





# Lent



Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem. The people are joyfully cheering and singing Hosanna for the Messiah. For the Jewish community this was the beginning of the week of Passover, one of the three annual feasts. This feast celebrates the release from slavery in Egypt, led by Moses. Many in the crowd felt that Jesus would lead from slavery to the Romans into a new Promised land. But Jesus had much greater plans. As you celebrate Palm Sunday and prepared for Holy week, will you take time to slow down and reflect on your encounter with Jesus. Will you be singing Hosanna, will you be indifferent, or will you be take the part of the Pharisees and work to put Jesus to death? **Challenge for the week:** Reflect on the great love Jesus has for you and strengthen your commitment to your Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

**Women's Bible Study:** No Class on Good Friday. We will resume class on April 10. If you have any question, contact Arlene Borkowski at (304) 482-1186, amborkowski@citynet.net.



**Dedicate the Sanctuary Candle:** The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Office. The cost of the candle is \$20.00 and burns for one week.

**CRS Rice Bowl:** Pick up a Rice Bowl in the gathering space. **Lenten Pray:** God of Hope, You journey with us through the desert. You challenge us to become more like Christ. During this Lenten season, may our prayers, fasting and almsgiving give us the courage to go forth and share our gifts with the world. May our encounter with you allow us to bring hope to our global family, Amen.



**Forty Cans For Lent (Knights of Columbus):** Our Parish is collecting pasta and Spaghetti sauce (no glass jars). Place your donations in the barrel in the gathering area. Thank you!



*If anyone is interested in being a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, or an Organizer for the 5 pm Saturday evening mass or 11:30 am Sunday mass please let Fr. Shinu know.*



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays begin this week. Doors open at 4:30. Orders are taken at 6pm. Phones open at 5pm for take-out orders (304-428-0331).



Good Samaritan Center  
March Donation:  
**Brownie Mix**

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

- 03/28 Genevieve Burkett, Amanda Curry, Andrew Dimitroff, Crystal McCarty,
- 03/29 Susan Higgs, Charlie Mulligan, Julian Straw
- 03/30 Frances Cullen, Norita Pyles
- 03/31 Don Amos, Janetta Byers, Sean Earley
- 04/01 Alexander Ashley, Bill Gavin, Kent Westfall
- 04/02 Larry Adams, Julie Rathbone
- 04/03 Jane Harrington, Mona Smith
- 04/04 Lauren Hissem, Vicki Williamson
- 04/05 Tyler Miller, Marty Prisc



*There are still many weekends available to reserve altar flowers. See insert in this Sunay's bulletin for more information. Thank you*

**St. Michael Men's Bible study group** will meet each Tuesday nights at 5:45 during lent. Come to one or all sessions. Contact Ed Borkowski 304-482-6902 with questions.



**Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be at 3:00 p.m.**



*There will be a Women's Group meeting on April 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the church hall and all women in the church are welcomed.*



Sign up now to have your picture taken for the upcoming church directory. Pictures will be taken April 23, 24 and 25. Sign up at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), church code **WV539**, password **Member-SMCC**. We would like photos of all members in the directory. If you are submitting your own picture, please send to [stmichaelviena@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelviena@gmail.com). Thank you.