

April 6, 2025



4-7	Mon 9:00 AM	Mildred Tiedeman
		By Marge Suriano
4-8	Tues 9:00 AM	Patticia Hamilton
		By Rosary Society
4-9	Wed 9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
4-10	Thurs 9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
4-11	Fri 9:00 AM	Communion Service
4-12	Sat 4:00 PM	Fred Schuck
		By The Family
4-13	Sun 10:30 AM	Theresa Pickens
		By The Family

#### The Story of Joseph in the Book of Genesis

A zoom scripture study from the Dominican Retreat house will be held on 4/8, and 15 from 10:00 AM until noon in the Parish Center. See Paula Ciborowski for more information.

Bishop Scharfenberger is planning a Special 11 Day Pilgrimage May 1<sup>st</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. For further information check the bulletin board in the vestibule.



"He who is generous will be blessed." We are collecting new **socks For "Sock it to me Sunday and" under garments for" Undies Sunday."** The need is great so please consider being generous especially for children, but also collecting for women and men. Donations can be placed in the blue receptacle in the vestibule. Next Sunday will be the last opportunity to contribute this Ministry. Thank you.

## Mass Intentions



Weekend Mass intentions are filling quickly. If you have a specific weekend that you would like a Mass intention please contact the Parish Office, 607-563-1591, as soon as possible. If the weekend date you would like is not available, there are weekday Masses that your request can be scheduled for.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Live in the present and not the past.

In life, it is sometimes good to visit our past experiences, but it is never helpful to remain or get stuck there. This is because when we remain in our memories of the past, we lose sight of the realities of the present moment. By holding on to the past, we prevent ourselves from seeing and embracing the opportunities of the present moment and navigate our way to the future.

The scripture readings for this Fifth Sunday of Lent emphasize the need to leave behind our past mistakes, to live in the present moment and look forward to the future with fervent hope. The readings teach us to trust in God's desire to heal our brokenness and restore us to freedom and peace.

In the first reading, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah urging the Israelites to abandon their past and embrace the opportunities of the present moment. God offered a fresh start for the chosen people and called them to open their eyes to see the new things He was doing in their lives.

In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul talked about his new life in Christ. Saint Paul considered everything as worthless compared to the supreme good of knowing Jesus Christ as his Lord. He trusted that after the battle of this earthy life, he will share in the joy of the resurrection. We too need to keep our focus on what lies ahead of us and run the race of faith to the end.

In the gospel, some Scribes and Pharisees brought an adulterous woman before Jesus in the public arena. These religious leaders had stones in their hands and ready to punish the woman to death. According to the Law of Moses any women who was found guilty of adultery was to be stoned to death. Jesus knew the ill intention of the Scribes and Pharisees. They wanted to test Him. He turned the tables on them and rubbed their noses in the dirt.

Jesus bent down to write on the ground with His finger but when the religious leaders continued asking Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to cast the stone at the woman." He exposed the hypocrisy and self-righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees. They too had flaws and weaknesses and they walked away one by one.

Jesus looked around and saw just the woman alone with Him. He said to her, "Where are they? Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore." By these words, Jesus liberated the woman from public shame, pain, and misery. He offered her the opportunity for transformation and growth. He advised her to abandon her sinful life, to conduct herself rightly and reclaim her lost dignity.

The responsorial psalm gives us the message of hope and restoration. It urges us to appreciate God's goodness in transforming our tears and sorrows into shouts of joy. In His love, God forgives our sins and restores us to new life.

As we draw closer to Holy Week, we are reminded to live sin behind and embrace true freedom in Christ. Let us pray for the grace to live in the present and walk in new life. Let us bring the gifts of Christ's love, mercy, and compassion to all people especially those we live with.

God bless, Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of April12<sup>th</sup> &13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 First Reading-Isaiah 50: 4-7

Celebrant: Lector: Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers Saturday 4:00 PM Fr. Ben Ginni Brandt Nancy Kahane Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Palm Sunday Gospel- Luke 22:14-23:56 Sunday 10:30AM Fr. Ben Judy Roldan Paula Ciborowski Anderson & Garret Calendar

Offerings from March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular collections, \$2709.00; Fuel, \$25.00; Religious Education, \$230.00, Easter Flowers, \$81.00, Evangelist \$20.00 Black, Native American & Latin American, \$25.00, Catholic Relief Service, \$880.00



Religious Education 2024-2025				
4/6/2025	9:00-10:15 AM Assembly for Pre-K-10 <sup>th</sup>			
4/13/2025	9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10 <sup>th</sup>			

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As we continue our Lenten Journey please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend these extra services once a week or more.

Weekday Mass Schedule Eucharistic Adoration

Stations of the Cross

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit <u>www.usccb.org/nationalcollections</u> for more information.

# LADIES RETREAT "Come away and rest awhile' MARK 6:31

Join us for our annual retreat at the Dominican Retreat Center the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. The weekend offers time away for reflection, spiritual growth and community. For a flyer and additional information contact Paula in the Faith Formation office or Ellen Reuter at 607-563-3259. Reserve your

Next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, we will have a parish breakfast after the 10:30 AM Mass.Join us for eggs, sausage, french toast, and coffee. All are welcome to attend



## **April Bulletin Quotes**

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

## Reminder for Holy Thursday

We invite 12 parishioners to participate in the sacred tradition of **"Rite of the Mandatuum" "Washing of the Feet".** Please prayerfully consider participating in Holy Thursday Foot Washing. A signup sheet is posted on the vestibule bulletin board.



## Easter Flowers

In your packet of envelopes there is one for Easter flowers. There are also Easter flower envelopes in the vestibule for those who do not use envelopes. If you wish to contribute in memory/honor of a loved one please print their name on the envelope and place it in the collection. Your loved ones will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!



Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Dlivia Ross & family Joe Maggio, , Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Danielle & Phil Gugliemo, Jaxson Beadel, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID. Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Rich

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual