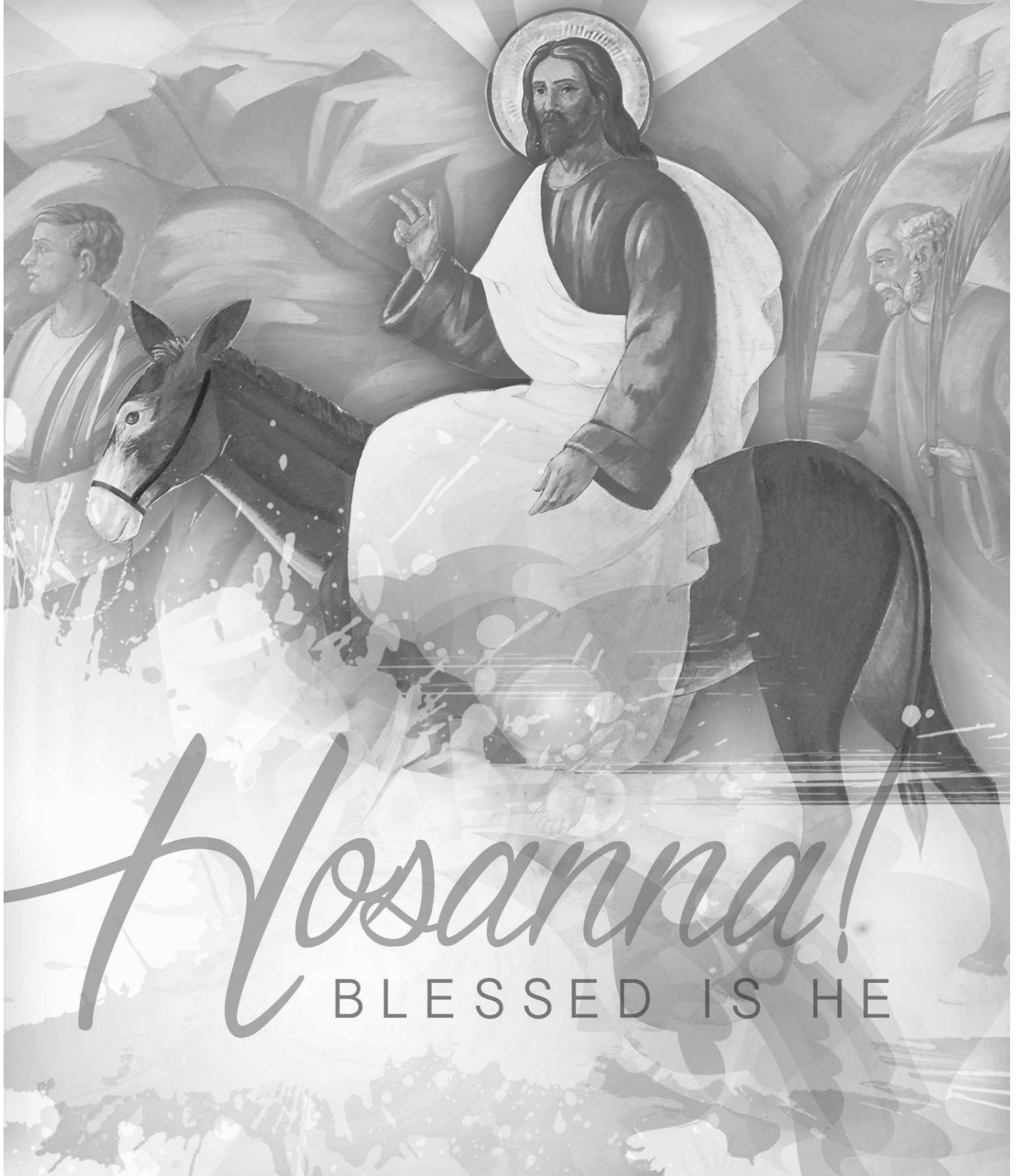


P A L M S U N D A Y



*Sunday, March 20, 2016*

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*



As we begin to celebrate Holy week, we are mindful of the loving actions of a God who gave us His Son, Jesus, to become our redeemer. In this Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate, we are made mindful of the merciful actions of Jesus upon the cross, who by His death and resurrection brought about our redemption and restored to mankind what sin had taken away - intimacy with our God. But most especially His words from the Cross continue to ring in our ears down through the centuries: "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." (St. Luke 23: 34)

I want to share with you the following story that gives a wonderful example of Jesus' words and how to live them out. Philip Yancey tells a story of reconciliation that would be unbelievable if it were not true. In his book, Rumors of Another World: What On Earth Are We Missing?, Yancey tells about a particular moment during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings conducted in South Africa after the end of apartheid. It is recounted in the publication *LectionAid*.

*"Police officer van de Broek had testified how he and other officers had shot a teenager and then burned the body on a spit as if roasting a piece of meat. A few years later van de Broek and others took the boy's father, tied him to a woodpile, poured gasoline on him and then set him on fire. The officers made the man's wife watch the entire event.*

*After van de Broek finished telling the Commission of his murders, the Commission turned to the grieved mother and widow and asked her in front of van de Broek, "What do you want from Mr. van de Broek?" She indicated that first she wanted him to go to the place of her husband's death and gather up the dirt so that she could give her husband a proper burial. The policeman nodded his head that he was willing to do this.*

*Next she said: "Mr. van de Broek took all my family away from me, and I still have a lot of love to give. Twice a month, I would like for him to come to the ghetto and spend a day with me so I can be a mother to him. And I would like Mr. van de Broek to know that he is forgiven by God, and that I forgive him too. I would like to embrace him so he can know my forgiveness is real." Van de Broek, overwhelmed by what she said, fainted."*

What we have to remember is that we cannot have mercy without forgiveness, nor forgiveness without mercy. They go hand in hand. May you have a blest Holy Week.

God Bless *Fr. Ray*

**OUR PARISH THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

*What we sacrifice and return to God through His church will be returned to us many times over.*

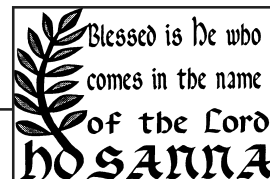
March 13, 2016 Collection.....\$ 6,723

Average Weekly Operating Expenses.....\$ 10,936

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 34,711

2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 19,017

**Please do not staple or tape your envelopes closed!**  
**Thank you**



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Parish Council:** TBA

**Catholic Women:** April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm Tureen Dinner Meeting

**Widows Group:** TBA

**RCIA:** Classes on Mar 20<sup>th</sup>

**REP: Gr.1-8:** Classes on 20<sup>th</sup>

**Gr. 9-10:** Class & Penance Service on 20<sup>th</sup>, classes Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**CONFIRMATION:** April 24 @ St. Bernard, Mass at 5 pm



**The Parish Office will be closed Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.**

**2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



**PALM SUNDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 PM (Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>)

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM MASS at UPB

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM MASS with ADORATION until 10:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

1:30 PM THE PASSION

**SATURDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS

NO UPB MASS



**St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School**

March 24-30 EASTER BREAK No School or Care

March 25—GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER, 4-7 pm

Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center

Support St. Bernard School with your monthly School envelope

Check our NEW website, [www.stbernardcatholic.org](http://www.stbernardcatholic.org)

Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am —NO MASS—STATIONS ONLY



**MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF MARCH 21 - 27, 2016**



**ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**

**Monday, March 21**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, March 23**

8:00 am Gertrude & Kenneth Luke (*Carol Pecora & Ann Pecora Grego*)

SBS 10:00 am NO MASS

**Thursday, March 24 — HOLY THURSDAY**

6:30 pm Jamie Ann Pascarella Giordano (*Family*)  
*Adoration until 10 pm*

**Friday, March 25 — GOOD FRIDAY**

1:30 pm Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, March 26 — EASTER VIGIL**

8:30 pm All Living & Deceased Members of St. Bernard Church

**Sunday, March 27 — EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 am All Living & Deceased Members of St. Bernard Church

10:00 am All Living & Deceased Members of St. Bernard Church

Pitt 7:00 pm NO MASS

**ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Monday, March 21**

9:00 am Walter & Florence Keverline (*Richard & Barbara Keverline*)

**Wednesday, March 23**

9:00 am Philip & Pauline Rose Family (*Ralph A. Rose*)

**Saturday, March 26**

4:30 pm Parishioners of St. Francis (*Dianne, Charlie & Noah*)

**Sunday, March 27 — EASTER SUNDAY**

11:00 am George Schaming (*Joyce Schaming*)

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Tuesday, March 22**

5:15 pm Jean & Vincent Geary (*Pat & Christine*)

**Thursday, March 24**

8:00 am Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help & St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday, March 27 — EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00 am Deceased Members of A. Chohrach, W. Hamer & J. Manning Families (*Dorothy Chohrach*)



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS**

*Please Pray for the Following Priests*

**Sunday, Mar 20 - Rev. Philip M. Oriole**

**Monday, Mar 21 - Rev. Matias Quimno**

**Tuesday, Mar 22 - Rev. Marc J. Solomon**

**Wednesday, Mar 23 - Rev. Brian E. Vossler**

**Thursday, Mar 24 - Rev. William R. Barron**

**Friday, Mar 25 - Rev. John G. Barwin**

**Saturday, Mar 26 - Rev. Scott P. Detisch**



# MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

**MARCH 26 - 27, 2016**

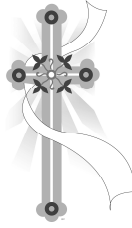
## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, March 26**

8:30 pm Cindy Higley/ Stephanie Frederick  
VOLUNTEER

**Sunday, March 27 — EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 am Jody Randolph  
10:00 am Greg Ulyan



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, March 26**

8:30 pm Kathy Howe/ Paul Curcio/ Candy Tingley

**Sunday, March 27 — EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 am Joan Yohe/ Sue Bradley/ Chris Pehonsky  
10:00 am Celia Romanelli/ Lynn Hogue/ Doris Hungiville

**HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara**

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, March 26**

8:30 pm Clare & Tim Mulcahy

**Sunday, March 27 — EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 am Lauren & William Luther/ Brandi Mealy  
10:00 am Dominique & Christian Peterson



## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

**March 21 - 24, Team 2:**

C. Bennett/ P. Foote/ V. Comilla/  
D. Williams/ K. Smeal/ K. Colligan

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 20, 2016

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/  
Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

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 89:1-6/Rv 1:5-8/  
Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13,  
15-18/1 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: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 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/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom  
6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next 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 Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35



## Please pray for those who are sick or suffering:

Thomas Ackley, Betty Baliski, Barb Bernheisel,  
Shirley Black, John Bove, Tom Burke, Dick Clark, Fr.  
Steve Collins, Betsy Costello, Paul Curcio, Helen  
DeFrank, Helen Ewell, Jim Fenstemaker, Tom Ewell, Rose  
Feldhaus Family, Carolyn Gatesman, Kevin Gatesman, Pat  
Girard, Pearl Harris, Brandon M. Henry, Sandy Holsinger,  
James Kibby, Bill Kline, Dr. Edward Konwinski, Lori  
Kozlowski, Colleen McNamara, Joe Monago, Shirley  
Mongillo, Lou Monti, Cheri O'Mara, Courtney Prentiss, Lois  
Romanelli, Tim Romanelli, Cindy Sayers, Kim Schuler,  
Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar, Bonnie Swackhamer,  
Matthew Whelan, Martha Williams

*May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.*