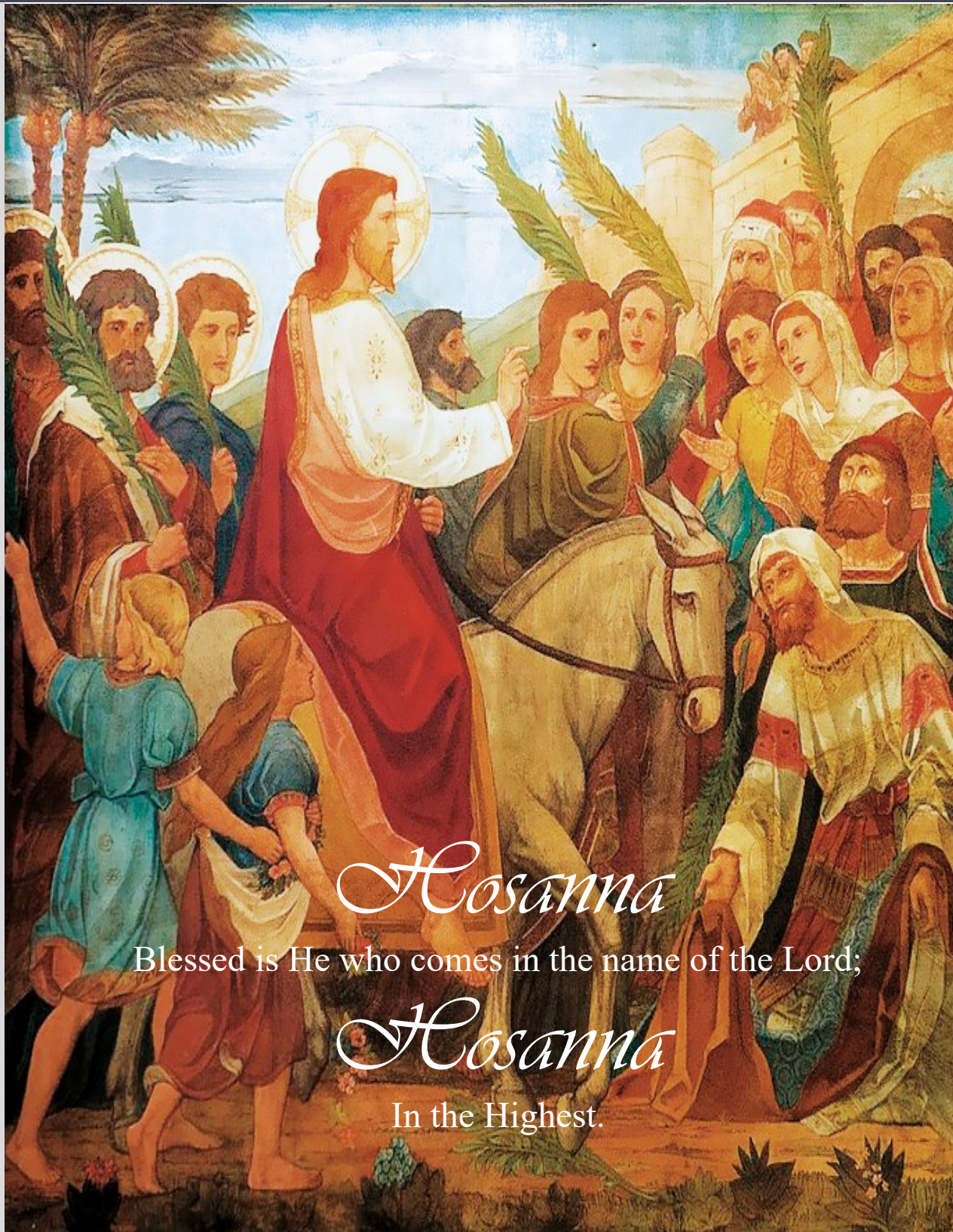


Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025



Hosanna

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;

Hosanna

In the Highest.



PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. David L. James J.C.L.
PASTORS EMERITI: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
PERMANENT DEACON: Mr. Michael Kudla
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra
FINANCE MANAGER: Mrs. Michelle Ahern
DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.: Mrs. Linda Johnson

MASS SCHEDULE: 8 A.M Wednesdays and Fridays

Saturday Evening: 4:30 P.M. Sunday: 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M.

PENANCE: Saturday: 3:45 to 4:15 P.M. and by appointment

During Advent and Lent, Communal Penance Services are celebrated.

BAPTISM: Contact the rectory for an appointment.

Baptism is scheduled on Sunday following the 10:30 A.M. Mass

Parents may be required to attend a preparatory instruction in the rectory.

MARRIAGE: Couples should contact the parish priest at least 1 year but no later than 6 months prior to the intended wedding date. Weddings are on Saturday between 10A.M. and 1P.M.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify the rectory when someone becomes seriously ill, or weak due to old age, so that the person might receive this Sacrament.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: The Pastor & Deacon perform this visit monthly on the 1st Friday of the month. Notify us when someone wishes to be visited.

HOSPITALIZED: Alert us whenever someone has to be hospitalized, especially when their admission is an emergency. The parish identification number is #171.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New members should make an appointment with the pastor.

HIGH SCHOOL: Allentown Central Catholic, 4th & Chew Sts., Allentown 18102; Phone 610-437-4601

ELEMENTARY: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Ave., Northampton, PA 18067
phone: 610-262-9171 Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed. Principal

CCD PROGRAM: Classes conducted at the Holy Apostles Catholic Education Center,
3008 Ruch St., Whitehall, PA 18052

The program is from September to the end of April.

These classes are necessary for eligibility to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact Mrs. Linda Johnson at 610-261-0144

BEQUESTS: Please remember St. Peter Church in your Last Will & Testament.

IN MEMORIAM FUND: After the death of a family member you are invited to have that person's name commemorated on the Church Plaque by suggesting that memorial offerings be donated to the Church in memory of the deceased person.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE Wendy Krisak, Direct Telephone 1-800-791-9209 Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email:
pruso@allentowndiocese.org

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Mission Statement

We, as a Catholic parish under the patronage of Saint Peter, are a Eucharistic family, centered in prayer and worship, dedicated to self-sacrificing stewardship, and journeying together, Spirit-inspired, to the heavenly Kingdom.

**Mass Intentions for the week of
April 13—April 20, 2025**

Sunday April 13th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14—23:56

10:30AM Altar and Rosary Society
Holy Name Society

Monday April 14th Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday April 16th Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

8:00 AM Edward Walakovits

Friday April 18th Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1—19:42

8:00AM No Morning Mass

Saturday April 19th Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1—2:2; 1:1,26-31a; Gn 22:1-18; 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15-1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-
11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

8:00 PM Helen Klucharich

Sunday April 20th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:30AM Easter Envelope Remembrances

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 04/06/2025

Basket collection \$5241.00 plus online \$1155.00

Please continue your weekly or monthly giving to our parish. Your contributions are vital in order for us to meet our obligations. If unable to attend Mass, kindly send your envelopes through the mail or drop them in the rectory mail slot.

Your **support** to your parish is critical.

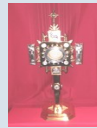
I thank you for your kind and generous response.

Please be assured that you and your family are always in my prayers

Monsignor James



FLAME OF LOVE
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR
Wednesday April 16, 2025
6:00PM
Followed by Lenten Series at 7:00PM



PRAYER GROUP
If you would like your name or the name of a family member to be added to the list please call the office at 610.262.2417



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DEVOTIONAL LAMPS

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory of Ronald Deutsch
Offered by Rita Deutsch

Blessed Mother Vigil Light

Will burn in memory of Deceased Members of the Csencsits Families
Offered by Sharon Csencsits

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

All Easter Flower Envelopes that are turned in before April 23rd will be placed on the Altar beginning Easter Sunday. The donors' names will be printed in the bulletin on April 27. Thank you for your generous donation!

PIEROGIES We will be making pierogies on the 14th and 15th of April. Volunteers are needed both days. Please consider donating some of your time and talent to help out with this fundraiser.

CLEAN UP Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, April 16, to help with clean up beginning at 9AM. We will meet in the Church Hall

OFFICE CLOSING

In Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, the office will be closed
Thursday, April 17
Friday, April 18
Monday, April 21
HAPPY EASTER!



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

is accepting enrollment for students entering grades K-8 in 2025-2026, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more information, please call the Advancement Director at 610-262-9171



HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOAGIE FUNDRAISER



Hoagie Sale! St Peter Holy Name Society will have a Spring Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, May 17, between 2 and 5:30pm). As promised, we will again be offering our high quality 9-inch hoagies for \$6.00 each. Holy Name members will be available to take your pre-paid orders beginning the weekend of April 5-6 & ending May 3-4.

HOLY APOSTLES RE

610.261.0144 or holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org
Office Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays
Regular classes for grades 1-7
Thursday, April 24, First Communion practice 6:30-7:45pm
Sunday, April 27, First Communion at 10:30am

COPLAY FOOD PANTRY

During the season of Lent, we will be collecting food items for the Coplay Food Bank. Containers will be provided in the vestibule. **Please make sure the items that you are donating are not outdated.** They are in need of microwavable food... spaghetti sauce, rice pouches, fruit cups, tuna, Hormel meals, canned pasta, applesauce, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, crackers, paper products, toiletries....No big items please.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The Pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war has made their situation even more dire. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. For more info, visit www.myfranciscan.org



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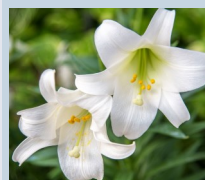
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EASTER FLOWER SALE



Scout Troop 79 of St John the Baptist Church will be holding their Easter Flower Sale at the church hall during Holy Week. Wednesday, April 16th, 10- 6PM, Holy Thursday, April 17th - 9-6PM, Good Friday 8-6PM, and Saturday 8-12PM.



pilgrimage

13 days to Italy & Austria

TRAVEL WITH MSGR. DAVID L. JAMES

We will be visiting Rome, the Vatican, Assisi, Orvieto, Loretto, Florence, Siena, Padua, Salzburg, Burgenland, Eisenstadt, Vienna.

questions please call 610.262.2417



Trip includes: transportation from/to Coplay, Airfare, Taxes and fees, 4 or 5 star hotels, Transportation with luxury bus. All breakfasts and dinners, Guided tours, Luggage handling (1 carry-on and 1 suitcase)



DATE: October 12-24, 2025

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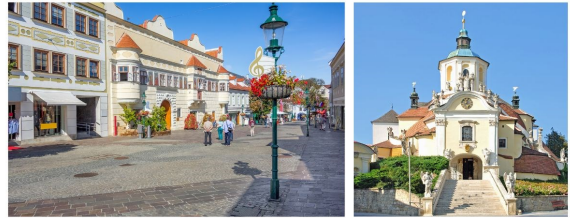
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TOUR OF BURGENLAND/EISENSTADT



Eisenstadt is a small city and the capital of Burgenland. The city's name means "Iron City" and was first recorded in 1118 as *Castrum ferrum*, referring to the history of iron mining and iron trade in the area. The first written mention of the town is from 1264 as "minor Mortin", matching the Hungarian name, Kismarton, which recalls Martin of Tours, the patron saint of the main church. We will visit the Esterhazy Palace with its beautifully landscaped gardens, the Forchtenstein Castle, the Familypark, Parndorf, St. Margarethen, Neusiedlam and much more. Dinner and overnight in Vienna

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus— Council 4050— will be hosting their Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Bright Hope Pregnancy support Center in Allentown whose mission is to prepare pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance. How can you help? It's simple! Pick up an empty baby bottle at any of the Masses April 26-27 or May 3-4. Fill it with your monetary or (check made out to Bright Hope) donations. Return the baby bottle at any of Masses May 10-11 as well as May 17-18. We appreciate and thank you for your support. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gary Alfano at 610.751.3645 or email galfano162@aol.com



ATTENTION ALL PARISH MINISTERS MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers from Saint Peter and Saint John the Baptist Parishes are invited to participate in the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Thursday, April 17. Mass begins at 6:30pm. Please be seated in the pews reserved for you by 6:20PM. Altar Servers should wear their cassock and surplice or alb. You will be instructed where to walk in the procession by the deacon. We hope to see a good turn out of ministers for this beautiful Mass.

TRIDUUM

THREE DAYS OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD

THE BREAD THAT MAKES US ONE

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

—1 Corinthians 10:17

As we partake of the one loaf, we become one body. Such is the communion that Holy Thursday invites us to embrace. This is a bold commitment, for God's people remain severely fragmented by dualistic political, religious, and economic ideologies, as if truth and right were by-products of division rather than communion. Christ invites us, not to ignore differences or compromise convictions, but to focus on our common faith, common hopes, and common Spirit in the Lord. If we do, we may yet help to answer Christ's heartfelt prayer for unity at the Last Supper: *Father, may they be one, as we are one* (John 17:22).

THE CROSS OF DISCIPLESHIP

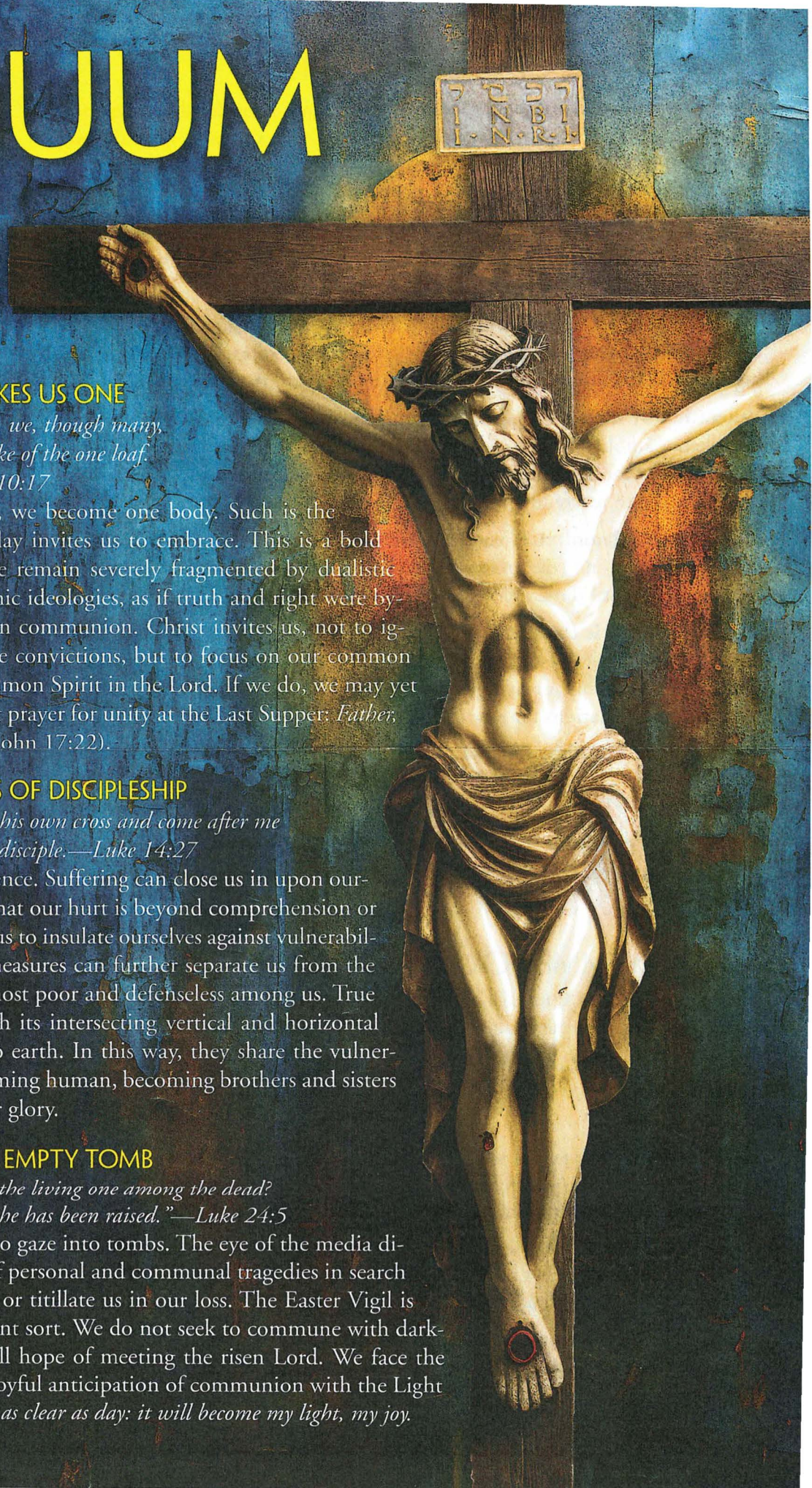
Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.—Luke 14:27

Pain can be an isolating experience. Suffering can close us in upon ourselves and cause us to assume that our hurt is beyond comprehension or empathy. Pain may also tempt us to insulate ourselves against vulnerability in life and in love. These measures can further separate us from the Lord who identifies with the most poor and defenseless among us. True disciples take up the cross with its intersecting vertical and horizontal beams that reconcile heaven to earth. In this way, they share the vulnerability Jesus embraced by becoming human, becoming brothers and sisters in Christ and co-heirs to Easter glory.

THE EMPTY TOMB

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised."—Luke 24:5

We live in a culture that loves to gaze into tombs. The eye of the media directs us to stare into the void of personal and communal tragedies in search of details to fascinate, distract, or titillate us in our loss. The Easter Vigil is a time for watching of a different sort. We do not seek to commune with darkness, but to keep vigil with full hope of meeting the risen Lord. We face the horizon singing the *Exultet* in joyful anticipation of communion with the Light of the World: *The night will be as clear as day: it will become my light, my joy.*



TRIDUUM FACTS

Most Important Liturgical Season: The Triduum is considered the most solemn and significant part of the Catholic liturgical year, spanning from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday, commemorating the core events of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

A Single Continuous Liturgy: The Triduum is celebrated as one unified liturgy. That's why there is no final blessing or dismissal on Holy Thursday and Good Friday until the Easter Vigil is completed.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday's Mass includes the *Mandatum*, the washing of feet, which recalls Jesus' act of service to his apostles and highlights his commandment to "love one another as I have loved you."

Veneration of the Cross: Good Friday is the only day in the liturgical calendar when Catholics do not celebrate Mass. Instead, a solemn liturgy includes the reading of the Passion and the veneration of the cross, where members can come forward to reverently kiss or touch a crucifix.

Silence and Solemnity: After the Good Friday service, the Church enters a period of silence and solemnity. The altar is stripped bare, and no sacraments are celebrated until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

The Easter Vigil is the Longest Mass: The Easter Vigil, celebrated on Saturday evening, is typically the longest liturgical celebration of the year. It includes multiple Old Testament readings, the blessing of fire and water, and often baptisms and confirmations for new Catholics.

Blessing of Fire and the Paschal Candle: The Vigil begins with the *Lucernarium*, where a fire is lit outside the church and used to light the Paschal candle, representing the Light of Christ, who dispels the darkness of sin and death.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises: During the Easter Vigil, members renew their baptismal promises, reaffirming their faith and commitment to Christ.



COMMEMORATING THE TRIDUUM

Many parishes have Eucharistic Adoration as part of their **Holy Thursday** celebration. Spend some extra time in silent prayer before the Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross are particularly appropriate on **Good Friday**. By calling to mind the steps in our Savior's journey to Calvary, we can better appreciate what he did for us.

Holy Saturday features no morning liturgy but some parishes might gather on Holy Saturday morning for Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. This is a good day to schedule at least one period of prayer in silence.

The Easter Vigil is a richly symbolic celebration of our belief in the Resurrection and the history of our salvation. Many parishes schedule baptisms for the Easter Vigil liturgy as a concrete representation of salvation through Christ.

Easter Sunday is the preeminent Sunday, reminding us of why we celebrate Mass and worship the Lord throughout the year. "Alleluia" is the word for the day. Sing or repeat it to yourself often as you go through the day's festivities.

THE HISTORY OF THE TRIDUUM

The origins of the Triduum can be traced back to the early Christian communities in the 2nd and 3rd centuries. Initially, Christians celebrated the entire Paschal Mystery—the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ—in a single day, known as *Pascha*. This observance, centered on the Resurrection, began on Holy Saturday evening and concluded on Easter Sunday morning, reflecting the vigil tradition of waiting in prayer for Christ's victory over death.

By the 4th century, with the legalization of Christianity under Emperor Constantine and the growing influence of liturgical practices in Jerusalem, the commemoration began to expand. Early Christian documents, like the writings of Egeria, a 4th-century pilgrim, describe distinct liturgies in Jerusalem that separated the events of the Last Supper, Christ's crucifixion, and His resurrection into different days. This separation gradually became widespread throughout the Church.

The structure of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—evolved further in the Middle Ages as the Church sought to highlight each key moment of Christ's passion and resurrection. By then, the liturgical ceremonies became more defined, with specific prayers, readings, and rituals associated with each day, forming the three-day observance that Catholics recognize today.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

6:15-6:45 Last chance for confession before Easter during Holy Hour

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

6:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Saint John the Baptist)

7:30PM Adoration (Saint John the Baptist)

10:00PM Night Prayer (Saint John the Baptist)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

12:00 NOON Stations of the Cross (Saint Peter Church)

3:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Saint John the Baptist)

7:00PM Stations of the Cross (Saint John the Baptist Church)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

12:00 NOON Blessing of Easter Baskets (Saint Peter Church)

8:00PM Easter Vigil (Saint Peter Church)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

8:00AM Mass (Saint John the Baptist Church)

10:30AM Mass (Saint Peter Church)

