

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ April 9, 2017

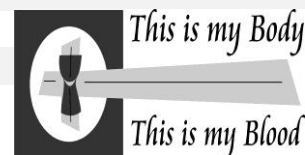
Sunday Scripture Meditation:

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

There are few events that encompass Jesus' passion. Let us reflect on the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden, and Peter's denial. Let these events of the passion story move us to treasure Jesus. **This is the greatest story ever told!** Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2017*

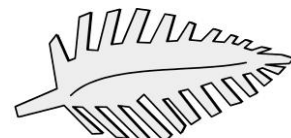
CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Apr 8	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+THERESA PRIHODA & +MARY PRIHODA ~ Marge Prihoda
Sun.	Apr 9	7:30 AM	+HELEN & +FRANK NOVOBILSKI ~ The Family
		9:00 AM	+IRENE DEMOVICK ~ Michael and Stephanie Dunn
		11:00 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ Margaret Patrick
Mon.	Apr 10	7:30 AM	+WILLIAM COSGROVE ~ Dottie Millo
Tues.	Apr 11	7:30 AM	+MARGARET NEMEC ~ Frank and Margie Duzy
Wed.	Apr 12	7:30 AM	INTENTIONS OF ANNA MARTICEK ~ Anna Marticek
Thurs.	Apr 13	Holy Thursday	
		7:30 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Fri.	Apr 14	Good Friday	
		3:00 PM	LITURGY OF THE PASSION & DEATH OF THE LORD
Sat.	Apr 15	Holy Saturday	
		7:00 PM	FOR OUR PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS
Sun.	Apr 16	Easter Sunday	
		7:30 AM	FOR OUR PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS
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		11:00 AM	FOR OUR PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 4-2-2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,653
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 2,028
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 6,681
SHORTFALL	\$ <u>3,294</u>
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date	\$9,975 x 40.....\$399,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date	\$ 369,496 Shortfall \$ 29,504



Son of David

PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. Please pray for the good health of:

Arline Barber, Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Ted Bielen, Enrique Borromeo, Caterina Caruso, William Charney, Mark Charney, Ray Clarkson, Catherine Ellison, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Roger Silhavey, Jennie Tesla

Youth Choir News: We thank our Youth Choir for their lovely singing at last week's 9:00 AM Mass.

The Youth Choir will be singing at the Easter Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass. ~ Rehearsal is held on Wednesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the church choir loft.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - April 9 ~ Palm Sunday ~

No Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8. No Confirmation Class **April 16 ~ Easter Sunday** ~ No Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8. No Confirmation Class

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Rehearsal, Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM (Our Lady of Grace School), Candidates and Sponsors. (if sponsor is unable to attend, at least one parent must attend.) **Confirmation, Friday, April 21 at 7:00 PM** (aprox. 1 1/2 hours) Candidates and Sponsors meet at OLG School 6:20 PM. **Confirmation Recognition Day, Sunday, April 23** – 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Name. Family and Sponsors are encouraged to attend.

The Parish Office will close at 1:00 PM on Good Friday and re-open on Tuesday, April 18.

Do you have a faith question? A suggestion or comment?

Your Parish Task Force welcomes you to place a note in the offertory basket during weekend Masses. Fr. Andy will answer your questions in upcoming bulletins.

~ 1st Bann of Marriage ~
Tameka Fields and Fritz Mesidor



Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

Holy Thursday

✘ No 7:30 AM morning Mass

✘ **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Confessions**

Guide to Confession pamphlets are available at the entrances of the church.



✘ **7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with all Eucharistic Ministers

Good Friday (a day of strict fast and abstinence.

Catholics over the age of 14 must abstain from meat.

Those 18-59 must also fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two lighter meals, with no snacks between meals.)

✘ No morning service

✘ **3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord**

✘ Confessions follow

Holy Saturday

✘ No 8:00 AM morning Mass or 4:30 PM Mass

✘ **12:30 PM Blessing of Easter Food in church**

✘ **2:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food in church**

✘ **Confessions** – following 2:00 PM Blessing of Food

✘ **7:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy**

Easter Sunday Masses

✘ 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

On Good Friday, the collection will be for The Holy

Land which supports parishes, orphanages, Catholic schools and religious education in the Holy Land, preserves the sacred shrines for pilgrims and also provides emergency humanitarian aid to millions of refugees fleeing the war, violence and persecution in Syria and Iraq.

Thank you to all who attended our St. Patrick's Dinner on March 17.

It was a great evening of fellowship with an excellent Corned Beef Buffet provided by Personal Touch Caterers and Zeppolis from Del Prete to honor St. Joseph Day. We thank all our volunteers who helped plan, decorate, register and welcome our over 90 guests, servers, cleanup crew and Lou Zayas who volunteered to provide the music. **We look forward to planning another parish event and would like to know what you suggest. You may drop a suggestion into the offertory basket or talk to one of our Task Force Members; Fr. Andy, Gert Balamaci, Carol Bogue, Carol Kascak, Armand Majewski, Greg Moreau and Anne Wargo.**

2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass – Sunday, April 30,

2:30 PM at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull.

Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating this Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries. This will be the only Wedding Jubilee Mass for 2017. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. To register call the parish office 203 -375-5815 or visit: <http://x.co/diobpt>

RSVP before April 24. Questions? Call Kim Quatela 203-416-1334 or kquatela@diobpt.org

EVANGELIZATION CORNER At Easter we will reclaim the truth of Jesus' triumph, darkened by the days of suffering and death that followed His entry into Jerusalem. Through the mystery of the cross, we are made wiser than those who thought His kingdom a mere political phenomenon.

We thank the Ladies Guild and all their helpers for a successful and delicious Easter Bake Sale.

To those who organized, took phone orders, prepared, baked, carried trays and distributed the breads and of course, those who purchased – a big thank you! The Ladies Guild's two Bake Sales held each year are among the most successful fund raisers in our parish.

Please help us on Wednesday, April 12 of Holy Week by participating in the Lord's Kitchen, a feed the needy effort held at Christ Church, Main Street Stratford. You can help out by volunteering to help prepare the meal from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM or serve the meal from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. If you choose to make a monetary donation please mark the envelope

Lord's Kitchen and place in the offertory at Mass.

Thank you and please contact Armand Majewski at 1-203-521-5915 if you can help.

The Ladies Guild will hold their Annual Covered Dish Supper on Saturday, April 22 following the

4:30 PM Mass. The guild will provide the main dishes; Chicken Marsala, Swedish Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers, Cavatelli and Broccoli, Salad and Bread.



Reservation forms can be found in this week's bulletin and at the church entrances or to make a reservation please call Dorothy Durkin 475-449-9940. The cutoff date is April 17. Celebrate spring by bringing family and friends to Mass and staying for a parish supper.

In the upcoming weeks you will see custom made wood railings installed on each side of our main altar.

These rails will offer a much needed safety feature while also blending into the existing wood facade at the back of the altar.

Scholarship program – Lodge #2 of the Sokol USA District will award up to two \$1,000 scholarships

each year to High School seniors accepted for admission to an accredited college/university who are of Slovak or Carpatho-Russian descent and residents of Bridgeport, Stratford, Trumbull, Shelton or Milford. **Applicants must complete the official Application for Scholarship Award and submit it with requested documentation to the Lodge's Secretary by April 30.** Criteria to be used in judging: overall merits of applicant, cumulative grade average, community activities, college acceptance, financial need and essay content. The Award must be applied to tuition or the purchase of text books. **Applications can be found at the church entrances or the parish office.**