

St. George

Roman Catholic Parish

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25, 2018

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is sick or homebound, please call for the assistance of a Minister of Care. Ministers of Care bring communion to those who cannot come to Mass. Please call Mary Ellen Akin at 480-983-7026 or the parish office to arrange a scheduled Minister of Care visit.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMERGENCY

If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near death call 480-982-2929 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours and on weekends call 480-303-1253. Please do not use this service for any other reason.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents requesting baptism for their children under 7 years old must attend a mandatory preparation class offered every other month. Please call the Parish Office in advance for scheduling or other information. Infant baptisms are the last Sunday of each month.

MARRIAGES/MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples seeking the sacrament of marriage must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of St. George Roman Catholic Parish. Notification of intent to marry must be provided six months in advance. For more information on the marriage preparation process, please call the Parish Office.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: 11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00, and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30, 8:15, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Sat. 10:30 a.m.

(No Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Holy Days: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Father Domenico Pinti, Pastor	
Father Stanley Nadolny, Parochial Vicar	Ext. 104
Caroline Hodges, Bookkeeper	Ext. 103
Grace Vozel, Parish Secretary	Ext. 101
Christine Ollive, Coordinator of Religious Ed	Ext. 102
Debbie Wohlforth, Receptionist	Ext. 100
Denis McDonald, Maintenance	

WINTER PRIESTS

Fr. Howie McGraw Fr. Vince Lieser

PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Bill Jones

Ministries

Youth Altar Server Training, Fr. Stan
Eucharistic Ministers, Fr. Pinti
Lectors, Cindy Nuttall 602-312-6667
RCIA, Fr. Pinti
Ushers, Fr. Pinti
Divine Mercy, Joetta Carlos—735-8471
Grief Support Group, Susan Insalaco—250-3522
Natural Family Planning, Darrin & Pems Tebon—671-9040
Adult Choir—Sheryl Johnson—480-354-5985

Organizations

Knights of Columbus, Tom Wolf 982-4441
Our Lady of the Desert Guild, Barbara Reddington—671-0719
Respect Life Ministry, Fr. Pinti

Finance Council

Susan Insalaco	Caroline Hodges	Will Bublitz
Arlene Showers	Ray Kimble	

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, March 26

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Makers (Room 6)
3:30 p.m. "Ocean of Mercy" Movie (Room 6)
4:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Room 2)

TUESDAY, March 27

- 1:00 p.m. Bridge (Social Hall)
3:00 p.m. DMC (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Room 3)

WEDNESDAY, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary Makers (Hall)
2:00 p.m. Marian Healing Mass
5:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Atrium)

THURSDAY, March 29

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters (Social Hall)
9:30 a.m. Grief Support (Room 6)
1:30 p.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Chapel)

FRIDAY, March 30

Parish office closed

SATURDAY, March 31

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir (Atrium)

SUNDAY, April 1

- 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir (Atrium)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 & 8—Angel Series Book 6 Sales

April 8—Divine Mercy Sunday

April 15—Knights of Columbus Breakfast

April 22 & 29—First Holy Communion

May 2—Our Lady of the Desert Guild Meeting

May 6—May Crowning

For the full monthly calendar of Parish Events please visit our website at: www.stgeorgeaj.com.

DEVOTIONS

Daily Rosary: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

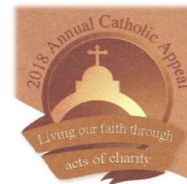
Adoration daily: Until 9:30 a.m.

First Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mass, Anointing of the Sick, Adoration until 9:30 a.m.

First Saturday: 8 a.m. Mass/Adoration until 9:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. Rosary for the Unborn (Cry Room) by the Knights of Columbus

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily 8:30 a.m. in Cry Room Tues. & Fri. 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Each year the Annual Catholic Appeal blesses us with the opportunity to live our faith and to practice the virtue of charity. When resources are shared to assist people in need, we are living our faith. Each gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports numerous ministries, charities and services throughout our Diocese.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$183,000

We are now at 60%



PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you very much for the overwhelming support in our Spring Food Drive. As always you came through with stocking our Help for the Needy pantry. We were able to give out over 200 Easter Baskets for children of families in need locally.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY—MARCH 30**

MASS INTENTIONS

2018

- Mon. March 26**
8:00 a.m. Amy Korell
+Angel Denogean
+George and Virginia Zahn
- Tues. March 27**
8:00 a.m. +Helen and George Gehlen
+Alvin Roach
+Onofrio Turiano
- Wed. March 28**
8:00 a.m. +Beverly Ann Brennan
+Rosann Ciccoianni
+Shirley Wagner
- Thurs. March 29**
No Mass
- Fri. March 30**
No Mass
- Sat. March 31**
11:30 a.m. +Ray Stetz
1:15 p.m. All Members of Wegrzyn Family
+Carl Martin
3:00 p.m. +George Camilleri
+Andrew and Frances Fischer
+Donald Fischer
4:30 p.m. +Georgia Snook
- Sun. April 1**
6:30 a.m. +David Melville
+Roxanne Proulx
+Jean Sparks
8:15 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Fire, Police, & First Responders
11:30 a.m. +Brian Weiss
6:00 p.m. +Jim Soehner

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Easter is on April 1st this year and the gift shop will be CLOSED March 31 & April 1 for the Easter Holiday. So, come and see our Lent & Easter gift items BEFORE then, especially our children's coloring/activity books and special Easter eggs. Also, new items have arrived for Sacraments of Initiation-Rosaries, crosses, picture frames, and more. Thank you for supporting your local parish.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);
Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

MINISTRIES

- Altar Flowers**—Betty Bublitz 480-671-1028 (home), 602-300-8439 (cell), or Mary Dikes 480-983-0897
- Prayer Shawl Makers**—Mon. 9:00 a.m. room 6 Carol 480-380-2634
- Legion of Mary**—Mon. 4:00 p.m. room 2 Josie 480-202-6783/Martha 480-544-1683
- Knights of Columbus**—7:00 p.m. room 3 Grand Knight: Tom Wolf 982-4441
Council: 1st Mon.
Assembly: 2nd Mon. of month
- Divine Mercy Chaplet**—
Tues. & Fri. 3 p.m. in the Chapel
Daily after 8 a.m. Mass in the Cry Room
- Bridge Players**—Tues. 1:00 p.m. Margie 602-316-4174
- Rosary Makers**—Wed. 9:00 a.m. social hall
- O. L. of the Desert Guild**—1st Wed. Month 9:30 Barbara Reddington—480-671-0719
- Quilters**—Thurs. 8:30 a.m. social hall Jacque Florez-Ball 480-310-0126
- Grief Support**—Thurs. 9:30 a.m. room 6 Susan 480-250-3522
- Secular Franciscans**—4th Sunday of each month 2:00 p.m. room 3 Mary Domke OFS—920-366-2438 or Carolyn Peterson—920-246-1038 Email: franciscanjoyinaj@gmail.com
- Catholic Discussion Group** (Patricians)
Open to anyone wishing to come.
3rd Sat. 9 a.m. room 2 Josie 480-202-6783
Topic: Learn more about St. Patrick and St. Joseph

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY — March 29

8:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 9:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—March 30

8:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer
Stations of the Cross
The Lord's Passion-Liturgy of the Word,
Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY—March 31

8:00 a.m.
9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m., 1:15, 3:00, 4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer
Blessing of Food
Easter Vigil
Easter Vigil & Rite of Initiation into the Church

EASTER SUNDAY—April 1

Mass times: 6:30, 8:15, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday:
 a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Do you love to sing?
Are you in grades 1st-8th?*

Practice is on Saturday mornings. The Mass we sing at is on Sunday 11:30 a.m. (Family Mass)
Further Information Call: Sharon 480-570-5134

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Charity Drawing Tickets

Tickets for the Arizona Knights of Columbus Charity drawing will be available after all Masses on March 24 & 25. St. George Parish will receive half of the proceeds for the sales. The other half will go to charities in Arizona after deducting expenses.



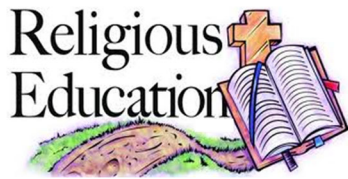
\$30,000 in cash prizes will be awarded: **1st Prize \$10,000; 2nd Prize \$7,000; 3rd Prize \$5,000; 4th Prize \$3,000; 5th Prize \$2,000; 6th Prize \$1,000** and **four \$500 Prizes**. Donation is \$5 per ticket, \$20 per book of 5 tickets or \$100 for 30 tickets.

**The drawing will take place
Saturday, May 19**

Winner need not be present to win.

HOLY WEEK





Sunday, March 25, 2018
The Seder Meal
 For further information:



Tuesday, March 27, 2018
The Seder Meal
 For further information:
 Christine Ollive 480-982-2929 ext. 102

The Seder Meal

Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and His creation of the Israelite people. The focal point of Passover is a communal meal, called the **Seder**. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" At the Passover there are special blessings and rituals that take place during the meal, which in itself is very symbolic with the foods prepared and eaten.

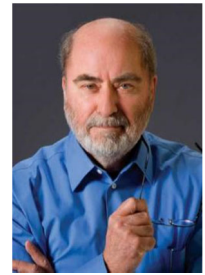
Jesus and his disciples would have been celebrating the Passover Seder at the Last Supper. Through this teaching, we will look at the Last Supper. Through this teaching, we will look at the origins and symbolism of the Passover and how the Old Testament Passover is relevant today through God's Son, Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross.

BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER

St. George's will be having a Book sale of Book #6, "The House Where Angels Dwell" in the Angelic Letter Series of Christian books by the author Henry Ripplinger. Sales will take place after the Masses the weekend of April 7 & 8 at the exits. Books are \$20 each. This sale is a fundraiser for the construction of St. Michael parish's church.

The Angelic Letter series has sold over 200,000 copies in Canada and tells of a family's relationship with guardian angels over a lifetime. This is the sixth book in the series and we received an overwhelming response when we sold the first five volumes in 2016. There will be a few of the first five volumes available for purchase.

Henry Ripplinger will be available for signing books that are purchased.



MEDJUGORJE 2018

June 16th-30th

Work Camp week 1-Pilgrimage week 2

During the first week, we will be participating in the Restoration Project of St. Michael Parish Church located in the village of Drinovci, Bosnia-Herzegovina. During the second week, pilgrims will be participating in a spiritual pilgrimage directed by a professional tour guide who grew up in Medjugorje with the visionaries. The second week will coincide with the 37th Anniversary of the apparitions (June 25, 2018). Pilgrims can choose to participate in the anniversary celebrations. The estimated cost of the two week trip is \$2,699 per person, which includes round-trip airfare (New York), ground transportation, room (double occupancy), board (two meals daily) and the cost of professional tour guide.

For further information about this trip:

Ben Fellows (612-799-2699) or

Bob Mohle (480-66-1489)

or email to:

bfellows40@aol.com or rmohle@aol.com



“Presentation & Movie Schedule”

All presentations include a brief talk of the Divine Mercy Message & Devotion

Thursday 3/22/18 3:30 p.m. *“The Face of Mercy”*

Monday 3/26/18 3:30 p.m. *“Ocean of Mercy”*

*Executive Producer: Carl Anderson & Produced by the Knights of Columbus & The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

Visit the Gift Shop for Divine Mercy materials. Diary of St. Faustina *“Divine Mercy in My Soul”* 8 x 10 (unframed) Image of Divine Mercy, Booklet- *“Divine Mercy Message & Devotion”*



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebration April 8

- Celebrant Rev. Domenico Pinto, Pastor
- 2 p.m.-Mass & Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image & your religious articles
- 3 p.m.-Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung by the Children’s Choir
- Veneration, Adoration & Benediction until 4 p.m.

Learn more about the Feast of Divine Mercy Message & Devotion: come to the presentation & movie on the “Apostle of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina”

How to Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday

- **Pamphlets & Brochures**-on the Feast & preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday
- **Perform**-acts of Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy
- **Confession**-attend the Penance Service on March 22nd
- **Pray**-the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m. (the Hour of Mercy meditating on Passion of Our Lord)
- **Novena**-begins on Good Friday and ends on Holy Saturday. Chaplet is prayed on ordinary

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those of you who may be going into the hospital for a scheduled procedure, please call the parish office and ask for an “Anointing of the Sick” BEFORE you go into the hospital or see a priest after Mass. **If you are calling requesting an anointing for someone, make sure you have the hospital’s correct name & phone number, the person’s full name, and the room number.**

PRAYER SHAWLS

We have a wonderful group of ladies who knit and crochet on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. They have made some beautiful prayer shawls. These shawls are available in the parish office for anyone wishing to give one to a loved one who is homebound, in a nursing home or hospital, or just someone who is ill.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the “Road of Sorrows,” in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today’s usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion’s Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It’s less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim’s unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

THANK YOU

Gil’s Carpet Sales

for advertising in our bulletin.