, no "e" on end of welcome



MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

Choir News | VBS



OUR MISSION

To enhance the spirituality of our Parish through music, while assisting the assembly in full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy.

The Music Ministry welcomes all levels of musicianship and commitment.

Please consider using your gifts through one of the many choirs and ensembles.

Contact Music Director, Thom Wyatt, for more information: twyatt@cotna.org



During the season of Lent you will notice many visual changes to our worship space. These changes help us remember that Lent is a time for reflection and penitence...a time to strip away all that keeps us from fully experiencing God's love and forgiveness.

You will also notice changes in how you "hear" Sunday Mass. Instrumentation and vocal harmonies are simplified. Silence will be more pronounced. The Lord's Prayer is spoken, the Gloria is omitted, and "alleluia" is not proclaimed. We will also be singing the MASS OF THE SPIRIT which can be found in the Worship Booklet (p.11) in your pew.

The long tradition of Latin/Greek will be included during the PENITENTIAL RITE ("Kyrie eleison" - "Lord Have Mercy").

May these changes, visual and audible, bring about a deeper meaning to this most holy season and the Glory that is to follow.



Love to sing but can't commit to weekly choir rehearsals?

Looking for a way for the whole family to serve the parish?

Join us on the **FIRST SATURDAY** of the month in the Family Choir!

Family Choir

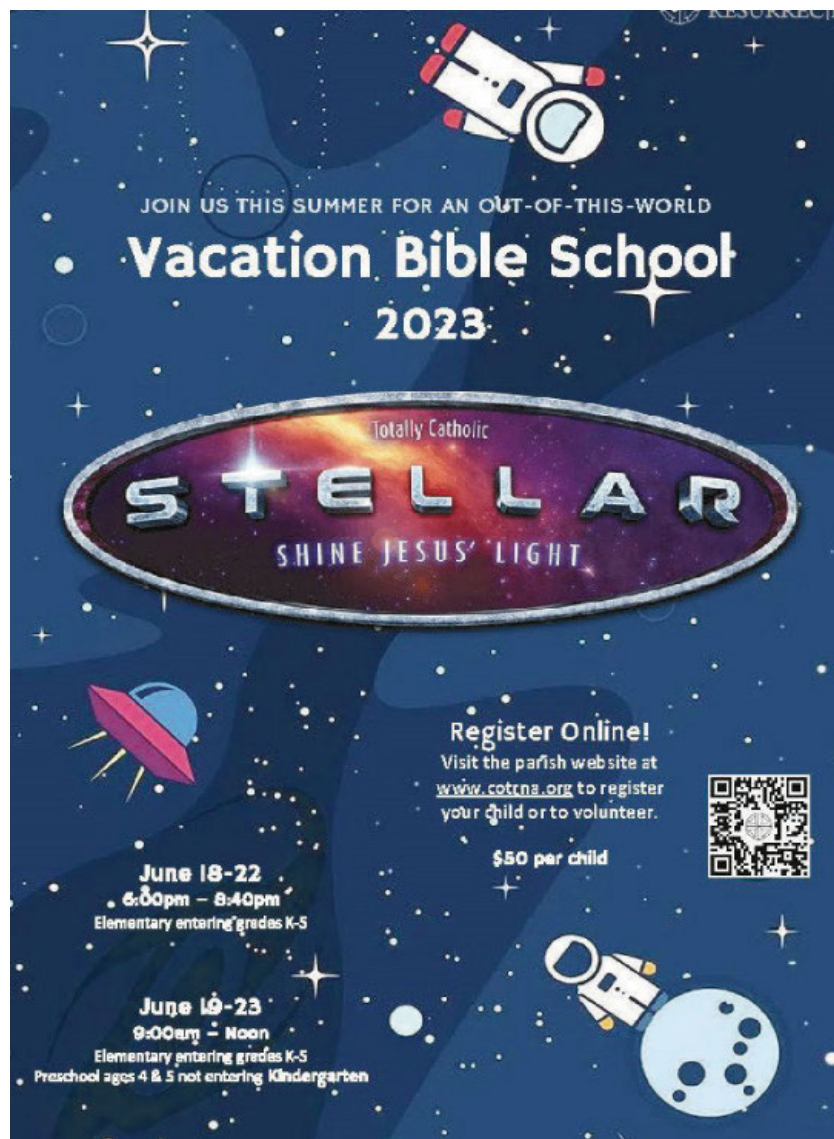
- All ages welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult)
- No rehearsals (just come an hour before mass to warmup)
- All music provided (familiar favorites from our hymnal)

Contact Abby Porr for more information: aporr@cotna.org



ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH THE CHOIR!

The Music Ministry celebrated St. Patrick's Day with their annual after-rehearsal party on March 16. Food, friends, drinks, music, and games were enjoyed by all!



JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD

Vacation Bible School 2023

Totally Catholic

STELLAR


SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Register Online!
Visit the parish website at www.cotna.org to register your child or to volunteer.

June 18-22
6:00pm - 8:40pm
Elementary entering grades K-5

June 19-23
9:00am - Noon
Elementary entering grades K-5
Preschool ages 4 & 5 not entering Kindergarten

\$50 per child



MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

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Questions Catholics Ask

What is Heaven?



When our loved ones die, faith prompts us to speak of them as being in a better place. This pinnacle of betterment is theologically described as perfect union with God. What could be better, truly, than to be finally and completely overtaken by the love that made us in the first place? We also speak of heaven as being God's home as well as our ultimate destination. Those whom we love and lose are therefore not lost at all in death. They've simply "gone home."

However, Christian salvation is even more comprehensive than we sometimes imagine. The world God created is not made in vain, but is even now groaning for its own version of rescue in a new heaven and new earth identified as the "new creation." Just as our beloved and beautiful world was never destined for the scrap heap, so our mortal bodies aren't intended to end as "ashes to ashes, and dust to dust." All is to be renewed, restored, revitalized in a "world without end" confirmed in our every doxology. Cosmically speaking, in eternity the material world matters—pun very much intended.

So the kingdom of heaven Jesus repeatedly teaches in Matthew's gospel isn't a spiritual land elsewhere. It's an immediate reality that has ramifications both now and forever. This makes it imperative that we do our "inner work," since our internal condition (traditionally called our state of grace) is represented in that now-and-everlasting realm. We also have to be mindful stewards of our social relationships, as well as the direction history is taking as a whole. I like Jesuit Paul Crowley's phrase here: "Heaven is

thus not a radical interruption of these dimensions of human personhood; rather, the entirety of human personhood is taken up into God in the glory of risen life which bears the name heaven." Simply put, heaven isn't "where" we meet God face to face. It's "when." And it's not an interruption of all we presently know and love. It's a glorification of it all. How wonderful is that?

Another Jesuit, theologian Karl Rahner, has something else to say about heaven that's equally fascinating. He suggests that Jesus didn't return to a pre-existing place called heaven at his Ascension. Rather, Jesus established the possibility of heaven—that is, perfect and eternal union with God—by entering into his glory. Heaven is possible for those prepared to be overwhelmed by love.

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1; Pss 2:4; 11:4; 139:8; Isaiah 66:1; Wisdom 3:1-9; Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-34; Romans 8:18-23; Revelation 21:1-5

Books: *And the Life of the World to Come: Reflections on the Biblical Notion of Heaven*, by John F. Craghan (Liturgical Press, 2012)

The Unmoored God: Believing in a Time of Dislocation, by Paul G. Crowley (Orbis Books, 2017)

- Alice Camille
Reprinted from *Prepare the Word*



Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing

Sunday, May 21, 2023
New Albany Links Golf Course
Registration Now Open



To Register, Go to [Cotrna.org](https://cotrna.org)
or scan the code



100% of proceeds go to
Habitat for Humanity
Ministry

Contacts:

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MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

Opportunities for Lent | Young Adult Ministry | FORMED



Living Stations at Noon
on Good Friday
April 7th

JOIN US FOR THE
**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

Each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm



YOUNG ADULT
dinner

SAT APRIL 15
AFTER 5PM MASS AT RECTORY

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 4/12
TO JESSICA CHOKREFF AT
JCHOKREFF@COTRNAS.ORG



**With the Lord
there is
mercy and
redemption.**

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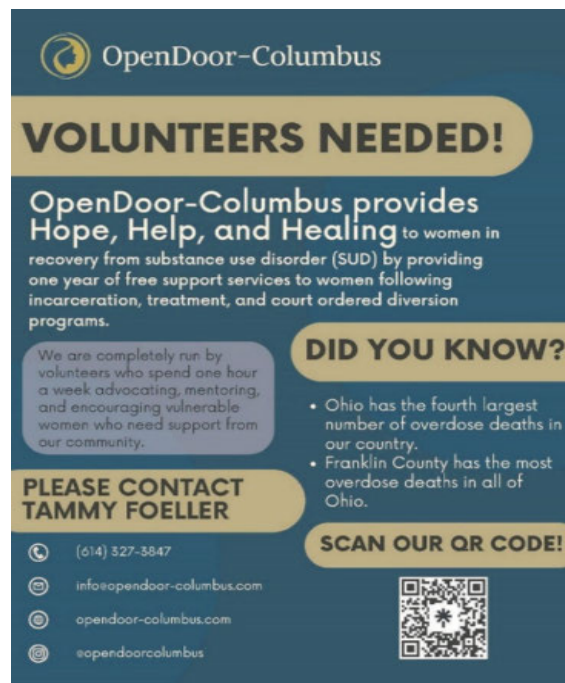
**RECONCILIATION
MONDAY**

Monday, April 3rd is
Reconciliation Monday.
Confessions will be heard here
at Church of the Resurrection
starting at 4:00 pm in the
church. For more information,
please contact the church office
at 614-855-1400.



**Greener
Lent**

Join Us this Lent for
**Fasting,
Prayer and
Almsgiving**



OpenDoor-Columbus

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OpenDoor-Columbus provides
Hope, Help, and Healing to women in
recovery from substance use disorder (SUD) by providing
one year of free support services to women following
incarceration, treatment, and court ordered diversion
programs.

We are completely run by
volunteers who spend one hour
a week advocating, mentoring,
and encouraging vulnerable
women who need support from
our community.

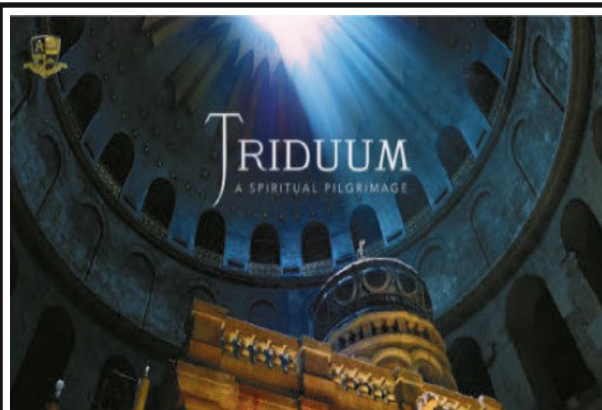
DID YOU KNOW?

- Ohio has the fourth largest
number of overdose deaths in
our country.
- Franklin County has the most
overdose deaths in all of
Ohio.

**PLEASE CONTACT
TAMMY FOELLER**

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

FAITH FORMATION

That Man is You is Calling All Men! Please join other men for faith formation, fellowship, coffee and doughnuts. The theme for this season is Thy Kingdom Come! You can attend either Thursdays or Saturdays, or mix it up if your schedule doesn't allow for the same day each week. We start at 6:00am on Thursdays and 7:30am on Saturdays. All meetings are in the Ministry Center. Signups are not necessary, just show up when you can. For more information, contact Mike Smith: mjsmith953@icloud.com or Todd Treon: toddtreon@outlook.com. This Faith Formation is brought to you by the Church of the Resurrection Men's Ministry. **No meeting on April 6th or 8th.**



Young Adult Ministry: Are you in your 20s and 30s and looking to connect and spend time with other people your age that are on fire for Jesus? Follow us on Instagram @yam_cotr or join our Facebook group "Church of the Resurrection Young Adult Ministry" for updates on events! For questions and more information, contact Jordan Baker at jtruitt1441@gmail.com.



Women's Group April Meeting

Called to be Holy and Whole in Mind, Body, and Soul presented by Maria Elliott, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor

Lent has been an opportunity to examine our lives and see how we are growing in holiness. Come reflect on how you are being called to be Holy and Whole in body, mind, and spirit as we move from Lent through Passion to Easter with a discussion led by Maria Elliott, Licensed Professional Counselor. There will be a business meeting, refreshments, and then this presentation. Women's Group meetings are open to all women of the parish.

Don't miss this meeting - April 3rd at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center.

Introducing:

Walking with Moms in Need





Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes, workplaces, and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Every week, our Parish bulletin lists the local pregnancy help centers with contact info: Birthright, PDHC, and Women's Care Center. Now, we are joining a nationwide effort entitled "Walking with Moms in Need." We will assess, expand, and, with your help, better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in our community. After Easter, we will be inviting all parishioners to join us as we embark on this journey together. To learn more, go to walkingwithmoms.com. To receive more information or sign up for email updates contact parishioner Sue Gaddam at 614-668-4041 or gaddamsue@gmail.com.

**A PRAYER FOR
PREGNANT MOTHERS**

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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PREGNANT? NEED HELP?



BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS: Birthright of Columbus is the oldest crisis pregnancy center in Columbus. Birthright is located at 3445 Great Western Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43204 (614-221-0844). For immediate help, please call 1-800-550-4900.

PREGNANCY DECISION HEALTH CENTER: Pregnancy Decision Health Centers has five centers located in Central Ohio. The closest to New Albany is on North Cleveland Avenue at 270. 24-hr hotline: 614-444-4411.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY - HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION: Are you feeling your life or emotions are out of control? Do you frequently have feelings of depression, frustration, or sadness? These thoughts are not uncommon to those who have been wounded by the abortion experience. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry to speak to someone who has been there and can help. Confidential ministry lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER: The center provides free, confidential counseling, support, and education for pregnant women. There are two locations: 935 E. Broad St. (614-251-0200) and 3273 East Main St. (614-235-3000). Their 24-hour helpline is 877-908-2341.

Un ministerio de sanación para los que sufren después de un aborto: Si quieres hablar con alguien en español, favor de llamar 614-309-0810.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Religious Education | Volunteering

Volunteers MAKE IT HAPPEN

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR NURSERY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

If you are planning to volunteer for any of our ministries involving children and/or youth, and are 18 years old or older, it is required that you have a background check performed and attend a Protecting God's Children seminar before your first volunteer activity.

Please go to www.virtusonline.org to find locations, dates, and times to register. If you have questions, please contact Regina Quinn at the Diocesan Offices at 614-241-2565.

Due to the sensitive nature of the Protecting God's Children program, some victims of child sexual abuse may not feel comfortable attending a Protecting God's Children training session. Anyone in this particular situation may request to receive the materials needed for child protection training in an alternate way. These requests are made through the Safe Environment Office. All requests for alternate child protection training for victims of child sexual abuse are kept confidential.

Please call:
Regina Quinn 614-241-2568 to
request this training.

YOUTH MINISTRY SOCIAL MEDIA

For updates on Youth Ministry,
check out the following on
Instagram:
For high school, @ignite_cotrna



Facebook: For middle school,
@riseparentsatreurrection



The Religious Education Department
offers a diverse set of programs for
children in grades Pre-K through 12.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ELEMENTARY GRADES PREK-5

CREED

Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days, more commonly known as CREED, is our weekly faith formation program for public school children in grades PreK-5. Classes for the 2022-2023 school year are underway but it's not too late to register. Contact Peggy Kehres, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at 614-939-1794 or email Peggy at pkehres@cotrna.org.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS (Liturgy of the Word for Children)

All children ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to participate in our Children's Liturgy of the Word program during the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. No registration is necessary. Children begin in the church with their parents, are dismissed after the opening prayer, and return to their families during the Preparation of the Gifts.

COTR PLAYGROUP

This newly formed group gives parents/caregivers the opportunity to meet other families with young children. Adults/children meet on the first and third Friday of each month in the Kindergarten room of the Ministry Center. The first session runs through April 21st. All ages are welcome! Please note: This is not a drop-off gathering. Caregiver(s) must stay and are responsible for their children at all times. **No playgroup on April 7th due to Good Friday.**

CHILDREN'S MASS

A Children's Liturgy is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. Children in grades 3-5 are responsible for serving as lectors and offertory gift bearers. If your child is interested in serving at one of these special masses, please contact Peggy at pkehres@cotrna.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8

RISE

Students in grades 6-8 meet Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00 in the social hall. RISE empowers our middle school students to apply the Gospel to their lives. Fostering the faith of young adolescents involves helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life. Visit the parish website for more information and to register.

SUMMER SCRIPTURE STUDY

Do you have a desire to learn more about the Bible? Then join us for a summer scripture study on Wednesday evenings **beginning June 28th**. Open to all students entering grades 6-8 in the fall - no registration needed.

CONNECT

Every Tuesday night from 6-7pm, students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in small discipleship groups designed to take their faith to another level. Girls and Boys meet separately for discussions developed just for them. Students may register via the parish website - or just stop by to see what it is all about.

STAR SQUAD

Registration is now open for our summer program for students entering grades 6-8 in the fall. STAR Squad will meet the week of July 10-14 from 8:30am-2:00pm. Don't miss this faith-filled week of prayer and service to the community. Go to the parish website to register.

VBS - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

At Totally Catholic Stellar VBS, kids will discover what it means to shine Jesus' light! Kids will explore how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world - and how we

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can do the same with His power! Go to the parish website to register for a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus! Sunday, June 18 – Thursday, June 22 from 6:00pm – 8:40pm OR Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23 from 9:00am – Noon.

VBS is open to children entering grades K – 5 in the fall. There is also a preschool program for children ages 4 & 5 not entering kindergarten. Please note the Preschool will only be offered during the morning session.

Save the date: Friday, June 23rd from 5:00pm-7:00pm – VBS Family Wrap-up Picnic! All families that have participated in VBS are invited back to the *Command Center* to unwind and relive the magic of Stellar VBS!

Interested in volunteering for VBS? Adults and students entering grades 6-12 in the fall are welcome to volunteer with Vacation Bible School. Contact Peggy for more information on volunteering.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12

For more information about either of the High School programs, contact Jessica Chokreff at jchokreff@cotrna.org.

IGNITE

For grades 9-12. We meet on Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00pm on the following dates: March 19, April 2, 16 & 23, and May 7. To register, go to: www.cotrna.org/ignite.

CONFIRMATION

For High School students who have not yet been fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Classes are ongoing.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented to you by our High School students. Living Stations will take place at the Church at Noon on Good Friday. *Living Stations will be live-streamed.*

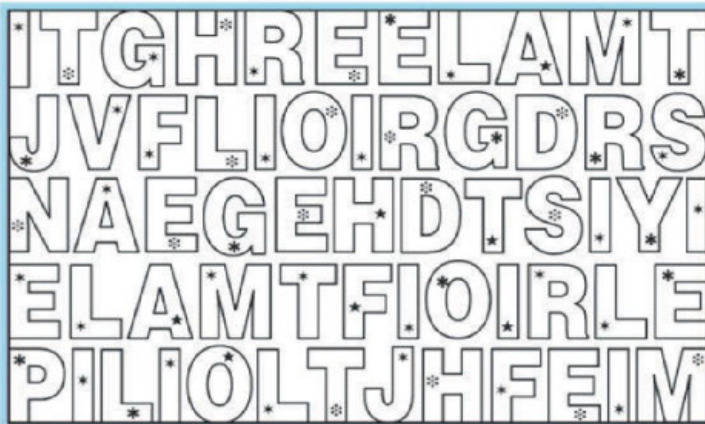


- **CREED** is back in session April 2nd with only a couple of weeks left for the year.
- **1st Eucharist Mass** Saturday, April 15th at 5:00.
- **Confirmation Mass** Sunday, April 30th at 11:00.
- Sunday, May 7th, **Senior Mass** class of 2023 - RSVP to Jessica Chokreff at jchokreff@cotrna.org by April 26th. Let her know your plans after high school, i.e. College (name of college), military (branch), work (employer), etc.

Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem

Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me." What did Jesus tell the disciples to say if anyone said anything to them?

Shade in all the shapes that have a * to find the answer.



Jesus said, "Tell him that _____

_____, and he will send them right away."





JOIN US FOR A

Senior MASS

SUNDAY
MAY 7TH 11AM

Please RSVP and send future plans to Jessica Chokreff at jachokreff@cotrna.org by April 26th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8
Palm Sunday 8:25am Rosary 9:00am Mass & JWJ (live-stream) 11:30am Mass & JWJ 12:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Social Hall & Church) 1:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal for Easter 5:00pm Confirmation Class (Church) 6:30pm 5th Grade (103-106) IGNITE (Church) RISE (Social Hall) 8:00pm YM Living Stations Rehearsal (Church)	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 4-7:00pm Parish Reconciliation Monday (Church) 4:30pm CREED (Ministry Center) 6:15pm CREED (Ministry Center) 7:00pm Restore Group #1 Bible Study (Tile Area) 7:00pm Women's Group (Social Hall) 7:00pm CFG Rehearsal for Easter	9:00am Mass 4:30pm CREED (Ministry Center) 7:00pm RCIA (Social Hall) 7:30pm Quo Vadis Mtg (YM Office)	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 4:30pm CREED (Ministry Center) 6:15pm CREED (Ministry Center)	9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass (Interpreted for Deaf)	Good Friday Church Office Closed  NOON Living Stations of the Cross (live-stream) 3:00pm Good Friday Service (Interpreted for Deaf)	10:00am RCIA Rehearsal (Church) Noon Easter Basket Blessing (Church) 8:30pm Easter Vigil (live-stream)
<div> All dates and times are subject to change. Please check the Church website for the most up-to-date information! </div>						
April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15
Easter Sunday 8:25am Rosary 9:00am Mass (live-stream & Interpreted for Deaf) 11:30am Mass	Church Office Closed  9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel)	4:30pm CREED (Ministry Center) 5:30pm PEA Team Mtg (Gathering Space) 6:00pm 1st Eucharist Rehearsal (Church) 7:00pm Mass 7:00pm RCIA (Social Hall) 7:30pm KofC Rosary Group (103) 8:00pm KofC Council Meeting (104-106)	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 4:30pm CREED (Ministry Center) 6:15pm CREED (Ministry Center)	6:00am That Man is You (Social Hall) 9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 6:00pm Reach More Group (Social Hall) 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm CFG Rehearsal	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary Group (OLR Chapel) 1:00pm Shawl Ministry (104) 7:30pm Parish Holy Hour (Church)	7:30am That Man is You (Social Hall) 11:00am 1st Eucharist Mass 4:00pm Children's Choir Warmup (OLR Chapel) 5:00pm Children's Mass
April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 2023

Ministry	Saturday, April 8 8:30pm	Sunday, April 9 9:00am	Sunday, April 9 11:30am	Saturday, April 15 5:00pm	Sunday, April 16 9:00am	Sunday, April 16 11:00am
Lectors	1 - Jackie Paluszak 2 - Beth George 3 - Mary Koors 4 - Yvette Pederson	John Hodges OPEN	Jim Noe Bob Bailor	CHILDREN'S MASS Sign Ups	Gary Schwarzmuller Dale Anne Davidson	Michele Blair Sean Blair
EOMS	Joyce Smith Kathy Maguire Mark Turner Connie Koralewski Barb McCullen Tammy Foeller Bo Foeller Marise Petry Carrie Dutton *Additional EOMs are needed	Tom Mulisano Andi Mulisano Donna Kade Megan Polk Merry Lea Goodrich Mary Eckenrode Vicki Lybarger Bonnie Nelson *Additional EOMs are needed	Sean Morrissey Kim Roberts Nick Hoffman Mary Bailor Pinki Towne Jessie Roberts *Additional EOMs are needed	Barbara Knapp Jackie Szmania Chris Luffler Kim Spiezio Bob Dixon Donna Kade Michael Soisinski	Kimberly Hill Douglas Franz Jolynn Franz Tom Perone Janene Rowe Laura Vlido Connie Koralewski	Pat Heinzman Tony Simpson Any Simpson Patricia Hannum Al Hannum Jordan Baker Mackenzie Halloy
USHERS	Terry Koebbe Jim Knapp Janice Savage Larry Savage Bill Pederson *Additional Ushers are needed	Tom Eckenrode Tom Weiss Chris Sarka Laura Miller Bill Pederson Steve Jewell Andrew Leatherman *Additional Ushers are needed	Cathy Tennenbaum George Butzer Dan Nettler *Additional Ushers are needed	Tom Tucker Anne Jackson Sharon Drum OPEN OPEN OPEN	Sandra Perone Terry Koebbe Brian Franz George Sabol Steve Jewell Thomas Eckenrode OPEN OPEN	Mario Macioce John Aelker Robert Buechner OPEN OPEN OPEN OPEN
SERVERS	Christopher Dixon Chris Crum Aburianna Thomas David Fesenmeyer	Chris Dixon Luke Baldwin	Christopher Dixon Chris Crum	Declan Hoffman Olivia Sloan Daniel Adams	Sophia Warner Liz Murrin	Andrew Broering Anna Carey Gavin Briggs
DEAF MINISTRY		Kathy Hodges			Jessica Metzger	
EOMS TO SICK & HOMEBOUND — Sunday, April 16						
<u>AVALON</u> Mary & Bob Bailor	<u>CHESTNUT HILL</u> Marian Prentice Jackie Szmania	<u>LAURELS</u> Mary Brosseau	<u>N.A. GARDENS</u> Lorraine Rothrauff Bob Genton	<u>OTTERBEIN</u> Bobbi Ius Melody Kramer	<u>SMITH'S MILL</u> Bonnie Nelson Sue Kraynack OPEN	<u>WESLEY WOODS</u> John Hodges Tom & Laurie Kruttsch Michelle & Scott Adams
ALTAR LINENS	Pick up/return between April 3 - April 5		Pick up/return between April 11 - April 12		Pick up/return between April 17 - April 19	
Linen box on bench outside church office	Patti Kenchan		Julie Rubadue		Claudette Herbig	

***Several additional EOMs and Ushers are needed for all Easter Masses. Please check in with the Sacristan when you arrive to see where they can use you. Thank you for your help.**

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MASS SCHEDULE
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Church of the Resurrection Parish is a family of loving, caring and open persons seeking to respond to the call of Jesus in the Catholic Christian tradition.

We are a praying community who in every way possible provide for the spiritual and corporal needs of God's people.

As members of the Resurrection community, we seek to serve all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

COTR Food Pantry Collection is Next Weekend For:

St. James the Less

This month's St. James the Less Food Pantry collection will be taken next week, on: April 9th

Monetary donation & food collection boxes are in the



THIS MONTH'S GREATEST NEEDS ARE

Canned Soup	Canned Fruit
Saltine Crackers	Dried Beans
Toilet Paper	Spaghetti Noodles



Notice: The pantry cannot distribute any items after THE "USE BY DATE." Large/bulk items (ex: rice, beans, etc.) are difficult for the pantry to distribute. The pantry is **not permitted** to distribute items such as vitamins and/or medication's (ex: aspirin, etc.).

Thanks for your continued support of our brothers and sisters in need. it is greatly appreciated!!

WE
SHARE
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During Holy Week we commemorate the 3 most Sacred Days... the Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday ... The Lord's Supper

The last day of **Lent** and the first day of the **Paschal Triduum**, we commemorate the Lord's Supper (Last Supper, Passover into the fullness of life) and reenact the washing of the feet. As Lord and Teacher, Jesus' profound message of self-sacrificing love is proclaimed by His actions of washing the disciples' feet and pouring forth His own body and blood. A model of humble loving service, ("Do you know what I have done for you,") a new commandment was given to the disciples "love one another as I have loved you." God's glory is manifested, made visible, and love becomes personified through Jesus' paschal service.

"Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too" Hymn text: Richard Gilliard

For **Holy Thursday**, the sanctuary will be decorated in celebration of the Last Supper. In the baptistery niche, bread, grapes, and a goblet of wine will be arranged on a bed of draped white fabric. In front of the altar, a white flower arrangement and a small table draped with white fabric will display the holy oils. Chairs will wrap around the altar for the washing of the feet. Upon completion of the mass, the altar will be stripped to signify the Church dying with Christ. Father Denis will process with the Blessed Sacrament to the OLR Chapel which will be decorated to depict the Garden of Gethsemane. The congregation is invited to the chapel to spend time in prayer and reflection just as Jesus and His disciples did that *Holy* night.

Good Friday... The Passion of the Lord

For **Good Friday** we will commemorate the ultimate mystery of faith, Jesus' passion and death. Handing over His spirit after He knew everything was finished, the passion of our Lord is more than a step to resurrection and the establishment of His everlasting reign (kingship); it is a day on which we celebrate Jesus' obedience, fidelity, and impassioned love, ...*"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

For **Good Friday**, the sanctuary will remain stripped of all decorations, a crown of thorns, and spikes and the Sorrowful Mother (Pieta) will be on display in the baptistery niche. Venerating the cross will occur during the mass.

Holy Saturday... Easter Vigil

The pinnacle of the Easter Triduum, the vigil is a ceremony of light and darkness, representative of the faithful prayerfully awaiting the resurrection (and new life) of Jesus Christ. The celebration begins with the blessing of new fire ("first vigil"- dispel the darkness) where the Paschal candle will be lit symbolizing the *light* of salvation and the *hope* (new creation) brought into the world. The Paschal candle will be carried into the church at the head of the procession where the light of Christ will pass to the congregation. Our baptism promises will be renewed and the newly baptized will be fully welcomed into the church (Christian initiation).

For **Holy Saturday**, the sanctuary will be decorated for Easter with white and gold fabric and flowers displayed in front of the altar symbolizing rebirth/new life in Christ. Father Denis, Father Anish, and the deacons will don gold and white vestments.

Today we celebrate...***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion***

Crowds waving palm branches and praising God aloud, *"blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest,"* is the prelude for Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem... for this is ***Palm Sunday***. Jesus, the promised Messiah and Servant King, during Passover, humbly rides a new colt into Jerusalem and receives exaltation and worship as He prepares for the painful contrast of the cross and His glory.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we carry palms in procession to journey with Jesus to the cross and proclaim the ***passion narrative***...*"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."* Following His Father's will and placing Himself into His arms (*"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"*), Jesus, with compassion and love, chose His ultimate gift of self-giving (*Lamb of God*), ushering in the new Passover, a new covenant, and our salvation.

Redeemed by God's Holy love, we His faithful followers embrace Jesus' saving mission by standing at the cross with Christ and giving ourselves over wholeheartedly. Baptized in the death and resurrection of Jesus (*Paschal Mystery*) and redeemed by God's holy love, we His passionate followers, lift God's name in glory (*"hosanna in the highest"*) as we celebrate the promise of the fullness in the inheritance of life in Christ.

"Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil 2: 9-11

For ***Palm Sunday***, the sanctuary will be decorated in the color red symbolizing the *Passion* theme. Our celebration will begin with a procession of palm branches and a song of praise *"All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King!"* Father Denis, Father Anish and the Deacons will don red-colored vestments. Draped red-colored fabric and palms will be displayed at the base of the ambo and added to the desert theme, purple fabric in front of the altar, and in the baptistery niche. A red flower arrangement will also be displayed in front of the altar. A *Palm Sunday* portrait of Jesus riding the colt into Jerusalem will be displayed in the baptistery niche.

*"How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice: that we will live just as He died,
willing to pay the price...How beautiful is the body of Christ"* Composer: Twilia Paris

Holy Week begins when we commemorate the 3 Most Sacred Days, the Paschal Triduum...



Thoughts on the Journey

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Suanne Gettings

Two Stories of Betrayal

There were two typical little girls: a four-year-old and a six-year-old. These sisters idolized one another and had a strong bond of sisterhood and friendship, even at their young ages. They loved their parents and like most children, they brought joy to everyone around them. They mastered giggling like a couple of hyenas and, by all accounts, were happy and well-adjusted.

Innocent and oblivious to most adult-related things going on around them, they played and did what typical little children do. These little girls were completely unaware of the groundswell of danger that would threaten the happiness of their world.

One day, their mother collected their things, and along with the two girls, loaded them in the car. Without an explanation, this mother left their father, the house they knew as “home,” and abruptly moved them into another man’s house. The man was not a stranger to the little girls’ mother because she had been having an affair with him for the past year. However, these little girls had no idea who he was or why they were no longer living with their daddy. There are two sides to every story, but the only innocent people in this scenario were these children.

Immediately, the aftermath of this betrayal took hold like a bad virus that permeated every cell of their life as a family. Two otherwise happy children were thrown into a very dark place where confusion, hurt, and anger dissolved their trust, happiness, and sense of security. Betrayal is a destructive force that rips at the heart of the innocent. Consenting adults with little regard for the rippling damage of their selfish actions made a mockery of their wedding covenant and the parental responsibility that God entrusted to them.

Before long, these young innocent children who could not verbalize the sting of their pain, began to react with anger and resentment toward those around them, clearly acting out the residual damage of their parents’ sinful choices. Hurt people, hurt people and the cyclical nature of betrayal marches on.

Another Story of Betrayal:

The gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Passion of our Lord and begins with Jesus and His disciples entering into Jerusalem. Large crowds gathered spreading their cloaks on the ground and waving palms yelling, “Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna in the highest.” It didn’t take long before the tide turned and nearly everyone around Jesus, friends and enemies alike, would betray Him in one way or another. As Jesus and His apostles were at table celebrating the Passover, Jesus said to them:

“Amen I say to you, one of you will betray me.” Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, “Surely it is not I, Lord ?”

Most of us, on any given day, wouldn’t plot ways to betray God or His people. As part of the effects of original sin, we are flawed and fall prey to temptation that lurks everywhere we turn. Many times, evil’s bait is shiny and attractive and we pounce on it hook, line, and sinker. We want immediate gratification and satisfaction regardless of the cost. There isn’t one of us living today who hasn’t been hurt by sin or hasn’t hurt others through our own sinfulness. Like the crowds who followed Jesus, waving their palm branches in praise of Him, then later cried, “Crucify Him,” we too betray our Lord in the many ways we move away from Him. St. Andrew of Crete, one of the early Church Fathers, gives us sound advice in his Palm Sunday homily on how to move closer to Christ:

“In His humility, Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and He is glad that He became humble for our sake, glad that He came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to Himself... So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves clothed in His grace, or clothed completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ, must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him... Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children’s holy song: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.”

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Sunday, Apr 02, 2023

Duty calls

Catherine de Hueck Doherty founded Friendship House to foster interracial understanding. Her spirituality was centered on the "duty of the moment," which she described as "what you should be doing at any given time, in whatever place God has put you. . . . If you have a child, your duty of the moment may be to change a dirty diaper. So you do it. But you don't just change that diaper, you change it to the best of your ability, with great love for both God and that child. . . . [T]he duty of the moment is the duty of God." This Passion Week, do your duty.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Procession: Matthew 21:1-11 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 (38). *"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."*

Monday, Apr 03, 2023

Final accounting

The seventh corporal work of mercy is to bury the dead. Everyone deserves a dignified burial, and anyone who has lost a loved one knows how many arrangements go into caring for the body of the deceased until they are interred and making sure their soul is commended to God. The process is an act of love. It can go beyond the burial too—ongoing prayer for the deceased, visiting the gravesite, and even disposing of their material things. If you're skilled with numbers and transactions then helping to sell a person's home and volunteering for the stressful task of settling their finances—which can take months or years—can be a special kind of charity.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). *"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair."*

Tuesday, Apr 04, 2023

Practice extreme love

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. died this day in 1968. On the night before his assassination, King gave his famous "I Have Been to the Mountaintop" speech. But it's King's words in "Letter from Birmingham Jail" that provide a lens to the Lord's Passion this week. "Though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist," King wrote, "I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you.'" How will you acknowledge God's extreme love this week?

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). *"Jesus answered him, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later.'"*

Wednesday, Apr 05, 2023

Keep moving toward justice

On this day in 1968, the Catholic mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, infamously authorized his police department to use lethal force in the riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the previous day. The event would lead to a national uproar and also to the founding two weeks later of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, an organization that persists to the present day. The organization's leaders would play a pivotal role in what is now known as the "Black Catholic Movement," integrating black spirituality into

their liturgies and practice of the faith. As we remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and so many other freedom fighters, let us also make use of our faith in the holy struggle for justice and solidarity.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). *"Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"*

Thursday, Apr 06, 2023

Break bread together

The Eucharist, instituted at the Last Supper, which we commemorate today, is called the "source and the summit of Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium* 11). The idea is that we become what we eat, that we take on the characteristics of Jesus by consuming his body. Because of the centrality of the Eucharist—and to uplift its unifying force—the U.S. bishops have organized a Eucharistic Revival that includes a Eucharistic Congress this July, to be followed by a "year of mission." As these sacred days unfold, allow the Eucharist to unite you to Christ and your sisters and brothers.

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY); EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 07, 2023

Words count

"It is finished" is among the final phrases of Jesus found in the four gospels, collectively known as the "Seven Last Words." The others are "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." "Woman, behold your son. [Beloved disciple], behold your mother." "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" "I thirst." "Father, into your hands I commend your Spirit." Taken together these words tell us everything about who Jesus was, why he lived and died, and what he calls his disciples to do. "Who will we be if we listen to the lessons of the Last Words of Jesus?" Alice Camille asks and answers in her brilliant little book *Seven Last Words*. "People of love and joy, ready to forgive, buoyed by hope." May we be such people.

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42 (40). *"When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."*

Saturday, Apr 08, 2023

Silent emptiness

Christ has died. The church is empty. The altar is bare. The tabernacle is vacant. The Real Presence feels like the Real Absence. Following an ancient tradition, the church does not celebrate the sacraments on this day. For that reason, Holy Saturday is a great time to visit your church and meditate on the emptiness and silence of the building. Our experience of God often seems empty and silent, with no outward sign of the divine help we always need. All we have is our faith, hope, and trust in God's abiding attendance in our lives.

HOLY SATURDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (41). *"His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow."*

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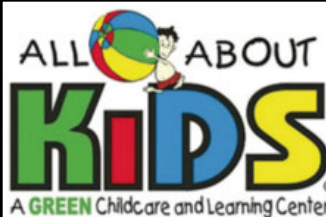


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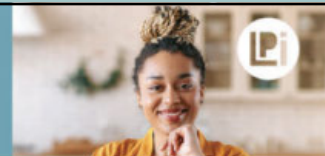
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