Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord

April 10, 2022

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.”
Luke 19:38
PALM SUNDAY - April 10, 2022
Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9
Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. on April 10

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14, 2022
No Morning Mass, Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
with Traditional Choir
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15, 2022
No Morning Mass, Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Communion at 7:00 p.m.
with Contempo Choir

HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 16, 2022
No Morning Mass, Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m.
Easter Basket Blessing at 11:00 a.m.
No Confessions
Easter Vigil Mass from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
with Contempo Choir

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2022
Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Church
Mass at 10:00 a.m. with Traditional Choir in Church
Mass at 12:00 p.m. with Children’s Choir in Church

EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 18, 2022
No Mass, Parish Offices Closed

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question: How can I heed Jesus’ lesson of patient suffering?

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40 BAGS FOR 40 DAYS
Clean out your closets and raise funds for St. Philip the Apostle School!
Drop off your gently-used items to the area set up in the north school parking lot on Tuesday, April 19, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We are collecting...
Clothes: men's, women's and children’s clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods: kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, small electronics, etc.

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly-packed boxes for small household goods. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

For more information, please email Lawren Vanderkoon at la000881@gmail.com

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?
Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.
Recently, I stopped by a big home improvement store. The garden center was bustling with people shopping for flowers and plants. Happily, I sighed and thought, “Ah, spring is in the air!”

One of my favorite images in the Bible is that of the garden. It not only reminds us that we reap what we sow. But also, it all begins in the Garden of Eden with the creation of Adam and Eve and then their eventual fall from grace. Jesus experiences deep prayer, agony and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane before his crucifixion. At the resurrection, Mary Magdalene is the first to see the risen Christ, but she does not recognize him, “supposing him to be the gardener” (John 20:15). Throughout Scripture, gardens are a place to encounter the mystery of God. They are places of suffering, death and most importantly, new life.

Saying all this, let me acknowledge that I do not have a naturally green thumb. I admire people who possess that gift. Regardless, I am starting to dabble in some basic gardening.

At the bishop’s residence in Joliet where I live, I have made the decision to have some large trees cut down in my backyard. The reason I am having them removed is not because I am “anti-tree.” On the contrary, I love trees. However, there are so many in my backyard, that they have created a canopy over the yard through which no sunlight can penetrate. As a result, instead of grass, my backyard is basically a plot of dirt that, when it rains, turns into a muddy mess and at worst a swamp. As we remove a few of the trees, my hope is that the sun may shine through the remaining ones and that grass, flowers and plants may return to sprout, grow and flourish.

Scripturally, Jesus reminds us that gardens need to be pruned so that they may produce fruit: “He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit” (John 15:3). In the Catholic Church, spiritual pruning is not a negative exercise. Instead, it helps our spiritual growth by removing whatever inhibits or prevents us from growing in healthy and holy ways.

Perhaps that is a good way to look at these past 40 days. Lent provides us the time to cut down and prune some things in our lives that prevent God’s light from shining on and through us. We do so, specifically during Lent, with our acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving.

Continuing this theme of gardening around my house, late last fall I planted over 50 tulip bulbs around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After I planted them, I have constantly wondered, “Did the squirrels dig them up and eat them?” “Will they blossom and what color will they be?” “Will the Blessed Mother enjoy them?” Every day, I find myself eagerly awaiting these tulips to colorfully burst through the soil.

This is an act of hope! While I still cannot see the flowers, I eagerly anticipate their arrival. We, too, wait with faith and hope to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and savior at Easter and boldly proclaim that he is not dead. He is not still in the ground. He is risen!

The lingering question is, “Why do we spend time at garden centers and in our own gardens, planting and caring for flowers and plants?” It is partially because they are tangible signs of beauty, hope and life. As St. Alphonsus Liguori rightly noted, “When we see a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object.”

As we come to the end of this Lenten time of pruning in our own spiritual gardens, let us approach Easter with great joy and enthusiasm. In other words, with springtime hope, let us continue to search for and bask in the risen life of Christ, for he truly fills our world and lives with light, beauty and new life. †
It's time to register your children for fall religious education classes! Students who were enrolled in the program this year brought home registration forms in an envelope they received during their final class of the year. For students in Grades 6 & 7, that class was on April 6; the final class for Grades K-5 was on Saturday, April 9. Registration forms are also available in the literature rack in the church narthex and on the parish website st-phil.org. As always, there is a significant discount if you register your children and pay in full by July 1, 2022.

We are excited to announce a change of day and time for Grades K-5 for the 2022/2023 school year! Classes will meet on Wednesday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. We hope this change will encourage better attendance and enable more families to return to the Religious Education Program. Please note that Grades 6-8 will have a slight time change; classes will remain on Wednesday evening but will run from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

If you have been thinking about volunteering in the RE Program and would like to help beginning in the fall, please prayerfully consider the following opportunities: catechist in Grades 3 or 5, or classroom aide in Grades K, 1, 3, or 5. All volunteers are required to complete the Protecting God’s Children training and State Mandated Reporter training. Both are free of charge.

Please remember in your prayers the children who have been preparing all year for their First Communion on Saturday, April 30 (St. Philip the Apostle School students) and on Saturday, May 7 (students in the Religious Education Program).

Donor's Name: _____________________________________ Phone #: ___________________________________

(The information is needed in case there is difficulty reading your parents’ names.)

Mothers’ Names
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Donation Amount: $_____ Check #: _______________ Cash ___ Date: ______________

The St. Philip the Apostle Religious Education Program is sponsoring their annual Mothers’ & Fathers’ Day Mass Card Intention Fundraiser on the weekends of April 23/24 and April 30/May 1. For a suggested donation of $10/name, you will be able to remember that special mom and dad (either deceased or living) with a monthly Mass intention (under the notation Mothers'/Fathers’ Day Mass Card Intention Recipients) for a year. Mass cards will be available for presentation to the recipients, mothers’/fathers’ names will be listed in special inserts in the Mothers’/Fathers’ Day Sunday bulletins, and their names will be in the binder by the votive candle stand in the church. Don’t want to wait in line to write down your loved ones’ names? Fill out the information below, include your donations (checks made out to St. Philip the Apostle Parish), seal it in an envelope marked “RE Office,” and drop it in the offertory basket. If you need a gift card, just pick one up at the table in the narthex on the weekends of April 23/24 and April 30/May 1.

For more information, please call 630-543-1754. Thank you for supporting the parish Religious Education Program!

SCRIP gift cards are available to order throughout the year. Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com to see brands/denominations. Contact Lizzy Roberson at 224-287-5278 or email lizzywroberson@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds are earmarked for the school. Thank you for your support in keeping the St. Philip the Apostle School tuition low.
Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross wrote, “Human life is like a great way of the cross. We do not have to go to the chapel or church to go through the different stations. This Way of the Cross is everywhere, and we travel it every day, even in spite of ourselves and without being aware of it.” Today we hear the Way of the Cross, the journey of Jesus’ suffering and death. But as Moreau notes, the Way of the Cross is also something that we deeply embody in our everyday actions and interactions. The cross is more than death and destruction. The cross is life. We see examples of this life when people practice humility and kindness in solidarity with each other. We encounter this life in self-gift, life Jesus who gave of himself for others. This agapic love is an essential and unavoidable part of the cross. Do we recognize this self-gift in our midst? Do we practice this self-gift we see in Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection? When we do, we realize that suffering and death never win. Life and love always prevail.

Source: Living Liturgy 2022, Liturgical Press

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**New Ministry Schedule:** We are starting to set up the next schedule for ministers. Please remember to input any dates you will not be available to serve in the next scheduling period of June 4 through September 25 before the cutoff date for this period: Friday, May 6. We will not be able to consider any requests submitted after Friday, May 6, when scheduling this period. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Schubert.

**JOB OPENING IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE**

Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Naperville is seeking a full-time Director of Religious Education (DRE). The position requires a flexible schedule which includes working occasional evenings and weekends to support year-round programming. A minimum of 2-5 years’ experience with a bachelor’s degree in theology, catechesis, education or equivalent required. A job description is available upon request. E-mail cover letter with salary expectation and résumé to Lisa Brancato, Parish Administrative Assistant at lbrancato@hscc.us.

We will celebrate Easter at our next Senior Socialite gathering on Thursday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1. Look forward to seeing you all there dressed in your pastel colors and ready for spring. Please let Carol Schubert know if this will be your first time joining us for lunch, games, and fun.
Arise, Jerusalem, welcome your King! Today we celebrate the triumphant arrival of Jesus. How does this relate to us? Our hearts are the Jerusalem we live in, the place we welcome the King of our lives. The question we need to consider is how long will his reign be? Will his reign only last until next Friday when he suffers death on the cross or will we be his subjects as he enters his glory on Easter Sunday when he rises from the tomb? Our Lenten practices are almost over, and we are now challenged to continue the promise we made on Ash Wednesday—the promise we made to live a life that draws us ever so closer to God. In doing so, we will become the creation he intended us to be, fully alive in the Light of His Love. I urge all to join in the celebration of our faith as we journey through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus in the Triduum liturgy and to welcome into the family of God those who have been preparing for this great feast in the RCIA Program since last September.

DEACON SEAN MCGREAL
Pastoral Associate & RCIA Director
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E-mail Address: smcgreal@st-phil.org

Every year on Good Friday, the Diocese of Joliet participates in the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which supports Christians living in the Holy Land. Your generosity allows the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land to continue their work of providing hope to Christians. The pandemic that is affecting the whole world struck particularly hard on the Catholic population of the Holy Land, which is usually strongly supported by pilgrims visiting the holy sites. Each year, the Holy Father asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a Good Friday collection to keep Christians in the Holy Land. This collection supports the work of the Franciscans in maintaining the sacred shrines, ministering to the parishes, providing formation and education in the communities and schools, and caring for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land. 

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of Joliet

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 11 to 17, 2022

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**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:** Christ Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
**Lord’s Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1—2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
**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 (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 11
8:00 AM Dan Clay
TUESDAY, APRIL 12
8:00 AM John Moser
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
8:00 AM Pete Reyes
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14
8:00 AM (Morning Prayer)
7:00 PM (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15
8:00 AM (Morning Prayer)
3:00 PM (Stations of the Cross)
7:00 PM (Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion with Communion)
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16
8:00 AM (Morning Prayer)
11:00 AM (Easter Basket Blessing)
7:00 PM (Easter Vigil Mass)
People of the Parish
SUNDAY, APRIL 17
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM People of the Parish

Reflecting on the Procession.

We read and hear the Passion Gospel today.
But first, at the procession, when we bless palms,
we hear what precedes it. There is a colt,
there are cloaks spread on the road, there are shouts:
“Blessed is the king”...Peace in heaven.”
♦ What cloak will I spread before Jesus to make it easy
for him to come to me?
♦ So that stones do not cry out, what will I proclaim
about Jesus Christ?
♦ How will I clear my calendar so I can come to my parish
church for all the celebrations of the Easter Triduum?

Let us remember in prayer
our deceased relatives,
friends, and parishioners,
especially:

Florence T. Wolf

Our sympathy to her friends and family.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES: Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)

Jenny Bellezza, Susan Beres, Ray Bugielski, Alison Carey, Brian Cherry, Tim Kullum

Please get permission from family members or the person
who is ill before requesting that his/her name be added to
the prayer list. To add names to the list, please call
630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org. Names are
deleted from the list after six months unless a request is
made for a perpetual listing.

PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY

Please pray for all of our young men
and women currently serving in the
Armed Forces, especially:

Richard Avila, Marines
Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force
Elijah Burgins, Marines
Emiliano Carrazco, Marines
Kevin Catano, Marines
Steven J. DeMarco, Army
Matthew Deimling, Army
Jack Domek, Marines
Adam Dorney, Army
Samantha Fallon, Navy
Diego Feros, Army
Blaze Galardy, Air Force
Martin Garcia, Army
Mark Jastowski, Marines
Dylan Johnson, Army
José Juarez, Navy
Paul Keppler, Navy
Ben Krause, Marines
C. J. Loveland, Air Force
Andrew Maslanka, Army
Bradley Melsom, Marines
Anthony Milazzo, Navy
Ryan Mills, Air Force
Billy Moncatch, Marines
Jason Okara, Army
Enrique Ospina, Marines
Adam Ostrander, Navy
Cole Parent, Marines
Randall Petrbok, Air Force
James Roman, Marines
Ryan Ruizol, Navy
Andrew Tarchinski, Army
Patrick Tobias, Air Force
Isaiah Wuich, Marines

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please call 630-543-1754 or
email bnicolai@st-phil.org.
**Baptism Information:** Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

**Marriage Information:** Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

**Parish Registration:** New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

**Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls:** Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

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We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.