

We encounter Christ in Word, Worship, Service and Community.
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5 APRIL 2020



St. Ann's Parish

Reverend Edward J. Casey

PASTOR

Reverend John P. Ryan

SENIOR PRIEST



St. John Neumann's Parish

HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

(Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12)

"The days of Jesus' life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption" (Preface of the Lord's Passion II, Sacramentary). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as "Holy." Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday's palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: "Christ reigns here," they proclaim; "all are welcome!" During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent's final meal before the Lord's Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other's feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday's Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of "holy anticipation" that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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God greatly exalted Christ and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

~Philippians 2:9

R E A D I N G S	MONDAY
	Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
	TUESDAY
	Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
	WEDNESDAY
	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
	THURSDAY
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	
FRIDAY	
Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	



THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

~Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Roman Missal

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms – Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-7

In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame.

Psalms – Psalm 22

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

Second Reading – Philippians 2:6-11

Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation.

Gospel – Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 [27:11-54]

The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew.



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MASS INTENTIONS



ST. ANN'S
Monday (APRIL 6) <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Father Ed will have a private Mass ✠Theresa Dour
TUESDAY (APRIL 7) <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
Father Ed will have a private Mass ✠Agnes Josephete
WEDNESDAY (APRIL 8) <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
No Mass
THURSDAY (APRIL 9) <i>Holy Thursday</i>
Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. (Facebook and stannsbobola.org) ✠Ted & Marcella Casey
FRIDAY (APRIL 10) <i>Good Friday</i>
Friday of The Passion of The Lord <i>Paschal Fast begins</i> 3:00 p.m. (Facebook and stannsbobola.org) <i>Divine Mercy Novena begins</i>
SATURDAY (APRIL 11) <i>Holy Saturday</i>
Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8:00 p.m. (Facebook and stannsbobola.org) ✠Easter Remembrances <i>Paschal Fast ends</i>
SUNDAY (APRIL 12) <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Father Ed will have a private Mass ✠Easter Remembrances



(SA) - St. Ann's (SH) - Sacred Heart (SM) - St. Mary's

OFFERTORY and Mass Attendance
<i>Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.</i>
ST. ANN
22 March 2020 mailed \$620.00 e-giving \$180.00
Offertory to Date: \$116,846.25 Expenses to Date: \$189,432.74
ST. JOHN NEUMANN
22 March 2020 mailed not available e-giving \$100.00
Offertory to Date: \$126,971.00 Expenses to Date: \$221,157.99
THE CONVENIENCE OF AUTOMATED TITHING
Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at stannsbobola.org .
With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or swinging by the ATM. Download the GivePlus App
Thank you for your generosity!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN
Monday (APRIL 6) <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Father Ryan will have a private Mass ✠Vincent Joseph
TUESDAY (APRIL 7) <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
Father Ryan will have a private Mass ✠Bob Ehrlich
WEDNESDAY (APRIL 8) <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
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SUNDAY (APRIL 5) <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
Father Ryan will have a private Mass ✠Easter Remembrances



(SJ) - St. John's (GS) - Good Shepherd

****Please do not come to Mass until further notice****

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - March 25, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Four weeks ago today, Lent began with the celebration of Ash Wednesday and its cherished invitation to rend our hearts and return to the Lord. We embraced this holy season of penance, sacrifice and conversion, hoping and praying that as Lent annually carries us to Holy Week and Easter, our lives of faith would be renewed and reflect a bit more clearly the life and love of Jesus. On Ash Wednesday, none of us could have imagined the depth of sacrifice that the current health crisis would demand of us.

On March 16, 2020, I suspended the celebration of all public Masses in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton. While so many of you expressed how heartbroken you were with this decision, you embraced it willingly in a spirit of faith and self-sacrifice in order that the Church could do its part in mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

Today, sadly, we are called to sacrifice even further for the sake of serving one another in our battle against this dreaded disease. **The cherished Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter - Palm Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday Masses - will all be celebrated privately, without all of you,** the blessed faithful who make up the Diocese of Scranton - filling our churches as you have always done during these most sacred days. The Chrism Mass will be deferred to a later date when the current health crisis has passed.

While this ongoing pandemic is calling us to be socially distant from one another, it does not mean we need to be spiritually distant. I invite you and your family to join me in prayer as we renew our efforts to turn to the Lord. While not open to the public, all of our Holy Week liturgies at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television and live-streamed on the Diocese of Scranton's website and social media platforms. Many parishes will also plan to broadcast their own Masses.

As we seek to come to terms with this latest casualty of the coronavirus, I want to share with you a recent encouraging directive of the Holy See regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation, firmly rooted in the traditions of our Church. With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful are reminded that by having perfect contrition, one can receive the forgiveness of sins apart from going to confession. Perfect contrition requires the following three things: a love of God above all else; a sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin; and the resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides. Please take consolation in knowing that while you may not have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the power and love of God is far greater than we can imagine. For all who sincerely express contrition, your sins are forgiven.

My friends, in so many respects, it seems that the disciplines of Lent will last a bit longer this year as we continue to sacrifice, to pray and to serve in unimaginable ways. Yet, through God's grace, I hope that we can begin to see one of the blessings of this difficult moment in our lives. In the midst of this crisis, so many of you are responding generously and courageously to the Gospel invitation to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, sacrificing our own well-being and serving selflessly the lives that God places in our own.

As we confront the uncertainty of our future, may we recognize that our greatest hope has always been rooted in our embrace of the mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection - the heart of our faith as Christians. Good Friday, with its suffering and pain, always yields to power of Easter and its promise of life and peace! So too will this moment in our lives.

May God continue to bless you and your family and keep you safe.

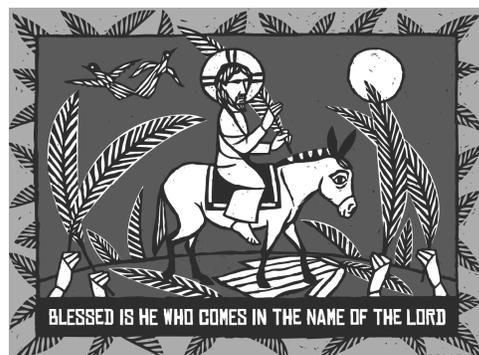
Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton



My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish? ~Psalms 22

ENDURING HOPE

Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

A NEW KINGDOM

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

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MY WILL BE DONE

One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. That might sound odd, considering how the disciples fall asleep while Jesus is in distress. I suppose I could identify with them as they show weakness when Jesus needed strength. But I am really comforted by Jesus' words. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his Father, "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39), I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it's comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father's will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." But how often do we still take the easy way out? Ever hear someone tell a lie or spreading gossip that hurts a person's reputation? We can choose to do nothing (the easy way) or gently reproach the other with a simple question, "What would Jesus do?" When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it's none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, "Not my will, but yours be done"?

Luke's Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, "When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden. and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father's will. Our temptations continue every day as we face frustrations, desire for things we can't have, unanswered prayers, or our own weaknesses. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what we think is best, at least remember to say, "Not my will, but yours be done."

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*The Sanctuary Votive Candle will burn
in St. Ann's Church
The week of April 5th
for the Special intentions of
Dwight McCue & Family*



*The Sanctuary Votive Candle will burn
in St. John Neumann Church
The week of April 5th
in Loving Memory of
Joseph Shevlin*

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

PALM SUNDAY

Mass will be live streamed 4:00pm
Saturday - April 4th

At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1-11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass will be live streamed 7:00pm
Thursday - April 9th

Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

GOOD FRIDAY

Mass will be live streamed 3:00pm
Friday - April 10th

Pray the Stations of the Cross. Start the Divine Mercy Novena.

HOLY SATURDAY

Mass will be live streamed 8:00pm
Saturday - April 11th

In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

EASTER SUNDAY

Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

Look online for other suggestions for celebrating Holy Week at home, to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of social isolation.

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC

NEEDED AS MUCH AS EVER

Due to COVID-19 we have needed to adapt to a rapidly changing situation. While we have moved to online streaming of masses we are still continuing our community outreach ministries and are looking to expand our programs further to ease the burden this crises has caused for our local communities.

St. Ann's and St. John's need your generous support to continue. Offertory Collections at Weekly Masses are our main source of income.

Here are alternative ways to continue your support to our parishes during this difficult time.

- Use our online giving
- Drop any donation in the mail box
- Mail in your weekly offering
- Send payments via your online banking

As always, we appreciate your support and dedication to St. Ann's and St. John's. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

We are standing united in prayer with all affected by the Coronavirus. Father Ed and Father Ryan are keeping your intentions with them in their private celebration of the Holy Mass.

May God bless us all!

OUR ONLINE GIVING SERVICE EASY AS 1 -2 - 3

Just visit stannsbohola.org and click the online giving link for these easy steps:

1. Choose a One-time or Recurring Donation
2. Select a preferred method of payment (electronic check or debit/credit)
3. Enter your information and submit!

Your gift will immediately process and you'll receive an email confirmation receipt.

Paschal Candle & Altar Candles



...in honor or memory of a loved one.

If you are interested in donating or funding the purchase of a Paschal Candle or altar candles for St. Ann's or St. John Neumann, please call the parish office.

BLESSED PALMS AVAILABLE SUNDAY - APRIL 5TH

Blessed palms will be placed in the entrances of the churches this Sunday. Also available, will be our Triduum Books so you can follow along with the readings and music for all three of the services to be live streamed.



Divine Mercy Novena



Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. Booklets are available in the entrance of St. Ann's and St. John's.

Pastor Al



"It's amazing, Mom... you're the only person I know who can make balloon animals while weaving palms."

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for a Live Stream
of Mass

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St. Ann's Email Prayerline

If you would like to join our email prayerline contact Mary Agnes Dorney at prayerlinemary@gmail.com.

TRADITIONAL EASTER FOOD BASKET

BASKET CONTENTS AND SYMBOLISM

BUTTER: This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb, reminding us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

EASTER BREAD: A round rye loaf topped with a cross, symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

HORSERADISH: Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds, but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. (*May be white or pink w/grated red beets*).

EGGS AND PISANKI: Indicate new life and Christ's Resurrection from the Tomb.

SAUSAGE: A spicy sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

HAM: Symbolic of great joy and abundance. (*In addition to the large ham cooked for the Easter Meal, often a special small ham, called the Szynka Wielkanocny*)

SMOKED BACON: A symbol of the over abundance of God's mercy and generosity.

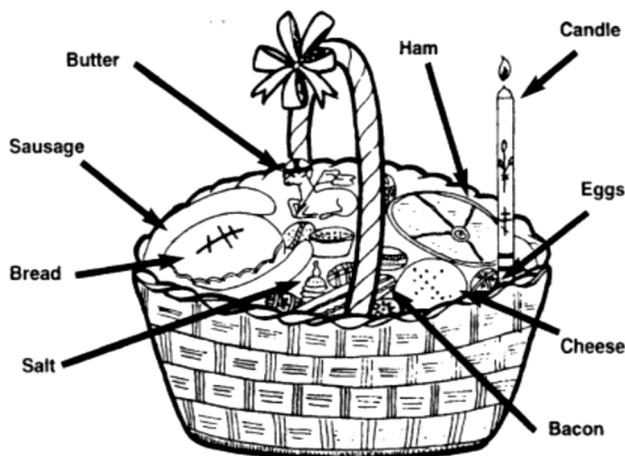
SALT: So necessary an element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."

CHEESE: Shaped into a ball, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have.

HOLY WATER: Holy water is used to bless the home, animals, fields and also used in religious rituals throughout the year.

A CANDLE: Often marked like the Paschal Candle lit during the Easter Vigil, is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, Light of the World.

A colorful ribbon and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached. The linen cover is drawn over the top and is ready for the trek to the blessing.



SCHEDULING A BAPTISM

In Baptism, the journey of faith and discipleship begins.

Baptisms are typically celebrated on first & third Sundays after the 11:00am Mass at St. Ann's and on second & fourth Sundays after the 10:30am Mass at St. John's. Parents interested in having their child baptized must attend a Baptism Prep class before scheduling their child's baptism. Baptism Prep classes are usually held on the first & third Sundays after the 10:30am Mass at St. John's and on the Second & Fourth Sundays after the 11:00am Mass at St. Ann's. To find out more about upcoming Baptism Prep classes please call the Parish Office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ST. ANN'S PARISH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	30	31	1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i>	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Join us online for Palm Sunday Mass 4:00pm</i>
5 <i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9 <i>Join us online for Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm</i>	10 <i>Join us online for Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Join us online for Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm</i>
12 <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Food Pantry Pick Up</i>	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Mass online 4:00pm</i>
19 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Mass online 4:00pm</i>
26 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	27	28	29	30	1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Mass online 4:00pm</i>

April 2020

FOODS OF THE MONTH

St. Ann's Food Pantry

*Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise,
Mustard and Tuna Fish*

**Please drop food off at the Parish Office*

The Blooming Grove Food Pantry

*Cereal, Canned Fruit,
Tuna & Toilet Paper*

Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this worthwhile cause.



Year of Saint Joseph

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church.



In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. Bishop Bambera states, "Just as Saint Joseph watched over and protected the Lord Jesus while he was on earth, we need Saint Joseph to watch over and provide for the Church today. His intercession on behalf of the Universal Church is vital as the world faces so much upheaval and pain, and particularly as it confronts the uncertainty and pain of the coronavirus epidemic."

Bishop Bambera invites all of the faithful to renew their devotion to Saint Joseph during this commemorative year, and to seek his powerful intercession to safely guard the Church from all evils, just as he protected the Holy Family from harm.

THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE OF PIKE COUNTY

Our committee has been in existence since November 2011. We meet on the second Tuesday of the Month at St. John Neumann's Church on Route 739 at 2:00pm in the church hall. Our mission statement is to raise awareness and help the poor, working poor and the homeless and when possible to address issues that affect our community such as drug addiction, hunger, health care, jobs and financial direction. We welcome new members and new ideas. Please see our face book page and join us at our regular meeting time. Any questions call Margaret at 570 775 1647.



HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION

The spiritual wellbeing of our parishioners goes beyond Mass.

If you are hospitalized, if you are homebound or if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or infirmity, please call the Carol at the Parish Office to let us know of your pastoral care needs so that we can minister to you or your loved one. It is very important for a family member to call the Parish Office to let us know the name of the patient and what hospital or facility the parishioner is in. *Due to Federal HIPPA regulations that protect the privacy and confidentiality of patients, hospitals will not release patient information to the church.*



SPRUCING UP FOR SPRING

The Columbiettes will be sprucing up our parishes. We will be cleaning up and planting flowers at St. John Neuman and St. Ann's this spring, so our parishioners can have a place to sit, meditate and pray. We will put in all the work but we need your help. We are asking for donations to purchase plants, flowers and mulch your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please make check payable to Columbiettes
St. John Neumann/Good Shepberd #12571
and mail to:
St. John Neumann Church
705 Route 739, Lords Valley, PA 18428

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome your announcements for our Sunday bulletin. The deadline is generally **ten days** before publication (Thursday, 1:00pm), however during holidays or other occasions, we may require an earlier deadline.

Email your announcements to stann@ptd.net

Note: Due to space constraints, we may not be able to include all announcements requested. We will do our best to honor your request.

211 HELP REFERRAL SERVICE

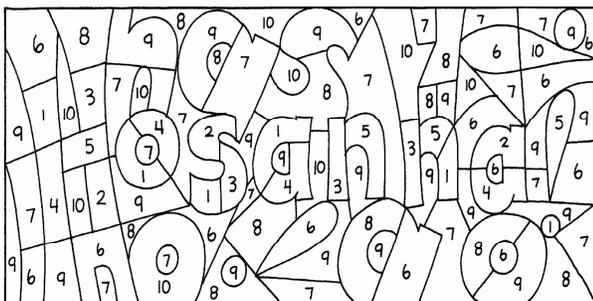
United Way's 211 is helping people face life challenges. Get answers! If you need help with food, paying bills, health care, employment, housing etc. call 211 or dial 855-567-5341.

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Mass online 4:00pm</i>
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 <i>Mass online 4:00pm</i>

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Read the instructions below to see what people shouted as Jesus rode through the city of Jerusalem. It meant they adored him! They even laid their coats down so Jesus would ride over them.



Color the shapes with a number from one to five **orange**.

Color the shapes with a number from six to ten **yellow**.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

People are willing to do many things for those they love. But do you know what Jesus was willing to do? Find and use the nine hidden words in the cross to complete the "Greatest Love Story" ever!

When the _____ came, Jesus was _____ and went to the cross. There he suffered and _____ to take away the _____ for our _____. He did this out of his deep _____ for everyone in the _____. Tell _____ today, what _____ did for them!



BULLETIN 5th April 2020
CONTEST

Can you answer the following?

1. How many times does the word "Hosanna" appear in this bulletin? _____
2. Lent brings us to an encounter with the _____.
3. What are the times for the Triduum Live Stream Services?
_____, _____ and _____
4. We celebrate the feast of St. _____ on April 11th.
5. How many images of "donkeys" are in this bulletin? _____

Name: _____



You can answer question online at stannshohola.org
Winners will be announced in the following bulletin.
Prizes can be picked up at St. Ann's Parish Office.

March 15th Winners:

Vincent DeSanti, Valerie Cocchi and Mary Agnes Dorney

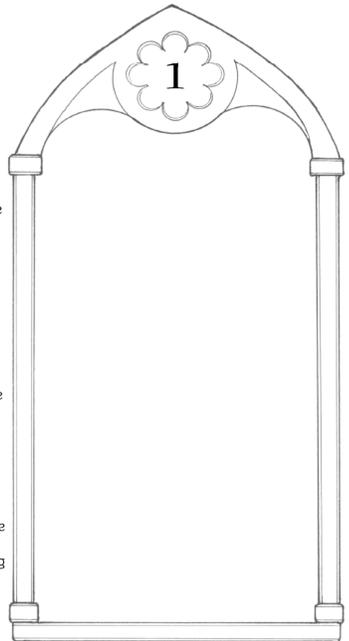
CATHOLIC CORNER

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

This Sunday, we will focus on an unusual addition to today's liturgy. On Palm Sunday the first reading we hear is one of two Gospels. The first (Matthew 21:1-11) tells the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. In it we hear the people praising Jesus, crying out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." We repeat those words at every Mass. Listen for them the next time you are at Mass.

The second Gospel, a very long reading (Matthew 26:14 - 27:66), tells the story of the Passion, that is, the suffering and death of Jesus. The same people who acclaimed Jesus in the first Gospel turned against him. Now instead of praising him they shouted, "Let him be crucified." Pilate listened to the people and ordered that Jesus be crucified. We remember that verdict in the first Station of the Cross: Jesus Is Condemned to Death.

One day during this Holy Week make a visit to church and find the first station. Take this paper with you and in the frame draw what you see in that station. Take some time to visit all the stations, thinking about how much Jesus loved us.



NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (570-862-7551) or to the Vicar General at (570-207-2269).

PRAYER RESOURCES FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION

The Diocese of Erie is providing a variety of resources for parishes and individuals to help pray for those suffering from addictions. Although designed with the opioid crisis in mind, these resources could also be helpful for those suffering from other addictions as well, including alcoholism and gambling.

To access the prayer services on the Diocese of Erie website visit <https://www.eriercd.org/opioid.html>

MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass intention is a beautiful gift! Special Occasion Mass Cards and Mass Cards for the living or deceased are available for \$10. Padded Mass Folders are available for \$20. Contact St. Ann's/St. John's Parish Office for more information.



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- ✦ Peace in the World
- ✦ Faith in God
- ✦ Strengthening of Moral Values

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"The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."
-Wisdom 3:1

St. Stanislaus the Martyr
11th-century bishop of Krakow martyred by the Polish king after opposing the unjust government. He is the patron saint of Poland.

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