

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary Year



5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

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 thun-

der; 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. -John 12: 20-33

Lenten Reflection

As we move closer to Holy Week, we remember the ultimate expression of God's commitment to God's people in sending Jesus. Our just God desired eternal relationship with God's creation, but needed fair payment for the sin of humanity. Jesus was sent to live among us and die, paying the price for what we deserved. We once again come back to the foundations of our Church, being built upon God's choice to love people, even while knowing many will spend a lifetime turning away from Him. Like a parent's first gaze at their newborn, God's profound affection remains steady with hope in who each of us can become and who we were created to be. During Holy Week, we relive Jesus' final moments before He was crucified. In the washing of His disciples' feet, in the Stations of the Cross, and as we recount the history of God's relationship to God's people, every salvific moment is flooded with mercy and grace. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the first day of Holy Week. To prepare, let us take a look at our lives. Is there an area in your life where you need God's compassionate mercy and grace? Or, are you being called to extend mercy and grace to another?

Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the **second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM**. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$125 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 for RCIA details.

Mass Cards and Memorial Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or a Memorial offering for a special intention, please contact the Rectory Office for details. Standard Mass cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend. Memorial intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp are \$10 and for the Bread and Wine are \$15.

Quotes of the Week

"Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store. ~N.T. Wright

"True intimacy with God always brings humility." ~Beth Moore

"Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him."
~ Eugene H. Peterson

"These special holidays give rise to various liturgical calendars that suggest we should mark our days not only with the cycles of the moon and seasons, but also with occasions to tell our children the stories of our faith community's past so that this past will have a future, and so that our ancient way and its practices will be rediscovered and renewed every year."
~Brian D. McLaren

"Because Nature, and especially human nature, is fallen it must be corrected and the evil within it must be mortified."
~C.S. Lewis

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. Francis Caponi, OSA, and Rev. James McBurney, OSA, Weekend Assistants

Weekday Assistant, Rev. John Hand, Pastor, St. Gabriel Parish

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Administrative Assistant and Secretary for Religious Education, Ext. 101

Mrs. Pat Dinan, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (Tues & Wed)

Mrs. Gloria Greene, Accounts Payable, Ext. 104

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro, Director of Music, Ext. 101

Mr. Patrick McCullough, Maintenance, Ext. 104

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ, Director of Adult Faith Formation and Pastoral Care, Ext. 103

Mr. Keith Tomson, Business Manager, Ext. 104

Mrs. Barbara Fister and Mrs. Teresa Murray - Housekeeping
Rectory/Convent/Church

Parish Information

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Summer Hours: 9AM to 4 PM daily

For more details, see page 5.

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Convent

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Office of Religious Education

Director of Adult Faith Formation

Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

Phone Number: 610-237-1633

For details about RCIA and Bible Study, please contact Sr. Lorraine.

Coordinator of Religious Education

Mrs. Kathy McGovern

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Our Parish Religious Education Program serves students in Levels 1-8 and prepares them for 1st Penance, 1st Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

Legion of Mary

Mrs. Theresa Murray

Ministry Outreach Program

Mrs. Lynda Batten

Choir Director and Music

Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

Join us on Twitter!



Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 4:00 PM Mass on Mondays

Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; John 7: 40-53

4:30 PM Jerry Dinan

Requested by: Pat Dinan

Sunday, March 17: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5: 7-9;

John 12: 20-33: 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Walt Erb

Requested by: Robert & Karly Rivers

10:30 AM James Mulholland - 1st Anniversary

Requested by: Nester Family

Monday, Mar 18: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

4:00 PM Brian O'Riordan

Requested by: Rosemary DiDonato

Tuesday, March 19: 2Sam 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:

13, 16-18,, 22; Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24a: St. Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

4:00 PM Charles R. Brolley

Requested by: Brenda Brolley

Wednesday, March 20: Dan 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

4:00 PM Margaret B. Brolley

Requested by: Brenda Brolley

Thursday, March 21: Genesis 17: 3-9; John 8: 51-59

4:00 PM James & Amelia Battagliese

Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Friday, March 22: Jeremiah 20: 10-13; John 10: 31-42

Joan Sorensen

Requested by: Irene Finnegan

Saturday, March 23: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; John 11: 45-56

4:30 PM Carmen J. Gerace-13th Anniversary

Requested by: Giorgi Family

Sunday, March 24: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15: 47: **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM Mary Lee Wright

Requested by: Gloria Greene & Nancy Canady

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days and Legal Holidays: As Announced

Contributions Received This Week

Sunday, March 10	\$4,578
Church in Latin America	\$1,109
Solidarity Fund for Africa	\$50
Stewardship Updated Total	\$16,998
Easter Flowers 2024	\$50
Holy Places in Palestine	\$50

Mass Counts

4:30 PM=85 8:00 AM=72 10:30 AM=173 Total=330



Sanctuary Lamp/Bread & Wine

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Daniel McGovern** on the occasion of his birthday. The Bread and Wine is being presented for **Pro Populo**.

Reflections

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Thinking of your early school days, you likely remember the name of “that kid.” He or she was the one who, by dint of personality and intelligence you just know, had caught the eye of the teacher. Of course, unknown to us at the time, the teacher had to make the professional effort not to categorize that one student as a “pet.”

Later on in life, you saw the same dynamic in action when a certain co-worker was favored by the boss. In times past the boss might make his favoritism obvious. Not so today, where an HR office would pounce on the perpetrator quickly. Even to the point of dismissal.

On a much higher plain of observation, we could easily imagine Our Lord being the envy of His peers for what He said and did. Careful as He was to preclude praise let alone adulation of any kind, the people He ministered to knew instinctively that He had favor with Yahweh. Their wish to honor Him was a constant problem for Jesus, requiring Him to take action. At one point He even fled the crowd lest they make Him a king.

Jesus modeled the virtue of humility, but at the same time He knew God the Father in a way we never will. His respect for the Father was so obvious that the later unknown writer of the Letter to the Hebrews that we hear in today’s Mass could write that “He was heard because of His reverence when He prayed.

Reverence. There is a word. A state of being. A quality worth developing in our lives. It is a habit of being that begins with God and applies to the things of God but reaches down to our relations with our neighbor. Most often we in our present day can know reverence as the missing element in our common culture as we daily witness the opposite of it.

Something is terribly wrong about the way we freely murder our fellow man in the streets of our cities, and on the battlefields of our wars.

Add this the coldness with which our society wants to erase God from being a deciding factor in all we say and do. We’ve made other gods, often enough. Gods of power, wealth and fame.

As the waning days of Lent 2024 are upon us, may I suggest a project that will take us all way past Easter? It’s to develop our reverence for God and our neighbor.

~God love you and lead you to betterment and a better Lent.



**Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do nothing for you.
I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things.
Be kind and merciful. Let no one come to you without coming away better and happier.
Be the living expression of God’s kindness. ~Mother Teresa**



Mother Teresa’s Secret to Joy

When she was still a Loreto nun in Calcutta, India, Mother Teresa made her way by train to Darjeeling for a retreat. And on that train she heard a voice inviting her to carry the light of Christ to the darkest places. When she returned to Calcutta, she began the process that led to the founding of the Missionaries of Charity, an order whose purpose would be to respond to that summons. That work is carried on today by her sisters in more than 500 establishments around the globe.

A couple of years ago, I personally experienced this extraordinary work. While producing the ten-part Catholicism series, our team filmed in a small hospital in Calcutta where the Missionaries of Charity care for children with mental and physical disabilities. When we arrived, the electricity had just gone out, and the room was stiflingly hot. Everywhere, the sisters and a large team of volunteers milled about, providing medical assistance, speaking to the kids, teaching some of them to sing simple songs, or just holding them. There was one sister who was carrying in her arms a small girl, perhaps two years old. The child was blind. I asked sister how they had come to care for this girl, and she told me that she had simply been abandoned on the street. “She is my special baby,” the sister said.

And then she flashed this absolutely radiant smile, which told me that she had found a deep joy precisely in this hot, crowded hospital, in the midst of one of the most squalid cities in the world. All of us human beings want joy.

Everything we do and say, all of our actions and endeavors, are meant to produce contentment, peace, happiness. Even the most morally corrupt person ultimately wants joy. But how do we find it? The most elemental mistake—made consistently across the centuries to the present day—is to seek joy by filling up in ourselves something that we perceive to be missing. We tell ourselves that we’d be happy if we just had enough pleasure, enough power, enough security, enough esteem. But this does not work. It is the supreme paradox of the Christian spiritual tradition that we become filled with joy precisely in the measure that we contrive a way to make of ourselves a gift.

By emptying out the self in love for the other, we become filled to the brim with the divine life. The smile of that Missionary of Charity, which was the same smile Mother Teresa bore, signaled the presence of a joy that no wealth, no security, no pleasure, no honor could possibly provide, and that can emerge even in the most miserable context. The secret to joy is self-giving love. Mother Teresa imparted that to her sisters, and she offers the same lesson to us.

Parish & Local



A Message from Our Pastor

As we embark upon this 5th Sunday of Lent, I ask you to prepare yourself for Holy Week, which will begin next week when we celebrate Palm Sunday and listen to the Lord's Passion. Consider reading Mark 14: 1, 15:47 at some point during the week. Feel the words and try to imagine what Jesus experienced.

Join me for Mass one day during the week at **4:00 PM**. Come to confession on **Monday**

following the 4:00 PM Mass or next Saturday from 3:15 to 4:15 PM. Continue to reach out to those in need excepting anything in return. Prepare your heart for the ultimate victory!

God's blessings for a good week ahead. ~Fr Oswald

Pray for the Sick

Marge Barclift, Bill Battagliese, Lynda Batten, Brenda Brolley, Irene Burns, Rose Celia, Christopher Chamberlain, Fred Cuccinello, Lenora Cuccinello, Marin Deeney, Terry Dolores, Jean Doney, Jayse Dougherty, Mark Ednie, Tina Gula, Ken and Peg Haynie, Peggy Hershman, Cynthia Horton, Diane Horton, Romano Horton, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Sean Mackey, Maureen Maley, John McBride, Packy McCann, Peg McCann, Bethanne McCormac, Marianne Mezei, Colleen Muldoon, Nancy Pastore, Ralph Pfaff, George Phillips, Michael Plasha, Jr, Maria Prince, Rosemary Rausch, Stanley Riley, Edward Springfield, Lillian Springfield, Michael Talent, Robert E. Watson, Yvonne Gair Wolfe and Carmella Young. **Names are listed for 30 days unless otherwise requested.**

Confession Schedule

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is offered every **Monday during Lent following the 4:00 PM Mass, in addition to Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:15 PM, and on Saturday, March 23, from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM.**

Please join us!



Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we remember to pray for our own families and our parish family, we ask for your prayers for **all those who have died this past week**. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Perpetual Light



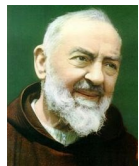
Lunch with the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24, :15 PM to 2:15 PM

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 2:30 PM with special prizes

Children \$3 Adults \$5

Tickets are available by contacting St. Gabriel Rectory at 610-586-1225. Reserve your spot today!



Bus Trip to Padre Pio Shrine

April 16, 2024 - Barto, PA

Sign up now. The cost is only \$15.

Contact St. Gabriel Rectory for details at 610-586-1225.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed following the **4:00 PM Mass every Friday during Lent**. We invite you to join us for this sacred tradition as we remember the last steps of

Discover the Power of Praying the Rosary

Our Rosary Group gathers on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the Church. Pray the rosary daily during Lent and witness how Mary's intercession is working in your life.

Please visit our Blessed Mother Shrine (weather permitting) in the courtyard behind the church and pray a decade of the Rosary. Pray for her gracious intercession



Vocation Corner

Discernment Opportunities for Men

Watch Bishop Robert Barron provide a succinct guide on discerning the priesthood with four helpful points.

Fishers of Men - film developed by the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations to encourage men to answer the call to priesthood

DiocesanPriest.com - website to assist men in responding to the call to holiness and to answer the question: "Is God calling me to be a Catholic priest?"

Religious Brotherhood - website to assist men in discerning the call to a religious community

The Melchizedek Project - provides resources to help form discernment groups for young men in elementary, middle, high school, and college

VISION Vocation Network - provides resources for vocational discernment to religious life and societies of apostolic life. Visit www.usccb.org to log on to these links and for more details.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir continues with practice on **Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 PM** in the church. New members are always welcome! We are looking forward to seeing everyone! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kathy Lerro, Director of Music, at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

Time to Start Drawing!

During the month of March & April, Father Oswald challenge's you to draw a picture of Jesus coming to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Then, during Holy Week, he will be looking for pictures of the Passion of Jesus, including the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday! Make sure you listen to the readings for clues. Have fun and be creative! Good luck.



Parish & Local



*"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."
~Blessed Carlo Acutis*

Participating in a holy hour or other experiences of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is another way of nurturing our relationship with Jesus. These periods of exposition provide us with an excellent opportunity for contemplation. More than praying rote prayers, contemplation can take the form of spiritual reading, or reflection on the Scriptures. More importantly, contemplation involves simply being present

and silent to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our relationships with our loved ones do not always require conversation and activity – but at times simply being with them!

Whatever devotional practices we choose, those practices should always lead us back to the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Reflection & Benediction 6:30 PM - St. George Church Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - Holy Week

Join us for this special evening of Adoration, Prayer, Reflection and Benediction and prepare your heart, mind and spirit for the celebration of our Lord's Passion and glorious Resurrection. We are pleased to welcome Deacon Schneidel from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, who will be providing the reflection at this event. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday, St. George Church 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by Holy Mass Perpetual Adoration Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Morton 12:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Morton

Saturday, April 6

9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

This exhibit was collected and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis and contains 160 beautiful and extensive images, photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Church throughout the ages. Includes a first class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified in 2020. Self-guided tour.

Jesus and the Eucharist Lenten Study

This Lent, as we continue this year of Eucharist Revival, we invite you to grow closer to God alongside fellow parishioners and friends through the *Jesus and the Eucharist* study. This 7-week study is being used in parishes throughout the county for the Year of Parish Revival. Each session is full of powerful content and testimonies. It will be a great opportunity to grow in community and explore the richness of our Eucharistic faith. We would love for you to join us! The study is held in the convent on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM through April 3.**

If you have any questions, please email tricia.trochlil@gmail.com.

Passion of Christ Bible Study

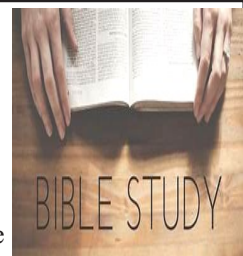
Mondays at 11:00 AM

St. George Convent

Concludes on Monday, March 18

11:00 AM in St. George Convent

Please join us during Lent for this Bible Study series.



Crab Cake & Ravioli Sale

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus

Featuring famous Captain Chucky "Smith Island" Crab Cakes and Ravioli

Orders due by Noon this Sunday. Pickup date will be 3/24, Palm Sunday, at St. Joseph Parish in Collingdale. Order forms were published in last week's bulletin. Questions? Call (445) 255-2435 or St. Gabriel Rectory at 610-586-1225.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Erin go bragh!

3 Cheers for One of America's Best Nursing Homes

Out of 12,273 nursing homes analyzed across the country, Newsweek selected the top 750 for recognition. Performance data, peer recommendations, the handling of COVID-19, facility's accreditations, and resident satisfaction were taken into consideration, with Fair Acres ranking 27th among Pennsylvania nursing homes. Fair Acres, located in Lima, is the largest skilled nursing facility in Delaware County, accommodating up to 774 residents at any given time, and has been in operation and providing quality care to the residents of Delaware County for over 200 years.

Fair Acres provides long-term care for any adult, young or old, with a demonstrated need for 24-hour-a-day nursing care and also offers short term rehabilitation stays. In addition, Fair Acres serves as a geriatric training site for local colleges, universities, and nursing schools. For more information, including enrollment requirements, please visit the Fair Acres website at www.fairacres.org. More details, including rankings, can be found on Newsweek's America's Best Nursing Homes 2024 web page at www.newsweek.com.

Parish Religious Education

PREP News



The new email address for Kathy McGovern, new Director of Religious Education at St. George is st.georgePREP@astound.net.

We thank all of our students who participated in last week's Youth Mass. Our readers were Cole Betham, Ugonna Ilonze, Chase Bailey, and Abby Kimilu, and the First Holy Communion Class of 2024 brought forward the gifts. Our 7th and 8th Level PREP class also helped us to hand out programs, bulletins and treats after Mass. It was a wonderful celebration, indeed. It was also Laetare Sunday, when we celebrate the fact the our wait is almost over. We took a break from the gloominess of the Lenten Season. Even the celebrant got to wear pink! Parents, please encourage your children to participate at Mass on a regular basis. We love seeing our young students take an active part in the celebration of Mass.

Our faithful parish families have several inspiring things to look forward to during the remainder of this PREP year:

- ⇒ **Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 PM** will be a time of **Evening Prayer, Reflection & BENEDICTION of the Blessed Sacrament**. *All are welcome*, but our PREP children **NEED** to attend. This event replaces Living Stations of the Cross.
- ⇒ **April 13 and 14** will be our parish **PREP BAKE SALE**. Please support our children by making &/or purchasing BAKED GOODS to be sold after all Masses.
- ⇒ **Thursday, April 18, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** will be our First Communion Retreat for Level 2 students.
- ⇒ **Sunday, April 28, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** will be our PRACTICE for First Communion in Church
- ⇒ **Saturday, May 4 at 4:30 PM** our Mass will include First Holy Communion. Please pray for these children!
- ⇒ All are invited [but for PREP it's required] to attend our annual May Procession honoring our Blessed Mother immediately following the **10:30 AM** Mass. This is the last PREP activity for the 2023-2024 school year.

Registration 2024-2025 Program

Registration for the 2024-2025 PREP year is now open. Register early to ensure that there is space open in Levels 1-6. Levels 7 & 8 will be receiving Confirmation in 2025. Level 2 will be receiving First Penance and First Holy Communion.

Jesus the King

It's been a long time in America since we have lived under the rule and power of a king. It's been more than 200 years! That's a long time before you were born. In fact, it is a long time before any of us were born. It is hard for us to understand what life with a King or a Queen is like. What do you think of when you think of a KING? Jesus is sometimes called a King, yet He didn't look like one. He didn't wear a crown. He wore the same kind of clothes everyone else was wearing. He didn't live in a palace or a castle. He lived in an ordinary house and often slept on the road as He traveled with His disciples. He didn't sit on a throne with lots of guards and servants watching out for His safety and well being. He wasn't married to a Queen. He didn't seem to come from a Royal Family. When Jesus and His followers talked about Jesus and the Kingdom of heaven, they were puzzled. If Jesus is a king, why doesn't He look like a king? they wondered. In today's scripture story, a group of people who were interested in Jesus but weren't quite sure about Him came to the disciples and asked questions about this new KING. They wanted to see Jesus in all His kingly splendor. Jesus answered them in a way which would not make sense to them at the time, but would become clearer in the very near future. His words were hard to understand. Jesus told them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." He said some other things, too. We just read the story from the Bible. But not much of it made sense to the people who asked the question. They must have been thinking, "Why doesn't He answer our question? What's the big secret? His words can still puzzle us. What Jesus is saying to these curious people is "Wait and see." Jesus knew that something important was about to happen. If He told them exactly what was to happen it wouldn't have made it any easier for His listeners. They might have been even more curious and confused . . . and maybe a bit scared. So let us do what Jesus says. Let's wait and see what happens in church in the next two weeks. And maybe then, we will look at Jesus and see a KING.



"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will _____ all men to myself."
John 12:32 (NIV)

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