

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	4/9	4:00 PM	Mrs. Barbara Banyas-Patton and Mrs. Catherine Banyas Donati by Their Brother Jack
Sun.	4/10	7:30 AM	Michael Dias by Freda Grantham
		11:00 AM	Joanie Staruch by Mary Bodnar
Mon.	4/11	7:00 PM	Joseph Mattavi and the Deceased Members of the Mattavi Family by Rose and Family
Tue.	4/12	7:00 AM	Ashley Benner by Robert Kislak and Daughters
Wed.	4/13	7:00 AM	Catherine McLaughlin by Mary Muhlbauer
Thur.	4/14	7:00 AM	Mike and Helen Michalesko by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky
Fri.	4/15	1:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sat.	4/16	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil For the People
Sun.	4/17	7:30 AM	Easter Sunday Edward and Mary Harvilla by Sally and Les
		11:00 AM	Easter Sunday David and Helen Mahon by Their Children



Sunday \$3,539.00; Loose \$201.00; Dues \$784.00; Care and Education of Priests \$611.00; Ukraine \$330.00; Other \$95.00; Easter Flowers \$677.50; Poor Box \$139.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of in Memory of Walter Temposky by Dan Ravina



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of Mrs. Barbara Banyas-Patton by Her Siblings Cathy and Jack



OUR 2022 PASCHAL CANDLE has been donated by Dan Ravina in Memory of Charles and Mary Ravina and Daughter Jennie and by JoAnne Korol in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol.



Jesus Prays in Gethsemane Mark 14:32-34

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - The church will be open on Holy Thursday, April 14th, from the close of the 7:00 PM mass until 10:00 PM for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign-up sheets are available in the rear of the church. Won't you consider keeping Jesus company on the eve of His Passion and Crucifixion?



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: There is **NO CLASS** next Sunday, April 17th, which is Easter Sunday.

The **April 23rd** First Eucharist Practice for all 2nd Grade Students is **CANCELLED**.

There will be First Eucharist Practice for all 2nd grade students on **April 24th at 8:30 AM**.

Attention all 8th grade Confirmation families: The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered on **Saturday, June 4th, at 11:30 AM**.

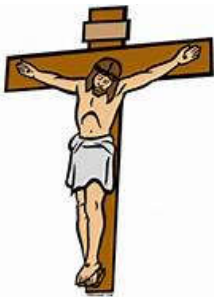
A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:



This weekend we commemorate the Passion of the Lord. I have memories of a child not wanting to go to this Mass because of the looooong Gospel. To make it worse, we had to stand the whole time. Certainly fodder for a child of 10 to not want to go to church.

Fortunately, I've grown up and realize the significance of this important day and Gospel. We need to hear the words, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" We need to stand the whole time and feel the discomfort in our feet and legs. We need to cringe at the thought of the nails piercing His hands and feet. We need to feel a healthy sense of guilt when Jesus proclaims: "Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do." We need to bow our heads when Jesus dies on the Cross. We need to shed a tear when the stone is rolled over the entrance of the tomb. We need to experience the whole looooong Gospel. Will you stand with me this weekend and become part of the Gospel?

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, A QUOTE FOR HOLY WEEK.



"Behold, Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our mediator and advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and He never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humble heart." St. Charles Borromeo. Some words of wisdom to contemplate as we journey through Holy Week.



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting coffee and tea (all flavors, regular and decaf) for the month of April. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those in need in our community.



All donations for Ukraine can be placed in the container in the back of the church. We are grateful for your generosity to those in need.

PROFIT FROM OUR EASTER BINGO WAS \$2,354.00.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in helping to make our bingo a success!



If you have recently disconnected your landline and have a new phone number, please let us know so we can update our records. Also, if your email address has changed or if you have added an email address, please let us know. You can call the parish office at 570-636-3035 or email us at ourladyfreeland@gmail.com . Thank you so much!





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Holy Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 PM.
 Good Friday, April 15th, at 1:00 PM.
 Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16th,
 at 8:00 PM.
 Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 7:30 AM
 and 11:00 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Holy Thursday, April 14th, 7:00 PM
 Good Friday, April 15th, at 1:00 PM
 Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16th,
 at 8:00 PM
 Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 8:00 AM
 and 9:30 AM



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Monday 6:00 - 6:50 PM
 Tuesday and Wednesday 6:00 - 6:50 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Monday 7:00 - 7:50 AM
 Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM



**FOOD
BASKETS**

EASTER FOOD BASKETS will be blessed on Saturday, April 16th,
 at noon at Immaculate Conception Parish and at 11:00 AM at Good
 Shepherd Parish.

❖ **Dear Deacon Jim,**

How and when did the Rules of Fasting and Abstaining during Lent come about? It seems to be a Man-Made Rule. Is it stated anywhere in the Bible?

❖ **Response**

The penitential practices of fasting and abstinence are of ancient origin. We can find an ancient practice of fasting in sorrow and repentance for sins found in the Old Testament. The Church, in her earliest days, recognized the necessity to "chastise the body and bring it under subjection". In the early Church, we find that the apostles were familiar with fasting. (*Acts 13:2 ff; 14:23*).

The practice of fasting during Lent can also be traced to our Lord's journey into the desert where he fasted and prayed for forty days and nights in preparation to begin his public ministry (*Matt 4:1-2; Luke 4:1-3*). So, the forty days of Lent are in imitation of Christ's time in the desert.

Regarding Abstinence, the Church uses this to signify depriving ourselves of meat, that the body may practice penance and the soul be sanctified. The Church has always observed days of abstinence in some form. However, over time the diversity in customs, climate, and prices of food have gradually paved the way for modifications of the law of abstinence. Fasting and abstinence formed part of the duties characterizing the Lenten season. but there was little or no uniformity in the manner of observance until the seventh century. Before Second Vatican Council the 1917 Code of Canon Law, the Roman Pontifical, and the approved regulations for the United States (*Uniform Norms 1951, Modification 1956*) required observing rigorous fasting and abstinence. Then in 1966, Pope Paul VI in his apostolic constitution *Paenitemini* changed the strictly regulated Roman Catholic fasting requirements. He recommended that fasting be appropriate to the local economic situation. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) produced a statement in 1966 called *Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence*, which was modified slightly in 1983 and the current practice is regulated by Canons 1250-1253.

So, although fasting and abstinence are certainly required disciplines by Roman Catholics. the specific application may vary depending on local conditions and in a sense, those conditions can be considered Man-Made. Current guidelines are as follows:

FASTING is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year.

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

Regarding your question, can fasting and abstinence be found in the Bible, as you can see above the answer to that would be yes in the Old and New Testaments.

Deacon Jim

Once again, we are blessed to see our Faith Formation students taking the initiative and submitting questions as part of the Dear Deacon program in their spiritual growth and in their faith journey encouraged by their teacher, parents, our CCD staff, and Father Mike.

❖ **Dear Deacon Jim,**

Hello! This is from the 4th grade CCD Class in Freeland. We have been learning about the Stations of the Cross. We are having some trouble with this crossword puzzle. We have some answers but they do not fit! Can you please help?

❖ **Response**

First let me say that you all did a great job on the Stations of the Cross-crossword puzzle! The few questions you were having trouble with and requested assistance can indeed be a little challenging and there may be more than one response. Certainly, the correct choice is to get the correct word to fit in the spaces provided with all letters in the blocks.

We have inserted the **completed** crossword puzzle that your CCD class developed with those few blanks you have asked for some assistance. Those answers are in the RED color in both the Across and Down directions. I have also highlighted in Yellow those questions printed at the bottom of the crossword puzzle.

Here are a few comments regarding some of the answers you requested:

ACROSS

#14: VEIL

The Veil (or curtain) symbolized the separation of God and man. The tearing of the veil in the temple was significant not only because it happened but also in the way it happened. God tore the curtain, from top to bottom, in two pieces. God made a way for us through Jesus, and so He tore the veil that separated us from Him.

DOWN

#2: CROWDS

Jesus was mocked, laughed at and objects thrown at Him many times after His trial, when carrying the cross and His crucifixion by both the Roman soldiers, those in the crowds watching and by people passing as He was hanging on the cross.

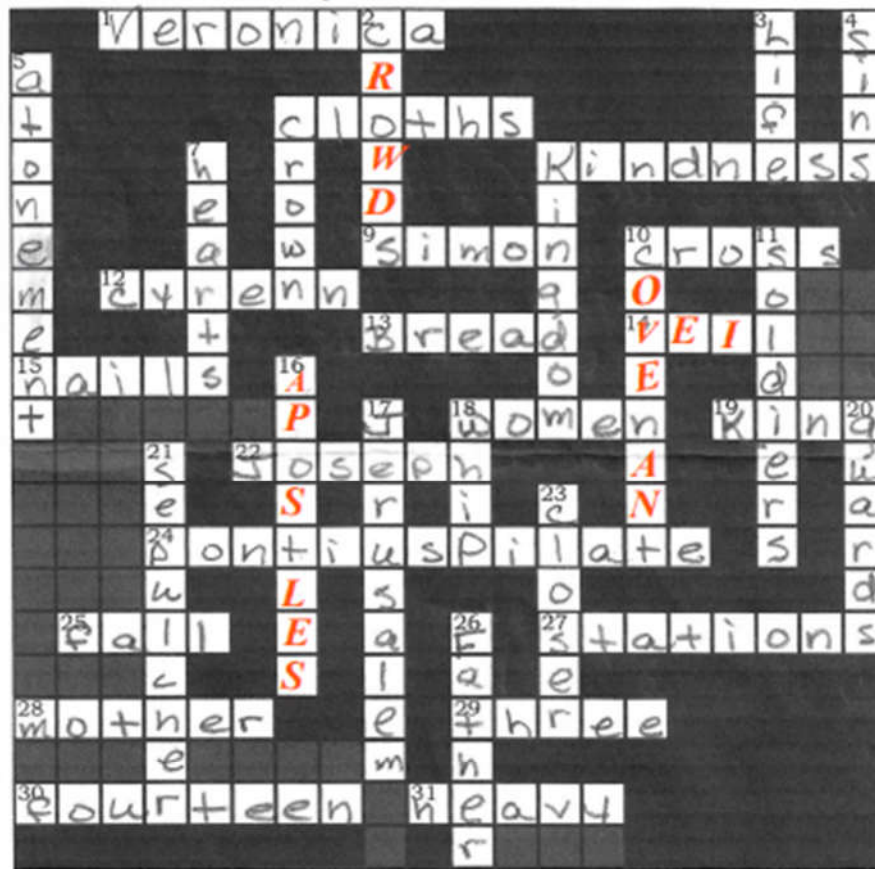
#10: CONVENANT

Jesus' death opened a New Covenant between GOD and the His people. His death defeated the power of Satan. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open **shame**, by triumphing over them in him (Colossians 2:15).

#16: APOSTLES

John was the only one of the Apostles who was present with Mary at the Jesus crucifixion and may have helped take Jesus down from the cross. Additionally, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea obtained a ladder and helped remove Jesus from the cross.

Stations of the Cross Cross Word



ACROSS

- 1 Who wiped the face of Jesus?
- 6 Jesus' body was wrapped in _____.
- 8 Veronica performed an act of _____ for Jesus.
- 9 Who helped Jesus carry the cross?
- 10 What Christ was crucified on.
- 12 Where was Simon from?
- 13 In the Our Father, we ask God to give us our daily _____.
- 14 What tore at the Temple in Jerusalem when Jesus died?
- 15 What fastened Jesus' hands and feet to the cross?
- 18 Who did Jesus tell not to weep for him, but for all the sinners of the world?
- 19 Even bruised and bleeding, Jesus is our _____.
- 22 Who donated the tomb? _____ of Arimathea.
- 24 Who sentenced Jesus to death? (Two words) 25 What did Jesus do at the Third Station?
- 27 The fourteen stages of Christ's Passion, also called the Way of the Cross
- 28 Mary is Jesus' _____.
- 29 How many times does Jesus fall?
- 30 How many Stations of the Cross are there?
- 31 The cross was very _____.

DOWN

- 2 Who mocked Jesus, laughed at him, threw things as he was carrying His cross?
- 3 Jesus gave His _____ for us.
- 4 What is Jesus suffering for? Our _____.
- 5 Jesus is _____ for the sins of the world.
- 6 The soldiers put a _____ of thorns on Jesus' head.
- 7 Jesus' and Mary's _____ ached at each other's pain.
- 8 Jesus came to proclaim God's _____.
- 10 What did Jesus' death open? A new _____ with God.
- 11 Who beat Jesus?
- 16 Some of the _____ helped take Jesus down from the cross. *soldiers but did not die*
- 17 In what city did Christ's passion take place?
- 18 The soldiers _____ Jesus when he falls a second time.
- 20 Who pulls off Jesus' clothes?
- 21 Jesus was laid in a tomb, also called a _____.
- 23 Our acts of kindness help us grow _____ to Jesus.
- 26 Our _____, who art in Heaven.

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