



Saint Eleanor Catholic Church

647 LOCUST ST. COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Celebration of the Eucharist
March 28, 2021

BLESSING OF PALMS

Celebrant/ Deacon: Let us go forth in peace

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN: All Glory Laud and Honor

COLLECT

THE LITURGY of the WORD

FIRST READING:

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

22:8-9,17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they way their heads; "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; they have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

I will proclaim your name to my brethren: in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

SECOND READING:

PHIL 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the LORD our God.



SAINT ELEANOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH

a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: PHIL 2:8-9
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GOSPEL READING: MK 14:1-15:47

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

C. "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

N. When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

C. "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."

N. They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, † "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

N. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

V. "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

N. He sent two of his disciples and said to them, † "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The

Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

N. The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, † "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

N. They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

V. "Surely it is not I?"

N. He said to them,

† "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

N. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

† "Take it; this is my body."

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them,

† "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

† "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

N. Peter said to him,

V. "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be."

N. Then Jesus said to him,

† "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times."

N. But he vehemently replied,

V. "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."

N. And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

† "Sit here while I pray."

N. He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,

† "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."

N. He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said,

† “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.”

N. When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

† “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”

N. Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them,

† “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

N. Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

V. “The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely.”

N. He came and immediately went over to him and said,

V. “Rabbi.”

N. And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply,

† “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.”

N. And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked. They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest’s courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

C. “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this tem-

ple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.’”

N. Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

V. “Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?”

N. But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him,

V. “Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?”

N. Then Jesus answered,

† “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

N. At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

V. “What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

N. They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

C. “Prophesy!”

N. And the guards greeted him with blows. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest’s maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

C. “You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus.”

N. But he denied it saying,

V. “I neither know nor understand what you are talking about.”

N. So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

C. “This man is one of them.”

N. Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

C. “Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean.”

N. He began to curse and to swear,

V. “I do not know this man about whom you are talking.”

N. And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times.” He broke down and wept. As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

V. “Are you the king of the Jews?”

N. He said to him in reply,

† “You say so.”

N. The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him,

V. “Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of.”

N. Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered,

V. “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?”

N. For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply,

V. “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?”

N. They shouted again,

C. “Crucify him.”

N. Pilate said to them,

V. “Why? What evil has he done?”

N. They only shouted the louder,

C. “Crucify him.”

N. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothes him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, places it on him. They began to salute him with,

C. “Hail, King of the Jews!”

N. and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passerby, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull-. They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one

On his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him. Shaking their heads and saying,

C. “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.”

N. Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

C. “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.”

N. Those who were crucified with him always kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at there o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

† “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

N. which is translated,

† “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. “Look, he is calling Elijah.”

N. One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

V. “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

N. Jesus gave a loud cry and breath his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saws how he breathed his last he said,

V. “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

N. There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who has come up with him to Jerusalem. When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him is Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a lined cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one LORD Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the father Before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. LORD, we take your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on-fire that we draw people to You. Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together; ordained, religious and laity. Please make our parish amazing through Your power and Your grace. Amen.

THE LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN:

What Wondrous Love is This

PRAYER OF THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

AMEN

THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

AGNUS DEI

INVITATION to COMMUNION

The priest prays: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: LORD, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMN:

My Song is Love Unknown

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITE

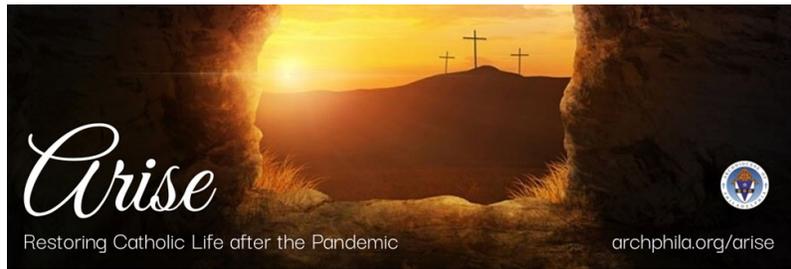
GREETING, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

At the Name of Jesus

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DIRECTION
ABOUT ATTENDING MASS IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC
SAINT ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH
COLLEGEVILLE**

We continue to rejoice here at Saint Eleanor welcoming back so many of our Parish Family week by week. **Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we celebrate together in-person the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

We ask that each one of us do our part to ensure that our continued public celebrations of Mass are a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below as they have been *updated*. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass at this time. The Archdiocese has reported just recently that “there has not been a known traceable instance of contracting COVID-19 through attending Mass or receiving Holy Communion in the Archdiocese.” We pray that continues to be the case, especially as we continue to follow the guidelines from the Commonwealth and the CDC regarding sanitizing, social distancing, and occupancy numbers.

GENERAL POINTS

The Faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice. You are **not** required to attend Mass in person at this time.

Please stay home ~ if you are sick, feel ill or have a fever.

Please stay home ~ if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link that follows.

Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass continues to be available to all **via live stream**.

Our **10:30 AM** Sunday Mass is live streamed weekly. You will be able to find it on our website, our YouTube channel, our Facebook page. Once it is aired, it remains available on those various platforms. Remember there are many live-stream Masses around the country including at our Cathedral. Mass is also available on television such as at EWTN.

MASS SCHEDULE ~ All Masses are celebrated in Main Church

WEEKDAY – 6:30 AM – Monday through Friday
9 AM AM – Monday through Saturday

WEEKEND - VIGIL MASS – 4:30 PM Saturday
SUNDAY – 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.

Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and “anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).

Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).

Missalettes are not available in Church. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you. A **WORSHIP AID** (*included in the Parish Bulletin*) is available both on-line and for pick up when coming into Church. When leaving, please take this with you, it cannot be reused.

PARKING & ENTERING THE CHURCH

We recommend parking in the two top level parking lots - the one as you come in off Sixth Avenue and the one off the driveway from Locust Street in front of the Church main entrance.

For now, we continue to use one way into Church – the doors into the Narthex. For leaving Church at the end of Mass, we are using both the Narthex doors and the doors near the cry room to facilitate a faster exit.

Hand sanitizers are available at the Church entrances and throughout the Church. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.

As you enter into the Church proper, you will be able to pick up a Worship Aid (which will be included in the Parish Bulletin) to use during Mass and then to take home with you. Please do not leave it in Church.

Also, as you enter our main Church, there is a basket to accept your Sunday donation envelopes for the Parish as well as for any other collections. *All envelopes for any weekend or even second collections can be placed together in this same basket.* We do not take up a physical collection during the Offertory of the Mass.

You will also notice round disc markers on the tile and floors indicating six feet distancing to help you social distance coming into, going from, and moving around in the Church.

So far, we are accommodating the number of people coming to each Mass in the Church and sometimes a small overflow of people into the Chapel. We continue to be set up to celebrate another Mass in the gym if the need arises due to a larger than expected influx of people. Information concerning that, if needed, will be provided by our team of Ambassadors at that time.

SEATING

When taking a seat in Church, please honor all posted signs and painter's tape markers about where you may sit. Every second pew is available to ensure social distancing. Please do not move the tape on the pews.

Due to these current restrictions, you most likely will not be sitting in your usual place in Church. *Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.*

Members of the same household may sit together as normal, of course. Please allow 6 feet between your household and members of a different household. In an attempt to assist with seating, we have the Church divided into sections, to facilitate areas for families, couples and single attendees. These are not hard fast divisions but an attempt to help navigate within Church.

We have a team of helpers, our Ambassadors, to welcome you and to help you navigate your way into and around the Church, as well as your way out of Church.

DURING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

There is a cantor and organist at all the Masses. However, there is no congregational singing at this time. Some of the music is instrumental.

As noted above, there is no collection taken up during the Offertory of Mass. Please place your collection envelope into the marked basket as you enter the Church.

There is no Sign of Peace during Mass and the Precious Blood is not distributed.

There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are uncomfortable about receiving Holy Communion during this time, that is fine. You do not have to receive, and you can make a Spiritual Communion in your place.

For the reception of Holy Communion, we are **not** using the main aisle to approach the Sanctuary for the weekend Masses. For Holy Communion, we use the inside side aisles. Please return to your pew either by the center aisle or the far side aisles.

Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line by keeping several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew. Also, hand sanitizers are available at the front of the Communion line for your personal use if you wish before receiving Holy Communion.

Those in the back of portion of Church, please follow the instructions of the Ambassadors to receive Holy Communion. A Communion Minister will come to each of the sections along the back portion of Church to distribute Holy Communion.

The faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand at this time. If you will be receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until a priest or the deacon comes to the center of the Sanctuary at the main aisle. Please proceed up the center aisle to the Sanctuary step to receive Holy Communion.

Those who receive a low-gluten Host are also asked to come to the center aisle and up to the Sanctuary where the priest or deacon with the small pyx will be sure that you receive Holy Communion.

Gloves may not be worn to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remove the gloves to receive Holy Communion or consider receiving on the tongue as outlined above.

When you approach the Communion Minister, please keep your mask on until you have responded "Amen." If you wish you may remove the mask as you approach the Communion Minister. Once the Host has been placed onto your hand, move to the side, a few feet to receive Our Blessed Lord, then replace your mask to return to your pew.

EXITING THE CHURCH

At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed to your car, following the guidance of our Ambassadors. Right side of Church, we ask that you exit by the Cry Room doors. Left side of Church, we ask that you please exit by the Narthex doors. Please do not congregate for any reason, nor stay behind inside Church, as the Church needs to be cleaned and sanitized before the next celebration.

Please take the parish bulletin/worship aid home with you.

Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our parish staff and team are committed to following the guidelines from the CDC, the Commonwealth, and the Archdiocese for safety of our people.

To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>

To view the Archdiocesan guidelines, especially the most recently issued ones, visit: <https://www.archphila.org/arise> . *This is filled with useful and helpful information.*

FINAL THOUGHTS

This is a lot of information, a lot to digest. In this unprecedented time we live with much uncertainty. None of us have ever lived through such an event as the threat this pandemic poses to all. Please check the website of the Office for Divine Worship for a complete listing of liturgical updates during the COVID-19 Pandemic, information on the ARISE initiative of the Archdiocese, and other resources, <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/>.

We continue to pray for proper vaccines and medications that will help cure the virus. In the meantime, we trust in the Lord Jesus who does not abandon us but walks with us and leads us. We keep our eyes on Him and not on the storm around us. With abiding charity, prudence, patience, and undiminished hope, we rejoice to worship together.

God bless you and God love you!!

CLERGY

Msgr. Michael T. McCulken, Pastor
Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Alessandro Giardini, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon John A. Hasson
Deacon Edward T. Hinson

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Mrs. Mary Barbuto, Organist
Mr. Frank Orman, Organist

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mr. Matt Kirsch

EDUCATION

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): For adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or adults in need of Confirmation. Meetings are held during the school year.

HOLY CROSS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Serves the families of Saint Eleanor and Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford. Christ-centered teaching and strong academic emphasis for Pre-K through Grade 8. Mrs. Theresa Healy, Principal. 610-489-9434 ext. 2225

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP: Religious instruction for children in grades 1 and up. The components are Six-week summertime At-Home program, Fall Family Option and Confirmation program. Laura Jusko 610-489-4677 x 31.
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Offered to the younger children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays September through May.

PASTORAL COUNCIL Composed of registered and active members of the parish family who advise the Pastor concerning pastoral circumstances and needs of our parish family.

FINANCE COUNCIL Meets five to six times a year to advise the pastor on financial and administrative matters of the parish.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:30 pm. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm.

Pre-registration with the parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class. 610-489-1647.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with one of the priests or deacons at least six months before the desired wedding date. Couples attend the Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program (also held here at St. Eleanor).

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For anyone needing the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office or see a priest after Mass.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Communion is brought to the sick in their homes. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

While Masses are being celebrated in person, please check the website for our live stream Masses (9:00 am & 10:30 am, Sunday)- www.steleanor.com.

MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday—6:30 & 9 am

Saturday—9 am

Saturday—Vigil Mass—4:30 pm

Sunday—7:30, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

12:00 pm (no 7 pm)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 28

7:30 The People of the Parish

9:00 Aloysius Nase

10:30 Chris Cusatis

12:00 Kaytie O'Hara

Deceased members of Heil Family- Mass celebrated privately

Monday, March 29

6:30 Alice Hogan

9:00 Phyllis Maniscalco

Tuesday, March 30

6:30 Special Intention of Lily and Dominic Giuffrida

9:00 Dolores Nave

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 Donna DeJohn

9:00 Helena Poysden

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

6:30 No Mass

9:00 Morning Prayer only

7:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

6:30 No Mass

9:00 Morning Prayer only

3:00 Service of the Lord's Passion

7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3

9:00 Morning Prayer only

12:00 Blessing of Food

7:45 Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4

6:00 Easter Mass

7:30 Easter Mass

9:00 Easter Mass

10:30 Easter Mass

12:00 Easter Mass

7:00 No 7 PM

For a **Rose of Resurrection** to remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar.

Rose for Life

To reserve a Rose for Life, call Donna Kolb, 610-547-0478.

Roses recommended donation is \$8 per request.

Roses will NOT be placed on the altar during Lent.

From
the
Pastor

Dear Friends,

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred of our entire liturgical year. Our celebrations of these pivotal and central events of our Faith are not a re-enactment of Christ's life, passion, and death. Rather, these days draw us more intimately into the reality of Jesus' Passover (Death and Resurrection), which He makes present to us at every celebration of Holy Mass.

This year we listen to the Passion account from Saint Mark to help focus our attention on these mysteries of Faith. In our second reading today, Saint Paul offers us a summary, if you will, of the life altering meaning and significance of the Lord's Passion in these words ~

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name, which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

This reading, many think it is an early Christian hymn focused on Jesus, is the Canticle prayed weekly for the first Vespers of Sunday (Saturday evening) in the Liturgy of the Hours. It keeps our eyes focused on the outpouring of Christ's love in the most dramatically humble way of suffering. A suffering which leads to His victory and exaltation and being the source of redemption for us.

May we embrace Jesus and His Passion and Cross throughout this coming week so as to be renewed in body, mind and soul by our accepting His Lordship! Praised be Jesus Christ. Now and forever. Amen.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken

LENT and HOLY WEEK 2021

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

After all Sunday Masses during Lent

Wednesday mornings after 6:30 and 9:00 Masses

Good Friday, April 2, 12:30-1:30 PM, Chapel

Holy Saturday morning 8-8:45 AM, Chapel

And by appointment anytime.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm *

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Saturday, March 27 & Sunday, March 28

*Blessing & Distribution of Palm
at all Masses*

Times ~ Vigil: 4:30 PM; 7:30, 9, 10:30* AM

Solemn Procession and Mass, 12 Noon

HOLY WEEK DAILY MASSES

Monday to Wednesday

6:30 and 9:00 AM, Church

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM, Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM*

Adoration in Church until 11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM, Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM*

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM, Church

Blessing of Food, 12:00 PM, Chapel

EASTER 2021

The EASTER VIGIL, April 3, 7:45 PM *

EASTER SUNDAY April 4

6:00 AM Sunrise Mass (*in Church*)

7:30, 9:00, 10:30*AM and 12:00 PM,
Church

(No 7 PM Mass and *no Masses in Gym*)

* Livestreamed

Baptisms

Congratulations and prayers from our Saint Eleanor Family to the parents, godparents, and families of the newly baptized incorporated into the Body of Christ.

Taylen Rivers, daughter of Benjamin and Amy Brown and Avery Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas and Karen Herninko

Our next Pre-Jordan Program April 11th at 2 pm in Kateri Hall. *First-time parents need to attend & may attend this program before the birth of their child. Pre-registration with parish office is required at least 7 days prior to the class. Baptismal paperwork is due two weeks prior to Baptism.*

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FOR OUR SICK: Anthony Adamo, Rita Adams, William Adams, Catherine Alexander, Bob Bielski, Henry Blaney, Joseph Brignola, Ralph Bucher, Connie Clarke, Georgia Cordrey, Ruth Daukus, Ron DiNicola, Myra DiNicola, James Donaldson, Enright, Doods, Fetalvero, Pat Fillipini, Tom Fuller, Leroy Gallus, Betty Gephardt, Stanley Glodek, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Amy Hahn-Kirsch, Bill Howat, Francis Jackson, Helen Karchner, Ann Kupetz, Kathleen Lawler, Mary Marinari, Patricia Martin, Msgr. James McBride, Agnes McCarver, Martha Meng, Rebekah Nester, Marie Oakes, Patrick O'Rourke, Debbie Palumbo, Doris Palumbo, Albert Petucci, David and Mary Grace Phillips, Steven Pinto, Paul Schneider, Jeanne Sproat, Maryann Staret, Anthony Stumpo, Dr. Edward J. Szymala, Mary Tybeski, Bernadine Wahalla, Joan White

OUR LITTLE ONES: Baby Clara Krsnich, Corey Gramazio, Noah Ellingsworth, Erica Roque

ROSARY

All are welcome

Monday thru Friday after the 9am Mass;

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm;

Saturday 8:30 am

PRAY for THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Sgt. Thomas Albany	Alexander Franke, SN
Ist Lt. Andrew Bone	Lt Sean Feeney
Cpl. Bryan Luther	Specialist Nicholas Bielski
Andrew Somplasky	Ryan Somplasky
Sgt William Ronan	Ist Lt. Connor Lyons
CDR Wendy Arnold, MD	Ens. Katherine Heacock
CM/Sgt Charles Gordon	Jeremy Somplasky
Midn. 2 Class Zachary Sermarini	LCpl Thomas Busfield
Ens. Henry Schweizer	LCpl Jacob Coppola
Sgt. Daniel Stein	Sgt. Shane McDevitt
Captain Steven Levine	Captain Lisa Levine
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LEGION OF MARY

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation, under the guidance of the pastor, in Mary's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

Visit us at one of our meetings all Catholics are welcome

Meetings are held weekly Monday 10:00A to 11:30A

Come PRAY with us in the Kateri Room

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Adoration Team is excited to announce that Adoration has resumed in the Chapel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each day Adoration will begin after the 6:30 AM Mass and close at 9 PM. This time frame contained the fewest number of Open Hours for both days. Depending on the response, we will expand the number of hours each day and/or include other weekdays. We look towards a full restoration of our Adoration schedule as we are able to do so. Please respond to perpetualadoration@stleanor.com if you are able to cover one of the hours and sit with our Lord.

The Divine Mercy Devotion

The Theme for the month of March is Mercy. This month St. Faustina sheds new light on God's mercy as we reflect on The Novena to the Divine Mercy and the Great Hour of Mercy. Don't forget to mark your calendar for *Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11th*. Please join us in Our Lady's chapel on Thursday evenings at 7 pm for Divine Mercy Devotions. For more information call Mary Ann at 610-409-2622. If there is inclement weather and Adoration is cancelled Divine Mercy devotions will also be cancelled.

Due to Holy Thursday Mass, April 1st, we will not hold Divine Mercy Devotions. Reminder: the Novena for Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday.

Padre Pio Prayer Group Zoom Meetings

3rd Saturday of the month

10:30 AM

Contact Bob at 610-948-4153 or

flyfishin2day@comcast.net. Information regarding the Zoom Meeting contact Betty Rowlands 610-489-3742 or bttyflwr@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Call Kevin 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver the statue for those who need assistance.

March 28: Karen Cedrone, April 4: Ken Strnad, April 11: Amanda Hernandez, April 18: Lisa Fuges, April 25: Available

PRAYER WHEEL FOR PRIESTS and DEACONS

For the month of March, we will be praying for Rev. John A. Franey, Pastor Emeritus and all his intentions. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Good Friday*, April 2, 2021, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 2, 2021**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pé

In *The Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* podcast follows a reading plan inspired by *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins.

For each period in the timeline, Jeff will join Fr. Mike for a special episode that will help you understand the context of each reading. With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

<https://www.jeffcavins.com/the-bible-in-a-year-from-fr-mike-schmitz/>

St Vincent DePaul Society

Your Lenten almsgiving can help our neighbors in need celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. As you complete your Lenten journey, perhaps you might consider donating a \$25 Giant/Wal-Mart/Redner's card to a family in need so that they might enjoy the blessings of an abundant Easter meal. It's easy! You can purchase a \$25 gift card at your Giant/Wal-Mart/Redner's store, place it in an envelope marked SVDP and drop it in the collection basket on your way into Mass.

OR you can stop by the Parish Office Monday through Thursday from 9-3 or Friday from 9-Noon to purchase a Scrip card there. The Office staff will then place the card directly into the SVDP mail bin. Your generous donation will help approximately 42 families enjoy an Easter meal this holiday season. God bless you for your generosity in helping our neighbors in need!

Mass Card and SCRIP HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 9am to 4pm

Other parish office visits are by appointment.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

New to the parish? Please call for an in person or Zoom appointment with one of the priests.

Catholic Charities Appeal

Catholic Charities Appeal Update—Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important Appeal that allows us to participate in the Archdiocesan efforts to share the love of Jesus with countless numbers of people who are in need.

As of 3-19-21, our parish family has:
254 donations (3rd in the Archdiocese)
\$53,345 pledged (5th in the Archdiocese)
Achieved 40% of our parish goal



Please prayerfully consider your gift and participation in this beautiful work of Catholic Charities, Giving Hope to All. You may use the envelopes sent to your homes or pick up one at the Church entrances. You may also go online to donate at catholiccharitiesappeal.org. Each and every gift, large or small, has an impact and accomplishes so much good. May God bless all our efforts on behalf of those in need.

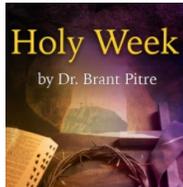
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Dr. Brant Pitre takes you on a Scriptural walk from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Learn about Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, why he cursed a fig tree, the importance of the "blood and water" that flowed out from Christ's side, and more.

Note: When dropping something off to the Parish Office when we are closed, please **do not** place it in the mailbox. There is a mail slot at the bottom of the front door for items delivered during off hours. We would hate to see your materials get into the US Postal system by accident.

SCRIP—The Parish office is open to sell scrip gift cards; hours are 9-4pm Monday through Friday. Another option is to buy scrip online either on Shopwithscrip or using the mobile app, RaiseRight. Be sure to use our enrollment code, EC593LC44847.

Orders can be placed to pick up at the parish office or using ecards. Families can get gift cards delivered right to their homes or delivered right to friends and family as gifts. It's convenient and contactless. Families must pay with a bank account or credit card. A small shipping fee applies. See Shop with Scrip website for details.

Counting Our Blessings

Week Ended March 12, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$	32,844
Other Collection	\$	2,499
Total	\$	35,344
Diocesan Collections	\$	1,000

Regular Sunday Collections

Fiscal Year-to-Date

July 1, 2020– March 12, 2021	\$	941,472
July 1, 2019– March 12, 2020	\$	1,060,391

YTD Tithing

July 1, 2020–March 12, 2021	\$	26,365
July 1, 2019– March 12, 2020	\$	30,318

Bulletin: All info and announcements to be published in the bulletin are due to the Parish Office by the Thursday ten days prior. Flyer inserts are due to the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to jgenuardi@steanor.com.

HOLY CROSS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Check out our Virtual Tour online



This week we feature Grade 6!

Science—Learning about Earth's atmosphere. Each student created a Science Fair project, on display at the Science Fair held Thursday, February 25.

Math—Began our first unit on Pre-Algebra.

English—Reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, a novel about kindness and inclusion.



Social Studies—Wrapped up a unit on Ancient Civilizations and now moving into a new unit on Europe.

Religion—Discussing the importance of Moses and the devout faith of the chosen people.



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Programs for Young Disciples

During this time while many regular programs are suspended, the Youth Ministry program is a conduit to online activities. Contact Matt at mkirsch@steleanor.com



BOLD (Becoming Our Lord's Disciples) is Saint Eleanor's high school youth group. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for BOLD nights and high school events.

4Thirteens St. Eleanor's junior high youth group. All students grades 7-8 are invited for 4Thirteens nights & junior high events.

GIFT (Growing in Faith for Teens) is St Eleanor's service program for youth. All students grades 7-12 who wish to serve are invited to participate in GIFT programs.

We have 1 registration for all 3 programs. Registration is online and it is free!

Please follow this link to register for the Youth Ministry programs: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vopyrt>

Children Attending Private Schools



If your child attends a private school (Grade 2 or Grade 7) and you are a member of *Saint Eleanor Church* please contact Laura Jusko at 610-489-4677 x 31 for Sacrament registration and information.



Th NEW P.R.E.P.

FAMILY Virtual Learning Program for Levels 1 – 6 is presently in full session!

Also, the Level 7 Confirmation Virtual Program is in session preparing candidates to receive the *Sacrament of Confirmation* this fall.

Online Registration is always OPEN to all Parish families.

Contact Laura Jusko with questions at 610-489-4677 x 3.

Junior Legion of Mary

Interested in growing in your relationship with our Lord through the guidance & love of the Blessed Mother? Our Heavenly Mother is waiting for the youth of our parish to aid her in good works and prayer. Meetings are Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Contact Laura at laurajusko@gmail.com or 215-390-0933



CYO NEWS

<http://www.steleleanor.website.sportssignup.com>

St Eleanor Catholic Youth Organization is open to all 5th through 8th grades, 9th through 12th grades (Basketball only & Co-Ed Volleyball in Spring), and 1st through 3rd (Pee Wee Track/Cross Country) children of our PARISH. Please visit our web-site for more information.

- **Looking for CYO SPIRIT WEAR for your Son or Daughter?** Maybe for a birthday, Christmas or Graduation Gift? St. Eleanor CYO Gear can be ordered on-line here: <https://ragtee.com/store/index.php/portfolio/stecyo/>
- **UNITED WAY** is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider SE CYO when you are making charitable donations, this includes company matching thru United Way. Our agency name is, St. Eleanor, and please specify CYO. Our number is 08018. Thank you!

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