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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023

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May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Palm Sunday

Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on a donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey. Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom of peace and eternal life. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in our hearts and homes? Do our walls echo with the praise of his glory? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of glory! May I wish you all a most blessed Holy Week!

Saint of the Week ... St. Julie Billiart

Born in Cuvilly, France, into a family of well-to-do farmers, young Marie Rose Julie Billiart showed an early interest in religion and in helping the sick and poor. Though the first years of her life were relatively peaceful and uncomplicated, Julie had to take up manual work as a young teen when her family lost its money. However, she spent her spare time teaching catechism to young people and to the farm laborers.

A mysterious illness overtook her when she was about 30. Witnessing an attempt to wound or even kill her father, Julie was paralyzed and became a complete invalid. For the next two decades, she continued to teach catechism lessons from her bed, offered spiritual advice, and attracted visitors who had heard of her holiness.

When the French Revolution broke out in 1789, revolutionary forces became aware of her allegiance to fugitive priests. With the help of friends, she was smuggled out of Cuvilly in a haycart. She then spent several years hiding in Compiègne, being moved from house to house despite her growing physical pain. She even lost the power of speech for a time.

But this period also proved to be a fruitful spiritual time for Julie. It was at this time she had a vision in which she saw Calvary surrounded by women in religious habits and heard a voice saying, "Behold these spiritual daughters whom I give you in an institute marked by the cross."

As time passed and Julie continued her mobile life, she made the acquaintance of an aristocratic woman, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, who shared Julie's interest in teaching the faith. In 1803, the two women began the Institute of Notre Dame, which was dedicated to the education of the poor, young Christian girls, and the training of catechists. The following year the first Sisters of Notre Dame made their vows. That was the same year that Julie recovered from the illness: She was able to walk for the first time in 22 years.

Though Julie had always been attentive to the special needs of the poor and that always remained her priority, she also became aware that other classes in society needed Christian instruction. From the founding of the Sisters of Notre Dame until her death, Julie was on the road, opening a variety of schools in France and Belgium that served the poor and the wealthy. She died in 1816 and was canonized in 1969. St. Julie Billiart is the patron saint against poverty, bodily ills and disease.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: April 8



Several of our parishioners are interested in participating in the West Virginia Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, April 22, in Charles Town. If you're interested too, contact Nancy Starcher at 304-813-0313 for carpool information.



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Christ is Present! Will you be?

April 21-22 at St. James Church, Charles Town

Friday:
7 pm - Taizé Prayer Service & Reception

Saturday:
9 am - Registration/Coffee and Donuts
10 am - Morning Prayer Service

- Keynote Address (immediately following prayer service)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins (concludes before closing Mass)
- Tours of the church
- Lunch and Q/A session with Keynote

Afternoon - Two Breakout Presentations (10-12 sessions to choose from all to inspire our recognition of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and our lives)

5 pm Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan as presider

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Fr. Luke Spannagel

RSVP and more info: <https://dwc.org/eucharistic-congresses/>



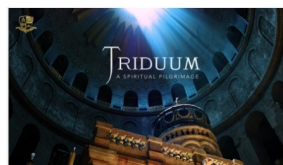
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These smiling faces of our grades 1-2 CCD class wish everyone a very blessed Holy Week and Easter! Their catechist is Jean Harber. Photo credit to fellow catechist Julie Alt.



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Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30-minute documentary that walks us through locations of the Holy

Week story, presenting the most important days of human history. Triduum draws Catholics and those with open hearts and minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events and places.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 1	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Krista Taylor	The Harber Family
Sunday, April 2	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Bro. Luke Stone	Mary Lambert
Monday, April 3	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 4	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 5	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey	Jeff & Kelley Kuhn
		The Arnold Family	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, April 6	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday	
Friday, April 7	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday	
Saturday, April 8	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil	
Sunday, April 9	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday	
	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday	

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no weekday Masses the week of April 10 and the Parish Office will be closed.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Larena Brant, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 2

Confirmation Candidate Retreat

Sunday, April 2

Community Easter Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. at Keyser Middle School, sponsored by our Youth Group

Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m.

Volunteers for washing of feet are still needed!

Friday, April 7

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Easter Masses at 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Collections & Attendance

March 25-26, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes..... \$2,255

Loose Donations..... \$841

Easter Flowers: \$839

Total \$3,935

Attendance

Saturday, 3/25..... 86

Sunday, 3/26..... 89

Total 175

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

The Pontifical Good Friday collection supports the welfare of our Christian brethren in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your support of this important appeal.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Rear of the church by the Holy Water
- Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT

- Wall outside the restroom

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- Wall outside the restroom



Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three (3) new members of the Parish Council. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated.

Nominations can be submitted to the Parish Office by phone, email, or by dropping a note in the offertory basket now through April 30.

The three outgoing members whose terms are expiring this year are Janet Corley, Lauren Ellifritz and Jean Harber. Other current members are Paul Bogdan, Tammy Dale, Mike Fleming, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen, and Pam Williams.

Holy Week

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Holy Thursday

Lector: Kelley Kuhn

Servers: Mike Landis, Rosie Landis, Beverley Iser

EMs: Julie Alt, Kelley Kuhn, Nancy Starcher

Cantor: Linda Marsh

Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

Good Friday

Lector: Mike Landis

Speaker: Karen Yowler

Servers: Beverley Iser, Mike Landis, Alan Taylor

EMs: Julie Alt, Charlotte Delilo, Jane Placka

Cantor: Patrick George

Greeter: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Easter Vigil

Lector: Mike Landis

Servers: Sue Harber, Rosie Landis

EMs: Sue Harber, Rosie Landis, Nancy Starcher

Cantor: Linda Marsh

Greeter: Nancy Starcher & Frank Fitzwater

Easter Sunday 7 a.m.

Lector: Pam Williams

Servers: Alan Taylor & Jane Placka

EMs: Jane Placka, Alan Taylor, Pam Williams

Cantor: Patrick George

Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Derek Stephen

Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick

EMs: Meredythe Barrick, Charlotte Delilo, Tina Stephen

Cantor: Julie Alt

Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.