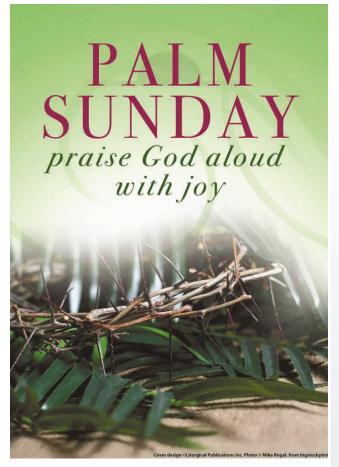


March 20, 2016



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Serving the growing Greater Bridgeville Area, Holy Child Roman Catholic Parish is a faith-filled family with a strong sense of community and a rich diverse heritage. With the grace we receive in the Sacraments, God calls and enables us as His Holy Children to be a "welcoming home for all who seek Him". Following Jesus Christ, whom we receive in the Eucharist, we strive to serve, evangelize and build His kingdom on Earth, through prayer, education, social / outreach groups and the Liturgy."

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Saturday Evening: 4:30 p.m. **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Daily (*Mon.–Fri.*): 12:00 noon

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Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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PARISH CEMETERY: Since 1904, the parish has maintained a private Cemetery under the title of Saint Agatha Cemetery. Parishioners of Holy Child Parish are entitled to purchase graves in this cemetery. For more information, please contact the Rectory.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners are always welcome! Please visit the Rectory so we may welcome you and complete a Parish Census Form. Parish Census Forms are also available in the Vestibules of the Church and on our website.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: All information must be received by Monday at noon, in written form.



Almighty God, you took on every human limitation with the exception of sin. Give us courage to follow Jesus even when it is not easy, so that our lives might

reveal the power that comes from committing ourselves totally to your Son, Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reflections

"The Mystery of Suffering" - Isaiah 50:4-7

The speaker of today's first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God's word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This word gets him into trouble.

But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God who gives him these pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the word God gives him, even in the face of resistance.

Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God's word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God.

The victim on the cross hangs in full view in our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.

"Extreme Life" - Philippians 2:6-11

On Palm Sunday we experience the greatness and the poverty of the human spirit. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds acclaimed him as the Son of David. But as he stood trial before Pilate, the same crowds called for his crucifixion.

On Palm Sunday, near the end of Lent, we have come in touch with the greatness and poverty of our own lives. Throughout this season we have reflected on our sin, but we have also experienced God's grace in communion, community, and scripture.

On Palm Sunday, we also hear about the greatness and poverty of Jesus. Jesus was in the form of God, but he took on human form. He had all greatness as God, but he did not cling to it.

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians says, "Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Jesus humbled himself to become like us and to experience what we experience—even death. "Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

Sometimes in a single day we experience unfettered joy and inconsolable grief. A child is born, but someone dies. We receive mercy from a stranger, but we fail to love our neighbor. The extremes of human life are vast. But Christ came to us embracing both extremes and all that is in the middle. All, all of human life he redeems and makes his own.

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A Great Big Thank You to everyone who came out and supported this year's Easter Basket Bingo. As of this date, the profits totaled \$1,303.19. These funds will be benefit Holy Child Parish CCD Program.

Thanks to all the businesses and families who donated prizes for the baskets. Suzanne Blue and all the volunteer helpers, including the Holy Child Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes did a fantastic job this year. All your efforts and hard work have been greatly appreciated. Hope to see you all next year!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Today marks the beginning of a "Holy Week" of remembrance. Through scripture, song and sacred ritual, we celebrate Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Our Lenten journey of repentance and conversion leads us to the gates of the holy city of Jerusalem. We carry palm branches and raise our "Hosanna", a word that means "Pray, save us!" We know what awaits us on the other side of the city gates.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016:

Chrism Mass at 10:00 AM in St. Paul Cathedral in Oakdale. Everyone is invited

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 PM at Holy Child.

Seven Church Walk, if you signed up for this event, the bus will depart from Holy Child Parish approximately at 8:45 PM. There will be additional room on the bus even if you didn't sign up. Churches we will visit when we leave Holy Child will be St. Barbara Church; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; Sts. Simon and Jude; Our Lady of Grace; St. John Capistran; and St. Thomas More.

Good Friday, March 25, 2016:

Liturgical Services, 1:30 PM, in Church.

Tenebrae Service, (an ancient service of light and darkness with readings and reflective music led by Holy Child Choir), 8:30 PM, Church

Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016:

Blessing of Easter Baskets, 12:00 Noon in Church Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016: Masses for Easter Day, 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM There is no 5:30 evening Mass on Easter Sunday at Holy Child Parish!

Good Friday Collections: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collections, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Holy Child will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collections. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!**

Holy Child Fish Fry: Stop by on Good Friday. The Knights of Columbus will be serving lunch from 11 AM to 1 PM and from 4 to 7 PM for dinner. Call 412-221-6514 to place our order by phone. You may also order through www.holychildrcparish.org or on your cell phone through the Pittsburgh Catholic Fish Fry App.

Hand Made Quilt Raffle: Last chance to win the beautiful quilt, made by Alice Regine. Winning ticket will be drawn on Good Friday at the Fish Fry.

Calendar of Events for Week of March 20, 2016:

Sun., March 20: CCM&G Communion Weekend

Regular CCD Classes

Mon., March 21: Rosary, 11:30 AM, Church

Regular CCD Classes

Tue., March 22: Rosary, 11:30 AM, Church St. Anthony Novena & Mass, 7 PM, Church Scripture & Spirituality Reading Group, 7 PM, Rectory

No Adult Study

Wed., March 23: Rosary, 11:30 AM & 7 PM, Church

SVdP Mtg, 7 PM, Rectory

Thur., March 24: Holy Thursday

No Adult Study

Fri., March 25: Good Friday

Fish Fry, 11 AM to 1 PM Lunch & 4-7 PM Dinner,

Cafeteria

Sat., March 26: Holy Saturday

Blessing Easter Baskets, 12:00 Noon, Church

Sun., March 27: HAPPY EASTER

No CCD Classes

On Mission for The Church Alive: In the midst of the presidential primaries, one word on everyone's lips, no matter what their political affiliation, is "leadership." We are collectively searching out the candidate who can provide gifted leadership. In the Church and in our parishes we need servant leadership. And that doesn't just mean "leadership" that comes with a collar. We need leaders in our parishes - young and old, male and female - who can guide and serve the community. Look around you today for potential leaders. And think what you can do to call them forward. To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, April 3 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the school cafeteria. Come and enjoy delicious pancakes and sausages as only the Knights can prepare them along with great fellowship! Last but not least, it's free!

Holy Child Christian Mothers Bake Sale on Sunday, April 3 after morning Masses. Stop by the school and purchase some home made goodies. Donations can be brought to the school on Saturday, April 2 between Noon and 1 PM. If you cannot drop off call Jean Romano at 412-221-3060.

Think Spring...and Pirate Baseball: Relay for Life Team MAHALO is sponsoring a Pirate vs Reds baseball game on Saturday, April 30th at 7:05 PM. This is a fireworks night at the park. Tickets are \$20.00 with \$6.00 from each ticket sold going to the American Cancer Society (and will be matched!). Tickets are in upper level, section 325, behind 3rd base. For more info, please call Chris at 724-888-2723 or email cav75@comcast.net

A Family Perspective (by Bud Ozar): Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.



Please remember in your prayers the sick, suffering, and housebound of our parish community, in particular: Judy De-

Palma, Alexis Brown, Trinity Stillmak, Jeff Kollar, Zachary Fowler, Mark Stippelmans, Sister Barbara Anne Quinn, Jessica Bookser, Eddie Gibbs, Jim Podobnik, Stephen Kretchun, Bill Tkach, Jean Lemesh, Pat Manzella, Paul Crile, Gary Lee, Karen Hughes, Sydney Hawk, Roberta Brodie, Helen DeCarbo, Geoff Skundrich, Theresa Morton, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Tracy Adams, Janet Maker, Luke Blanock, Frank Bondy, Kevin Willis, Gretchen Zewe, Lori Wright, Tammy Lechliter, Richard Sed, Glena Phillips, Mikey Lento, Isabella Yakos, Greg Wensell, Nick Hudacek, Madison Palivoda, Earl Ross, Chad Pruchnitzky, Joan Hudacek, Patti Kaley, John Leathers, Marge & Karen Scurich, Wayne Isenberg, Mary Conn, Paul Donati, Destiny Otricelli, Pauline Dolinar, Melissa Sill, Lucy Guskey, Dolores Iannarelli, Mary Doane, Pat Flannery, William McGrogan, Jr., Virginia Yablonski, Dolly Grimes, Cheryl Palmer, Barbara Drexler, Chris Larson, Judith Capurso, Dawson Wright, Virginia Davis, Margaret Chappel, Greg Katanick, Robert Hollinger, Sr., Janice Priselac, Nancy Wanko, Catherine Dernosek, Karen Knepp, James Vokoun, Mary Lou Bourne, Jerry Majcher, Debbie Zombek, Heather Orient, Mary McGinnis, Betty Rakoczy, Bethany Carder, Barbara Wood, David Kearns, Carey Fittipaldo, Mary Snyder, Theresa Connelly, Anne Wisbar, Mark Hilker, Kim Wakim, Norman Leonard, Raymond Thomas, Rose Scuglia, Jacob Winlow, Virginia Stankus, Bob Sweeney, Susan Fischer, David Martin, Dino Trimble, Mariam Mollick, Bennett Huibregste, Steven Page, Jack McCallough, Lisa Cecere, Amanda Wyandt, Mark Sullivan, Joan Knock, Bella Montagna, Krzywiecki, Earline Chappel, Robert Faulkner, and Mary Donnelly. May God strengthen them in the midst of their struggles and allow them to know that they are spiritually connected with Holy Child through our prayers and intercessions.

Please remember to call the Parish Office at 412-221-5213 to add or remove names from the prayer list. Thank you and God Bless!



We extend our condolences to the family of Michael J. Carrozza who was buried from Holy Child Parish. May he rest in

peace in the kingdom of God. May his family and friends know the faithfulness of Christ's love.

Holy Child welcomes Jesse Lee Harrison Marple, son of Richard Lee & Madelon Baptism Connie (Harbaugh) Marple to our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism. May he continue to grow in God's love as he shares the gift of life God has given him with family and

Sunday Contributions For March 13, 2016:

Regular Collection

friends.

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and support of our parish community.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

SONG OF GATHERING:

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - Missal # 142

Responsorial Psalm: Led by Choir & Cantors

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"O Sacred Head, Surrounded" - Missal # 150

Holy, Holy—Mass of Resurrection—**Missal # 859**Memorial Acclamation–Mass of Resurrection—**Missal #862**Great Amen—Mass of Resurrection—**Missal # 863**Lamb of God – Mass of Resurrection—**Missal # 864**

COMMUNION HYMN:

"Now We Remain" - Missal # 506

SONG OF SENDING FORTH:

"Were You There"-Missal # 154



Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016—7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Altar Servers: S. Mascellino & T. Blue

Lector: J. Maochi

EMEs: B. Lucas, E. Pandolfo, P. Stetzer & M. L. Tracy

Good Friday, March 25, 2016—1:30 PM Liturgical Services & Veneration of the Cross

Altar Servers: Lector: B. Petrini

EMEs: A. Guskey, M. L. Tracy & P. Stetzer

Friday, March 25, 2016—8:30 PM

Tenebrae Service

EMEs: K. Hartnett, J. Maochi, R. Pitassi & S. Sielski

Saturday, March 26, 2016—8:30 PM Vigil Mass:

Altar Servers: A. & E. Lorence & J. & M. K. Zimmerman Lector: K. Hartnett, R. Pitassi, S. Sielski & L. Klancher EMEs: B. Lucas, M. L. Tracy, A. Guskey & J. Kelly

Sunday, March 27, 2016—8:30 AM Mass:

Altar Servers: A., B., & N. Wilke

Lector: M. Kohler

EMEs: A. Kohler, L. Rebich & C. Wilke

11:30 AM Mass:

Altar Servers: G. Loeffler

Lector: D. Loeffler

EMEs: R. Beck, M. E. Hand

EMEs = Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-

24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt

26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-

6/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/

Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17,

25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: 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/Ps 118:1-2, 16-

17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk

24:13-35



Saturday, March 19, 2016

4:30 PM † Alice & John Janeda, by Janeda Family

Sunday, March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 AM
† Gino Fornella, Anniv, by Fornella Family
† Lena Carrozza, by Eleanor Tyrone
5:30 PM
† For the People of Holy Child Parish

Monday, March 21, 2016

12:00 PM † Eileen Yates, by Michelle & Bruce Fuscaldo & Family

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

12:00 PM † Dolores Palumbo, by Ralph Carr & Family

7:00 PM † Flora Nervo, by Mell Dozzo

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

10:30 AM (Broadmore Assisted Living) † Bill Keady, Birth, by Wife, Audrey

12:00 PM † Gloria Corrins, Birth, by Family

Thursday, March 24, 2016 Holy Thursday

10:00 AM Chrism Mass at St. Paul Cathedral

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 25, 2016 Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

1:30 PM Liturgical Services & Veneration of the Cross

8:30 PM Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 26, 2016 Holy Saturday

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM All Mass Intentions for Easter Vigil & Easter

Sunday are

11:30 AM For the People of Holy Child Parish



Bringing Home the Word +

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 20, 2016

Make Room for Emptiness

By Janel Esker

Being empty is rarely considered a good quality. People who see a glass as half-empty are labeled pessimists. No one gets excited about an empty bank account. And an empty cookie jar is a veritable tragedy. Our culture values fullness—full of friends, full of money, full of food.

Empty just isn't something we strive to be. Yet in today's reading, *empty* is a key

Sunday Readings

Luke 19:28-40 (At the Procession)

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord."

Isaiah 50:4-7

"I gave my back to those who beat me...my face I did not shield."

Philippians 2:6-11

"He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave....[H]e humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death."

Luke 22:14-23:56

"This is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."

word used by St. Paul to describe Jesus. Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance." The Greek word in this text for emptying is *kenosis*.

We continue to see this kenotic Savior in the Palm Sunday Gospels—first as Mass begins and then in the reading of the passion. Jesus moves from being lauded as a king during his entry into Jerusalem to pouring himself out on the cross just a few days later. He is left without anything to cling to, any fullness to claim—he's empty, which isn't someone or something we'd normally value. But of course, it's in his emptiness that God can do the work of resurrection and new life.

During this Holy Week, we might be busy doing many things—preparing for family visits, shopping for the Easter meal, picking out the perfect Easter dress or suit for our child. Life can be full, and that's very good. But make room in your life for *kenosis*—for emptiness—and for remembering our fully emptied Savior and all he did for us. †

A Word From Pope Francis

Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst; it is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them! And in this moment the enemy, the devil, comes, often disguised as an angel, and slyly speaks his

-Palm Sunday homily, March 24, 2013

word to us. Do not

listen to him.

REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GRESTIONS BEELFECTION

- How might we model Jesus and empty ourselves for the sake of others?
- What have I done to end violence in the world?

Agony in the Garden

By Ronald Rolheiser

he agony in the Garden, Christ sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, is one of the great texts in Scripture. You'll find it in Luke 22, Matthew 26, and Mark 14. Many Catholics know it as one of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The image has been etched into the Christian psyche. That's because it's a deep moment, one loaded with meaning.

In that moment, the few hours after the Last Supper, Jesus had to prepare for his death. That's a lot of pressure, the kind that brings life sharply into focus. What would you do if you knew you were in your final hours? Better yet, how could that type of insight affect the choices you make between now and then?

The word *agony* is not just a pious term. In Greek, at the time of Jesus, *agonia* was also a technical term for what athletes did warming up for the Olympic Games. During that warm-up, the Greek athletes would produce a certain sweat that warmed up their muscles and readied them for coming combat. That sweat, that lather, was their *agonia*.

Luke's account tells us that Jesus does an *agonia* to warm up, to get ready, for his Passion. It teaches and reminds us that we don't move from being selfpampering to dying on a cross without some preparation. Jesus wasn't a physical athlete, but unlike cinematic portrayals



of the agony and passion, the evangelists don't emphasize the whips, beatings, thorns, blood, and nails. They emphasize that he was alone, betrayed, humiliated, and hung out to dry. Nobody stood up for him. In Mark's Last Supper account, Jesus says he is dreading what's going to happen. He doesn't speak about the ropes and whips and chains. He doesn't say, "You know, I'm really going to get beaten up out there." He says, "You're all going to betray me. I'm going to be alone."

Do you ever wonder why that agony happens in a garden? Gardens don't appear that often in Scripture. In spirituality, gardens are not for flowers or vegetables; gardens are where lovers go. The drama of Christ's agony is a drama of love—a drama that moves deep inside of our loneliness. What's happening in the Garden is a test of love. That's why

Scripture begins in the Garden of Eden. In the garden, you can be naked. In the garden, there's no shame. Where does Mary Magdalene, the great lover in Scripture, find Jesus on Easter morning? In a garden. Jesus is a lover, and he calls us into the Garden.

In Jesus' passion, he gives his life and death for us. When blood and water poured out of the crucified Jesus (see John 19:31–37), we see not only a sign of baptism and Eucharist, but also other signs. Blood is the life that flows between us and keeps us alive. Water washes us. The evangelist is saying that Jesus died in such a way that it makes us freer. We're able to live; life flows more easily and freely. That is when we are clean of guilt. †

* The full version of this article was published in a 2008 issue of Catholic Update.



Lord, your life teaches the way of peace and nonviolence.

Help me to imitate your example in times of conflict.

—From Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 21-26

Mon. Holy Week: Isaiah 42:1-7 /

John 12:1-11

Tue. Holy Week: Isaiah 49:1-6 /

John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed. Holy Week: Isaiah 50:4-9a /

Matthew 26:14-25

Thu. Holy Thursday: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14 /

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 /

John 13:1-15

Fri. Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 / Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 / John 18:1—19:42

Sat. Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil): Genesis 1:1—2:2 / Genesis 22:1–18 / Exodus 14:15—15:1 / Isaiah 54:5–14 / Isaiah 55:1–11 / Baruch 3:9–15, 32—4:4 /

> Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28 / Romans 6:3–11 / Luke 24:1–12



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