

DATE	HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>Saturday</b> April 4th	8:00 AM Mass	<b>Gregory Ohlhaut</b> <i>Requested by Fr. Bond</i>
	4:00 PM Mass	† <b>Joe Plazerine</b> <i>Requested by Larry &amp; Beverly</i>
<b>Sunday</b> April 5th  <b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b>	10:00 AM Mass	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Monday</b> April 6th	10:00 AM Mass	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> April 7th	10:00 AM Mass	† <b>Joe Plazerine</b> <i>Requested by Jan Plazerine</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> April 8th	10:00 AM Mass	† <b>Juan &amp; Esperanza Valuja</b> <i>Requested by Valuja Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b> April 9th  Holy Thursday	6:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Friday</b> April 10th  <b>Good Friday</b>	12:00 PM Stations of the Cross	<b>No Mass today</b>
	3:00 PM The Passion of the Lord	
<b>Saturday</b> April 11th  Holy Saturday	8:00 PM Easter Vigil	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Sunday</b> April 12th  Easter Sunday	10:00 AM Mass	<b>Pro Populo</b>

To request a Mass intention, please visit the parish office during normal business hours.

**ST. MARGARET**  
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**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
April 5th, 2020 anno Domini

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>	<b>MISSION STATEMENT</b>
<b>Sunday Liturgy:</b> 4:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM (seasonal) 10:00 AM	To grow in the love of the Lord, follow the teachings of the Church, & serve one another and the community.
<b>Monday:</b> No Mass Today	<b>CLERGY &amp; STAFF</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b> 4:00 PM	
<b>Wednesday-Saturday:</b> 8:00 AM	
<b>1st Friday of the Month:</b> 6:00 PM	
<b>Holy Day of Obligation:</b> Check website	<b>Rev. Christopher Bond</b> Pastor
<b>Snow Days:</b> Check website	Rev. Mr. Miles Merwin Deacon (seasonal)
	Mrs. Leslie McCausland Secretary
	Ms. Nicki Conroy Faith Formation
	Mrs. Bernice Smathers Choir Director
	Ms. Faith Garner Organist

*Refer to back page for possible changes*

<b>CONFESSIONS:</b> Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM, Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM, 1/2 hour before all Daily Masses, or by appointment	<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 AM—4:00 PM Friday—Monday: Closed
<b>SACRAMENTS/FUNERALS:</b> Contact office	

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that we Christian stewards focus our minds and hearts intensely this week on the steps of our Brother and Savior as He laid down His very life for us.

Before we do so, let us first take a moment to examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions to the disciples about the room where they would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'the teacher says... 'In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'" We do not know this man's name but we do know that he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality so that Jesus had a place to celebrate the Passover. Little did he know that because of his good stewardship, his own home would be the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Privilege of privileges! Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in a tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

And there is no greater motivation to embrace this stewardship way of life than to turn our attention in the week ahead to the details of the Passion that our Lord undertook for love of us. Consider just a few right now, but spend some time this week on your own or with your family, pondering what Jesus has done for each one of us personally: "Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and... said, 'Take and eat; this is my body' — for you! 'Then he took a cup, gave thanks...saying 'Drink from it... for this is my blood of the covenant which will be shed on behalf of many'" — and for you! He agonized in the garden over the sins of all mankind, taking them on Himself — for you. "They spat in His face and struck Him, while some slapped Him" — He allowed it for you. His dear friend Peter, denied, Him: "I do not know the man" — and Jesus endured this for you. They bound Him, led Him away — for you.

He stood before the crowd, His own people, as they shouted, "Crucify Him!" — for you. They mocked Him, stripped Him, whipped Him, nailed His hands and feet to the Cross — for you. Finally, when there was literally nothing left to give, "He gave up His spirit" — for you.

Are we not compelled, as Christian stewards, to live now for Him, to give ourselves generously, in big ways and small — to Him Who has given us all that we have and are, Who has given His very Self?

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

R. Allan, Chris Churchill, Denise Collins, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Pat Gerakaris, Dick Hamel, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Jess, Ketchum, Ann Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G. Lydia, R. Mas, Peter Mino, Robert Missana, S. Mullen, Michael Naydock, Joseph Orvos, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Mike R., Marie S., Sue Quick, Edward Smathers, Austin Strader, Tinley Jane Toner, Pvt. Luke Turner, Olivia Triollo, Michael Welch, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington, & all in need of prayer.

**Names will remain on this list for one month unless notified otherwise.**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

It's been quite awhile since my mugshot has appeared up in this corner. It's not been because I have had nothing to say or no inspirational words of wisdom (well, I might have had words—how inspirational they would have been is another story); but, quite honestly, I have been extremely busy. I don't offer this as an excuse, as much as it is the reason. These past few weeks I have been trying to navigate this seemingly ever-changing world we live in—with it's seemingly ever-changing rules and restrictions. My responsibility for your souls is weighty enough (a weight I gladly bear). But if you knew how many sleepless nights I've spent discerning the relevance and applicability of county, gubernatorial, and national ordinances regarding social distancing and mass gatherings to what we are supposed to do as a Church and what I'm supposed to do as your pastor—well, it's unsettling. It's frustrating. Sentiments I'm confident you are all experiencing in one degree or another. Sentiments which are exacerbated by an acute form of cabin fever!

But I received an incredible grace this past week in the form of peace and joy. It came as I offered my first public Mass since this whole thing began with a handful of our parishioners in the pews, and a much larger handful of parishioners and family and friends around the country watching at home. I still don't have everything figured out. I have questions and concerns you could only understand if you were a priest. I also have questions and concerns about Facebook, audio/visual equipment, where I can and cannot shop for the things I and this parish need these days, etc. But the fact that I am able to offer Mass with and for the people of God (in one form or another) - the fact that if people so choose they can come to this Church and receive Our Dear Lord... honestly, not much else matters. The world could be on fire around us. I could die, You could die. But because the Mass exists and persists (even if the Church were to ever have to go underground due to overreaching governments) Jesus in the Eucharist is present on this earth to save us from our sins and take us to Himself! All glory and honor and power belongs to Him. And He belongs to us!



## OFFERINGS (MARCH 15th—29th)

Offertory	Preservation & Improvement	Votives	Easter Flowers	Diocesan Newspaper
\$4,068	\$105	\$79	\$210	\$15

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2020

Assessment/Goal	Amount Paid	Pledges Outstanding	Over (Under)
\$22,000	\$7,498	\$11,855	(\$2,647)

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