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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St Stephen Catholic Church, as a family of believers, is committed to pray, to teach, to study and to share our gifts and talent with those whose lives we touch daily. The mission of our Parish is to proclaim the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to build a loving, caring community.

PARISH COMMITTEE & GROUP CHAIRS

Pastoral Council.....	Nathan Douglas
Finance Council.....	Dave Warner
Eucharist	
Liturgy	Jane Lake
RCIA	Dave Warner
Faith Outreach	Patrick Grace
Music Director	Sharon Gross
Director of Education.....	Jessica Douglas
C.W.I.T.	Karen Fragale

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday



Mass Intention
People of The Parish



As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.

MUSIC 3-24-24

Readings		823
Outside	Hosanna to the Son of David	
GATHERING	Hosanna to the Son of David	283
Psalm 22	My God, My God	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		
PREPARATION	O Sacred Head Surrounded	297
COMMUNION	Behold the Lamb of God	295
SENDING FORTH	At the Name of Jesus	366

COLLECTIONS 3-17-24

Reg. Collection	\$ 1352.00
Loose	\$ 243.69
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
ECCHO	\$ 35.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 30.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 210.00

TOTAL \$ 1920.69
Attendance: 87

READINGS 3-24-24

Gospel Reading	Mark 11: 1-10
Reading I	Isiah 50:4-7
Reading II	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel	Mark 14:1-15:47(or Mark 15:1-39)

Altar Server Schedule

03/24	Emma	Rowan
03/28	Luke D	Joey
03/29	Volunteer Needed	
03/31	Luke D	Joey

Cross Bearer

03/24	Owen Greenwell
03/30	Volunteer Needed
03/31	Buddy Lake
04/07	Sal Barile

Lector Schedule

03/24	Joyce Moore and Paul Becker
03/28	Charlene Hawkins
03/29	Martha Newby and Andy Footo
03/30	Martha Newby and Dan Maloney
03/31	Matt Williamson

Host Family

03/24	John & Joyce Moore
03/30	Volunteer Needed
03/31	John & Kim Sang
04/07	Dave & Cheryl Warner
04/14	Alan & Charlene Hawkins

Collection Counters

03/24	Paula Grace & Karen Hale
03/31	Rick Sang & Karen Fragale
04/07	Cheryl Warner & Amy Neal
04/14	Elaine Conrad & Bobbi Car

Water Plants

03/24	Angie Hunt
03/30	Carolyn Clonch
04/07	Angie Hunt
04/14	Alan & Charlene Hawkins

Eucharistic Minister

03/24	Charlene Hawkins	Andy Footo	Martha Newby
03/30	Volunteers Needed		
03/31	Irene Faller	Paul Becker	Diane Chandler
04/07	Daniel Moloney	Nico Orsini	Andy Footo

Donut Pick-up

03/24	Bruce & Bunny Boone
03/31	Tod Faller
04/07	Dave & Cheryl Warner

Kitchen Hospitality

03/24	Linda Ore & Elaine Conrad
03/31	John & Kim Sang
04/07	Angela & Andy Footo

March Birthdays

14 Cohen Jordan
 18 Marianne Cordle
 21 Brian Cordle
 28 Rex Newby



* If we have the wrong date or have missed your birthday please let us know.

March Wedding Anniversaries

8 Karen & Gary Hale
 26 Christine & Robert Anderson



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Palm Sunday is a moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The Feast commemorates Jesus' Triumphal entry in to Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week, the last week of the Christian solemn season of Lent that precedes the arrival of Eastertide. A triumph was a ceremonial and celebratory procession through the streets of a city. The message of Palm Sunday is one of promise and absolute faith and the importance of believing God, prior to seeing final results. Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was foretold long before it happened. "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" (Zechariah 9:9)

Palm Sunday carries Christ toward the ultimate sacrifice of his life on the cross, whereby his sacrifice we are healed! Its central message is that God sees us and loves what he sees. The only requirement from us is that we welcome him and his peace, and exercise faith in his ultimate healing — on earth or in heaven. The Easter Triduum begins with the Vigil of Holy Thursday. It marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, # 18) These last Forty Days were a time of preparation for these great Three days, which is what Triduum means. These three days lead us to an empty tomb and an Octave, eight days of celebrating the Resurrection. They also introduce an entire liturgical season, the Easter Season, which lasts for Fifty days until Pentecost.



Why should we participate in the Holy Week liturgy?

It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "*Kali Anastasi*" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the resurrection.

Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Holy Week

March 28th Holy Thursday 7:00 PM

12 volunteers needed for foot washing

March 29th Good Friday 7:00 PM

Adoration until 10:00 PM

March 30th Easter Vigil Saturday 8:00 PM

March 31st Easter Sunday 9:30 AM



NCAA Championship Game Square Board

- Championship Game Date is April 8th
- Squares are \$10 per square
- \$200 given away at the half
- \$300 final score
- Get Squares starting March 10th
- Sponsored by Finance Council



Finance Council Is collecting Gift Cards
for a raffle basket to be
given away at the
**Parish Picnic on
June 23rd.**

Please give cards to Linda Ore or Dave Warner or
the Office Thank You for your support

**We will have visiting sisters from
the Convent of St Elisabeth
(Minsk, Belarus)
on Friday , April 12th
after the 9:00 AM Mass**

The sisters will have on hand beautiful religious handcrafts
made in the workshops of the convent

Please take this special opportunity to support the sisters
in their mission by purchasing items of devotion.

The Sisterhood of St Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Their
mission is to take care of children and adults with mental
and physical disabilities in boarding homes and patients of
National Psychiatric Hospital.

Monthly E.C.C.H.O. Items

*The generous will be blessed, for they share
their food with the poor.—Proverbs 22:9*

As a way to help fill the pantry shelves
at E.C.C.H.O. we will be collecting a
specific item each month. Please see the list
below for the monthly items.

March — boxes/packages of instant potatoes

April — eggs

May — pancake mix & syrup

*Thank you for your generous
support.*



Easter Egg Hunt Following Mass Sunday March 31st



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 24

MASS 9:30 AM

People of the Parish

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

Wednesday, March 27

Mass 9:00 AM

People of the Parish

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM

Friday, March 29

Good Friday 7:00 PM

Adoration until 10:00 PM

Saturday, March 30

Vigil 8:00 PM

Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and the hour of our death. *Amen*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your word. Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross, we may be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

Please keep in your Prayers

Sr. Mary Grace Barile	Joyce Moore
Sharon Childers	Rod & Linda Post
Carolyn Clonch	Fred Ramsey
Brian & Marianne Cordle	Angela Rimmer
Fr. Harry Cramer	John & Hazel Sang
Alec Cyrus	Rick Sang
Alice Layne Daniel	Kay Scites
Beth Porter Duke	Vincent Serock
Jim Stewart	Avery Sweat
Denny Henderson	Heather Mills Henson
Rhonda Vance	Cleve & Angie Hunt
Clara Worst Schulte	Marge Kaib
Gary Zuccarelli	Angela Lewis
Steve Linville	Cherie Mattke
Rick Erwin	Ruth Angle



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, 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.

Upcoming Events

03/28 Holy Thursday 7:00 PM—foot wash volunteers needed
03/29 Good Friday 7:00 PM— Adoration until 10:00PM
03/29 Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land
03/30 Easter Vigil 8:00 PM
03/31 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Collection for Holy Land
03/31 Easter Egg hunt following Mass

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you would like to become member of our parish, please remove this portion of the page and fill out the following information. You may place it in the collection basket, mail it, or bring it to the parish office

Date: _____ E mail: _____

Name: _____ Birthday _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____



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**St. Stephen has available both Sunday and
weekday Masses for your intentions. Envelopes
can be found in the lobby on the welcome table.
You may also mail in your intention and check
to the church. Please fill out the information
and drop envelope in the collection basket or
turn it into the office.**

From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse,
please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you
may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services
at 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual
abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-
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888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880