

**PALM SUNDAY**

MARCH 28, 2010



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We can find the compassion of Jesus not only on the cross, but throughout his passion. It begins with the last supper when he praises the apostles saying, "it is you who have stood by me in my trials," and promises that they will eat and drink with him in his kingdom. And while he predicts that Peter will deny him, he also offers him comfort.

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We take up the palms today and greet Jesus as our Savior, as Son of God, as the Compassion of God. When we look at his hands extended on the cross, we can see him embracing the world.

We pray to experience the compassionate love of Jesus and to be able to respond to it with all our heart and mind and soul. We ask that his spirit enter us in such a way that we will be able to pray each day as he prayed with his final breath: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

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**How does the compassion of Jesus challenge you in your relationships with others?**

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**WEEK OF 3-21-10 — \$7,930.51**

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**Holy Week Prayer**

Dear Jesus, in this Holy Week, we remember the time from your triumphal entry as a king in Jerusalem to your tragic death as a criminal on Golgotha.

In this week, give us the grace to imitate you in our everyday lives. As you washed the feet of your apostles, help us to serve others without thought of ourselves.

As you forgave Peter for his denial of you, help us to forgive those who have wronged us.

As your apostles were faced with their own weaknesses, help us know our own limits, and our need for your aid.

Most of all, give us the grace to remember that you died for love of us. Amen.

**Marriage Encounter  
Marriage is a Journey!!**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 23-25, 2010 at the Gilmory Retreat Center in Moon Township, PA. For more information or to register, contact Jay and Judy at 412-635-7775 or [wwmepittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:wwmepittsburgh@gmail.com) or check us out on the web at [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org)

Thank You to Marcia Irr and her team for making last Sunday's blood drive a success. A special thank you to all who took the time to donate blood.

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**MONDAY, March 29,  
MONDAY OF Holy Week**

10:00 AM John Ruefle (The Hertwick Family)

**TUESDAY, March 30,  
Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna

**WEDNESDAY, March 31,  
Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00 AM St. Irenaeus  
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna

**THURSDAY, April 1,  
Holy Thursday**

6:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**FRIDAY, April 2,  
Good Friday of The Lord's Passion**

12:30 AM Seven Last Words  
1:30 PM Good Friday Service

**SATURDAY, April 3,  
Holy Saturday**

1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets  
7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY, April 4,  
EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Philomena Definis from Pat Definis