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TODAY, SUNDAY - APRIL 6, 2025

PASSION SUNDAY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

OPENING HYMN

“TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD”

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,

Before Thine altar, Father

Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;

This supplication answer.

Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,

Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,

To serve Thee with devotion;

Be it with sweat of blood or tears,

Or humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,

Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

V. So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation.
the old things have passed away; behold,
new things have come.

R. And all this is from God, Who has
reconciled us to Himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of
reconciliation.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

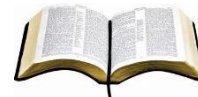
OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray: Almighty God, You alone judge our
hearts and, despite our sins, have not condemn
us. Help us to be merciful and forgiving to those
who wrong us and to love others as You love us.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH THE PROPHET

(Isaiah 43: 16-21)

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out
chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they
lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and
quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of
the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I
am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do
you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in
the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me,
jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to
drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that
they might announce my praise.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

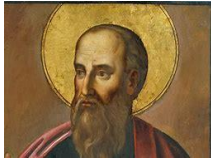
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Lamentations 3:22-24)

V. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted. His
mercies are not spent; they are renewed each
morning, so great is His faithfulness.

R. My portion is the Lord, says my soul: therefore,
will I hope in Him.



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

(Philippians 3:8-14)

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know Him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of His sufferings by being conformed to His death, If somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, Since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

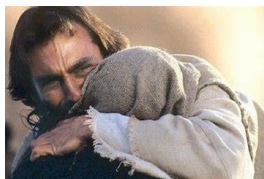
R. Thanks be to God.

TRACT

(Psalm 103:8, 13-14)

V. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

R. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
SAINT JOHN**

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.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning, He arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to Him, and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So, what do you say?" They said this to test Him, so that they could have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with His finger. But when they continued asking Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again, He bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So, He was left alone with the woman before Him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any-more."

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE

(Matthew 7:1-2)

V. Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For
as you judge, so will you be judged, and the
measure with which you measure will be
measured to you.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, receive the gifts of Your people
gathered here and instill in us the virtues of
tolerance and forgiveness We ask this in the name of
Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

(Psalm 32:1)

V. Happy the sinner whose fault is removed,
whose sin is forgiven.

CLOSING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. Let us pray. Father in heaven, through His death
on the cross, Your Son merited forgiveness of our
sins. We ask this through the same Jesus
Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.
R. Amen.



PASSION SUNDAY

Passion Sunday begins a two-week period,
where Christians around the world, are drawn into
the events that took place, in the last two weeks of
the life of Jesus, circa 30 AD.

From Palm Sunday to Easter

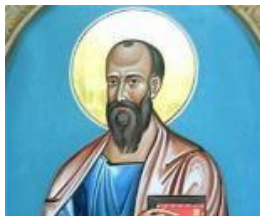
All, who have been baptized into the Christian
faith, are called upon to re-live and share the joy of
Palm Sunday, the sadness of the Passion, and
death of Jesus on **Good Friday** and finally the joy,
of His Resurrection on **Easter Sunday**.

On this **Passion Sunday**, those who will enter our church will notice, that all the statues and crosses are covered in the color purple and experience a “vision of sadness.”

Passion Sunday, is a time for all Christians to have a sincere sorrow, remembering that Christ died for our sins, and offered Himself as a “perfect sacrifice,” as an “atonement” unto His Heavenly Father,

You will also notice, that in our liturgy on Passion Sunday, the Entrance Hymn, does not end with “Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit, with the response: “As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,” but is replaced with “Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. followed by the response: “O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.”

During the season of Lent, our Parish has held on Fridays, Lenten Penitentials, with the “Stations of the Cross,” and all are invited to walk the “Way of Suffering” or the “Via Dolorosa” of Jesus in the 14 stations recalling the events leading up to the death and burial of Jesus.



“LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS.” - Philippians 2:5

Some might find this teaching of Paul somewhat presumptuous or bold. How could Paul know what was in the mind of Christ Jesus and instruct others to have the same mind in Christ Jesus?

I think we find the answer in today’s Gospel. I am sure that Paul heard stories about Jesus from the Apostles following his conversion on the road to Damascus. But what took place when Jesus appeared to Paul as a great light caused a change and a transformation in Paul. He was to experience a “rebirth,” the shedding of the “old self, unto a new creation.

If we look at today’s Gospel in the “mind of Jesus,” what do we see? Forgiveness, sympathy, and

love. As Paul was a “persecutor,” of Christians, he became after his transformation, a “protector” and “defender” of the Christian faith.

In today’s Gospel, we see the forgiveness that each and every one seeks, as they walk humbly the “Way of the Cross.” From the Gospel last week of the “Prodigal Son” to the woman caught in the act of adultery this week, the message is the same. Christ stands ever before us and through one’s contrition and repentance, the forgiveness of sins and the rebirth of the individual into a “new creation” takes place. But this “rebirth” had a price, and it was offered on a cross at Golgotha. To say that “one’s sins are forgiven” is one thing, but if but for a moment, we consider the very act by which sins are forgiven, the message of Lent becomes very real.

We are reminded of the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians: “Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish,” Paul came to know the Lord at his conversion, on that road to Damascus, as we, through humility seek to know the Lord. Many have met or will meet the Lord on our own roads of life.

May we all in these last two weeks of Lent, prepare ourselves for not only the deep sorrow of the crucified Lord, but also prepare for that great joy of the Resurrection of the One who offers not only forgiveness of sins, but also gives eternal life.



MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM

Today, on this Passion Sunday, April 6th at 4:00 pm, Holy Mother of the Rosary in Chicopee, MA will host the Annual Central Seniorate “**Meal in the Upper Room.**” An invitation is extended to all to participate in this most important gathering in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Please see Fr. Koerber if you would like to attend.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

April 7th – April 13th

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

- Mon. 4/7 Private Prayer and Devotion**
Hegesippus, Confessor
Aphraates, Confessor
George the Younger, Bishop
- Tue. 4/8 Mass for Health and Healing**
Dionysius of Corinth, Bishop & Wr.
Walter of Pontoise, Abbot
Perpetuus of Tours, Bishop
- Wed. 4/9 Private Prayer & Meditation**
Mary of Clopas, NT, Matron
Hugh of Rouen, Bishop
Waudru, Widow
- Thur. 4/10 Mass to the Holy Saints of God**
Bademus, Abbot & Martyr
Macarius of Ghent, Bishop & C.
Martyrs of Carthage, Martyrs
- Fri. 4/11 Mass to the Holy Angels of God**
Leo the Great, Bishop & Doctor
Issac of Spoleto, Abbot & Confessor
Barsanuphius, Monk
- Sat. 4/12 Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus**
Julius of Rome, Bishop
Zeno of Verona, Bishop & Writer
Sabas the Goth, Martyr



ANNUAL FOOD & BAKE SALE APRIL 12, 2025

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the day before Palm Sunday, our Parish will hold its **Annual Food and Bake Sale** in our Parish Hall from **9 AM – 12 o'clock- Noon.**

Many traditional Polish foods such as homemade pierogi, galabki and kapusta will be available, as

well as different soups, various sandwiches, etc. We also will have many cakes, pastries and baked goods.

We ask that all baked goods be brought to the church either on Thursday, April 10th between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm or Friday morning, April 11th. We ask for help on the day of this event. For more information, please call Linda at (413) 657-5362. Thank you. **Note:** Please do not set prices.

We are also collecting gift cards and cash prizes for a raffle that will take place at our Food and Bake Sale. For donations, please see Sue Dibrindisi. Thank you.

Schedule for Making Galabki

Tuesday, April 8, 2025. @ 9:00 AM: prep cabbage; boil cabbage and trim leaves for galabki.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 11:00 AM: Boil rice, mix meat mixture, (beef & pork) rice, add tomato soup, tomato sauce, onion soup mix; divide mixture into 4 containers; cover with plastic wrap and store in refrigerator. Set up plates and large spoons at each worker's place. Set up roasting pans on tables in dining hall and kitchen. Line with foil/parchment paper; check outlets in kitchen and hall to see that they are working.

Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 8:00 AM Line Roasting pans with large cabbage leaves over the foil/parchment paper. Remove large pans with meat mixture out of refrigerator and place on tables where rolling galabki will be done. We need to keep a count on a piece of paper for a final total. **Galabki Makers @ 9:00 AM:** Need to arrive and find a spot next to pan with meat mixture, plate, spoon, cabbage leaves and a pan to place rolled galabkis into pans.

Friday, April 11, 2025 @ 9:00 AM: Roasters will be on tables. Galabki to be packaged and set up with a small amount of tomato sauce to be added to packages before closing packages. Kathy L. will weigh all containers and prices will be set on all containers before being placed in refrigerators.

Apple pies will be baked and packaged on Friday, morning, April 11th. A special thank you to Linda Puchalski for all her work in preparing the pies.



NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite with the blessing and distribution of Palms to the faithful.

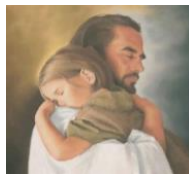


PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, let us please remember all our brothers and sisters, who are in need of the blessings of God for health and healing.

I ask, that if you know of anyone, who are need in prayer, whether it be of health and healing, or another need, please write out your request. Cards may be found in the vestibule of our Church.

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:4

‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to Me.’

-Matthew 25:40



Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.”
- Matthew 25:35

Our next grocery give-a-way date will be on **Saturday, April 19th**, from 10 o'clock till supplies last.

- 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
- Canned tuna in water
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles
- Soups- all varieties
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children's snack pack.



Please note: Through our Parish ministries, we are currently continuing to collect throughout this year, full sized containers of personal care items as well as full size cleaning items to aid others less fortunate through the various survival centers in our area. Some of those items that are needed:

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers.
- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers, dish sponges/scrubbers, trash bags.



Collecting plastic tops

One of our dear parishioners, Maryanna Foster, who works closely with veterans, has asked for our help in collecting **white or clear plastic bottle tops** that will be donated to aid in the making of prosthetics for veterans in need. A collection container has been set up in the vestibule of our church. Please help donate your plastic tops to this new ministry. May God bless all of our endeavors.



Can Soda Tabs

We are also collecting tabs from soda cans that are then donated to aid the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled children. Please save your can soda tabs. There are containers that are located in our Parish vestibule for this purpose. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause and may God bless all our endeavors.

OTHER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE PNCC

**ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER**

On Wednesdays, at 12:00 Noon, during the month of April, members of the Eastern Diocese as well as others, are called to “prayer” and are asked to offer these two devotions prayers:

Let us Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, You taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Enlighten the hearts of our enemies that they may seek the peace that only You can give. Grant us grace to forgive and to be forgiven. Enable us all to work toward justice and embrace Your love that reconciles us with one another. In Your blessed Name we pray. Amen.

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 our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses this day as we forgive those who trespass against us and led us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Ame

ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES

At a meeting of the Eastern Diocesan M & E Commission, it was decided that during the season of Lent that all parishes in our Diocese will be asked to help contribute donations during this Lenten season. It should be noted, that as in the past, each parish will determine what charitable organization(s) they wish to donate all monies collected at the end of the Lenten season. A special thank you for your consideration.



PRAYER FOR PEACE FOR UKRAINE

O Lord, our God: Your Son taught us how blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Your children We come before You this day,

Father, we pray this day for the people of Ukraine. We pray for all those who have lost and will lose their lives in a war that they did not seek nor provoke. May all the people of Ukraine have the blessed assurance that you are ever present. Amen

We also pray his day, for all the innocent victims of war and for all those who have been displaced from their homes and countries.

We pray this day especially for the children, many who are now orphans; for the women, for the young and the aged, and for all who only seek safety and security.

We pray today for the defenders of their great nation and ask for the protection of Your Holy angels to guard and protect all of them at this time.