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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday:

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday

8:00 A.M.

Last Tuesday of the month

7:00 P.M.

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
MARCH 28/29/30**

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Kenneth Egan,

Reader: Bill Herring

Altar Server: Joshua Baptista, Ava Pridady,
Colin Pridady, Tristian Szylar, Anna &
Veronica Delgado

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Heelan

Reader: Tom Bednar, Frank Heelan

Altar Server: Alexis Nwinyi, Ashley Alfaro,
Samantha Alfaro

EASTER VIRGIL

7:00 p.m. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Senatore,

Reader: Gloria DeMarzo, Bill Herring,
Alyssa Dantes, Annalise Dantes

Altar Server: Joshua Baptista, Alexis Nwinyi,
Tristian Szylar, Emma Rose Felcetto,
Samantha Alfaro

UPCOMING DATES

**March 28, 2024 ~ 7:00pm Holy Thursday
Mass**

**March 29, 2024 ~ 3:00pm Good Friday
Liturgy of the Passion
7:00pm Stations of the Cross**

**March 30, 2024 ~ Holy Saturday,
1:00pm Easter Food Blessings
7:00pm Easter Vigil
NO CONFESSION on
Holy Saturday**

**March 31, 2024 ~ Easter Sunday Masses
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon**

April 7, 2024 ~ 3:00pm Divine Mercy

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday March 24, Palm Sunday

8:00 am

+ The Gloria Of God from Virginia

10:00

+ Shirley Kimmick from The Sheridan Family

12:00

+ David Narcisco from The Sheridan Family

Monday March 25, Monday Of Holy Week

8:00 am

+ Joseph Tintle from Kennedy Family

Tuesday March 26, Tuesday Of Holy Week

8:00 am

+ Kathleen Post from Jeff, Marcella & Family

**Wednesday March 27, Wednesday Of Holy
Week**

8:00 am

+ For Our Parishioners from Our Pastor

Thursday March 28, Holy Thursday

8:00 am

Prayer Service

7:00pm

+ Eleanor Ihasz from Friends

9:30pm

Service of Sorrows

Friday March 29, Good Friday

8:00 am

Prayer Service

3:00pm

Liturgy of The Passion

7:00pm

Stations of The Cross

**Saturday March 30, Passion Of The Lord Good
Friday**

8:00 am

Prayer Service

1:00 pm

Blessing Of Food

7:00pm

Easter Vigil

**Sunday March 31, Easter Sunday of The
Resurrection of The Lord**

8:00am

+ The Gloria of God from Virginia

10:00

+ Deceased Members of The Coleman Families

12:00

+ Maria Fortin from The Brescia Family



Bread & Wine

*In memory of
Kathleen Post
From
Marcella & Bob*



Candle
*In memory of
Shirley Kimmick
From
The Sheridan Family*

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"

MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal
STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts
and Send Us on Mission

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)
Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus "set out at once" to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the **Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication**. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

March 24, 2024 Hymns

Breaking Bread #143 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

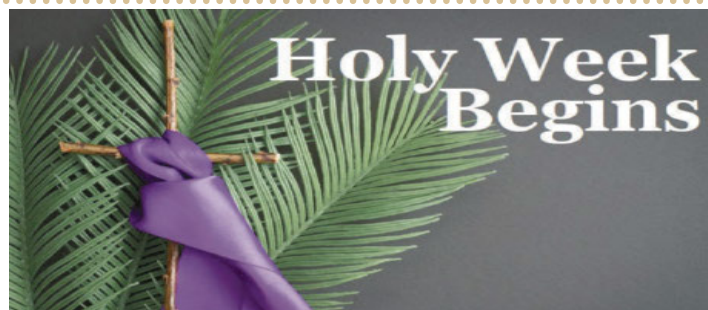
Blue Book #167 Jesus, Remember Me

Blue Book #171 Were You

There

Breaking Bread #154

O Sacred Head Surrounded



Kind Reminder

Please do not park on front of the rectory garages.

Monthly Parish Mass

Our Lady of Peace celebrates Mass at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome to join in this Eucharistic Celebration.

Due to the Chrism Mass on March 26, 2024 there will be no Parish.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**COME AND
JOIN US**

EVERY FRIDAY

DURING LENT AT 7:00 P.M.

**REMEMBER - ALL FRIDAYS
DURING LENT ARE DAYS OF
ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT.)**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ~ March 24

1:00pm Baptism ~ Church

MONDAY ~ March 25

8:30 am Novena ~ Church

8:00 pm KOC 4th Degree Mtg. ~ Parish Hall

NO BIBLE STUDY ~ Holy Week

TUESDAY ~ March 26

4:00 pm Chrism Mass ~ St. Francis Church

No Parish Mass

WEDNESDAY ~ March 27

No Religious Ed. Classes

7:00 pm Altar Server Practice For Holy Thursday & Good Friday ~ Church

8:00 pm KOC Officers Mtg ~ Parish Hall

THURSDAY ~ March 28

7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass

Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY ~ March 29

3:00pm The Passion of the Lord

7:00 pm Stations Of The Cross

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY ~ March 30

No Confessions

1:00pm Blessing of the Food ~ Church

1:30 pm Altar Serving Practice For the Easter Vigil

7:00pm Easter Vigil ~ Church

SUNDAY ~ March 31

No Activities

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early publication, collection will be posted for next week's bulletin.

The Divine Mercy Devotion will be prayed in the church at 3 PM on Sunday, April 7th, 2024 the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR

March 31, 2024

8:00am

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Verendia, Tom Bednar, Roseanne Brady

Reader: Jimmy Carroll

10:00am

Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Sardo, Jedlyn Tordecilla, Marie Gironda

Reader: James Padden

Altar Server: Alex Gironda

12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Broesler, Lorraine O'Prandy, Frank Heelan

Reader: Thomas Deignan

Altar Server: Colin Pridady

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Eunice McLaughlin, Raymond Miller,
Danielle Maglies, Francis Lee,
Dotty Karnowski, Anna Verrico,
Anthony Sclafani, Rolando Rey
Christine Mary Brown,
Donna Ferrara, Lonie Ebarle
Julia Forsythe,
Jessica Barretta, Joanne M.,
Maria Lavid, Teddy Sabo,
Lisa Sabo, Norma Nebus, Nancy Gaid,
Joan Trainor, Harriet Gockel

Prayer For Strength & Confidence

Heavenly Father, Giver of life and health: comfort and relieve Your sick servants and give Your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in Your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH ORGANIZATION & MINISTRIES

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the month. Contact Angela Chundak at 732-221-0977

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July, & October. Contact the Parish Office. (Must Register, no Walk-Ins)

BLUE ARMY DEVOTIONS: Tuesday at 7:00pm

COLUMBIETTES #9199: 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Alan Nygard 732-986-3199.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9199: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday at 8:30am

PRE-CANA MINISTRY: 2nd Saturday of March & 3rd Saturday Of October. Contact the Parish Office.

FOCCUS: Contact Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: All persons seeking instruction or more information about membership in the Roman Catholic Church are invited to call the parish office.

ROSARY: 1st Sunday of every month at 9:30am sharp before the 10:00am Mass and 1st Saturday of the Month following 8:00am Mass.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY: meets as scheduled

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friend,

Every branch that bears fruit must be pruned to bear much more fruit. A friend of mine has a fruit tree that has been living for a number of years. Every winter the cold weather and heavy breeze kills more than half of the branches and leaves. If he does not prune the dead, it will spread and kill the whole tree. Therefore, he must prune what is wilted to save the rest of the tree. In turn, the tree grows bigger, stronger, and bears more fruit than before. The fruit doesn't only multiply, but they are much more pleasing in their flavor.

We must allow God to prune the wilted friends, habits, thoughts, and possessions out of our lives. By allowing this to happen, we will grow stronger and bear more fruit for the Kingdom of God. We will not only add to the Kingdom in quantity, but also in quality. The fruit we bear will be much more pleasing to God. Like David did, ask God to search your heart of any offense. David wrote, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24).

Jesus said that His Father prunes His children. The richest, fullest, most fruitful lives are those that have been strengthened through the painful process of tribulation. We have no right to think God will use us until He cuts away whatever may hinder our growth. What we see as tragedies may be only blessings in disguise, and the very opportunities through which God chooses to exhibit His love and grace.

Has the dearest in life been torn from you? Have all your dreams faded? Remember that if you could see these problems from the standpoint of God's wisdom and of eternity, you would be able to dry your eyes and praise the Lord for all of these. God will not withhold any good thing "from those who walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11). Even in your painful situation, you can trust Him to do what is best.

Our Father in Heaven cuts away the unusable only to make us more usable.

To accept this, we must pray always and never lose heart.

Father Matthew



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1-800-999-9999

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732-562-2476

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Parochial Ministry

Rev. Matthew R. Paratore, S.T.L.,

J.C.L., Pastor

Rev. James G. Tucker, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal C.M.I., (In Res.)

Deacon John A. Raychel

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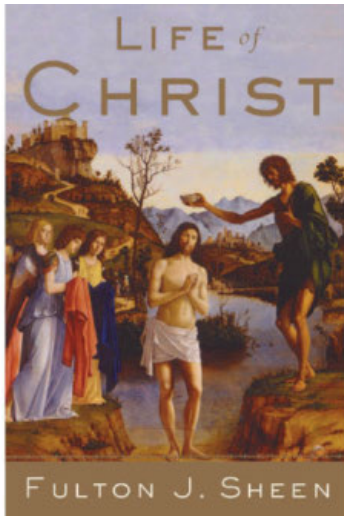
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Life of Christ **By Sheen Fulton**

Widely proclaimed a classic work of Christian faith, *Life of Christ* has been hailed as the most eloquent of Fulton J. Sheen's many books. The fruit of many years of reflection, prayer, and research, it is a dramatic and moving recounting of the birth, life, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ, and a passionate portrait of the God-Man, the teacher, the healer, and, most of all, the Savior, whose promise has sustained humanity for two millenia. An appealing blend of philosophy, history, and biblical exegesis, from the best known and most-loved American Catholic leader of the twentieth century, *Life of Christ* has long been a source of inspiration and guidance. For those seeking to better understand the message of Jesus Christ, this vivid retelling of the greatest story ever lived is a must-read.

****REGISTRO PARROQUIAL****

Para permitirnos servirle mejor, todos los feligreses deben registrarse en la oficina parroquial. Si usted es un nuevo feligr s, o un feligr s actual que se mud  o cambi  de n mero de tel fono, por favor contacte a la Oficina Parroquial.

Los miembros de la familia de 23 a os o m s deben registrarse por separado como individuos, incluso si contin an viviendo con sus padres. Debe ser un feligr s registrado para ser un Patrocinador de Confirmaci n o un Padrino.

REQUISITOS PARA SER PADRINO/PATROCINADOR DE CONFIRMACI N

Debe ser un feligr s ACTIVO, REGISTRADO por un m nimo de seis meses que asista a misa semanalmente y contribuya al apoyo de la Iglesia, de acuerdo con los medios de uno.

Debe haber recibido todos los sacramentos de iniciaci n.

Si est  casado, debe estar en un matrimoni reconocido como v lido por la Iglesia Cat lica.

Debe vivir una vida cristiana consistente con el papel de padrino o patrocinador de confirmaci n

****REGISTRATION****

To enable us to better serve you, all parishioners should register at the Parish Office. If you are a new parishioner, or a current parishioner who has moved or changed phone numbers, please contact the Parish Office.

Family members 23 years or older should register separately as individuals even if continuing to live with their parents. You must be a registered parishioner to be a Confirmation Sponsor or a Godparent.

GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

Must be an ACTIVE, REGISTERED parishioner for a minimum of six months, who attends Mass weekly, and contributes to the support of the Church, in accordance with one's means.

Must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

If married, must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

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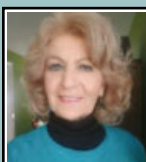
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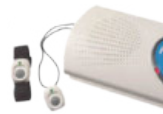
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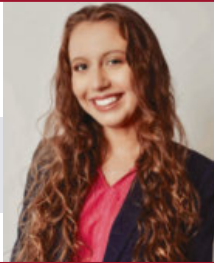
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