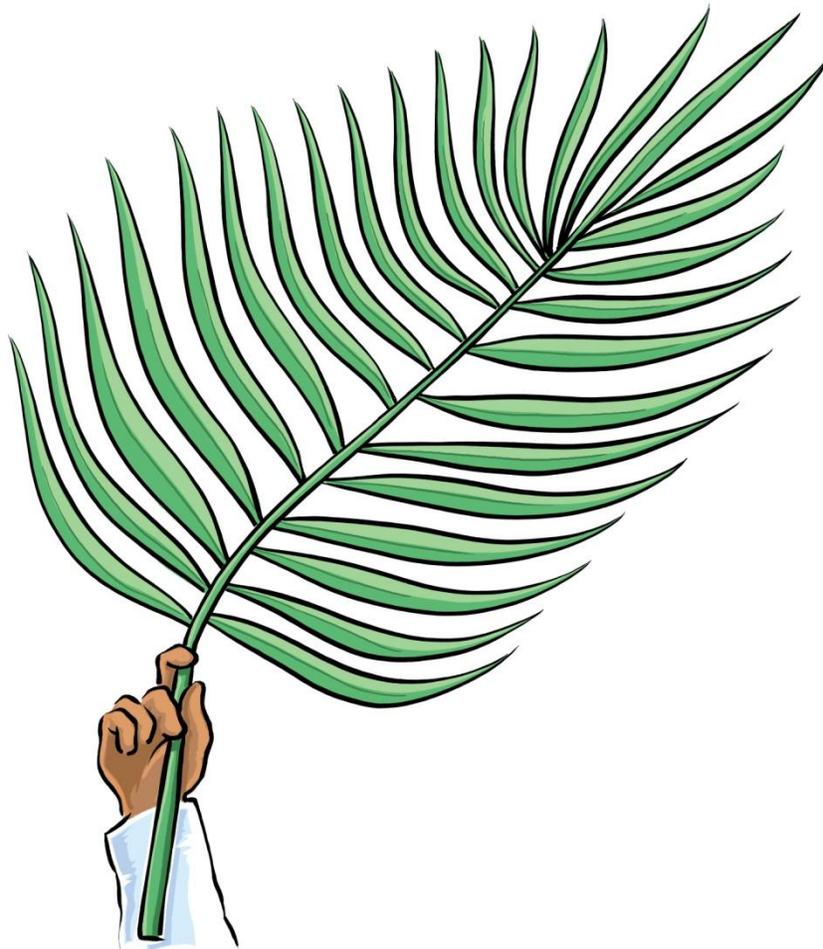


Saint Philip Neri
(Reed City)

Saint Anne
(Paris)

Palm Sunday
of the
Passion of the Lord
April 10, 2022



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Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14;
John 8:1-11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Blessing of the Palms at Both Masses

Monday, April 11

Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

1:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

5:30 PM RCIA

Tuesday, April 12

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

No Mass

7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

Wednesday, April 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

No Mass

6:00 PM-7:30 PM Faith Formation K-6

Thursday, April 14

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;

John 13:1-15

6:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Philp Neri
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass
until 11:00 PM

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;

3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at
St. Philip Neri

Decorating Church Following the Service

Saturday, April 16

Holy Saturday

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18;

Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12

9:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass at St. Philip Neri

Reception After Mass

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Collection Report

April 2-3

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	<u>St. Anne</u>
Envelopes	(41) \$2,935.00	(11) \$790.00
Loose	\$66.00	\$62.00
Total	\$3,001.00	\$852.00

Wkly. Budget: **\$3,596.15**
O/ (U) Budget: **\$256.85**

YTD Budget: **\$140,249.85**
YTD Collection: **\$134,522.89**
(\$5,726.96)

Schedule of Ministers

St. Philip Neri

April 16, 2022 – 9:00 PM

Word: Karen McKinney
Amy Shank
Sandy Fogue
Hospitality: Volunteers Needed

April 17, 2022 - 10:00 AM

Word: Tom Eichenberg
Hospitality: Leo Rosneck
Stacey Rosneck

St. Anne

April 17, 2022 - 8:00 AM

Word: Austin Battle
Hospitality: Ed Suckow
Kay Suckow

Fr. Mike's Musings

This week we bring to a conclusion what we hope has been our best Lent. In his book Resisting Happiness, Matthew Kelly writes, "There are four words that embody the challenge of Christian life; we find them in the fifth line of the Our Father: *'Thy will be done.'* These four words present the greatest challenge of Christianity."

Jesus challenges us but He never asks us to do something that He has not done. In the Garden at Gethsemane Jesus prayed that He might not have to face terrible suffering, but each time he added, "...not as I will, but your will be done!" Jesus came precisely to do the will of the Father. If you attend the Good Friday service, you will hear that, by His obedience, Jesus became the source of our salvation. He is the true Son and He wants us to become sons and daughters through Him. That is why He taught His disciples to pray, "*Father...thy kingdom come, thy will be done.*"

What does it mean to do the will of the Father? For each of us, it will mean something different. A famous story illustrates that. King Henry of Bavaria, being a man of deep piety, was being worn-down by the petty intrigues of the royal court. Henry decided that he wanted to spend his final years in a monastery. He approached Prior Richard with his request. Prior Richard explained the strict rules of prayer and work expected of novices to the order.

King Henry listened eagerly and said he would gladly accept that discipline. The prior told the king he would have to pledge unquestioning obedience to the superior. King Henry said, yes, he knew how authority worked and he would obey the superior without question. "*Then,*" said Prior Richard, "*Go back to your throne and do your duty in the station God assigned you.*" The monk's words shocked the king, but he obeyed and became one of the most fair and just rulers in Europe. After his death, the people demanded his canonization by the Church. The King who learned obedience to the Father's will is now known as St. Henry of Bavaria.

As we celebrate Holy Week, we might ask St. Henry of Bavaria to intercede for us. We may not have such a high post, but God has some task for each of us. For some it might mean simply to embrace their suffering: "*Not as I will, but your will be done.*" Like St. Henry we will not find God's will in some place apart - but right here, right now, today. And it might require great sacrifice. This Holy Week we want Jesus' prayer to become our own: "*Dear Father, not as I will, but your will be done.*"

Knights of Columbus



PASTY SALE April 30, 2022

Fresh homemade beef pasty with Rutabaga and other vegetables. Gravy also available

1 box - \$18.00
2 boxes - \$16.00/box
3 or more boxes - \$15.00/box
(2) 1 lb. pasties per box

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**Pick up at Pere Marquette Catering
between 9:00AM –11:00 AM**

Spring Cleaning at Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Help is needed with spring clean-up at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM. Please bring rakes and gloves and come for a morning of work and fellowship.

Thank You in Advance



St. Philip Neri-St. Anne Grief Support and Fellowship Group

Whether the death of a loved one was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to process **their grief, honor the deceased, and figure out how** to keep on living when they are no longer a physical presence in our lives.

While each grief journey is unique and has its own timeline, there are steppingstones along the way that most of us will encounter and will need to learn to navigate in order to heal. **But we don't have to do it alone.** Many have been there and will accompany and share with us our grief and our joy in having had these persons in our lives.

For more information, please call Tom Eichenberg at (231) 832-4910.

Divine Mercy



Jesus commissioned St. Faustina to have a special image painted, an image that would reflect His Mercy and help spread the message of His great love. He wanted the world to know His mercy through this image and grants many special graces through it.

"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world." (Diary, 47)

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature; 'Jesus, I trust in You.'" (Diary, 327) She was to have the image painted just as she saw Him, standing with His right hand raised in blessing, red and pale rays issuing from His heart, a gaze of Mercy in His eyes..." "During prayer I heard these words within me: The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls.

These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. (Diary, 299) "My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross." (Diary, 326) Our Lord was very specific about how he wanted the image venerated..." "Tell the confessor that the Image is to be on view in the church and not within the enclosure in that convent. By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it." (Diary, 570) "I desire that this image be displayed in public on the first Sunday after Easter. That Sunday is the Feast of Mercy. Through the Word Incarnate I make known the bottomless depth of My mercy." (Diary, 88) In His great Mercy, Jesus promises a great deal to those who venerate this image..." "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary, 48) "By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy...." (Diary,

742) "These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy." (Diary, 299) "When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer:

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You" (Diary, 186-7) **"Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace."** (Diary, 313)

— *Oblates of Divine Mercy*

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with decorating the church for Holy Week/Easter after mass on Good Friday. Please consider staying after mass and help to get the church ready for Holy Week/Easter.

In Sympathy

Please remember Patrick Davenport, son to Charles and Wanda Davenport. Patrick passed away last week. May he, and all the faithful departed, rejoice in entering into the presence of our loving Lord.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

What is the Triduum?

You've seen the word. Perhaps you can even pronounce it! The Triduum [pronounced TRID-oo-um] is the sacred "three days" which celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' life, passion, death, and resurrection. Lent ends on Holy Thursday afternoon (April 14th, this year) and the Church enters the Paschal Triduum. These days are the center and high point of the liturgical year.

Our journey of discipleship through Lent leads us to the sacred Triduum. During this time, we don't reenact historical events, but we do celebrate them in ways that make them present today. The liturgy of the Triduum is one event, each celebration opening to the next. 'The Mass of the Lord's Supper' on Holy Thursday leads to the celebration of the 'Passion of the Lord' on Good Friday, bringing us to the great 'Easter Vigil' as the high point of the three days and the climax of the entire liturgical year. Plan on participating for each part of these amazing days in Holy week, April 14th-16th.