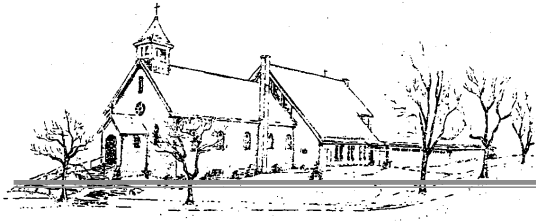


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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 1 & 2, 2023

Year A

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MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: Vigil 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

HOLY DAY: Vigil 6:00 pm eve. prior day
8:00 am

WEEKDAY: 8:00 am Mon. thru Thurs.
No Mass on Friday

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00 pm

WEDDINGS: Please call Father at least
6mos. prior

BAPTISMS: Please call Father to
schedule.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Please call
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Mon., Wed, Thurs.: 8:00AM—4:00PM

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Thoughts
from
Fr. Rod

We now enter into the commemoration of the Holy Week. Within this week we draw ourselves to a deeper union of Jesus' paschal mystery, His passion and death that culminate in His resurrection. This is what the gospel narrated to us during this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We could see how Jesus faced and fulfilled His mission entrusted to Him by the Father. He was punished for the sin He did not commit; He was innocent with all the crimes they accused on Him. He accepted all the humiliations from all those who mock and ridicule Him, even spat at Him.

As we celebrate this Sunday, we hold palm in our hands symbolizing our welcome; praising Jesus with our songs Hosana, Hosana! May this bring us to celebrate the glorious resurrection with the Lord, if we are able to accompany Him through our sacrifices during the season of Lent. Yes, our sacrifices with and for the Lord will bring us to His glorious resurrection.

Let's praise Jesus our Lord with our good deeds!
Fr. Rod

The Parish Office will be

CLOSED

Thursday, April 6th

&

Friday, April 7th

Palm Sunday, April 2 2023

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 (2a)

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Easter \$55
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PALM SUNDAY

SAT. APR 1 5:00PM HELEN POLICASTRO (SON)
SUN. APR 2 8:00AM GEORGE RINIER (RINIER FAMILY)
10:00AM IN HONOR OF ANTHONY LUCAS-BIRTHDAY (FAMILY)
MON. APR 3 8:00AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE. APR 4 8:00AM ALBERT CARALLI (NELL KOZLINA)
WED. APR 5 8:00AM CHRISTINE BYRNE (JO & GEORGE HARTZELL)
12:10PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
THU. APR. 6 HOLY THURSDAY
7:00PM EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS
FRI. APR. 7 GOOD FRIDAY
3:00PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS & COMMUNION
7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAT. APR. 8 HOLY SATURDAY
12:00PM NOON BLESSING OF THE BASKETS
8:30PM EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY

SUN. APR. 9 8:00AM EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS
10:00AM EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from Holy Cross, you can stay connected by going to:

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records accordingly.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 6 THRU 9, 2023

THU. APR. 6 7PM: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—HELMAN
FRI. APR. 7 1PM: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—BROWN
SAT APR. 8 8:30PM: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS—2 NEEDED
SUN APR. 9 8AM: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—SCHOTTING
10AM: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—CASINI

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THE WORD—YEAR A

PALM SUNDAY

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

**THE LORD GOD IS MY HELP, THEREFORE I AM
NOT DISGRACED....**



SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

**....GOD GREATLY EXALTED HIM AND
BESTOWED ON HIM
THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME....**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

**...."MY GOD, MY GOD,
WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"**



IMPORTANT DATES

AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 @ 12:10 PM

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 6

MASS @ 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 7

VENERATION OF THE CROSS @ 3:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 8

BLESSING OF BASKETS @ NOON

EASTER VIGIL MASS @ 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9

MASS @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

PASTORAL COUNCIL—MAY 1 @ 7PM

FINANCE COUNCIL—MAY 2 @ 6PM

Holy Cross Prayer Chain

**If you, a loved one or friend are in
need of extra prayers,
Contact Pat Cassa at 724-925-2617 to be
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No matter what the need is, large or small,
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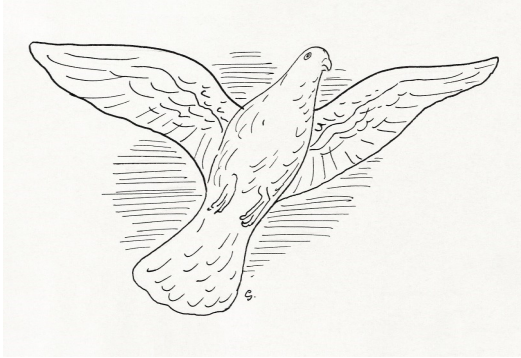


**Mass Intentions
For 2023
are now being accepted
Call the Parish office to
schedule yours.**



ALTAR FLOWERS OR SANCTUARY CANDLE

**If you would like to purchase altar
flowers or a sanctuary candle in
honor of or in memory of a loved one,
please call the parish office. Please keep in mind that altar
flowers and sanctuary candles may be purchased to honor
the living as well as the deceased. They may also convey
thanksgiving for prayers answered or to celebrate
occasions such as anniversaries and birthdays. The
suggested donation for flowers is \$75; candle is \$25.**



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Tessa Keating
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&
Brooklyn Citko
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Citko

They were baptized by
Fr. Rod on
Sunday, March 26th, 2023

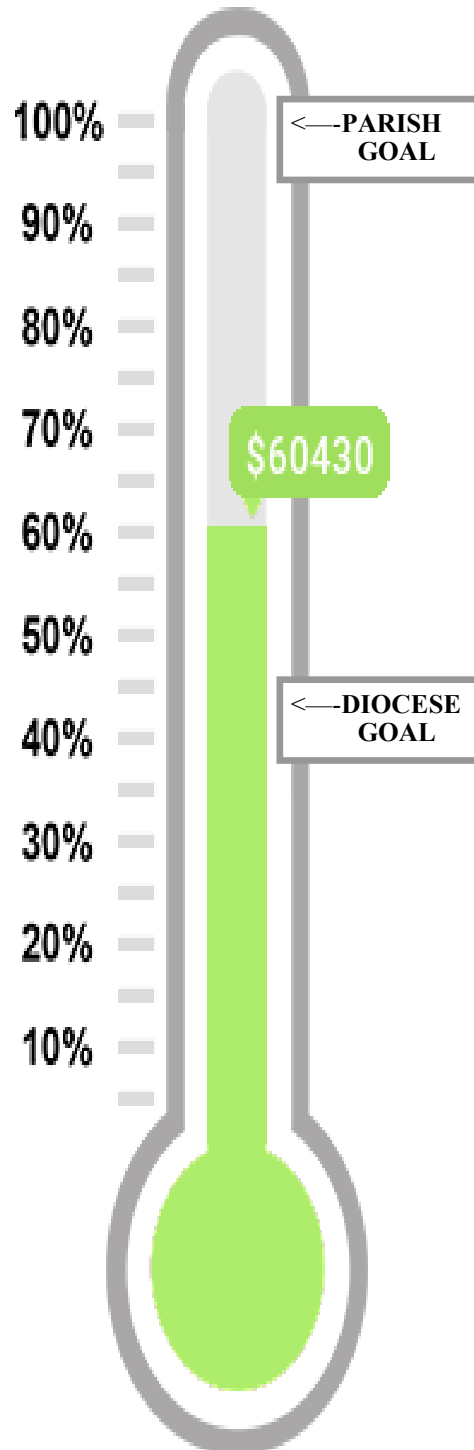
The **Good Friday** collection is taken for the support of the services and facilities of the Church in the Holy Land. This is a special place where Jesus taught, healed, forgave, and finally suffered, died and rose for our salvation. As good stewards of this place, we are responsible for the upkeep and preservation for future generations of the faithful. Monies from this collection are also used for the education and social service support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are desperately in need of our help.

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Altar Servers Needed

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Please contact Fr. Rod at

rrodriguez@dioceseofgreensburg.org or
call /email the parish office.

Adult servers are also welcome! Consider serving at mass!



Saint Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, will host its annual Lenten Dinners every Friday during Lent from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. and on Good Friday from 2:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Dine in and take out will be available. For more information please call (724-836-0690). Menu Features: Fried fish dinners and sandwiches, baked weekly specials, fried shrimp, crab cakes, kids' meal and lots of desserts to choose from!

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Saint Bruno Rosary Altar Society is hosting a "Swing Into Spring" Crafter's Market. The event will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 pm in the Saint Bruno Church Hall, 1715 Poplar Street, South Greensburg. The kitchen will be open. There will be a basket raffle with crafter items along with a 50/50. Crafter applications are still being accepted. For more information, please email Beth lezzi at balwine7@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

During Lent, we are called to give special attention to our relationship with God. Through opportunities to deepen our prayer, practice fasting and give alms, we meet our Lord and encounter our sisters and brothers around the world. Please make a donation to CRS Rice Bowl to help communities in Honduras, the Philippines, Kenya and other countries to overcome poverty. You can donate online by visiting www.crs.org. Thanks for your support!

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April Faithful Challenge: **SELF-CARE**

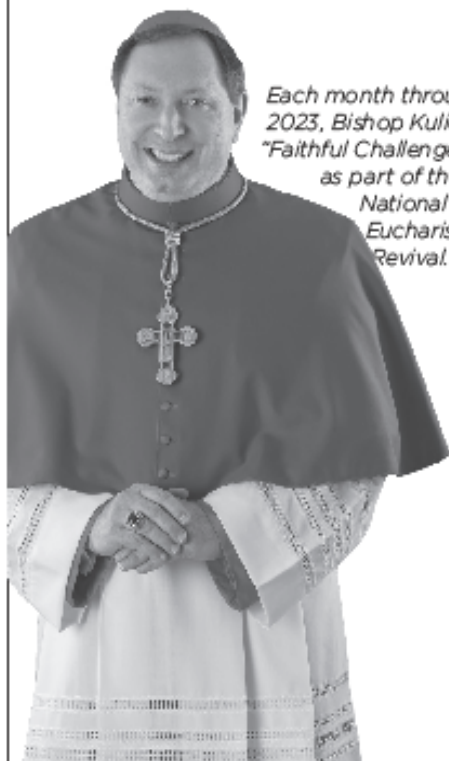
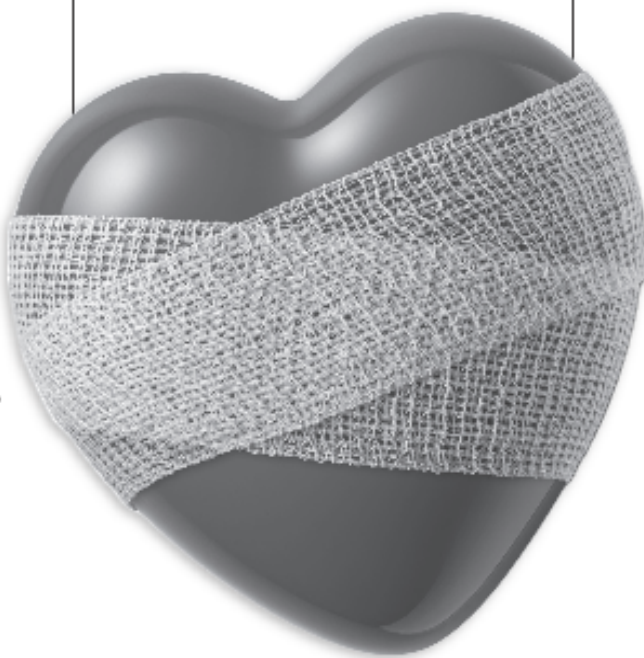
Be still and know that I am God

Psalm 46:10

Bishop Kulick's April Faithful Challenge is self-care. Be patient and kind with yourself. Nurturing your spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health makes you stronger and enables you to better serve others. How we should serve God while taking care of ourselves is evident throughout the New Testament. There are many examples of Jesus spending time in prayer with God and doing so away from the crowds. Couldn't we all focus more on being still? Take time this Easter season to nourish yourself with His word.

Challenge yourself:

- Spend time with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration
- Extend your time alone with God in prayer
- Make a day of rest and relaxation a priority this month



Each month throughout 2023, Bishop Kulick will issue "Faithful Challenges" as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.



Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. While much of year one involves providing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival for videos, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!

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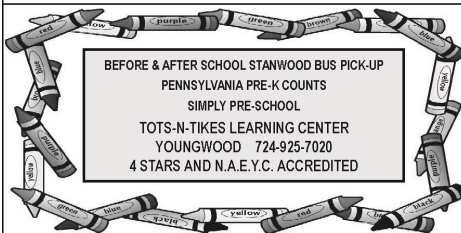
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