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**FOURTH**

**SUNDAY**

**IN**

**LENT**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B JESUS AND NICODEMUS

Today we are just over the half-way point in our journey of Lent. By tradition, today is called “Laetare Sunday”, from the Latin “rejoice.” We rejoice and are glad because we are getting closer to Easter and the time when we celebrate the life and redemption that Jesus brought to us through his death and resurrection. This is why we can use rose-colored vestments today: a mixture of the purple of Lent and the white of Easter. Not surprisingly then, our readings and prayers at Mass help us focus on this sense of joy and gladness.

Look at the Gospel, for example. In the Gospel chosen for today, we come in half-way through a conversation between Jesus and a man called Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a learned and devout man of faith: he is interested in Jesus. He admires Jesus, but does so secretly because of his prominent position in society. By the way, we will meet Nicodemus twice more in the next few weeks: first, when the religious leaders plot to murder Jesus and Nicodemus pleads for a fair trial according to the Law, and then later on it is Nicodemus who asks for the body of the crucified Jesus. Nicodemus wants to know more about the Kingdom of God. He is attracted to Jesus’ message and he has seen all the great things that Jesus has done; yet he is uncertain and has doubts and many questions for Jesus.

In the excerpt that we read at Mass today, Jesus says several fundamental things that teach Nicodemus (and us!) and help both to answer Nicodemus’ questions and to guide him on a journey of faith. First of all, Jesus gives a prophecy about his own death and resurrection. He refers to an incident when Moses and the Israelites were wandering in the desert after they had escaped from Egypt (Numbers 21: 4-9). The Israelites were grumbling and turning away from God and so a plague of serpents caused many to die. God tells Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and put it on a pole. When anyone would look at the serpent, they will recover and live.

Jesus uses this incident (that Nicodemus would have known well as a devout Jew) to speak about his own life-giving death and resurrection. Jesus too will be lifted up, not on a pole, but on the cross. The people

will gaze upon the one whom they have pierced. Anyone who looks upon Jesus will be saved; not from the bite of a poisonous snake, but from the poison of sin and all that takes us away from God. After all, sin is indeed a form of poison that can destroy our life and indeed the lives of others, and certainly causes us to die in a spiritual sense.

Incidentally, this use of images or symbols happens a great deal in the church, especially in our liturgy and prayer. The technical word for it is “typology.” We use *types* or shadows (as the hymn that is sung at adoration says... “types and shadows have their ending”) to help us deepen our faith and understanding. Another good example of a type or shadow is again with Moses. Remember how Moses leads Israel through the Red Sea, escaping death from the army of Pharaoh and eventually leading the people to the Promised Land? This has always been seen as a *type* of baptism. Think about it. In baptism, we go through water to escape from the death of original sin (or, as some comment, the army of the devil) to a new life and, hopefully, the promised land of heaven.

Let us get back to our Gospel... Jesus, after using this image or type about the serpent in the desert, then says some of the most beautiful and comforting words in the Gospels: “for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Here Jesus gives us both the cause of our rejoicing (remember, it is Laetare Sunday!) and the result or reason. God has *given* us His only Son (not just loaned, but actually “given”) so that we might have life.

So, a great prayer exercise this week would be to look at a crucifix or another image of Jesus for five or even ten minutes each day. We should not say anything or feel that we have to do something. No, just look at the image of Jesus and give thanks for all that this means to us. It is a great act of devotion and prayer. Looking at this image can bring us healing and life. (It should not feel strange to us either. After all, we often look at pictures of loved ones as an act of love and appreciation for all that they mean to us, or perhaps to reconnect with them...why not do the same for our Lord and Savior?)





Presenting will be Fr. Anthony Barratt and members of the Columbia-Greene Chapel Committee. Information will include a review of the proposal to create the Chapel, recruitment of hourly adorers, and the spiritual benefits associated with Perpetual Adoration. Come and learn how you can be a part of this unique opportunity - and the blessings that await our communities through this very special devotion. For more information, contact Elsie Turoci at 518-929-0858.

Today, March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics but brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. **Please give generously!**

#### THURSDAY, March 15

- **Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group - 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church**

#### FRIDAY, March 16

- **Stations of the Cross: 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church**

#### SATURDAY, March 17

- **Bethlehem Wood Carving - St. Mary's Church Vestibule**

#### SUNDAY, March 18

- **Bethlehem Wood Carving - St. Mary's Church Vestibule**
- **Palm Crosses - 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's Academy**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

#### SUNDAY, March 11

- **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

#### MONDAY, March 12

- **Catholic Daughters Meeting - 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy**

#### TUESDAY, March 13

- **Communal Penance Service - 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church**

#### WEDNESDAY, March 14

##### Columbia-Greene Perpetual Adoration Chapel

6:30-7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church

You are invited to an **Informational Meeting** on **March 14 at 6:30 p.m.** at **St. Mary's Church, 429 E. Allen St., Hudson**. The meeting is to introduce the details of the proposed Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel to serve the Catholic communities of both Columbia and Greene counties.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL



The receptacles for your **Operation Rice Bowl** contributions are now in the Church vestibules. Your gifts should be placed in them during the Lenten season.



# Palm Crosses

Our *Christian Service Committee* will be at *St. Mary's Academy* on *Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. (following 9:00 a.m. Mass)*, to teach the art of *making Palm Crosses*. Come and learn and help our parishioners make more than 500 crosses needed to distribute to all the nursing homes in our area. We need your help, it's fun to learn!

# When Did I See You Lord?

Our Parish-Wide Lenten Service Project will involve a weekly collection of specific toiletry items. Our youth group will assemble 'care bags' for the Soup Kitchen to hand out to people in need.

March 10th & 11th      Razor & Shaving Cream



**PRAY THE ROSARY**  
Sundays at 1:30 p.m.  
St. Mary's Church - Hudson

For God's blessing upon the Perpetual



*In Honor of St. Patrick's Day*

## A Prayer by St. Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
- Against the snares of the evil one.  
May Christ be with us!



The following **Eucharistic Moment** has been shared by the Perpetual Adoration Committee to promote Eucharistic adoration:

**Sunday, March 11th**

*"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament...There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and a true way of all your loves upon earth...which every man's heart desires."*

*J. R. R. Tolkien*

**Come and meet Jesus, face to face**



## ST. ANTHONY NOVENA PRAYER

The annual thirteen Saint Anthony Novenas will begin Tuesday, March 20th. The Novena prayer will be prayed after the Tuesday morning masses. **There will be no evening Novena prayer services.** Novena prayer booklets will be available in the Sacristy for those who would like to pray the Novena at home.

# SACRIFICIAL GIVING

## HUDSON

Regular Offertory Weekend (Mar. 4).....	\$5,942.00
Heat and Fuel.....	450.00
Seminarians.....	68.00

## GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Weekend (Mar. 4).....	\$1,120.00
Heat and Fuel .....	268.00



## Feet needed

We are seeking the help of twelve **parishioners** to volunteer for the Rite of the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

**Recently Pope Francis decreed that participation in the Holy Thursday Foot Washing Ceremony is open to everyone regardless of gender, age, nationality, or religious affiliation. We encourage ALL parishioners to consider participating.**

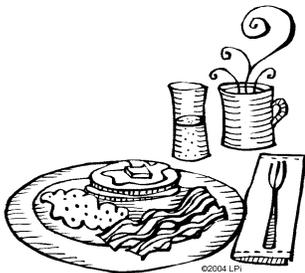
If you can assist, please sign up in the Church vestibules, or call the Rectory at 518-828-1334.



## HOLY THURSDAY COVERED DISH

Following the 5:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have a covered dish supper at the Academy. Plan to prepare your favorite dish and join us. In order to know how many places we need to set up, please call the rectory in Hudson at 518-828-1334 and tell us what you will be bringing and how many will be in your party.

**The Christian Service Committee will be providing desserts, rolls, and beverages.** These are some of the items needed from parishioners: hot casseroles, cold cuts, pizza, wings, salads, baked beans, and deviled eggs. (The Christian Service Committee can keep casseroles and similar items warm, but they are



## Palm Sunday Breakfast

We look forward to seeing you at our annual **Palm Sunday Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at St. Mary's Academy. Adults: \$10.00. Children: \$5.00. Family, 2 adults – 2 children: \$25.00. Tickets will be available at the door.



## Easter Egg Hunt!

**For Fifth Graders and younger.**

**St. Mary's Academy  
301 Allen St., Hudson**

**Palm Sunday,  
March 25th 1:00 p.m.**

## Need your Rosary repaired?

A parishioner has decided for her Lenten observance to repair broken Rosaries. If you have a Rosary that is damaged in any way, we invite you to place it in the collection basket during Lent. Put your Rosary in an envelope with your name, address, and telephone number on it. After the Rosary is repaired, we will contact you and arrange for your repaired Rosary to be returned to you.

## Action Needed BEFORE April 1 Right to Life

**The Governor's abortion expansion bill would allow more late-term abortions, let non-doctors do abortions, and legalize infanticide. To quickly oppose abortion expansion in NY, please find the convenient "Take Action" tab provided by the NY State Catholic Conference: [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). Thank you!**

**Time is short so we must take action immediately!**

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02/20/2018

TO: HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Our friend Louie from the holy land will be visiting our parish on behalf of the catholic Christian family of the holy land on March 17&18

For centuries, the Christian of Bethlehem district have earned living by carving olive wood religious art to sell it to visiting pilgrims, viewer pilgrims are journeying to the holy land today, making difficult for Christian artisans to support their families by dignified work of their hands in the land of Christ birth

Because of the lack of work, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the holy land. They are now less than 2% of the population in the holy land is just Christian

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Louie through his own experience as founder has worked it possible for the catholic Christian in the holy land to maintain both live hood and their ancestral homes in the land of Christ

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## Annual Divine Mercy Consecration – 33 Days to Merciful Love

Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting Catholics throughout the Diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period [starting Tuesday, March 6](#), with the book: *33 Days to Merciful Love*, by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. The preparation will lead to the annual diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.** Please find more information on the dedicated webpage: [www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration](http://www.rcda.org/DivineMercyConsecration)



## Communal Reconciliation Service

Join us for the celebration of the Lord's mercy and compassion in a **Lenten Communal Penance Service**, with several priests hearing individual confessions, on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

## The Chrism Mass

**Thursday, March 22, 7:00 PM**  
**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,  
Albany**

You are invited to take part in one of the most special liturgies in the life of a diocese — the Chrism Mass. At this liturgy, Bishop Scharfenberger gathers the faithful of the diocese — priests and deacons, religious and laity — around him for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout our diocese in the coming year. Here the Oil of the Catechumens, used to strengthen and free those who are preparing for baptism, will be blessed. Here the Oil of the Sick, used to strengthen, console and heal those who are infirm, will be blessed. Here the Sacred Chrism, used in the ordination of bishops and priests, confirmation, and the dedication of churches and altars, will be consecrated. And here, too, we will witness the Rite of Recommitment to Ministry by our priests, deacons and indeed the entire people of God. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry — and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service.

As parking places can be in short supply in the area surrounding the cathedral, early arrival is recommended. Anyone interested in carpooling is welcome to call the rectory. To inquire 518-828-1334.

## READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 107 Opening Hymn: # 569 Closing: # 553

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### MONDAY: Weekday (March 12)

7:15 AM Paul Donahue - Rita & Harry Koepfel  
Chris Groll - Richard & Roberta Cummings

### TUESDAY: Weekday (March 13)

7:15 AM Lewis Rubino - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue  
Bill Whalen - Mr. & Mrs. Andrew McDonald

### WEDNESDAY: Weekday (March 14)

7:15 AM Robert Stickles - Dick & Pat Nobes  
Paul Donahue - Dolly & Lee VanDeCarr

### THURSDAY: Weekday (March 15)

7:15 AM Living & Deceased of Meicht Families - Ed &  
Nancy

Ziamba

Paul Donahue - Stephanie & Bill Keyser  
Lewis Rubino - Barbara Othote

### FRIDAY: Weekday (March 16)

7:15 AM Alice Krisniski - Helen Krisniski  
Chris Groll - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue  
9:00 AM 1st Birthday Isabella - Jane & Bill Martin  
(G'TWN) (Special Intentions)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (March 17)

4:00 PM Ellen Marie Skoda - Family  
(HUD) Anne D. Miller - Ellen & Dan Miller  
Marie Conte - Margaret Jennings  
Ruth Lapierre - Justina & Andy Treventi  
5:30 PM Living & Deceased of the Parish  
(G'TWN)

### SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (March 18)

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Decker - Daughter, Ellen  
(HUD) Theodore Dickerson - Wife & Children  
Mr. & Mrs. John Flanagan - Grand-  
daughter, Marian

## Readings for the Week of March 11

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]  
/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]  
/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn  
5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]Jn 5:17-  
30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/  
Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21  
and 23 [19a]  
/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/  
Jn 7:40-53

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