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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B:

It is hard to believe that the holy season of Lent is rapidly drawing to a close for us. Next Sunday we will remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we celebrate Palm Sunday. (A reminder that the palms will be available at the church entrances for you to pick up on the way in to Mass and the palms will then be blessed at the beginning of Mass). As we do begin to think about the end of Lent, I do hope and pray that this Lent has indeed been a time of spiritual renewal and refreshment for you and your families.

In our readings today, we come across a question that a group (the Greeks) asked Jesus' disciples. It is a question that perhaps many of us have thought of, or perhaps even asked: *we would like to see Jesus*. Have you ever thought how much easier faith would be if we had Jesus standing right in front of us; that is if he was actually physically present right before our eyes. Then we could not only see him, but also fire all our questions and our prayers directly at him. It would be great!

As we hear in the Gospel, two of the disciples, Andrew and Philip go to Jesus and relay the request of those who want to see Jesus. The reply of Jesus may seem strange or at least disconnected with the request. Surely Jesus would have just said yes or no. Instead, he seems to give a rather mysterious answer; talking about how the time has come for him to be glorified and giving the image of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest. We can imagine Andrew and Philip scratching their heads, looking at each other in a puzzled way and then saying one of those rather uncertain and hesitant "okays" that is just as much a question as an affirmation!

Yet, our Lord's answer is so important, especially as we get closer to Holy Week and Easter. We should not forget that the incident related to us in the Gospel today is just before the great events that we will remember from Palm Sunday onwards. People will indeed see Jesus; but not as they may think or even wish. They will see him suffering and then crucified; but

then they will see him risen and glorified. When people see all this, some will run away, others will mock, others will feel sorry for Jesus. Yet then others will come to faith and belief: they will *really* see Jesus, not only with their eyes, but with the eyes of faith.

What about us? Well, we do see Jesus in many ways, especially when we too look with the eyes of faith. How so? We see Jesus when we hear the Scriptures and take their message to heart. We see Jesus when we pray and place ourselves in his hands. We see Jesus when we celebrate the Eucharist and receive the body and blood of Christ. We see Jesus when we encounter him in the sacrament of confession/reconciliation. We see Jesus in our brothers and sisters, especially those in need (remember the words in Matthew chapter 25: "Lord, when did we see you?" and Jesus' reply "when you did it to the least of these, you did it to me").

Every day we hear many things and see many things. Let us keep an eye open for the many, many times that we will see and encounter Jesus. As we will soon begin Holy Week, let us keep a special eye open to seeing the Lord and all that he has undergone for us.



Fr. Anthony



# THE WEEK AHEAD

## SUNDAY, March 18

- Bethlehem Wood Carving
- Christian Service Committee - Palm Crosses 10:00 a.m. St.

## TUESDAY, March 20

- St. Anthony Novena Prayer - following morning Mass
- Parish Council Meeting - 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. St. Mary's Academy
- Adoration Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 St. Mary's Academy

## WEDNESDAY, March 21

- Friendly Kitchen - 3 p.m. St. Mary's Academy
- The Gathering - 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

## 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.

## THURSDAY, March 22

- Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

## FRIDAY, March 23

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

## SUNDAY, March 25

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



## 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!

## PRAY THE ROSARY



Sundays at 1:30 p.m.  
St. Mary's Church - Hudson

For God's blessing upon the Perpetual

## 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.



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

**Sunday, March 18**

*"Pray always!" the Good Book tells us, and Jesus exhorted us to make sure that our prayer was patient, persistent, and persevering. Eucharistic adoration accomplishes this. It tells the world that 'we can't give what we don't have,' and that, if we do not constantly turn to God in prayer for His grace and mercy, we're finished. The best thing people of faith can do is pray . . . I can't think of a better place to do that than before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament."*

-Cardinal Timothy Dolan Archbishop of New York

**Come, let us adore!**

## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH - GUARDIAN OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

**MARCH 19**



St. Joseph was an ordinary manual

laborer although descended from the royal house of

David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus."

About him, Sacred Scripture refers to him as a just man – an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

***St. Joseph pray for us and for all the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who served in our***



### 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.

### 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.

### Extra Times for Confession

Extra times will be offered for the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

#### Germantown

At Resurrection Church

**Sunday, March 25** 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

#### Hudson

At St. Mary's Church

**Holy Saturday, March 31** 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we could not see when we were sitting in darkness? Jesus illuminates our life. He forgives our sins, and allows His light to shine through us. How can your family be a candle for someone this week?



### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

#### HUDSON

Regular Offertory Weekend (Mar. 11).....	\$6,820.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	818.00

#### GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Weekend (Mar. 11).....	\$1,411.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	269.00
Seminarians.....	25.00



## 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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