



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### April 2, 2023

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord when we commemorate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. With this, we begin Holy Week. During this week we reflect on the Passion and Death that Jesus underwent to win Salvation for us. The events of Holy Week and Easter remind us that the victory of Jesus can be ours if we follow in His ways.

## Sacred Triduum

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaching its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closing with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.



### Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 6th

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

St. Polycarp Church, 7 pm (No Mass at St. Dennis)

### Good Friday - Friday, April 7th

*Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord*

St. Dennis, 3 pm (No service at St. Polycarp)

### Holy Saturday - Saturday, April 8th

(No Confessions at either Parish)

*The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

St. Polycarp, 8 pm (No Mass at St. Dennis)

### Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 9th

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

St. Polycarp Church, Masses - 8 am and 10 am

St. Dennis, Masses - 8 am, 9:30 am, and

11 am (Hispanic)



## FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ How have your Lenten observances prepared you for Holy Week?

~ Which Jesus do you identify most with today: Jesus in triumph or Jesus the suffering servant? Why?

~ Complete this sentence: Palm Sunday shows me that .....

## LET US PRAY

## Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, April 1

4 pm Stephanie McDowell  
Stephen T. Corso  
George Reuter

### - First Saturday

- Joe & Marie McDowell  
- Janet Anderson  
- Kathy & George Muller

### Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:30 am BVM Sodality  
William Saber  
Roberto Pingol

- Rita Brown  
- Betty Pingol

### Monday, April 3

### NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 4

8:30 am Constancia Alday

### Tuesday of Holy Week

- Bill & Jessica Burke

### Wednesday, April 5

8:30 am Parishioners

### Wednesday of Holy Week

### Thursday, April 6

7 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

### Holy Thursday

### Friday, April 7

3 pm Passion of the Lord at St. Dennis

### Good Friday

### Saturday, April 8

8 pm Easter Vigil Easter Novena

### Holy Saturday

### Sunday, April 9

8 am Easter Novena  
10 am Easter Novena

### Easter Sunday

### Week of April 2

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church** burns in prayer for those serving on the Pastoral Council.

**Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel** burns in prayer for homeless veterans.

### Please Pray for Our Sick & Those in Need of Our Prayers

To have someone's name added to the Bulletin for prayers, please email [submission@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:submission@saintpolycarp.org) or call the office and leave a message. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

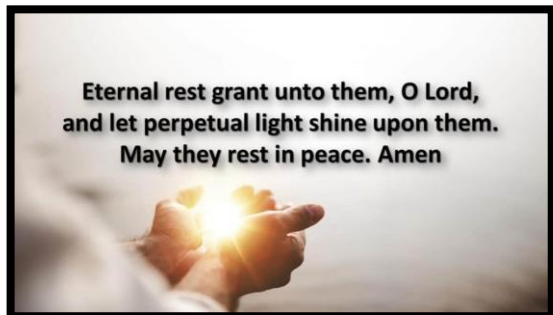
Grace Wagner, Ron Pleasanton, Beth Lightcap, Thea Berg, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Eileen Fox, Maryann Allison, Ashley Mullins, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Allen Ruff, Kevin Skaggs, Bobby Bullins, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Lana Reed, Rick Dean, Catherine Corso, Jeff Johnson, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, George Kayati, Andrew Cella, Jr., Lily Griffiths, Rob Miller, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

### We Pray for our Deceased

Ed Stachow, J.T. Lloyd, Patricia Sperry

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society*



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen

Vicente D. Lim, Jr.	Sara Jean Brimson
Deacon Charles Robinson	Carmela Tupia
Walczak Family	Luigina & Preston Pendarvis
Rosina & Mario Chiusolo	Ponnampalam Sabanayagam
Jose Crisostomo	Sofia Crisostomo
Orlando Family	Lucita Dico
Camilo Arguelles	Filomena Arguelles
Roberto Pingol	Antanavige Family
Jimmy Biggs	Lorraine Donnelly Biggs
Terry Wilkins	Marga Darner
Esther E. LaSana	Louis & Angelina Arrighi
Margaret & Kenneth Burke	Glenn Coldiron
Peggy Delargy	Joan & Roger Seyer
Edith Hines	Sarah Leager Leverage
Joseph Francis Duncan	Jimmy Dean Bender

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**PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS**

**Prayer Chain** – To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at [laverne427@icloud.com](mailto:laverne427@icloud.com) or (302) 653 – 8064.

**Rosary by Telephone:** Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

**Eucharistic Adoration** – Tuesdays, Noon – 8 pm – Chapel

**Flame of Love Rosary:** Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

**Divine Mercy:** Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel. \* Please note that there will be no Divine Mercy at St. Polycarp Church on Good Friday. We hope you will attend the 3 pm service at St. Dennis.

**LITURGY**

**LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS**

Here are a few updates from our March meeting:

~The Dedication of the outside St. Joseph Statue will take place on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 4 pm Mass. Bishop Koenig will be here for the Mass and Dedication.

~Easter Season – Mass Setting is Mass of Christ the Savior and the Memorial Acclamation is “Save Us Savior”. Also, starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, we will be reciting the Apostles’ Creed instead of the Nicene Creed.

~The Filipino Inculturation will take place on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Couples for Christ will be playing music during the 10:30 am Mass. An Agape will follow with Filipino foods, dancing, a history of their culture, and many other areas of interest. Mark your calendars for this special event!!

**St. Polycarp Church & St. Dennis Church**

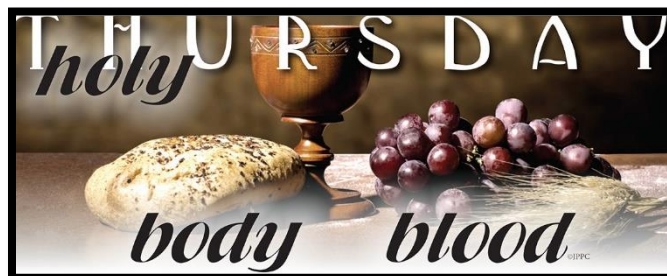
**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

**APRIL 3, 2023 3-5 & 6-8 pm**

The second annual **Reconciliation Monday** will take place this Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parishes in the diocese will be holding confessions from 3 – 8pm. Here at St. Polycarp and at St. Dennis, confessions will be heard from 3-5 pm and from 6-8 pm. While Fr. Jim is at one parish, Fr. Gerres will be hearing confessions at the other and then they will switch Parishes. This allows Fr. Jim to be at both parishes for this important event. If it is more convenient for you to go to another church closer to work, feel free to do so. Please invite those friends and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit <https://www.cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday/> for more information.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

The Liturgy Committee agreed that we will say the Apostles’ Creed during the Easter season beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). Saying the Apostles’ Creed, instead of the usual Nicene Creed, more closely reflects our baptism in Christ, as well as, catechizes the assembly regarding the holiness and full baptismal character of the Easter season. Our call is to the continuing conversion begun in baptism. It is a call that requires vigilance that our heart does not wander from the voice of our God. The Apostles’ Creed can be found in the Breaking Bread Hymnal on page 10.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come, humbly kneel before Him.

Give Him an hour of adoration on Tuesday.

We need adorers for the following timeslots:

9:30 & 10:00 am; 12:00, 2:00, & 3:00 pm

Call or email: Cheryl Thomas at [salcrest7@gmail.com](mailto:salcrest7@gmail.com) or  
(302) 363 - 0404

### CHALICE MINISTRY



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church.

Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer, (302) 670 - 7924.

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - Pete Sanphy

### EASTER FLOWERS



Even lovers of the winter season have to acknowledge the beauty of spring; the world around us awakens and life begins anew. Similarly, the resurrection of our Lord is our awakening to salvation. As spring unfolds with all of its promise and beauty, let us decorate our Church to reflect the promise and beauty of the risen Lord. Please help our altar reflect the glory of this season by placing your intentions and the names of your loved ones in the Easter flower envelope.

### EASTER NOVENA

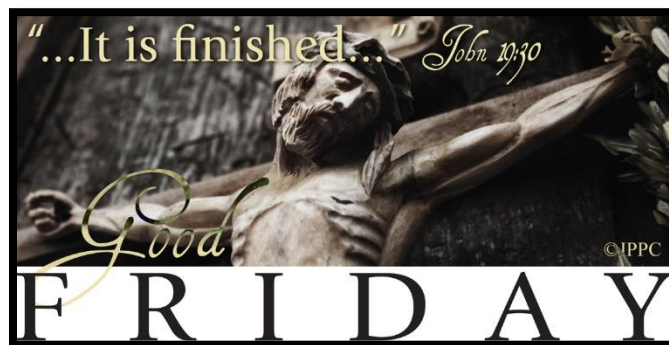
The miracle of Easter joins all of us in the lifesaving joy of Christ, making it the perfect time to draw upon the most sacred of graces from our risen Lord. To remember your loved ones, both living and deceased, with the sacred gift of the Mass offered in their honor, please complete the Easter Novena envelopes.

### THE EXTRAORDINARY GRACE OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

Regarding the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus told St Faustina "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 699)

We only have this incredible opportunity once a year on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) and the Divine Mercy Vigil Mass on Saturday. All we have to do is make a valid confession (up to 20 days before), receive Holy Communion with the intention of receiving this promised grace and have trust in God's Mercy.

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, offer up a prayer like this: Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession (I have) and the soul that receives Holy Communion with trust in Divine Mercy (I am) will receive complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Lord, please give me this grace. Jesus, I trust in you.

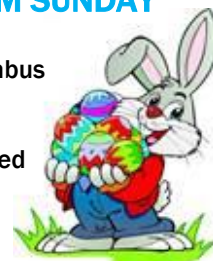


### PARISH & FAMILY LIFE



### EASTER EGG HUNT THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> PALM SUNDAY

Our Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, following the 10:30 am Mass. All children are invited to attend. There will be prizes!



**Children are asked to bring their own baskets!**



We invite you to join us for Agape on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the 10:30am Mass. Enjoy an assortment of breakfast dishes and the sweet taste of donuts and coffee offered by the Knights of Columbus.

### CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR QUARTER AUCTION?

The Parish and Family Life (PFL) is planning a Fall Quarter Auction with assistance from other Ministries. We are searching for helpers and items for Auction that can assist in making this first time event possible and successful! If you have experience in hosting or possibly able to help in the process reach out to Chair Deanna Lail at (302) 535 - 2957 or [dlail14@comcast.net](mailto:dlail14@comcast.net).

### EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

The Parish and Family Life Ministry has not been able to successfully represent our Parish in the Town during parades and events. We are looking for parishioners to represent our Parish or assist in decorating for the parades! If you are able to help in being crafty and maybe have ideas to help design a float or just want to walk with us and hold our banner, please reach out to Deanna Lail at (302) 535 - 2957 or join our next PFL meeting on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>!



## HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

### **Fight to End Parkinson's Disease** - Join St.

Polycarp parishioners in support of parishioner Alison Seewald by participating in the Parkinson's Community Walk in Smyrna on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at Big Oak Park, 417 Big Oak Rd. Walk starts at 9 am (8 am sign in). All funds go to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Register beforehand at

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/communitywalksmyrna2023](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/communitywalksmyrna2023).

Walkers donating \$25 by Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> will receive a T-Shirt. All are invited to walk. If you are unable to join us but would like to donate to the

Parkinson's Foundation in support, please visit

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/communitywalksmyrna2023](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/communitywalksmyrna2023).

Contact Thelma Klase at [tjklase@verizon.net](mailto:tjklase@verizon.net) with any questions.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL



The Pastoral Council is currently searching for new candidates for our next council elections. Please contact Kathy Curlett at [kathleencurlett19@gmail.com](mailto:kathleencurlett19@gmail.com) or (302) 222 - 9326, if you would like to check us out and perhaps volunteer to join us.

## COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
March 26	\$2560	\$27	\$2587

2nd	Parish Maintenance
March 26	\$640

March	Offertory	Poor Box	Parish Utilities
eGiving	\$10,128	\$737	\$479

March	Easter Mass Remembrance	Easter Flowers	Rice Bowl	Catholic Relief Latin Am.
eGiving	\$275	\$302	\$247	\$212

*eGiving reported monthly*

**The Second Collection this weekend is for our Parish School of Religion.** Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you! As disciples of Christ, we are all called to share our faith and to spread the Good News of God's Love for all with everyone we encounter in our lives.

There will be a special collection on Good Friday for Holy Land Shrines. You may wish to place your envelope for this collection in the basket at Mass this weekend.



Please consider signing up for eGiving to ensure your contributions are received even when you are not here

for Mass. Recurring, catch up, or one-time gifts (please indicate your intention) can be made. Visit [faith.direct/DE831](https://faith.direct/DE831). Text-to-Give: Text "Enroll" to (302) 202 - 2251 or you can use this QR code.

*Thank you for your generosity & continued stewardship.*

### **50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!**

**MARCH WINNER - \$34.50**

**Congratulations to Lorraine Marshalewski!!**

**\$1.00 per chance! Proceeds benefit our PSR.**

Simply place \$1 per chance in one of the envelopes found at the doors of the Church. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the office. **Enter as many times as you like for the month! Each dollar gets you one chance for that month!** Winner pulled monthly on the last Monday of the month! Winner gets half: PSR gets half!

**Thank you for supporting our PSR!**



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information

Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday, April 1

8 am RCIA Retreat (Hall)

2:30 Confession

**4 pm MASS**

Sunday, April 2

9 am PSR Grades P/K-4, (Church, Rooms 1-6, 8)

**10:30 am MASS - Palm Sunday**

10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Following Mass Agape (Hall/Kitchen)

Following Mass - Easter Egg Hunt (Grounds)

5:30 pm Confirmation Class (Hall)

Monday, April 3

11:30 BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen)

3 pm - 5 pm Reconciliation Monday (Church)

6 pm - 8 pm Reconciliation Monday (Church)

6:30 pm RCIA Sessions (Library)

Tuesday, April 4

**8:30 am MASS**

9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library)

11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)

12 pm - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

7 pm Chrism Mass at Holy Cross

7 pm PSR Grades 5-8, (Rooms 3, 4, 6, 8, Hall)

7:30 pm K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Library)

Wednesday, April 5

**8:30 am MASS**

9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library)

6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)

Thursday, April 6

**HOLY THURSDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7

**7 pm GOOD FRIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

Saturday, April 8

**8 pm MASS - Easter Vigil**

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, and remain closed through Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am.