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**MARCH 17, 2024 - 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

**9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**(Psalm 43:1-2)**

**V. Do me justice, O God, and fight my fight against a faithless people; from deceitful and impious men rescue me.**

**R. For You, O God, are my strength. Why do You keep me so far away? Why must I go about in mourning, with the enemy oppressing me?**

**C. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.**

**R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**C. The Lord be with you.**

**R. And also with you.**

**C. Let us pray. Father in Heaven, the love of Your Son led Him to the cross of suffering., that His brothers and sisters might have new life. Help us to live in the world You gave us, transform it from darkness, into the life and joy of Easter. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**R. Amen.**



**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF  
 JEREMIAH THE PROPHET  
 (Jeremiah 31:31-34)**

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

**C. This is the Word of the Lord.**

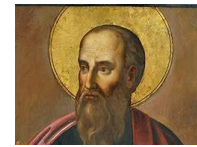
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

**(Psalm 143:9-10)**

**V. Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for in You I hope.**

**R. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.**



**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT  
 PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS**

**(Hebrews 5:7-9)**

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the One who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered; and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

**C. This is the Word of the Lord.**

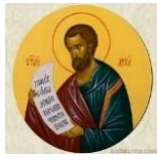
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**TRACT**

**(Psalm 129:1-4)**

**V. Much have they oppressed me from my youth, let Israel say, Much have they oppressed me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me.**

**R. Upon my back the plowers plowed; long did they make their furrows but the just Lord has severed the cords of the wicked.**



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN**

**(John 12:20-33)**

**C. The Lord be with you.**

**R, And with you.**

**C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Saint John.**

**R. Glory be to You, O Lord.**

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves Me must follow me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me. “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name. Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for My sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

**C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ. \**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth**

**Of all that is seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**The only Son of God,**

**Eternally begotten of the Father.**

**God from God, Light from Light, True God  
from true God, begotten not made  
Of one being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made**

**For us and for our salvation.**

**He came down from heaven:**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit**

**He was born of the Virgin Mary**

**AND BECAME MAN.**

**For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again**

**In fulfillment of the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**Is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**To judge the living and the dead**

**And His kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The Lord and Giver of Life**

**Who proceeds from the Father,**

**With the Father and the Son**

**He is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in One, Holy, Catholic**

**and Apostolic Church**

**I acknowledge one baptism**

**for the forgiveness of sins.**

**I look for the resurrection of the dead**

**And the + life of the world to come. Amen.**



**OFFERTORY VERSE**

**(Psalm 116:16-17)**

**V. O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the  
son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds.**

**To You will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I  
will call upon the name of the Lord.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Heavenly Father, we look kindly on our offerings and  
accept them. May these offerings free us from the  
bondage of sin and win for us Your most loving mercy.  
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**Let us Pray:** Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

### COMMUNION VERSE

(John 12:24-25)

V. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C, Let us pray. Almighty God, through this Eucharist, draw us closer to Your Son, that we may die and rise with Him, to the glory of Your holy Name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.



## PASSION SUNDAY

Today, on this Passion Sunday, Christians around the world, will begin a two-week period of somber reflection and prayer and be drawn in liturgy to the last two weeks in the life of Jesus which took place in Jerusalem c. 30 AD.

From today, through Palm Sunday, the followers of the Lord Jesus and others, will hear the “Word of God” concerning His words concerning His passion and death will be called upon to exercise the spiritual pillars of prayer and fasting, in walking the “Way of the Cross” with Jesus at this most holy time.

Our Church, as well as many other Christian denominations, which include those of the Western or

Rome Rite to the Orthodox, or the Eastern Rite, as well as the Anglican and Lutheran churches, and other denominations, to different degrees will mark this Passion Sunday with the covering of crosses and statues as well as altars in purple, calling upon congregants to be penitent and examine their relationship with Jesus.

The Liturgy for us, as well as for others, will see changes this Passion Sunday. The Entrance Hymn is no longer intoned or said as: “Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,” with the response “As it was in the beginning is now and ever more shall be, world without end” but is replaced with “Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered” with the response: “O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.” Until Easter, no “Alleluias” are said and the “Alleluia verse” is replaced with a Lenten “Tract,” which is read prior to the reading of the Gospel of our Lord.

### PASSION OF OUR LORD

The word “Passion” stems from the Latin word “pati” which means to “suffer.” Webster defines “Passion” as “a strong feeling, especially those of anger, love or desire.” “Passion” is further defined among Christians as “the sufferings of Christ between the night of the last supper and His crucifixion.”

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, each Evangelist tells us that Jesus predicted His own suffering and death in the following passages:

**In the Gospel of Matthew:** Matt.16:21-23, Matt.17:22-23; Matt. 20:17-19.

**In the Gospel of Mark:** Mark 8:31-33; Mark 9:30-32; Mark 10:32-34.

**In the Gospel of Luke:** Luke 9:21-22; Luke 9:43-45; Luke 18:31-34.

**In the Gospel of John:** 8:28-30; 12:20-33.

For example, in Luke 9:21-22, we read: “He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

My brothers and sisters: The Passion of Christ was first of all, a most severe physical ordeal for Jesus. He was to be beaten and crucified. But His Passion was to also be a mental ordeal where He was rejected by those whom He came to save. How painful it must have

been for Him, having His unconditional love not only denied, but thrown back at Him with so much hatred. In Luke, we read, that not only Pilate but even King Herod tried to save Jesus from death, but many of the religious leaders screamed for his death. In Luke 23:15, Herod states that “ I see nothing that this man has done that calls for the death penalty.” In Luke 23:16, Herod says to the crowd, "So I will have Him flogged, but then I will release Him." And in Luke 23:18 we read: "Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they shouted, kill Him, and release Barabbas to us!"

When we talk of the Passion of our Lord, we also recall the mental and emotional pain that He endured prior to his arrest. Luke 22:44 talks about the pain that Jesus went through in the Garden of Gethsemane. "He [Jesus] prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.” Having seen others being crucified, Jesus knew of the pain and suffering He would soon experience. But His death was His mission. And as Jesus prayed to the Father, in the Garden of Gethsemane, that the cup (his ordeal and passion) be taken away, in the end, He ended His prayer with: “Not as I will but Yours be done.” That is the intense part of the Passion of Jesus; that He chose to die for my sins.

The Passion of Jesus should bring to all of our minds and hearts today, that not only was there a “passion” of suffering, but Jesus, who was crucified and hung on the cross of wood for six (6) hours, from 9 am till 3 pm, showed another “passion,” deeper and more intense than that of His own sufferings; it was a “passion” of love; that He did all this, as an atonement for our sins. He taught us, through His Passion one of the greatest lessons of love as found in John 15:13: “Greater love no man has this, than to die for ones friends.”

### WALKING WITH OUR LORD

Each year, as ordained into the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, I have tried to take the season of Lent as a time of reflection in my relationship with the Lord. Through reading, and meditating on the “Word of God” I have tried a to better understand my Christian faith, I hope that as we all draw near to the upcoming Holy Days, we all strive to walk closer with our Lord.



## **OUR PARISH CALENDAR**

### DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Morning Devotions

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

### THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

(March 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>)

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| <b>Mon. 3/18</b>   | <b>Private prayer and devotion.</b><br>Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp.<br>Alexander of Jerusalem, Bishop<br>Edward, King & Martyr                |
| <b>Tue. 3/19</b>   | <b>Solemnity – Joseph, Spouse of BVM</b><br>Joseph, spouse of Mary, NT<br>John of Panaca, Abbot<br>Landoald, Prince & Companion, Martyrs |
| <b>Wed. 3/20</b>   | <b>Mass for Health and Healing</b><br>Photina the Samaritan & Companions, M<br>Cuthbert, Bishop<br>Martyrs of Mar Saba, Martyrs          |
| <b>Thurs. 3/21</b> | <b>Mass to the Holy Saints of God</b><br>Benedict, Abbot<br>Serapion the Scholastic, Bishop<br>Enda, Ab & Fanchea, Virgins               |
| <b>Fri. 3/22</b>   | <b>Mass to the Most Holy Angels of God</b><br>Paul of Narbonne, Confessor<br>Basil of Ancyra, Martyr<br>Deograias of Carthage, Bishop    |
| <b>Sat. 3/23</b>   | <b>Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus</b><br>Victorian & Companions, Martyrs<br>Benedict of Campania, Hermit & Conf.<br>Ethelwald, Hermit    |



### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024**

8:30 am – Morning Devotions

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist

12:00 am – Bitter Lamentations in English



## EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE PNCC



### ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

**“Your lamp is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.” - Psalm 119:105**

During the month of March 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer these two following prayers on Wednesdays at noon:



#### **A PRAYER FOR PARISH FAMILIES**

Heavenly Father, as a family united in the Eucharist, we entrust to Your loving care and correction the members of our families, both near and far. Supply their needs, guide their steps, keep them safe in body and soul; and may Your peace rest upon us always Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(from the PNCC Book of Devotions)*

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OUR FATHER** who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**

8:30 am – Morning Devotions  
9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist  
12:00 am – Stations of the Cross # 4



#### **CENTRAL SENIORATE LENTEN RETREAT**

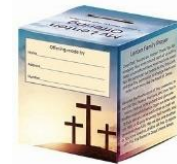
Our Parish recently sponsored a Lenten Retreat for the Central Seniorate of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC which was held on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd, Josh & Mary Tudryn, Sue & Eric Dibrindisi and Halina Lukomski for all their help in preparation of the breakfast and lunch that was served. Without their help, we would not have been able to hold this retreat. I especially want to thank Deacon Justin Daviault who traveled up from his home parish in Plantsville, CT and who so graciously helped in the presentations and in the liturgy.



#### **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024** **PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist with the blessing and distribution of palms to the faithful.



#### **LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES**

This year, the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC has provided all its parishes **“Lenten Collection Boxes.”** The purpose of these boxes is to aid our local communities and various outreach programs of our parishes.

This year’s Lenten theme is **“There Is No Greater Love,”** taken from Matthew 9:13. During these forty (40) days of Lent, individuals are asked to contribute daily to one of the great pillars of Lent, “Almsgiving.”

There are two prayers that are printed on these collection boxes which helps to bring into focus this season of Lent. I share with you these two prayers:



#### **PRAYER TO FORGIVE ANOTHER**

**Dear Jesus,** I admit to You that I think I have been wronged, and I feel angry. I feel someone has hurt me,

whether they intended it or not, and I feel defensive. To be honest, I'm not sure that I trust that person anymore. Yet I know You call me to forgive. When I look at Your Cross, I think of how many times You have forgiven me and wiped the slate clean. I think of how often You have given me a new chance and a fresh beginning.

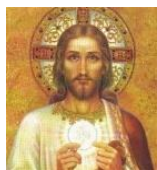
**O Jesus**, please come into my heart and heal me where I feel hurt or numb. For my part, I forgive this person as You have forgiven me. I ask You to bless them and heal them as well. Thank You, Lord, that You alone are the answer to our deepest needs. Amen.



### **LENTEN FAMILY PRAYER**

**Dear Lord**, You are our Father! Thank you for wrapping Your arms around each of us with a deep unconditional love. How much we need You! We surrender our hearts to You this Lent and give You permission to change them and make them more like the heart of Jesus.

We enter the throne room of Your presence, to worship You, receive Your love, and love You in return. Help us to be patient and give one another a second chance. Open our inner eyes to truly see and serve each other as best we can. Help us to pray fervently, fast humbly, and give alms cheerfully. May we love one another as You have loved us and be set free to rejoice with You this Easter! In Jesus' name. Amen



### **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

#### **Daily Devotions**

Copies of the Lenten daily devotional booklet, "One Bread, One Body" is now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in tune with the daily readings as found in the "Common Lectionary" of the Christian Church.



### **Our Food Ministry: "Feeding the Hungry"**

**" For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."**

- Matthew 25:35-36

The one fact that I have learned is that there are many parishes in the PNCC that have taken on ministries to help others in need.

I also want to also thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance of all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors.

The date of our next grocery ministry will be on **Saturday, April 19th from 10:00** am while supplies last.

I wanted to personally thank Eric Dibrindisi & Josh Tudryn who helped to distribute our groceries yesterday. We gave out 13 bags of groceries.

I again want to acknowledge the generosity of Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich, Jr. who donated many non-perishable food items from his parish ministry, as well as Sue Petrola from our Westfield parish.

I also want to thank all who continue to donate non-perishable food items and monetary contributions to help with this special ministry.

### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY**

#### **Among the items that we are asking for:**

- Cereals and packets of instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and cranberry
- powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese
- Tuna in water
- Canned meats- chicken salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles
- Soups- all varieties

- Canned veggies and fruits.

We are constantly looking at how we can improve this ministry and we invite your input and suggestions.



### **FCAT**

#### **(Frontier Cable Access Television)**

Our Sunday Masses may be reviewed on Channel # 12 on: **Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.**

**Sundays at 10 am, 2 pm, 6pm and 9 pm.**

Our weekly Masses can also be viewed on “You Tube,” under “FCAT - Holy Name of Jesus.”



#### **PALM SUNDAY FOOD & BALE SALE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

**9:00 am – 12:00 Noon**



#### **The following is this week’s schedule for making galabki:**

Tues. 3/19 - Coring and cooking cabbage leaves.  
 Wed. 3/20- Preparing meat mixture/ lining of pans.  
 Thur. 3/21 – Assembling galabki (stuffed cabbage).  
 Fri. 3/22 – Packaging galabki.

Please see Buddy if you can help. May God bless all our endeavors.



#### **The following is the schedule for making apple pies:**

**THURSDAY 3/21 @ 9:00 am – Baking & packaging apple pies.**

We are also accepting donations of baked goods, including cakes, pies and cookies. Please see Linda.

As this is one of our largest annual events, I call upon all of our parishioners and friends, to pitch in if able. Sign up sheets may be found in our Parish hall.

## **EASTER SCHEDULE 2024**

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 -PALM SUNDAY**

#### **THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY**

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist with the blessing and distribution of palms to the faithful.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024**

#### **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

4:30 pm – Mass of Chrism to be held at St. Joseph’ PNCC in Manchester, NH.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024**

#### **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist.

12:00 pm – Bitter Lamentations

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – THE LAST SUPPER**

7:00 pm – Holy Mass of the Eucharist, vespers and the stripping of the altars.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024– GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS**

9:00 am – Morning Vespers

3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross and the opening of the gravesite of the crucified Lord.

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service – Mass of the Presanctified with the Adoration of the Cross and the stripping of the altars.

### **MARCH 30, 2024 – SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

9:00 am – Holy Saturday Service with the blessing of the new fire, the readings of the Four Prophecies and the blessing of water.

Following Holy Saturday services, traditional blessing of Easter food will take place in our church as well as at 4:00 pm.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024– SOLEMNITY OF**

#### **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

#### **JESUS CHRIST**

9:00 am – **SUNRISE SERVICE** – Holy Mass of the Eucharist with the Procession of the three symbols of Easter: The Pascal Candle, the Glorified Cross of Jesus and the Statue of the Resurrected Lord.