

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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**Father Robert Finlan, M.Div., M.A., M.Ed.**

**Pastor**



*Saint Joseph the Worker*

## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

The office is closed for federal holidays/holydays.

## PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office and we  
will assist you in this process.

## REGIONAL SCHOOLS

**Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Cizek, SJ,**

Sr. Margaret M. McCullough, Principal

233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976

Telephone: (570) 462-3927,

[www.TrinityMatters.com](http://www.TrinityMatters.com)

## Marian Catholic High School

Mrs. Jean Susko, Principal

166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Telephone: (570) 467-3335, Website:

[www.mariancatholics.org](http://www.mariancatholics.org)

## Nativity B.V.M. High School

Lynn Sabol, Principal

One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901

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## St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.

Roobhenn Smith, Principal

2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-4638 Fax: 570-622-3420 [www.stjosephctr.com](http://www.stjosephctr.com)

## St. Joseph Parish Complex Locations

49 North Line Street

37 S. Broad Mountain Avenue

## SACRAMENTS

**Sacrament of Baptism**- The sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance in order to make arrangements. Parents must be registered in the parish and active for at least three months prior to the Baptism.

**Sponsors must be canonically eligible.**

**Certificates of Eligibility**- sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation requires that a person be an **active, registered member of the parish three months prior to receiving the certificate of eligibility.**

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Sacrament of Marriage**- Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months before the proposed marriage dates in order to arrange for the necessary preparation. An appointment is necessary before a wedding date may be scheduled. Parish and Diocesan pre-marital classes are required. Only parish guidelines will be followed in planning the marriage ceremony.

**Order of Christian Funerals**- At the time of death, contact the funeral home of your choice.

The funeral home will then contact the Parish Office.

## DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

**DIRECT** Phone line: (800) 791-9209 (**NOT Confidential**)

[www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:www.victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

## DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT

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[mcole@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mcole@allentowndiocese.org)

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited & encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more info about this program.

The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, & Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "**Youth Protection**" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

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# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## MARCH 25, 2018

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses in St. Ann Church unless otherwise noted.

#### Saturday, March 24, 2018 (Church Hall)

4:00 PM Anne Freiler requested by Don and Linda Lindenmuth

#### Sunday, March 25, 2018—PALM SUNDAY (Church Hall)

10:00 AM Thomas P. Sippie requested by Family

#### Monday, March 26

8:05 AM Irene Zilaitis requested by Sons

**6:15 to 6:45 PM Confessions in St. Ann Church**

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Ann Church**

#### Tuesday, March 27

8:05 AM Gallagher Family requested by Joe and Theresa Yurkonis

#### Wednesday, March 28

8:05 AM NO MASS

#### Thursday, March 29-HOLY THURSDAY (Church Hall)

7:00 PM Living & deceased of Scheuren & Monahan Families requested by Annette

#### Friday, March 30-GOOD FRIDAY (Church Hall)

3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

#### Saturday, March 31—HOLY SATURDAY (Church Hall)

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt in St. Ann Grove

1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food in St. Ann Church

8:00 PM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

#### Sunday, April 1—EASTER (Church Hall)

8:30 AM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

10:00 AM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

11:30 AM For all living & deceased parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

#### PRAY FOR:

All those in need. Especially those who are sick, are feeling weak or lonely. Increase their faith and assist them in knowing that they are not alone and all they need comes from You.

### CANDLE MEMORIALS

#### SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Sacred Heart** burns as a memorial for Stanley F., Ann and Stanley G. Rakowsky requested by Family.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Anthony** burns in memory of Gaughan and Kneib Families by Peggy Gaughan.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of St. Ann** burns in memory of Robert Smith requested by wife, Anna.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Eva Kubeyka requested by Children and Grandchildren.

The **Vigil Light at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** burns in memory of Joseph Arcuri requested by wife, Kathleen.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for a Special Intention.

#### WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:05 a.m. in St. Ann Church

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Chapel & Youth Center**

at 27 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville.

**Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Second Wednesday of each month 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Upcoming date: April 11**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to commit to thirty minutes or an hour may call 570-874-3001. Please remember there is always a substitute available, if you are unable to make your designated time.

#### HOLY HOUR

The Pro-Life Holy Hour takes place the **second** Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel & Youth Center.

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, March 11, 2018: \$6,659.50**

**Second Collection: March 11, 2018: \$248.70**

**Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.**

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**SECURE ONLINE DONATIONS**—Did you know that you can now use your credit card or PayPal account to make Secure Online Donations to St. Joseph the Worker Parish through our website ([www.frackvillecatholic.org](http://www.frackvillecatholic.org)). Just look for the **“Donate”** button directly beneath the Mass Schedule.



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# PARISH NEWS

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## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH MISSION

We are excited to be preparing for our parish mission, scheduled for **April 22, 23 and 24, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, in **St. Ann Church**.

Our theme: Colossians 3:12-15, *“You are God’s chosen race, his saints, He loves you...”*

Each evening, Father Brian Miller will reflect upon this scripture passage as it relates to our daily lives. The service will also include Benediction, Confession and reflections from our own lay faithful on how they met Jesus. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the social room located behind the church after the service.

Please plan on joining your parish family for this faith-filled experience.

**STEM SCOUTS**—St. Joseph the Worker Parish sponsors a program for girls and boys in elementary and middle-schooled grades who are interested in technology and science subjects. The program uses interesting, hands-on labs, designed to be grade-level appropriate for the students. Past labs have covered Light & Sounds, Robotics, Vertical Farming, Magnetism, Drones, the Solar System and the Space Station, the Science of Soap Bubbles, and others. The labs are currently held on Sunday afternoons from mid-September to early April. The cost of the 6-month program is \$200, which covers the cost of materials used & can be paid over time (some scholarships may be available for qualifying families). We have openings for the 2018-2019 school year. For more info on the program see [www.stemscouts.org](http://www.stemscouts.org) or contact the Parish Office at 570-874-0610 or Mary at 570-875-2146.

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT—ICF 102**

The Bible is God’s revelation of Himself to His creation, and the story of His love for us. This course will provide a brief intro to the origin of Sacred Scripture: its source, how the Canon was formed, and the senses in which we can interpret Scripture. The remainder of the course will focus on the Old Testament: the creation of the earth and God’s covenant of love with the human person, the fall into sin, and the revelation, over time, of God’s plan of salvation. **This course will be presented by Rev. Ronald Minner and is scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19 ^ 26, 2018 at Nativity BVM High School.** To register visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/icf](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/icf) Cost is \$30.00. \*ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.

**Thought of the week:** *“In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction.”*

—St. John of the Cross

## **ST. JOSEPH the WORKER PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 31—Easter Egg Hunt in St. Ann Grove**

**March 31—Easter Food blessing 1:00 p.m. at St. Ann**

**April 3—2018 Festival Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Social Room**

**April 11—Teen Trivia 5:00 p.m. in Church Hall**

**April 17—PGC at 6:00 p.m. in Social Room (see below)**

**April 22, 23 & 24—Parish Mission 7:00 p.m. St. Ann**

**May 20—First Communion at 1:30 p.m. in St. Ann Church**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD - FOR CHILDREN—“ALLELU”!**

Allelu! – Children’s Liturgy of the Word—is available every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

All parish children ages 4—second grade are welcome to attend.

## **CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

Practice will be at Annunciation BVM Church each Sunday and CCD students will simply remain for class. Children’s choir practices every “CCD Sunday” from 5 to 6 p.m. Choir sings last Sunday of each month at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. *Children of all ages are welcome. Please encourage your kids to give it a try.*

## **HOLY THURSDAY PROCESSION IN OUR PARISH**

Parish children are invited to participate in the solemn Eucharistic procession during Holy Thursday Liturgy on March 29. Mass will be in the Church Hall and children will accompany the Blessed Sacrament in a procession from the Hall to the Altar of Repose in Annunciation BVM Church. **Mass starts at 7:00 p.m.** and children should be dressed nicely and in the pre school classroom no later than 6:45 p.m. that evening.

## **PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WORKSHOP**

Our parish will host a Protecting God’s Workshop in the Social Room at 34 South Line Street, Entrance B on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** All volunteers who come into contact with a child is required to attend this training. So that includes but not limited to Vacation Bible School, CCD teachers, scout leaders & volunteers of any kind during these programs. If you would like to attend there is no cost; however, you must register by calling the Parish Office at 570-874-0610. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you.

## **PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the St. Ann Grove.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—“SHIPWRECKED”**

Registration is now open for our summer vacation bible school, Shipwrecked. All parish children in grades Pre-K through 5, interested in participating, should be registered on the sheets in the church vestibule. Any older students interested in coming and helping as crew leaders should also use the registration sheets to sign up. VBS is scheduled for June 18-22. There is a \$5.00 donation requested, per child, to defray the costs of the VBS supplies.

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE 2018**

### **CONFESSIONS (all in St. Ann Church Complex)**

Monday, March 26 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. (last Confession prior to Easter)

### **Stations of the Cross (all in St. Ann Church Complex)**

Mondays during Lent— beginning Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

### **PALM SUNDAY MASSES (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue—Church Hall)**

Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

### **Holy Week (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue—Church Hall)**

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall with Procession  
Adoration in Annunciation BVM Church until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

### **Holy Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food in St. Ann Church**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 31 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 8:30 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Ann Grove

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **FLAME OF LOVE**

### **AMAZING GRACE RETREAT**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1402 Route 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322. Saturday, April 21— 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free will offering—bring your own lunch. Fr. James Blount, SOLT, Tony Mullen, National Director.

### **AN URGENT PLEA FOR OUR TIMES**

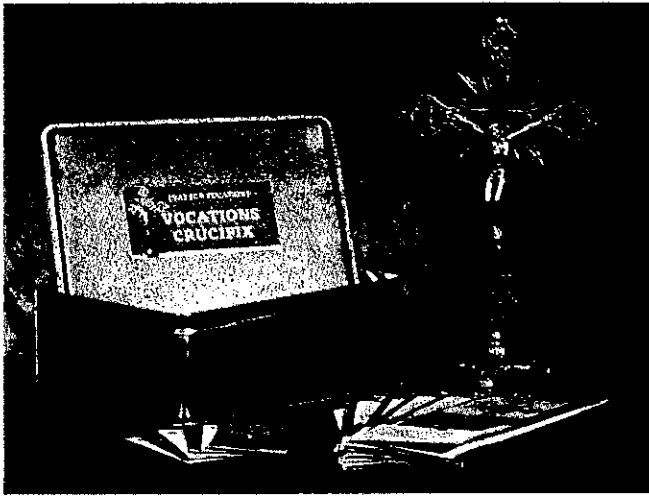
**\*An extraordinary grace which comes from Mary's Immaculate Heart. The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself**

**\*Jesus said: "the grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation."**

**HELP SUPPORT Marian Catholic's Annual Fund**—Campaign Envelopes with all the information are in the vestibule of the Church. Marian Catholic relies heavily on their Annual Fund Campaign to defray some expenses so that an education based on faith and family is available to our students. You also have the ability of giving a donation online by visiting our website: [www.mariancatholic.org](http://www.mariancatholic.org). The school goal for the 2017-2018 School Year is \$300,000. Please continue to pray for Marian Catholic to stay strong and sustainable.

## **DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION**

St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on the following dates: **Palm Sunday, March 25 and Good Friday, March 30th**. Prelude begins at 7:15 p.m. Stations begin 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



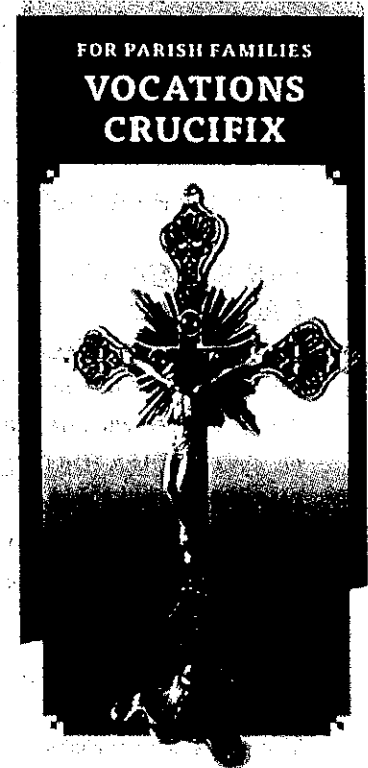
Families of St. Joseph the Worker parish are invited to participate in something very special. The need for vocations is real and here is a way that you can join with other Catholics in their prayer that God will open the minds and hearts of those He is calling to serve His church.

Good Shepherd Sunday (April 22) is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our parish will be joining in that commemoration by launching this new congregation-based prayer effort. Father Finlan will be blessing this Traveling Vocations Crucifix at Mass and then sending it out into the community with one of our families/parishioners. That family/parishioner will have the crucifix in their home for one month and, while the crucifix is present in their home, they will be committing to making a special effort to pray for vocations. When their month is finished, they will bring the crucifix back to Mass to pass it along to another parishioner/family to do the same.

This program is perfect for single parishioner households, married couples, or families. Not only will we be offering additional prayers for vocations, but we will be raising awareness of vocations in our homes and families – perhaps planting the seeds of consideration in others. This will help us as we strive to build a culture of vocations as the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and Bishop Schlert have asked us to do.

Please consider signing up to host this beautiful crucifix for one month in your home. To do so, contact Carolyn Tenaglia (570-874-2093) or via email at [carolyntenaglia@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyntenaglia@yahoo.com) or you can contact the parish office at 570-874-0610

# Traveling Vocation Crucifix



*A special crucifix that  
travels from family to  
family to inspire prayer  
for vocations*

Meditations for the Sixth Week of Lent

# WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

## The King of the Jews

Mark 14:1–15:47

The final week of Jesus' life was filled with activity, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until his death on Friday. We remember his actions, his prayers, his trial, his sufferings, and finally his death. As Lent draws to a close, we have the opportunity to join our sorrows more deeply with him so that we, too, can rise again with him on Easter.

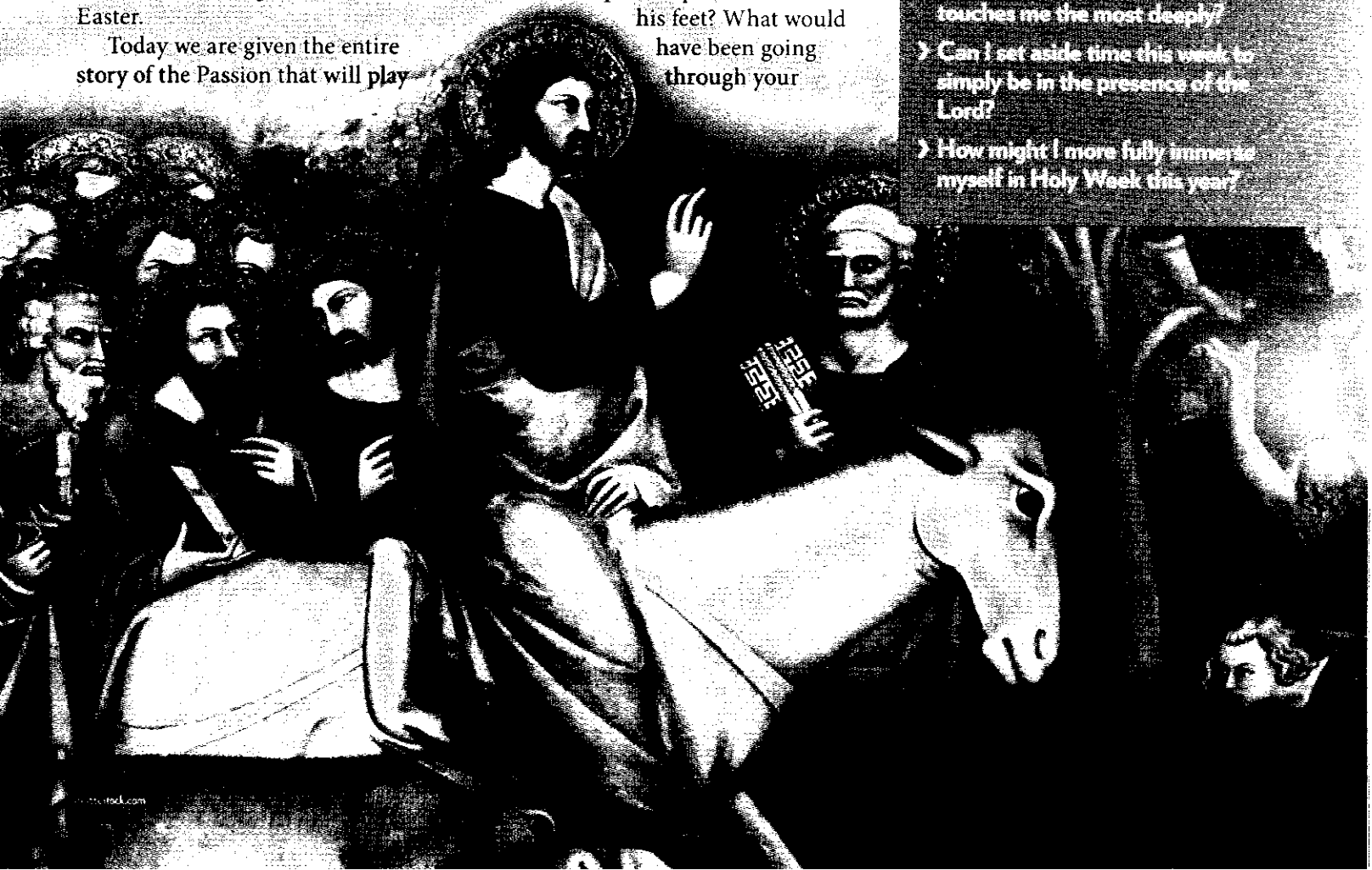
Today we are given the entire story of the Passion that will play

out this week. One way to enter more fully into these events is to imagine that you are present at Christ's passion. Take in the details and think about what you would have been thinking or feeling if you were present when Jesus entered into Jerusalem to be greeted by palms and "Hosannas." How would you have reacted when the woman poured precious oil on his feet? What would have been going through your

mind at the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, or the Way of the Cross? By allowing yourself to enter more fully into the experience of the Passion, Easter Sunday will become even more meaningful.

### FOR REFLECTION

- What part of the Passion narrative touches me the most deeply?
- Can I set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of the Lord?
- How might I more fully immerse myself in Holy Week this year?



## FAMILY ACTIVITY

It is customary to color eggs in Easter in many cultures around the world. Eggs symbolize new life, and they are a wonderful reminder of the new life Christ attained for us. If you have a traditional way of coloring eggs, pass it down and keep alive the tradition. You may also find a white crayon and write the words, "Alleluia" or "He is Risen!" on the eggs before placing them in the dye. Display your finished eggs or give them as Easter gifts.



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## OUR FAITH

# The Suffering Servant

The Old Testament, especially the Book of Isaiah, foretold that the Messiah would have to suffer and die. During this Holy Week, look up the following Scripture passages and see how they can be applied to Jesus, the Suffering Servant of God.

- Isaiah 42 — God's servant will bring justice to the nations.
- Isaiah 49 — The words of God's servant about himself.
- Isaiah 50 — How salvation will come through the suffering of God's servant.
- Isaiah 52 — The suffering of God's servant will be the salvation of many nations and peoples.

## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

# Holy Week

**Holy Thursday** has a dual emphasis. During the liturgy, we recall the Last Supper and the First Eucharist. At the same time, we commemorate the establishment of the priesthood. As you attend Mass, be sure to pray for all the priests around the world, especially those in areas of persecution.

**Good Friday** is the only day of the year on which Mass is not celebrated. The special Good Friday liturgy, in its solemnity, invites us to enter deeply into the passion of Our Lord. Remember that today is a day of fasting and abstinence.

**Holy Saturday** is the final day of preparation for Easter. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, new members are brought into the Church, and we celebrate the great mystery of our redemption. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Vigil is a sign of the Easter mystery.



## Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" — Psalm 22:2

*Out of the depths of my sorrow, I call to you. Do not let me be forgotten, Lord, but hear and answer me.*

## Catechism CONNECTION

"Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 560