



When he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

MATTHEW 21:10–11



## The Art of Dying

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen I was much younger and idealistic, I might have been ready to die for some worthy cause. Friends about my age had the same experience. There was something romantic about giving our lives then. Something glorious—or so we thought. There was the brotherhood and sisterhood of us all, peace and non-violence, nuclear arms opposition, equal opportunities for education and housing. Many of us now over fifty thought we would lay down our lives for any one of those dreams.

For some of us, things have changed. We've grown older and, perhaps, wiser, and it seems we're not so eager to die anymore. The glamor has been tarnished, and, for some, the romance

has turned from infatuation to disillusion. Death seems like a tragedy, continually rearing its strength to destroy in full or in part the fruit of our lives.

Yet death continues to remain the only doorway into real life. Without death there is no life—in this life or

in any life. For that reason, then, one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, something we also need to teach our children. It takes a lifetime to learn how to die for one another, and that is why our young people need a community of adults who seek to master the art of dying. It is also why, for one long week,

we tell the story of Jesus and of how, for the sake of us all, he did not back away from death. ●

### Reflect

***Who has sacrificed for you? Have you "paid it forward" with gratitude?***

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**CONFESSION: SATURDAY 3:00 - 3:30 AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,  
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
SUNDAY MASS IS AVAILABLE ON LIVESTREAM  
[www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton](http://www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton)  
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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm**

## Mass Intentions:

Saturday, April 1, 4pm - † **Antonio & Fannie Constantino** by Virginia Manley  
Sunday, April 2, 11am - † **Irma Del Valle & Juan I. Colon** by Maria Franco  
Tuesday, April 4, 6pm - † **Souls in Purgatory** by Maria Franco  
Thursday, April 6, Noon - † **Souls in Purgatory** by Maria Franco  
Saturday, April 8, 4pm - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**  
Sunday, April 9, 11am - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**

## Upcoming Church Events

Thu, Apr 6, 4 pm Holy Thursday  
Fri, Apr 7, 3 pm Good Friday  
Sat, Apr 8, 8 pm Holy Saturday  
Sun, Apr 9, Easter  
Tue, Apr 11, 6:45 Parish Council meeting  
Thu, Apr 13, 6 pm Finance council meeting  
Sun, Apr 16, 11 am Youth Sunday  
Apr 17-21, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian out of town  
Sat, Apr 22, St. Joseph Work Day  
May 1-4, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council  
Sat, May 6, Confirmation Retreat

Tue, May 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council meeting  
Fri, May 19, 6 - 8 pm Murder Mystery Dinner  
Sun, May 20 Faith Formation Family day (after Mass)  
May 22 - 23, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Priest Retreat

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Dear beloved parishioners:

Peace and grace to you as we celebrate Palm Sunday and enter into the Holiest Week of our church calendar. In our Palm Sunday readings, we see Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he rode on a donkey and was greeted by crowds of people who praised him as the Son of David and King of Israel. Jesus is portrayed as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, which symbolizes war. This image of a servant-king who comes to save his people is a powerful reminder of Jesus' mission to redeem humanity through his sacrifice on the cross. The Gospel reading for Palm Sunday tells the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Jesus' humility and obedience is emphasized, even in the face of intense suffering and humiliation.

This year for Palm Sunday, we will meet in our Prayer Garden, bless the palms and process up to the church. I humbly encourage our children and their families to attend Palm Sunday Mass and lead our procession.

To arrive at the joy of Easter, we must first journey through the suffering that preceded it. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and continues through the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus consecrated bread and wine and washed the feet of his disciples. I invite you to attend our Holy Thursday Mass at 4pm.

Good Friday is one of the darkest days of the year for Catholics. It encompasses Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized. We will commemorate the Passion of the Lord at 3pm on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday recollects the day which Jesus spent resting in the grave. We contemplate a world of darkness that would exist without the hope and redemption of Christ's resurrection. Our Easter Vigil will be held at 8pm.

Easter Sunday is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church because it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity. Our Easter celebration will be at 11am.

The events of Holy Week summons us to reflect on our own commitment to following Jesus' example of love, humility, and selflessness. We are called to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter by considering our own response to Jesus' sacrifice and our own willingness to follow his teachings. I pray for each of you this Holy week as we accompany Jesus through his death and resurrection. God bless you!

The Prisoner Divine  
In dungeon dark, in silence still,  
He's kept in custody.  
Abandoned to his Father's will,  
He turns and looks at me.  
His face all bathed in spit and sweat  
And bruised from brutal blows,  
His eyes with grief and tears beset,  
And from his lips blood flows.  
His cup is filled unto the brim  
Throughout this night of pain.  
No words have I to comfort him,  
So simply I remain.  
Ineffable his suffering,  
By love the Lamb is bound  
To free the sheep from wandering  
And let itself be found.  
Awaiting trial patiently,  
Until the break of morn,  
When he'll be hailed in mockery And crowned with cruel thorn,  
Condemned to die upon  
a tree,  
For all these sins of mine. O may I not abandon Thee,  
The Prisoner Divine. -Fr. Timothy J. Draper

Fr. Sebastian



## Holy Thursday: Self-Sacrificing Love



**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to believe that Jesus will draw me ever deeper into that intimate union with him through my reception of the Eucharist in Holy Communion.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child... rest in his loving gaze.*

*Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.*

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me believe that you will draw me ever closer to you, who have loved me from all eternity, through my reception of the Eucharist in Holy Communion.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3-4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

**"This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD... This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the Lord, as a perpetual institution." (Exodus 12:11, 14)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

The Passover was a profound moment in salvation history: God set his people free from the bonds of slavery to Egypt, and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper was foreshadowed. Ask Jesus to help you recall the celebration of your First Holy Communion. Try to remember how it felt and what that day was like. Whether your memories are beautiful or painful, vivid or distant, ask Jesus to show you how he saw you on that day. Let him reveal to you how he has been accompanying you all the days and years since then on your pilgrimage to heaven—especially in the Eucharist.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3-4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

**"Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." (John 13:12-15)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Jesus makes a great demand of us this night: we are to be at the profound service of one another. Just as he has loved us, so we are to love one another—even unto death! Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, ask him to give you the courage to participate deeply in his self-sacrificial love.

*Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.*

**CLOSING PRAYER** — O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect: Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

**MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Holy Thursday, offer your desire to share in the sacrificial love of Jesus.

# St. Joseph Work Day

**A Spring Clean-Up is planned for the outside of the church on Saturday, April 22**

We will be picking up debris, refreshing our flower gardens by planting some new flowers, placing some mulch, trimming a few bushes and trees, and taking care of anything else that needs attention

If you plan to volunteer please bring a rake, shovel, trimmers, or your favorite piece of garden equipment.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our church a beautiful place for all to worship!



**Holy Week & Easter.**

**Palm Sunday**  
**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses**  
 Saturday, April 1 - 4:00 pm  
 Sunday, April 2 - 11:00 am

**Holy Thursday**  
**Thursday of the Lord's Supper at the Evening Mass**  
 April 6 - 4:00 pm

**Good Friday**  
**Friday of the Passion of the Lord**  
 April 7 - 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday**  
**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**  
 Saturday, April 8- 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**  
 Sunday, April 9 - 11:00 AM

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| Kenneth   | Holtzman | 2  |
| Elisabeth | Black    | 6  |
| Anthony   | Bisaha   | 7  |
| Angelica  | Dumapit  | 7  |
| Matthew   | LaMothe  | 7  |
| Aida      | Rago     | 7  |
| Avri      | Coleman  | 8  |
| Loren     | King     | 8  |
| David     | Prox     | 8  |
| Carly     | Romano   | 11 |
| Erlinda   | Dumapit  | 12 |
| Samantha  | Gonzalez | 12 |



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| Charles  | Blankenship | 15 |
| Patricia | Cox         | 16 |
| Smith    | Lilly       | 19 |
| Esther   | Piconi      | 20 |
| Atticus  | Bogges      | 21 |
| Carrie   | Yurkovich   | 22 |
| Jacinda  | Smith       | 23 |
| Becca    | Carter      | 24 |
| Gordon   | Harman      | 24 |
| Delia    | Neri        | 28 |
| Jameson  | Douglas     | 29 |



April 19 - Victoria & Charles Blankenship

April 29 - Chastity & David Basile



Lets make **Esther Piconi's 99th birthday**, April 20, a special one by sending her birthday cards and wishes at:  
 Stonerise Princeton  
 1924 Glenwood Park Road  
 Princeton, WV 24739

## Easter Egg Hunt



Hop on over to our annual Easter Egg Hunt!  
Join us as we search for colorful Easter eggs hidden throughout the prayer garden.

**Sunday, 9 April 2023**  
AFTER MASS  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

BE WARY, MY FRIENDS

Save  
the  
date

# A Vegas Murder Mystery Dinner

WELCOME  
TO Fabulous  
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NEVADA

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

6:00 in the evening |  
The Church Hall  
\$25/person  
Adults only

PURCHASE TICKETS AT OFFICE  
ONLY 30 TICKETS AVAILABLE





**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

## Christ is Present! Will you be?

June 2-3 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral  
of the Sacred Heart, Charleston

**Friday:**  
7 pm - Taizé Prayer Service & Reception

**Saturday:**  
9 am - Registration/Coffee and Donuts  
10 am - Morning Prayer Service

- Keynote Address (immediately following prayer service)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins (concludes before closing Mass)
- Tours of the church
- Lunch and Q/A session with Keynote

Afternoon - Two Breakout Presentations (10-12 sessions to choose from all to inspire our recognition of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and our lives)

5:30 pm Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan as president

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



Fr. Joe Freedy

RSVP and more info: <https://dwc.org/eucharistic-congresses/>



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THROUGH FRESHMAN IN COLLEGE

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# Religious Education



## Faith Formation:

**K-2**

**Lesson Theme:**

Jesus gave his life for us.

**Word of the Week:**

Holy Week

**Grades: 3-6**

**Lesson Theme:**

We celebrate Jesus' love for us.

**Word of the Week:**

Hosanna and Jesus



If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.

I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

John 13:14-15

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## Schedule:

### Faith Formation

Apr 2

Apr 9 & 16  
No Class

May 7

### Youth Sunday:

Apr 16

May 21

### Youth Ministry:

Mar 31

Apr 23

May 4, 21, 28

## Youth Ministry

**April 9 after Mass**

Join us for our annual  
Easter Egg hunt.



**Save the Date!**

**Spring Progressive  
Dinner**

**April 23**

**More info to come.**

**Faith Formation  
Family Day**

**May 21 after Mass**

Please join us for a  
lunch to end our  
faith formation year.  
If you would like to  
volunteer to help out  
contact

Eileen Kisiel at  
304-464-4575

## Adult Faith Formation

### Women's Group

Thursdays at  
10:15 am in the  
Conference Room

### Men's Group

First and Third  
Thursday at 10  
am in the Narthex

### Book Study

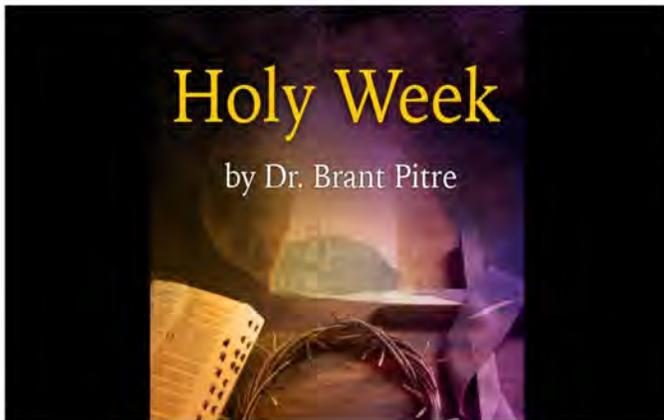
April 5, 9  
May 3 (last  
session) in the  
Conference Room  
at 6 pm



Our next RCIA  
lesson will be  
Sunday, **April 2 at  
9:45 am.**

All are welcome to attend.  
Any questions contact Laura Wyatt at  
304-425-3664 or  
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# This Week on Formed



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## Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

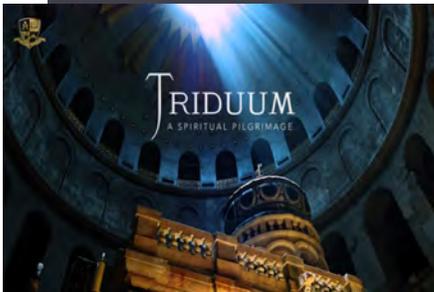
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## “Formed” for Kids



### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history.

Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

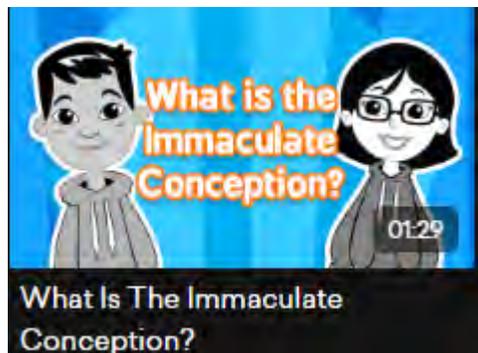


### CATHOLIC ALL YEAR WITH KENDRA TIERNEY

#### How We Do Holy Week | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney

It's Holy Week. You can do this! Even if you haven't planned or started to plan yet. Even if you've never done it before. Catholic All Year is here to help.

### Short Answers to Big Questions



### Questions for God - FORMED



#### Ep. 7 - God, Who Did Jesus Save Us?

Jesus assembled his disciples and worked many mysteries. After Jesus is crucified and resurrected, He opens the Gates of Heaven. The souls of the faithful are taken to Heaven.

**PALM SUNDAY YEAR A –  
PASSION SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 2

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A (Passion Sunday) focus on the stark contrast between the crowds love for Jesus and then their act of abandonment. So these readings would lead us to reflect on Jesus' act of sacrificial love

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 6

On Holy Thursday, Catholics remember the last supper of Jesus Christ with his apostles. This marks the establishment of the sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). This day also commemorates the establishment of the priesthood. The washing of the feet reminds us how Jesus instructed us to love and serve one another.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, April 7

On Good Friday, Catholics remember the death by crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This is a solemn day of fast and abstinence. Traditionally mass is not celebrated on Good Friday. Instead a service with a reading of the passion of Jesus Christ, veneration of the cross, and distribution of communion (consecrated on Holy Thursday) is held.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday is the day between Good Friday and Easter. It is a mix of both sorrow for the suffering of Jesus Christ and expectation of his rising. There is no "Holy Saturday" mass. A prayer service, such as morning prayer from Liturgy of the Hours, may be offered.

**EASTER**

Sunday, April 9

Easter is the most significant celebration in the church year. Catholics celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Easter is actually an octave, lasting eight days. Easter tells us that death does not have the final word and that God never abandons us.

# Weekly Offering



Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 Music for  
 April 1 & 2, 2023

Mass of Remembrance  
 Mass Readings on pg. 223  
 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G498  
 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Responsorial Psalm: G33  
 My God, My God

Presentation of Gifts: G512  
 "O Sacred Head Surrounded"

Communion: G475  
 "Tree of Life"

Closing Hymn: G510  
 "Jesus, Remember Me"

|                            | weekend Mar<br>25-26 | YTD<br>Actual       | YTD<br>Budget       |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Envelopes                  | 2,226.00             | 45,869.16           | 40,000.00           |
| Loose Offertory            | 103.00               | 1,246.40            | 1,100.00            |
| Easter Flowers             | 50.00                | 1,071.00            | 1,000.00            |
| <b>Total Contributions</b> | <b>\$ 2,379.00</b>   | <b>\$ 48,186.56</b> | <b>\$ 42,100.00</b> |
| Kroger Fund Raisers        | 233.35               | 487.78              | 0.00                |
| Tender Mercies             | 40.00                | 605.00              | 750.00              |
| Priest Retirement          | 100.00               | 930.00              | 1,500.00            |
| <b>Attendance:</b>         | <b>4pm: 52</b>       | <b>11am: 135</b>    |                     |

## Second Collection - April 7 Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

### Parish Council

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Deb LaMothe (Chair) | Vickie Blankenship |
| Harold Cofer        | Gerry Cosgrove     |
| Mike Flanigan       | Renee Green        |
| Anthony Heltzel     | Zack Romano        |
| Santina St. John    |                    |
| Ad Hoc:             | Gina Boggess       |
| Kim Hickman         | Laura Wyatt        |
| Susie Pace          |                    |

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| Shelby Neri          | Gene Richardson |
| Frank Sinicrope      | Fred St. John   |
| Kirt Suehs           |                 |
| Ad Hoc:              | Kim Hickman     |

## April Ministry Schedule

| DATE                  | Lector                         | Extraordinary Minister                           | Greeter                  | Video        | Altar Server                         | Counter  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 4/1 4p                | B. Schumacher<br>J. Gaspersich | V. Manley  | C. Prox<br>M. Gaspersich | n/a          | C. Pace<br>T. Byron<br>M. Shay       | T Settle |
| 4/2 11a               | John Cox<br>G. Saffell         | G. Richardson                                    | V & C<br>Blankenship     | W. Picknally | T. Byron<br>M. Shay<br>D. Richardson |          |
| 4/6 4p<br>H. Thursday | Gina Boggess                   | Mary Jane Albin<br>Mike Flanigan<br>Jim Cosgrove | Kim Hickman              | TBA          | T. Byron<br>M. Shay<br>D. Richardson | Cosgrove |
| 4/7 3p<br>G. Friday   | A. Dumapit<br>John Cox         | H. Cofer   | Kim Hickman              | TBA          | C. Pace<br>B. Fanning                |          |
| 4/8 8p<br>Vigil       | M. Gapersich<br>M. Flanigan    | Anthony Heltzel<br>Kirt Suehs<br>Yvonne Suehs    | S. Neri                  | N/a          | T. Byron<br>M. Shay<br>D. Richardson |          |
| 4/9 11a<br>Easter     | G. Boggess                     | Harold Cofer<br>G Richardson<br>Gerry Cosgrove   | Wyatt                    | T Wyatt      | C. Pace<br>B. Fanning                |          |

## Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

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### Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher  
Ruth Boyd  
Deloris Caccamo  
Ron Ciccolini  
Romulo DelaRosa  
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger  
Angie Grbac  
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon  
Cyndi Jones  
Nancy Larkin

Valarie Laxton  
Christina Laxton  
Robert Laxton  
Kaitlyn Laxton  
Keith Laxton  
Jim Lintz  
Jim & Diane Luciano  
Fr. Greg Lyttle  
Jaelynn Mendoza  
Annette Morgan

Dr. Jun Neri  
Patricia Nester  
Esther Piconi  
Alan Rieger  
Rochelle Rene  
Deborah Saffell  
Jacob Santon  
Gareth Settle  
Felomina Yongque  
Carrie Yurkovich  
Jane Walthall



### Friends and Family

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.Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)  
Mary Berentes,  
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)  
John Bowers  
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)  
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)  
Irene Charney  
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)  
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)  
Matthew Cosgrove (Jim Cosgroves nephew)  
Linda Cunningham  
Rachel Denton  
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)  
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)  
Kyle Geiger  
Mike Goff  
Myles Harris  
Velma Hartwell  
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)

Brenda Ivelise  
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)  
Langan Family  
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)  
Richard Lockhart  
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)  
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)  
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)  
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)  
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)  
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),  
Rex Neely  
Allan Perry  
Agnes Sedi  
Sherry Sisk  
Bryan Staten  
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)  
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)  
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

### In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

**The Parish Office**  
**(304) 425-3664**

**Bluefield Parish Office**  
**(304) 327-5623**

**Kim Hickman**  
**(304) 920-2440**

**In case of illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

**In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying:** The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

# Dear Padre,

**Why do we call Jesus “the Lamb of God”? How did Jesus get that name, and why do we refer to him as a lamb? Doesn’t that make him sound weak and helpless?**

A lamb was a common animal of sacrifice for the Jews. The Passover account talks about sacrificing an unblemished lamb to God and eating its flesh so the people would have strength for the journey to the Promised Land.

Jesus is the perfect, unblemished sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven and we are made children of God. The Father provides Jesus as the sacrifice, and so Jesus is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial offering made because God loves us. Jesus chose to sacrifice himself according to the Father’s plan. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus gave himself into our hands so we could be caressed by the hands of God.

Like the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God is food for us. We “eat his body” and “drink his blood.” This food and drink gives us strength for our journey of faith. The food we receive from Jesus, the Lamb, is the nourishment we need to do as St. Paul begs the Philippians—and us—to do: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death—over sin and death—not over someone and against someone else. But today, there is a war. Why do we want to win like this...?**

**There are only losses this way.**

**Why not allow him to win?**

ANGELUS, APRIL 10, 2022

### MONDAY

April 3  
*Monday of Holy Week*  
Is 42:1–7  
Jn 12:1–11

### TUESDAY

April 4  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*  
Is 49:1–6  
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

### WEDNESDAY

April 5  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
Is 50:4–9a  
Mt 26:14–25

### THURSDAY

April 6  
*Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)*  
Chrism Mass:  
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9  
Rv 1:5–8  
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:

Ex 12:1–8, 11–14  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Jn 13:1–15

### FRIDAY

April 7  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*  
Is 52:13–53:12  
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9  
Jn 18:1–19:42

### SATURDAY

April 8  
*Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)*  
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a  
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18  
Ex 14:15–15:1  
Is 54:5–14  
Is 55:1–11  
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4  
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28  
Rom 6:3–11  
Mt 28:1–10

### SUNDAY

April 9  
*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8  
Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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