

**March 29, 2020—5th Sunday of Lent**

**April 5, 2020—Palm Sunday**

## **St. Mary's Immaculate Conception**

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00PM. Sunday: 8:00 AM

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### **From The Pastor....**

We are still living with the coronavirus/COVID19 Pandemic. We need to come together as best we can. A reminder that we broadcast the Mass on WEVR 106.3 FM and 1550 AM Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and through our FB and St. Bridget's Website.

**Today (March 29) is the 5th Sunday of Lent.** The raising of Lazarus. [When Lazarus died, Jesus told his sister, Martha] "Your brother will rise to life." [Then Jesus added] "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:23,25. Fr. Walter Ciszek spent 23 years in Russian prisons and work camps. Eventually he was released and returned home to America. His book "He Leadeth Me" describes the deep faith in eternal life that burns brightly in the hearts of Russia's ordinary people. All the decades of atheistic propaganda by the media has not altered this faith. What convinces me most that there is life after death? What keeps me from living more in accord with my belief? (Vision 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

**April 5 is Palm Sunday.** This is the day when Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding on a "donkey". A donkey was a symbol of peace. If Jesus would have road a horse it would have been a sign of wanting to conqueror. Fr. Gerard Fuller in his book "Stories for all Seasons" shares a story called "The Passion." It begins: After years of wandering, Clint Dennis realized some important was missing in his life. He decided to attend church. As he entered a church for the first time he noticed people putting on long robes. They were also tying ropes around their waists and wrapping headdresses around their heads. "Come, be a part of the mob," a stranger told him.

It was Palm Sunday and the church was re-enacting the Crucifixion in costume. He would be part of the crowd that shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Hesitantly he agreed. Then another stranger hurried up to him. "The man who is supposed to play one of the thieves on the cross didn't show up," he said. "Would you take his place?" Again Clint agreed and was shown to the cross where he would look on as Jesus died.

Just then, though, something about Clint's manner caught a member's eye. He turned to Clint and asked, "Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive your sins?" "No," Clint replied softly, "but that's why I came here." There beneath the cross, they prayed, and Clint asked Jesus to come into his heart. What the church didn't know was that Clint had been in prison for ten years. He was a real thief. Even after his release he had gone on stealing cars and trucks until he realized that something was missing from his life.

Application: Have we drawn on Jesus' passion and death as a source of strength to forgive others—and ourselves?

May God bless us all these final days of Lent as we journey to Easter. There is no doubt that Easter will have a deeper meaning for all us this year!

Fr. Harris

### **3/29/2020 Mass Link Below:**

We ask that you please share with others. We currently do not have emails for all of our Parish Family.

<https://www.saintbridgets.org/church/full-mass.cfm>

### **St. Mary's Church Doors Open for Private Prayer**

St. Mary's is responding to the needs of personal prayer. We will have St. Mary's Church front doors open with the following guidelines.

- Church Doors will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Enter through Front Doors only. Do not use the back door.
- This is a time for private prayer. Please be respectful of this time and personal (social distancing) space.
- Please do not come to the church if you are not feeling well.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by contacting Father Rich at 651-764-8466.

Thank you and God Bless.

### **St. Mary's Bulletin**

We are using the regular U.S. Mail to send out the parish bulletin to all those parishioners who do not have email addresses.

**However, you may receive both: an email and the bulletin in the U.S. mail.**

If you have an email address and received a "paper bulletin" in the U.S. Mail, please email Jackie at [JackieAune@smicparish.org](mailto:JackieAune@smicparish.org) so that we can update our database and save money on postage. ALSO, if you receive a bulletin in the mail AND you do have an email address, please contact Jackie at the above email. She can then update our database and you will start to receive bulletins via email. We greatly appreciate your help in updating our database and saving money in postage.

## Prayer for healing of coronavirus

Lord, Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Corona virus COVID - 19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them, for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success, for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease until moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your mercy. Amen  
Pedro de la Cruz.

### All Church Activities

**All church related activities have been canceled until further notice. This includes Mass, Communal Penance, Faith Formation and any other activities associated with the church. Stay in and stay healthy!**



#### Where Can I Find the St. Bridget Sunday Mass?

Father will be recording a Mass on Saturday night. This Mass will be available on our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page on Sunday morning.

That Mass will also be aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on WEVR radio, 1550 AM/106.3 FM.

The Hudson Community Television channel 16, will also air this Mass on Wednesday 8:00 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. This is for Comcast customers only.

Scripture Readings		
www.usccb.org/bible/readings		
Monday, 3/30	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11	PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Tuesday, 3/31	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30	PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
Wednesday, 4/1	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42	Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Thursday, 4/2	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59	PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Friday, 4/3	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42	PS 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
Saturday, 4/4	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56	Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Sunday, 4/5	Mt 21:1-11 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14 27:66 or 27:11-54	PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Monday, 4/6	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11	PS 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
Tuesday, 4/7	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	PS 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17
Wednesday, 4/8	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25	PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34
Thursday, 4/9	Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21	PS 89:21-22, 25 and 27
Friday, 4/10	Is 52:13 53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1 19:42	PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Saturday, 4/11	Gn 1:1 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15 15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32 4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10	PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35
Sunday, 4/12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10	PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

St. Mary's Intentions				
Day	Date	In Memory Of	Given By:	
Thurs	4/2/2020	+	People's Mass	
Sat	4/4/2020	+	Tony & Alice Koshenina	Koshenina Family
Sun	4/5/2020	+	Hotka Family	Michael & Mary Hotka
Thurs	4/9/2020	+	Catherine Mary Tomko	Michael & Mary Hotka
Sat	4/11/2020	+	People's Mass	
Sun	4/12/2020	+	Tony & Alice Koshenina	Koshenina .Family
Sun	4/12/2020	+	People's Mass	

## PRAYER LIST

### PASTORAL MINISTRY

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Want someone prayed for, or listed in the bulletin prayer list? Please notify our prayer chain contact, Roxi Wakeen at (715) 698-2622, Text (651) 894-3385 or the church office.

The name of your loved one will be prayed for two months or unless you request it otherwise. You can resubmit your loved ones names at anytime.

Doug Pedrotty	Dominic Pedrotty	Kay Suckow
Donald Anibas	John Will	Bob Weninger
Ken Weiss	Lorraine Miller	Michael Pedrotty
Charlene Bretl	Rebecca Eckman	Heather Jaszczak
David Bazille	Sammie Criego	

**Chancery Bulletin** - You can view the Chancery bulletin here: <http://www.catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin>

**Ride to Worship** - If you are unable to get to mass on Saturday or Sunday, please contact our church office and one of Welcoming Committee members will assist. We will try our best to get you there! Church office - Phone: (715) 796-2244; Email - [admin@stmaryshammond.org](mailto:admin@stmaryshammond.org); Office Hours: T & TH 11:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

**Please call the parish office for all scheduling.**

**Holy Communion for the Homebound** - Call and leave your name and telephone number, and we will arrange a visit at your home by a Minister of Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick** - First Mass of the quarter (Jan., April, July, & Oct.) at each nursing home and by appointment. Please call the cluster office for a priest to visit your home or hospital room - 715-796-2244.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Weekly on Sunday from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, or anytime by appointment.

**Baptisms** - A Baptism preparation is to be completed by parents prior to the Baptism of their first child.

**Weddings** - Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the wedding to allow for Marriage Preparation.

**Spanish Mass** - We have a large Spanish population in the area who are Catholic. To meet their spiritual needs, Mass in Spanish and English will be the second Saturday of the month at the 7:00p.m. at St. Mary's in Hammond. The prayers, readings, and intentions will be in Spanish and English. The Eucharistic Prayer will be in Spanish. We are blessed to have several members of St. Mary's who speak Spanish and will be able to help translate.



# Palm Sunday

Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of  
the Lord !

Matthew 21:9