

# Church of the Assumption

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***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion***

***March 28, 2021***



## PALM SUNDAY

### HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

***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, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

*Registration suggested  
for weekend Masses.*

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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!

Readings for Easter Sunday,

April 4, 2021

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

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## † Saint of the Week ... St Stephen of Mar Saba

Stephen of Mar Saba was the nephew of Saint John Damascene, who introduced the young boy to monastic life beginning at age 10. When he reached age 24, Stephen served the community in a variety of ways, including guest master. After some time he asked permission to live a hermit's life. The answer from the abbot was yes and no: Stephen could follow his preferred lifestyle during the week, but on weekends he was to offer his skills as a counselor. Stephen placed a note on the door of his cell: "Forgive me, Fathers, in the name of the Lord, but please do not disturb me except on Saturdays and Sundays."

Despite his calling to prayer and quiet, Stephen displayed uncanny skills with people and was a valued spiritual guide. His biographer and disciple wrote about Stephen: "Whatever help, spiritual or material, he was asked to give, he gave. He received and honored all with the same kindness. He possessed nothing and lacked nothing. In total poverty he possessed all things." He died in 794.

Saint Stephen is known for his ability to compromise. What he most wanted was to live in complete and uninterrupted solitude, but he was not granted his wish. Consequently, he gladly chose to accept a lifestyle mixed with both his wishes and those of others.

*We pray: Dear God, help me to recognize times when I should compromise and to willingly and happily accept the compromises asked of me. Amen.*

Source: smp.org

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## IMPORTANT!

**Due to the number and length of the readings today and the rest of Holy Week, there will not be bulletin inserts for the readings and hymns. Instead we will be using the missalettes which are available on the table by the bulletins.**

Please take your missalette with you when you leave and bring it to each Mass you attend through Easter. And please take just one per family if possible to ensure we have enough for everyone. Thank you!

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

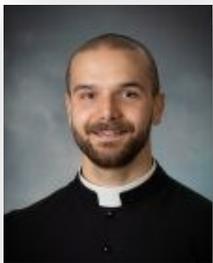
Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 27	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean Alt
Sunday, March 28	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Dolores Fairall	Nancy Starcher
Monday, March 29	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 30	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 31	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
Thursday, April 1	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday	
Friday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday	
Saturday, April 3	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil	
Sunday, April 4	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday	

### PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be no weekday Masses the week of April 5.**

### Save the Date!

## Deacon Phillip Ordination

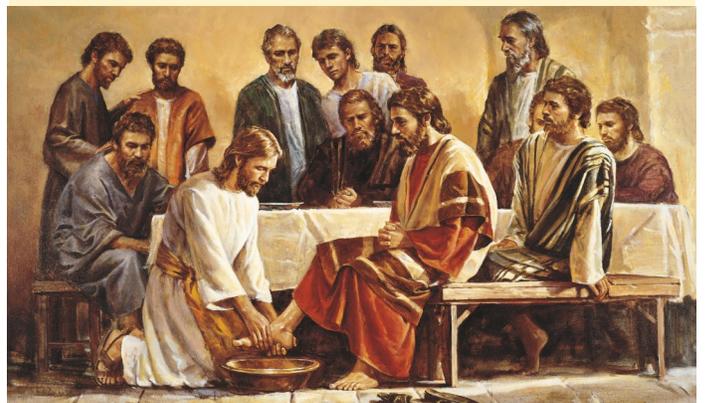


Deacon Phillip Szabo will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 29 at 11 a.m. The ordination will be held at St. James Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV. All are welcome. There is no need to RSVP.

Deacon Phillip has expressed his thanks to all the good people at Assumption Parish who have prayed and walked with him during his journey in seminary for the past six years.

Deacon Phillip will be with us at both Easter Sunday Masses!

## Volunteers Needed for Holy Thursday



Volunteers are still needed for washing of feet at Mass on Holy Thursday. If you are able to participate (men, women or children), please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

**Collections & Attendance:  
March 20-21, 2021**

**Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,060
Loose Donations.....	\$2,005
Easter Flowers.....	\$712
Poor Box.....	\$150
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,927</b>

Diocesan Collections.....\$100

**Attendance**

Saturday Attendance .....	45
Sunday Attendance .....	53
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>98</b>

**Upcoming Diocesan Collections**

**Good Friday**

*Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land*

**Easter**

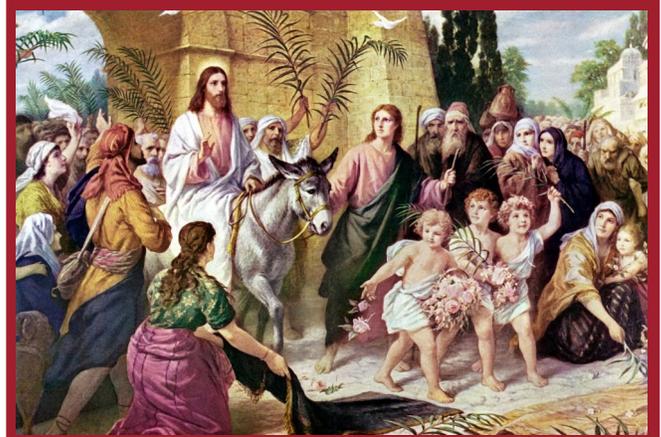
*Education of Seminarians*

A separate basket will be available for each of these collections.

**Holy Week**

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

Holy Thursday .....	Pam Williams (L) Linda Marsh (C) Sue & Jean Harber (U)
Good Friday .....	Mike Landis (L) Logan Stanislawczyk (S) Nancy Starcher (C) Beverley Iser (U) Melissa Stanislawczyk (U)
Easter Vigil.....	Karen Yowler (L) Linda Marsh (C) Larry & Tammy Dale (U)
Easter, 7:00 am.....	Pam Williams (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Denny Dolechek (U) Lauren Ellifritz (U)
Easter, 8:30 am.....	Kelley Kuhn (L) Julie Alt (C) Judy Dolechek (U) Tina & Derek Stephen (U)



*As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest!*

**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 the end of April.

Current members of the Parish Council are Kenny Brant, Janet Corley, Denny Dolechek, Lauren Ellifritz, Jean Harber, Charlie Junkins, Shawn McGann, Jane Placka and Nancy Starcher.

**Volunteers Needed to Clean  
St. Mary's Hall**

Our CCD students will be returning to in-person learning on Sunday, April 11. To help ensure their safety, we will be thoroughly cleaning St. Mary's Hall on Good Friday, April 2, at 10 a.m. If you have just an hour to spare, please stop by to help.

The hall will be professionally sanitized the week of April 5.