

# ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29

PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 5



## From the pastor....

We are still living with the coronavirus/COVID19 Pandemic. We need to come together as best we can. A reminder that we broadcast the Mass on WEVR 106.3 FM and 1550 AM Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and through our [Facebook](#) page and St. Bridget [website](#).

**March 29 is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.** The raising of Lazarus. [When Lazarus died, Jesus told his sister, Martha] "Your brother will rise to life." [Then Jesus added] "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:23,25. Fr. Walter Ciszek spent 23 years in Russian prisons and work camps. Eventually he was released and returned home to America. His book "He Leadeth Me" describes the deep faith in eternal life that burns brightly in the hearts of Russia's ordinary people. All the decades of atheistic propaganda by the media has not altered this faith. What convinces me most that there is life after death? What keeps me from living more in accord with my belief? (Vision 2000, Mark Link, S.J.)

**April 5 is Palm Sunday.** This is the day when Jesus comes into Jerusalem riding on a "donkey". A donkey was a symbol of peace. If Jesus would have road a horse it would have been a sign of wanting to conquer. Fr. Gerard Fuller in his book "Stories for all Seasons" shares a story called "The Passion." It begins: After years of wandering, Clint Dennis realized some important was missing in his life. He decided to attend church. As he entered a church for the first time he noticed people putting on long robes. They were also tying ropes around their waists and wrapping headdresses around their heads. "Come, be a part of the mob," a stranger told him.

It was Palm Sunday and the church was re-enacting the Crucifixion in costume. He would be part of the crowd that shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Hesitantly he agreed. Then another stranger hurried up to him. "The man who is supposed to play one of the thieves on the cross didn't show up," he said. "Would you take his place?" Again Clint agreed and was shown to the cross where he would look on as Jesus died.

Just then, though, something about Clint's manner caught a member's eye. He turned to Clint and asked, "Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive your sins?" "No," Clint replied softly, "but that's why I came here." There beneath the cross, they prayed, and Clint asked Jesus to come into his heart. What the church didn't know was that Clint had been in prison for ten years. He was a real thief. Even after his release he had gone on stealing cars and trucks until he realized that something was missing from his life. Application: Have we drawn on Jesus' passion and death as a source of strength to forgive others—and ourselves?

May God bless us all these final days of Lent as we journey to Easter.

There is no doubt that Easter will have a deeper meaning for all us this year!

Fr. Harris

# DAILY WORD

<b>Monday, March 30</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday, April 3</b>	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday, April 4</b>	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday, April 5</b>	Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

<b>Monday, April 6</b>	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
<b>Holy Thursday Thursday, April 9</b>	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
<b>Good Friday, April 10</b>	Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
<b>Easter Vigil Saturday, April 11</b>	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/ Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday, April 12</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

## PRAYER LIST

- Let us know if someone would like to be prayed for in church or be listed in the bulletin prayer list.
- To be included in the prayer line, call Virginia Magner at 715 - 220 - 7792.

Laura Bowman  
 Rod Cina  
 Linda Giardina  
 Judy Pechacek Harri  
 Ann Holland  
 Barb Ickler  
 Ray Belisle  
 Joseph Pentusa  
 Michelle Radtke

Izabella Thompson  
 Sonia Steiner  
 Steve Alberg  
 Grace Radtke  
 Sarah Roble  
 Katy Morris  
 Paula Flood  
 Karin Jarosch  
 Gwen Paulson



### *Rest in Peace*

**Shari Allenbach**  
 Sister of Ron (Mary Jo) Goodman

**Radio Mass Aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**  
 WEVR 1550 AM/106.3 FM

The Mass for March 28 is in loving memory of  
*Ruth Koehler*

The Mass for April 2 is in loving memory of  
*Mary Sylla*

## PARISH LIFE

The Church Office will now be closed until further notice. You can reach us by email at [recept@stbparish.com](mailto:recept@stbparish.com). We will be checking phone messages on a daily basis, 715.425.1870. For emergencies call 715.869.6122.

### New Church Building hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Where Can I Find the St. Bridget Sunday Mass?

Father will be recording a Mass on Saturday night. This Mass will be available on our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page on Sunday morning.

That Mass will also be aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on WEVR radio, 1550 AM/106.3 FM.

The Hudson Community Television channel 16, will also air this Mass on Wednesday 8:00 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. This is for Comcast customers only.

### TITHES AND OFFERING WEEK OF MARCH 22

Adult Contributions	\$3,440.00
Priest Emergency Fund	\$1,900.00

Women's afternoon Euchre has been canceled for April and May. Prizes will be awarded based on September through March scores.

### Prayer for Healing of Coronavirus/COVID19

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Corona virus COVID - 19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them, for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success, for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease in to moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your mercy.

Amen. *Pedro de la Cruz.*



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### RCIA Candidates Welcomed In

We welcome

**Holly Jo Heinbuch and Debra McCarthy**

newly initiated members of the Catholic church.



### Spiritual Direction

For those who would like to continue with Spiritual Direction or just need someone to compassionately listen or pray with you, please email Jodie at [jrubenzer@stbparish.com](mailto:jrubenzer@stbparish.com)

### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



#### Ready Reasons

Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

The Catholic teaching on penance is often rejected because they think it implies Jesus' death on the cross was not enough. Learn why that is not actually the case.

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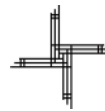
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