

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 5, 2020



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While we miss seeing each other, Let us keep thinking of each other and praying everyday for Everyone's Health and Peace.

Please check out New Readings, Prayers/Devotions Inside
I have placed our Parish Directories by the Tabernacles for Personal Prayer and Remembrance of all Members, Families and Friends
Keep Well and Keep the Faith.

Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson

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OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Days	St. Pius X	St. Anthony
No Public Celebration of Masses Until Further Notice		
Let us hold one another in prayer especially for the sick, healthcare workers and caregivers. May God strengthen and protect you.		

Please see calendar inside for Holy Day times & other changes.

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Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

Another week, but not just any week, we are entering Holy Week. Maybe, I have said this before, but I pray everyone is building new routines of prayer, work and family connections (but all safe and protective). Back when we started this period of virus quarantine, I heard several people mention the idea of keeping a Daily Virus Journal of prayers, personal thoughts, words shared from others and an overall record of activities of each day. A great idea, and I wish I began one. But, I was in denial about the length or extent of the 'new' social procedures. But, as I always preach, "Okay fine, that is past now, what is keeping you from starting one today!" I hope many of you have running journals of these days. I say, we can all write a book after this passes. I look forward to reading each person's accounts of the days of spring 2020. But as we enter Holy Week and follow our daily mass readings, we are following a journal of the last days, last hours and even last minutes of Jesus' life. Of course, that journal doesn't end with His death. He rises and that is Easter morning! We then start of a new journal, that we call the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. But each day of Holy Week will focus upon Jesus and surrounding events that prepare and lead up to His death and resurrection. I encourage everyone to follow that daily 'good news' word each day of Holy Week. A good way to do that is to stay tuned in to the daily refreshed website of the parishes (and any supplemental video masses, prayers and liturgies-so many!)

I enclosed an overview of Holy Week according to the scripture of Mark's gospel. Check it out!

Palm Sunday: We will be having the Blessed Palms available for distribution & safe pick-up by drive through in the church parking lots. St Anthony will have a table in the middle of the lot with Palm safely spread out on it, that you can drive by and pick up alone. Just pull your car up to the drive by table and grab an individual 'previously untouched piece'. ***I will be blessing them in the package untouched and spread them on table with gloved hands.*** The same will be done at St Pius and we will have space all around the table for drive up closeness and pull around space. There will be Hand Gel available and tissues, but you should be able to just reach out, pick up and go. The Palm will be out after mass, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Just let me know, and I will gladly store some for pick-up later on, for anyone.

Our schedule for live-streamed Holy Week Liturgies will be Holy Thursday 6:00 pm, Good Friday 6:00 pm, and Easter Sunday Morning 9:30 am on our St Pius Calvert City Facebook page/channel.

I have been so blessed to hear in the course of my day to day routines, about so many parishioners humbly reaching out to others, calling each other, offering help and checking on each other. Please continue this precious work of ministry. I am trying to get the good word out too in any possible way, but I get distracted easily, so please tell me how I may be of more help, or of any special situation you may be aware of. I do not want anyone to be left out. God is so good to us, so please let's keep an eye open looking for unmet needs and do the best we can to meet them. ***If I or the office can help with some kind of grocery pick-up or drop-off, please call me 270-668-7675 or 395-4727.***

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Brian

Prayer for the Sick

Jesus, our Healer, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love. Heal those who are sick: may they regain their health and strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting and turning to you.

Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

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ST. PIUS X


MASS INTENTIONS April 6 th -12 th	
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>(Chrism Mass in Owensboro)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Benedict Lazatin</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Buffington Family</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>(Good Friday Service)</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>All Parishioners</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>All Parishioners</i>

All Mass Intentions **must** be turned in to the office 30 days prior to the date you want the Mass celebrated.

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (03/29/20)	\$ 255.00
Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 177, 160.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3, 406.92
Weekly Donation (03/29/20)	\$ 3,330.00
Online Giving (03/29/20)	\$ 1,580.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 139, 502.44



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: John Bardsley, Bennett Meisenheimer, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Sister Rosemary, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Jeanette Hayes, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, LaRece Hurst, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Derwood & Pat Doyle, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Kim Bruce, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jim Henthorn, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Tom and Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, JoAnne Carter, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Phyllis Whit, Lanie Pellegrin, Forrest Michael Teeters, Harry Frizzell, Mike Block and their family and caregivers.



FOR OUR MILITARY: Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Wallv Schmidt, and Luke Jablonski.


St. Pius X Mission Statement: *We, the parishioners of St. Pius Tenth Church, gather in the name of the Lord to praise God and His Son, Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, thanking them for the many blessings that they have given to us. We gain strength from the Word of God in order to share and celebrate God's love through the sacraments.*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA


MASS INTENTIONS April 6 th -12 th	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Godchildren</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>(Good Friday Service)</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>All Parishioners</i>

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WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 72,100.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (03/29/20)	\$ 925.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 53, 628.29



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Sister Rosemary, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, Mr. Driskill, Margeret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Betty Gonzalez, Frances Scott, Alice Blazina and their families and caregivers.



FOR OUR MILITARY: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Anthony of Padua Mission Statement: *We, the Catholics of St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Grand Rivers, are united as a faith-filled community to give home and glory to God, to aid each other, and others, on the journey of salvation and to share the Good News of the Gospel.*

Weekly Mass Readings	
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Church Projects Corner: If an individual or Family would like to help a neighbor or friend, here are a couple of specific ideas:

- Cards to Nursing Home Residents: If you would like to send cards to our Nursing Home Parishioners and Friends of the Parish, please let Fr Brian know 270-668-7675 or email Brian.Johnson@pastoral.org and he will send you names and addresses. Could be as simple as homemade cards and crayon-colored pictures with the residents' name and greeting on it!
- The St Pius Mary's Grotto between church & Office might need bushes trimmed and beds weeded in preparation for Mary Crowning. Also, the Mary Garden beside St Anthony, Grand Rivers Rectory. Both could be nice solitary outside jobs!
- **Do you have more ideas?** Please share them. Help be creative and come up with other community safe -socially distanced projects to work on for us to suggest and circulate as thoughtful service projects to uplift others! Suggest them and we'll publicize them!



April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mt 26:14-27:66

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Happy Palm Sunday! By the way, I am blessing all the palm and it will be available for safe pickup up Sunday 9:30-1:00 drive-by style. Anyone not going out at all (Everyone, please stay safe!), we will hold blessed palm in the church for you to receive at later date. We pray for that coming day when we can return safely to public masses and prayer in person together. I pray in the private masses I offer for all parishioners and ask God's continued protection over everyone. We pray especially for the dying, the hospitalized and everyone serving in the medical care & caregiving of the vulnerable and sick. Pray too, for all workers in our public-facing services area and all grocery/supply providers.

We have several long scripture readings as we go through this Holy Week. Sometimes priests are asked about favorite bible passages. When I am asked, I often say I have too many favorites! I keep a favorite for each unique occasion. But for this week, let's act like I am asked to cut that answer down to "Okay then, what is your favorite reading in Holy Week?" I feel obliged to say it has to be Easter morning, John 20:1-10, when we hear about the empty tomb from those first witnesses of Mary Magdalene, Peter and the Beloved Disciple being surprised by Joy! But even among the multiple choice Easter readings, I have to say my favorite is the garden encounter between Mary Magdalene and the disguised gardener (*No it is Jesus!*) read on Easter Tuesday (John 20:11-18). I know I layered up my answer, my description adding up to being 'my favorite with my favorite within my favorite'. Maybe that is like me enjoying the cookie dough chunks (the prize inside) in a bowl of ice cream (always favored food) of my preferred brand (not what you may think)! Goodness inside of goodness inside of goodness. But I am getting ahead of myself, because that is Easter's message of Jesus rising from the tomb next weekend. We are only just entering Holy Week, so let me back up a little.

To fully appreciate Christ's resurrection we have to go through His death with Him. As they say, to get to Easter Sunday, we have to go through Good Friday. Or a good way of thinking about the whole season of Lent is that it is a 'flattened out' Calvary Good Friday. All through the Lenten season, we add prayer, sacrifice and charitable acts to our lives to grow closer to Jesus by "denying ourselves, and **taking up our cross daily** to follow" Jesus (Luke 9:23). This Holy Week concentrates our sacrifice and prayer on retracing with Christ His final days and hours. So for this whole week, my favorite scripture reading is Holy Thursday when we hear about the institution of a memorial that encapsulates the saving action of Jesus. He offers the sacrifice of His life, as a model for us to follow. That gospel reading is John 13:1-15, the washing of the feet. The Sacrifice is Jesus' own life, physically as He voices over the Bread to become His Body and the wine to become His Blood. He is giving His life to us in this memorial (John 6:55 'my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink'). He commands us to repeat & follow Him doing 'This in Memory of Me'. Yes, he is referring to the ritual action, but in John's gospel Jesus goes deeper to reveal the purpose of this divine feeding. He also tells his disciples to imitate the 'service' action of washing others' feet. He says in John 13:15 "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, **you should also do.**" This sounds like a doubling command (or a mandate within a mandate), 'Do this, **too**, in memory of me'. He is saying, 'Serve as I have served. Sacrifice as I have sacrificed. Feed others as I have fed you.' In both the prayer ritual of the Mass and in the ritual of our helpful charity acts offered in His Name, we serve others imitating Jesus (doing 'this' in memory of Jesus).

In the Last Supper and at every Mass, we are fed for a purpose. God gives us His life in Jesus that it be shared with others. Just as the bread is broken and the cup is passed, to be emptied and to be eaten, so we are fed in the Holy Eucharist to become food for others-to strengthen, nourish and help others grow, too. Back in Matthew 5:13, Jesus said 'You are the salt of the earth', and in Matt 5:14, He said 'You are light of the world'. In this divine meal and command to follow Him, I hear Jesus say to those really present, "You are bread for the world!"

Peace and Prayers,
 Fr. Brian

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE (On-line Only)

All Masses and Services will be on-line via Facebook Live.

- April 5: **Palm Sunday Mass, 9:30AM** from St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rivers
- April 9: **Holy Thursday Mass, 6:00PM** from St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City
- April 10: **Good Friday Stations of the Cross 2:00PM** from St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City
- April 10: **Good Friday Service 6:00PM** from St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rivers
- April 12: **EASTER SUNDAY 9:30AM** from St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City

Martin de Porres (born 12-9-1579 died 11-3-1639)

Another Saint for a Time of Plague

St. Martin was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order. He is the patron saint of public health care workers, barbers, innkeepers, persons of mixed ethnicity, and all those seeking racial harmony. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor and sick, establishing orphanages and children's hospitals. He kept an austere and sacrificial lifestyle, and lived on a simple vegetarian diet. He was blessed with the spiritual gifts of healing, insightful personal knowledge, levitation and an ability to communicate with animals.

He was born the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman, Don Juan and Ana Velázquez, a freed slave from African-Native American descent. After the birth of his sister Juana, the father abandoned the family. Ana Velázquez supported her children by taking in laundry. He grew up in poverty and, when his mother could not support him, Martin was sent to a primary school for two years, and then placed with a barber/surgeon to learn the medical arts. He spent hours of the night in prayer and spiritual study.

Because Peruvian law discriminated against descendants of Africans and Native Americans, he was barred from becoming a full member of a religious order. So he requested only to be 'donado' or volunteer at the Dominican Holy Rosary Priory in Lima. He would only perform lowly menial tasks as a servant boy, but got to wear the Dominican habit. Martin continued to practice his old trades of barbering and healing and was said to have performed many miraculous cures. He also took on kitchen work, laundry, and cleaning. After eight years at Holy Rosary, the house prior Juan de Lorenzana, decided to turn a blind eye to the law and permit Martin to take his vows as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. Holy Rosary was home to 300 men, not all of whom accepted the decision of De Lorenzana. Martin was called names such as "mulatto dog" and even mocked by priests for being illegitimate. When Martin was 24, he was allowed to profess religious vows as a Dominican lay brother in 1603. He never became a priest. It was said that when his religious house was in debt, he implored them: "I am only a poor mulatto, sell me." When Martin was 34, he was assigned to the infirmary, where he was placed in charge and would remain in service until his death at the age of 59. He was known for his care of the sick. His superiors saw in him the virtues necessary to exercise unflinching patience in this difficult role. It was not long before miracles were attributed to him. Martin also cared for the sick outside his convent, often bringing them healing with only a simple glass of water. He ministered without distinction to Spanish nobles and to slaves recently brought from Africa.

When **a plague epidemic struck Lima**, there were in this single Convent of the Rosary 60 friars who were sick, many of them novices in a distant and locked section of the convent, separated from the professed. Martin is said to have passed through the locked doors to care for them, a phenomenon which was reported in the residence more than once. The professed, too, saw him suddenly beside them without the doors having been opened. Martin continued to transport the sick to the convent until the provincial superior, alarmed by the contagion threatening the friars, forbade him to continue to do so. His sister, who lived in the country, offered her house to lodge those whom the residence of the religious could not hold. St Martin performed many miraculous healings through prayer and fasting.

St. Martin could well be called the "St. Francis of Assisi" of the Dominican Order for his love of animals. An incredible story of his relocation of a large number of destructive mice, is regarded as true by many. Recognizing the chaos the rodents were causing in the house, Martin was seen escorting an orderly line-up of several hundred mice out of the convent and into the garden where they were promised a daily feeding by their kindhearted benefactor. Martin was a strict vegetarian, and fasted often to live in solidarity with those who were hungry or poor without enough to eat. He begged for alms to procure necessities that the convent could not provide. In normal times, Martin often collected enough food to serve 160 poor persons every day. He also founded residences for orphans and abandoned children in the city of Lima. St. Martin, pray for us.

Litany Prayer of St Martin De Porres

God the Father of heaven, Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

St. Martin de Porres, pray for us.
Ever in the presence of God, pray for us.
Faithful servant of Christ, pray for us.
Devoted to our Blessed Mother, pray for us.
Spiritual patron of Americas, pray for us.
Honored son of St. Dominic, pray for us.
Protector of the tempted and repentant, pray for us.
Compassionate to the sorrowful and afflicted, pray for us.
Comforter of the discouraged and unfortunate, pray for us.
Touched by all suffering, pray for us.
Comforter of the sick and dying, pray for us.
Guardian of the homeless child, pray for us.
Humbly hiding God-given powers, pray for us.
Devoted to holy poverty, pray for us.
Exemplar of obedience, pray for us.
Performing menial tasks with holy ardor, pray for us.
Humbly gifted with prophecy, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.
Let us pray, O God, who did make St. Martin, your confessor, to enter the heavenly Kingdom, grant through his merits and intercession that we may so follow the example of his humility on earth as to deserve to be exalted with him in Heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.