

THE STONES ARE CRYING OUT

Reflection

Today we hear the most violent and terrible part of the story of Jesus' life. We hear it every year at this time, and some of us have been hearing it since we were 5 or 6 years old. So, in some ways, our feelings about the Passion of Jesus Christ might be blunted. We know we are supposed to feel sorrow. But with so much disaster coming at us on the news every day—including possible nuclear destruction of our country or our world--this story might seem like simply one tragedy amongst many.

In fact, to understand how to feel Jesus' Passion and pain, we need to keep re-focusing on the total picture of this day, which actually begins with Jesus' triumph and joy. The people are welcoming Jesus the Healer, Jesus the Powerful, into Jerusalem with shouts of, "Hooray! Hallelujah! Peace in heaven, and glory in the stratosphere!" When the Pharisees say, "Jesus, your followers are out of control, shut them up," Jesus replies, "If they kept quiet, you'd hear the stones rejoicing in the same way!"

Jesus is reminding us that if we look behind his suffering, its deeper meaning is actually a cause for rejoicing: the whole creation--stones, people, and all--are groaning and waiting for the transformation which Jesus is about to complete. Jesus helps us see the total picture of his suffering: that it is a productive, life-giving suffering; and we, too, must enter into it by imitating his life of love and forgiveness to all.

Salvation, Jesus says, has been deeply etched into the whole creation—and into each of our hearts, as the beloved children of God. We, too, can have Jesus' power to forgive, we can have his will to love... if we claim it!



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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MASS OF OILS – March 29

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark 8 PM

HOLY THURSDAY – April 1

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 8 PM/Chapel
Adoration 9:30 PM – 12 Midnight/Church

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 PM/Chapel
Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM/Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3

Blessing of Easter Food – Noon/Church
Easter Vigil at 8 PM /Chapel
NO 5 PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4

Masses

7:30 AM, 9 AM 10:30 AM and Noon
NO 6 PM MASS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 11

3 PM Service /Church

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION AT CORPUS CHRISTI/Chapel

Tues., March 30 – 2 to 2:30 PM & 7:30 to 8:30 PM
Wed., March 31 – 2 to 2:30 & 7:30 to 8:30 PM



"Come away and pray with me". Christ offered this invitation to His disciples after a particularly hectic time. In view of our current challenges these words are especially relevant. Visit with Him from noon till midnight, Monday thru Friday.

There are hours in need of committed adorers as follows: Monday and Wednesday at 11 PM; and Friday at 6 PM. Call Parish Center 201 288 4844. **Note - there is no adoration on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

ACCTM will meet on Sunday night at 7 pm at Corpus Christi in the ECLC (next to Minit Mart on Blvd) for a traditional Seder meal. High school teens are invited to attend.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the **Costa Memorial Home** for their donation of the St. Joseph's bread.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, presented by ACCTM

The Assumption/Corpus Christi Teen Ministry will once again present The Living Stations of the Cross at Corpus Christi on Good Friday at 7:30pm in the Chapel.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The six week program continues with a service and a witness talk from 7 to 7:45 PM. **All are invited to attend.** Candidates and sponsor/parent will attend a further small discussion group till 8:30.

March 29

Strength of Spirit

By Maureen Morosco

April 12

Oil of Salvation

By Sister Marilyn Minter

The Parish community is asked to remember our Confirmation Candidates in their daily prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE PORTRAIT IN THE CHAPEL VESTIBULE

Please note the photo portrait of a Franciscan Friar in Jerusalem's Palm Sunday Procession. This was given in loving Memory of:

Cassell and Dorothy Schuffman

and

John and Mildred Senio

The frame was donated by **Gallerio Classica.**

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LIVING CHRIST RETREATS

Have you had the desire to make a retreat, but could never find the time? We are offering a retreat experience here in our parish called:

A LIVING CHRIST RETREAT

The schedule for the Retreat is:

Thursday, May 13 from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, May 14 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 15 from 8 A.M. to 12 P. M.

Participants return home at the conclusion of each evening. Deepening your faith in the Risen Lord is a wonderful Easter gift you can give to yourself. A donation of \$20 is requested to cover the cost of meals and supplies. Please complete below and return to Father Raymond via the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Center.

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LIVING CHRIST RETREAT

May 13-15

NAME: _____

TEL # _____

ADDRESS: _____

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



In preparation for the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, our parish will start a novena on **Good Friday**. Pamphlets will be available in the back of the Church and Chapel to guide you. Each day we will pray for specific needs and the Divine Mercy Chaplets.

EASTER DECORATIONS FOR CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Volunteers Needed !

Volunteers are needed, if only for an hour, a few days before Easter Sunday to transform our places of worship to reflect the joy of Easter. Call Gail at the Parish Center 201 288 4844 ext 132, if you can assist us.

ELVIS: ONE NIGHT WITH YOU

One weekend left to get your tickets for Elvis: One Night with You featuring Anthony Liguori, Jr. along with Bill Turner and Blue Smoke!

Get tickets (cost \$20) at the Parish Center or call 201 233 8242.



ANTICIPATED MASS/SAT MAR 27

5:00 PM Silvio Fusco

SUNDAY, MAR 28

7:30 AM Trudell and Whalen Families

9:00 AM Charles Emberger

10:30 AM Anna Meyers

12:00 NN Dominico, Maria and

Antonio Cutri

6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAR 29

6:30 AM John Teselski

8:00 AM Ellie Foley

TUESDAY MAR 30

6:30 AM Mildred Papera

8:00 AM Elvira Gillio – 2nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAR 31

6:30 AM Raymond Zimmerman

8:00 PM Gerald Breen

HOLY THURSDAY, APR 1

8:00 PM Liturgy of the
Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APR 2

3:00 PM Service of the
Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY APR 3

8:00 PM Easter Vigil –
People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, APR 4

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Christina Lucanie

10:30 AM Saverio Urgo – 1st Anniversary

12:00 NN Jack De Nichilo

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – NOON/CHURCH

On Saturday **April 3**

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends, community and the Corpus Christi Parish especially, **Ruth Figel, Caroline Donovan** and **Anthony Ysrael**.



*May the **Holy Spirit** sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Joseph Cairns, Irene Diverio, Arshie Nebbia, Thomas John Shokoff and Leighann Sweeny.*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MAR 28

Liturgy of the Word with Children - 10:30 AM Mass

MONDAY, MAR 29

Adoration – 8 AM to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

TUESDAY, MAR 30

Adoration – 8 AM to midnight/Adoration Chapel

AA Meeting – 8:00 PM/Msgr. Fitzpatrick Hall

Bingo – 7:30 PM/Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, MAR 31

Adoration – 8 AM to Midnight/Adoration Chapel

THURSDAY, APR 1

No Adoration

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – 8 PM/Chapel

FRIDAY, APR 2

Service of the Lord's Passion – 3 PM/Chapel

Living Stations of the Cross – 7 PM/Chapel

NO Adoration

SATURDAY APR 3

Easter Vigil – 8 PM/Chapel

Blessing of Food – Noon/Church

SUNDAY, APR 4

No Liturgy of the Word with Children

BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule for the upcoming week:

Tuesday, Mar 30

Saturday Apr 3

Luzuriaga, KB

Abbas, 2B

Cabral, 2B

NO BINGO

Espinal, 7

Scalone, 7

Rivera, 7

Grasso, KA