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**TODAY, APRIL 13, 2025 – PALM SUNDAY**

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

**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.

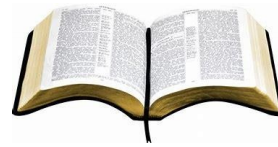
**ENTRANCE HYMN**  
**(Psalm 43:1-2)**

- V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters: Who is the King of Glory. He is God, the Mighty Lord.
- R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You, Who has come to us so rich in love and mercy.

- 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. Heavenly Father, Your Son has made the grave holy and a place of hope for Your people. May we who die in Him also rise in Him. 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**

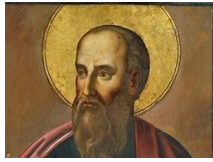
**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF  
ISAIAH THE PROPHET  
(Isaiah 50:4-7)**

The Lord GOD has given me well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help; therefore, I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

- C. The Word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**  
**(John 11:47-48)**

- V. The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered with the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs.
- R. If we let Him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.



**READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT  
PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS  
(Hebrews 5:7-9)**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 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.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

**TRACT  
(Isaiah 62:10:11)**

V. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people, build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, life up an ensign over the people.

R: The Lord has proclaimed to the ends of the earth.  
Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes. His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him."



**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD  
(Matthew 26:14-27:66)**

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

"One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand Him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with My disciples."' The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, He said, "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?" He said in reply: "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with Me is the one who will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to His disciples said, "Take and eat; this is My body." Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you in the kingdom of My Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you will have your faith in Me shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed; but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to Him

in reply, "Though all may have their faith in You shaken, mine will never be." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times." Peter said to Him, "Even though I should have to die with You, I will not deny You." And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then He said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with Me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet, not as I will, but as You will." When He returned to His disciples, He found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, He prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without My drinking it, Your will be done!" Then He returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then He returned to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, My betrayer is at hand."

While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed Him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on

Jesus and arrested Him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon My Father and He will not provide Me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize Me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest Me? But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled. "Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard and going inside, he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally, two came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'" The high priest rose and addressed Him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against You?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!" Then they spat in His face and struck Him, while some

slapped Him, saying, "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again, he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny Me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. They bound Him, led him away, and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood." After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, and they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned Him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "You say so." And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He made no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against You?" But He did not answer him one word, so, that the governor was greatly amazed. Now, on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time, they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So, when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of Him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has He done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let Him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around Him. They stripped off His clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about Him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon Him and took the reed and kept striking Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they

stripped Him of the cloak, dressed Him in His own clothes, and led Him off to crucify Him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry His cross. and when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of the Skull, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when He had tasted it, He refused to drink. After they had crucified Him, they divided His garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And they placed over His head the written charge against Him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with Him, one on His right and the other on His left. Those passing by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!” Likewise, the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked Him and said, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. So, He is the king of Israel! Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He wants Him. For He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” The revolutionaries who were crucified with Him also kept abusing Him in the same way. From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “This one is calling for Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to Him to drink. But the rest said, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save Him.” But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice and gave up His spirit.

(Pause for silent prayer and reflection)

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of

many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, “Truly, this was the Son of God!” There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb. The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, ‘After three days I will be raised up.’ Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest His disciples come and steal Him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can.” So, they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

**C. The Gospel of the Lord.**

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



### **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 69:21-22)**

V. Insult has broken my heart and I am weak: I  
 looked for sympathy but there was none; for  
 comforters and I found none. Rather, they put  
 gall in my food and in my thirst they gave me  
 vinegar to drink.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Heavenly Father may the suffering and death of  
 Your Son, Jesus make us pleasing to You. Alone  
 we can do nothing but may this perfect sacrifice  
 wine us mercy and love. We ask this through the  
 same 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**  
**(Matthew 26:42)**

V. Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I  
 drink it, Your will be done.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

C. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And also with you.  
 C. Let us pray. All Loving Father, You have  
 satisfied our hunger with this Sacred Banquet.  
 The death of Your Son gives us hope and  
 strengthens our faith. May His resurrection  
 give us perseverance and lead us to salvation.  
 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.



## **THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY**

**Palm Sunday** begins with the celebrant intoning “Hosanna, to the Son of David” at the main altar. Continuing with other hymns, the palms are then blessed, incensed and distributed to the faithful.

A procession then takes place and then ends in the vestibule or the back of the Church with the doors closed. After sharing liturgical chants, the celebrant takes the processional cross and taps or strikes the closed doors of the vestibule, which signifies the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.

The procession then proceeds to the front of the Church, where the Processional Cross is then turned facing the congregation and the celebrant kneeling in front of the Cross, strikes the cross three times with palms while intoning: “For It is written: They shall strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after I am resurrected, I will go before you to Galilee. There you shall see Me, says the Lord”. The celebrant then proceeds to the Main Altar and the Holy Mass of the Eucharist begins.

### **THOUGHTS ON THIS PALM SUNDAY**

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”  
- Isaiah 9:7

Of the many titles that have been given to our Lord, Jesus Christ, I feel that His title “Prince of Peace” is so appropriate for today. Our country, as well as parts around the world, sees anything but peace. In our great nation alone, people wake up to read or hear another senseless mass

shooting where innocent people, especially children are the victims. We read of the polarization of politics, where each side claims to know the truth and where peace and harmony are replaced with chaos and confusion. The anger, and the death threats, the hatred against one another has reach a crescendo of what I would call “madness.”

The Prince of Peace. Our blessed Lord, on that first Palm Sunday, entered Jerusalem and was greeted with words of “Hosanna” by a large multitude of people. So many showed Him their love and devotion that day by laying palms and in His path. According to Holy Scripture, he entered the Holy city, in humility, seated on a donkey, a simple beast of burden.

Now the very word “Hosanna,” as found in the Judeo-Christian tradition, is defined as an “expression of adoration, praise, or joy.” **“Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”** Originally, the word “Hosanna” was an appeal for deliverance taken from the Hebrew word “hosia na” which is translated to “please save us.” or “please deliver us” In Psalm 118:25, we read of the use of the word “Hosanna”: “Save us now [Hosia na], we beseech You, O Lord, O Lord we beseech You, send us now prosperity [success].”

Palms and palm branches have deep symbolical meanings to Jews of ancient and modern times. Palms, along with other tree branches, were and are a part of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, (*Sukkot*), and were also used by the Maccabeans when they celebrated defeating the Greeks over 2,100 years ago.

For Christians, the palm branch represents the peace of the Lord. Today, may we welcome the Lord into our hearts and into our lives, as we receive this symbol of peace. Today, the Lord, in return, greets each of us with the words “Peace be unto you.” When we talk of the peace of the Lord, what kind of peace does He bring to us this Sunday? I believe that:

- **Jesus brings to us a piece of tranquility, quietness and safety:** “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall need nothing else. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me by the still waters, He restores my soul.” - Psalm 23:1-3a
- **Jesus brings to us a peace of assurance from all disturbances in our world:** “Peace, I leave you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world can give, but as I give to you. Let not your hearts be trouble and do not be afraid.” – John 14:27
- **Jesus brings to us a piece of comfort:** “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. “In the world you will have tribulations but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33
- **Finally, Jesus to each of us respite from our own personal trials:** “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28

I think all of us could use a moment of peace and tranquility, calm and silence from all the anger and bitterness which is taking place in our world, from all the chaos, which is taking place within our communities, from all the divisions that is taking place within our families, and of all the fears that is taking place within ourselves.

The blessed Palms that you will receive today and will take home and share with others is more than just a simple decoration. It is a reminder of the peace that the Lord offers to each one of us. It is also a symbol that represents our love and acceptance of Him as the Prince of Peace. Just as those who gathered in Jerusalem that day welcomed him and laid palms in his path, we also welcome Him today as our “Prince of Peace,” who gives us even for but a moment, tranquility, deliverance, comfort, and respite.

May we all find within ourselves this Palm Sunday the peace of God, that Paul writes “which surpasses all understanding.” Amen.



**TUESDAY, APRIL 15 2025**  
**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

4:30 pm – Mass of Chrism to be held at the  
 Divine Providence PNCC in Norwich, CT.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025**  
**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

8:45 am – Liturgy of the Hours - Devotional  
 9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist.  
 7:00 pm – Litany of the Passion of Jesus Christ.



**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY – THE LAST SUPPER**

9:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours – Devotional  
 7:00 pm – Holy Mass of the Eucharist, vespers  
 and the stripping of the altars.



**FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025– GOOD FRIDAY**  
**THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS**

9:00 am – Morning Devotions  
 3:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross** and the  
 opening of the gravesite of the  
 crucified Lord. Lord.  
 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service – Mass of the  
 Presanctified with the Adoration of  
 the Cross. And the stripping of the  
 altars.



### **APRIL 19, 2025 – HOLY SATURDAY**

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

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



### **SUNDAY, APRIL 20 2025 – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF 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 Statue of the Resurrected Lord, and the Glorified Cross of Jesus.



#### **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

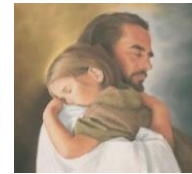
In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God's blessings of health and healing.

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.



### **LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES**

As we come to the close of the Lenten season, I ask that all donations be collected. As previously stated, our Parish will choose a charity where these monies will be dispersed. I wish to thank all who gave towards helping others. May God bless your generosity.



### **OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

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



#### **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 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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 packs.



**Please note:** Through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect 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.

## **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



### **PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE**

**O Lord, our God,** Your Son taught us how blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Your children. We come before You Father on this Palm Sunday, praying for peace in our world.

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

We pray especially this day, for the children, many who are now orphans; for the women, for the young and the aged, and for all who only seek peace, safety and security. In the name of Jesus, the “Prince of Peace,” we offer this humble prayer. R. Amen.