



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Close, But Not Too Close

Although I am not particularly a connoisseur of bumper stickers, one caught my eye recently on the back of a vehicle in line ahead of me. It read, "Do you follow Jesus this closely?" That brought a chuckle. On second thought, it made me think as well.

The trouble with bumper stickers is that, all too often these days, they can be crude, profane, sometimes downright disgusting. Those are easy to dismiss though not easy to avoid, if you are stuck in line behind them for any length of time. It's sad that our young people, in particular, have to be subjected to such pathetic displays of humor covering nastiness on the part of too many adults. Clearly, this is part of the unpleasantness today's youngest generation must endure while growing up.

But that bumper sticker about Jesus, which surely had an element of levity, had an inner core of truth as well. It unintentionally asked a probing question: How closely do we follow the One we claim to be our reason for being? The answer for me, and perhaps for most of us, is "not nearly close enough." We want Jesus to be close, but not too close.

The truth is that most Christians in my experience are lukewarm followers of the Lord. We love those times when we feel close to Him during Mass or in Adoration or at a prayer meeting, or watching a movie that captures the essence of His mission. But we do not truly want our lives to change radically enough to be worthy of being called a disciple.

We prefer to follow Jesus on our terms, mostly when it is convenient, in those moments when we can wedge in thinking of the Lord between our favorite TV shows, or deadlines at work, or parish social events.

We hope, if we are being honest, that nobody thinks of us as the kind of followers of Christ who would ever stand out in a crowd, truly be called upon to witness to Christ's lordship in our lives, truly be seen as servants of the Gospel serious enough to put God first in our lives every day, as the First Commandment clearly calls us to do.

That bumper sticker did make me laugh. But it also made me uncomfortably aware of my shortcomings in answering my baptismal call. Maybe I was supposed to be that close to that vehicle after all.

—Lou Jacquet

Fish Dinner Update



"The annual drive-thru Lenten Fish Dinners have come to an end. We want to thank everyone who gave us their patronage in letting us serve them the best fish dinners on the West Side of Youngstown. A big THANK YOU also goes out to all the volunteers for the hard work they gave to make the dinners so successful. A final wrap-up on the dinners will be available after Easter."

— Co-chairs Patty Infante and John Coudriet

Liturgical Events

Sunday April 13:

9 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass, St. Brendan's;
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Matthias

Wednesday, April 16:

9 a.m. Mass, St. Brendan's

Thursday, April 17:

7 p.m. Holy Thursday, St. Christine's

Friday, April 18:

3 p.m. Good Friday Service, St. Brendan's

Saturday, April 19:

Easter Vigil, St. Christine's

Sunday, April 20:

9 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass, St. Brendan's



Sunday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Albert and Sandy Mihalik by Family

Wednesday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Sr. Marjorie Haidet, H.M.

by Lorraine and Ramon Alarcon

Sunday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Easter Blessings for Parishioners

Please Pray For Our Sick

Frank Roman, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Pray for the Faithful Departed

Helen Crish

Wedding Anniversaries Honored

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday May 18 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th or over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office (330-792-3875) and obtaining Father Jerek's signature before April 25, 2025.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace, and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. The envelope for the collection is in your parish packet.

Sunday's Scriptures: In Search of a Steadfast Heart

Today's readings for Palm Sunday are from Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23, 56

Today we celebrate the Feast of Palm Sunday. We begin the prayers and liturgies of Holy Week. One of our readings at Mass is from the Gospel of Luke (19:28-40). In this brief account of Scripture, we hear of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

They brought a young colt to Him that no one had ever sat upon before. "They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as He was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy, for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed 'blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.'"

We celebrate with joy their acknowledgement of Jesus as king, as the Anointed of God. Five days later, we celebrate with sorrow and gratitude Jesus' crucifixion and death. The large throng of people and disciples who professed their love and faith in Jesus now abandon Him

Baptizing Baby Joseph



Joseph Lucas Newell is anointed by Parochial Vicar Father Steve Ziegler as part of his baptism during Sunday Mass on April 6. Joseph's parents are William and Erica (Hanuschak) Newell. Photo: Debora Flora

to the Romans.

Holy Week has many lessons to teach us. One of these is the fickleness of the human heart. Human beings, since the fall of Adam, live in a sinful world. Our hearts (our wills) are divided. Jesus, understanding our nature, gives His followers the Beatitudes.

He teaches, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed also are the poor in spirit." To be poor in spirit is to choose only one goal, God. The pure of heart discard lesser values to surrender and abandon themselves to God. To do God's will is their delight. They do not ride on the rollercoaster of their emotions, with all its highs and lows.

They possess the gift of fortitude, of holy steadfastness. They are not fickle like the crowds, waving palms one day and shouting "crucify him" just a few days later.

Our world is in serious sin and chaos. It has given its heart to evil at worst and mediocrity at best. Where do we find our hearts today? Are they conformed to God's will? As Psalm 51 prays, "a pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me."

— Geri Jacquet

Altar Rosary Needs Your Help

The St. Brendan Altar & Rosary Society will hold a Bingo and Card Party on April 27. We are reaching out to our parishioners to ask for your support in setting up a basket raffle table by donating gift baskets, gift cards, lottery tickets etc. You can donate to any member or leave at the rectory during business hours (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday). Every contribution counts, and we appreciate your generosity. Questions? Call Sharon Pasquale at 330-207-7836.

Diocesan Appeal Reminder

There is still time to donate to the Annual Diocesan Appeal which funds the work of Diocesan Catholic Charities and a variety of Central Services offices and ministries. Envelopes for the Appeal can still be found at the ends of our pews.

Bishop's Cup Golf Event Set

The third annual Bishop's Cup Golf Classic, supporting diocesan seminarians and the diocesan Vocations Office, will be held Monday June 30 at the Lake Club, [1140 Paulin Road](#), Poland. 11 a.m. registration; buffet lunch; 1:30 shotgun start. \$200 donation per golfer. \$800 per foursome/team. 18-hole golf scramble with cart; hole-in-one contest and team prizes/raffles. Register online at doy.org/golf... Checks payable to the Diocese of Youngstown c/o Father Chad Johnson, [144 W. Wood St., Youngstown OH 44503](#); information, Father William Wainio, 330-678-0240. Last year's event raised more than \$60,000.

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Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For April 2025 **\$29,440.00**

Week of April 6, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$3,649.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$237.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
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Total	\$6,046.00

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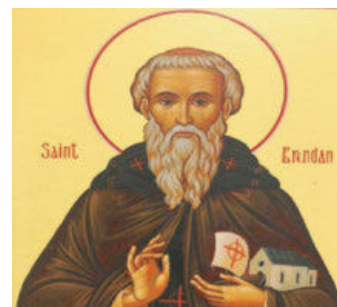
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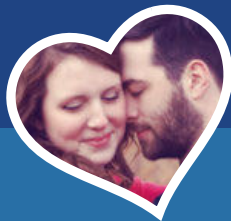
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