



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Eucharistic Services:

- 7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, April 2, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke, OSA

Lector: Bridget Turner

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus

and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help

us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community.

Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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Becoming Catholic

We will continue on with our formation of those who will be joining the church with our Becoming Catholic Classes on Thursday March 30 in the evening from 7:00 to 9 pm.

Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday April 2 from 5 to 6:30 pm. All students in grades 7 -12 are welcome to join us.

Catholic Relief Services

Last week our parish had the second collection for Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. Our parish collected \$ 177 for this collection. If you still wish to give you can make a contribution to our parish Rice Bowl located in the parish gathering space.

Roof Project Update

The parish has received an estimate on the cost of replacing our roof that is \$30,000. The parish is asking that parishioners contribute to half the cost of the new roof. Please consider how you are able to support this effort.

Holy Week 2023- Ecumenical Services

The schedule is set for the Ecumenical Holy Week services. Each service starts at noon with a light lunch, music and short devotion.

- Monday: New Hope
- Tuesday: Hazard First Baptist
- Wednesday: Mother of Good Counsel
- Thursday: New Hope
- Friday: Consolidated Baptist

Holy Week Cantata

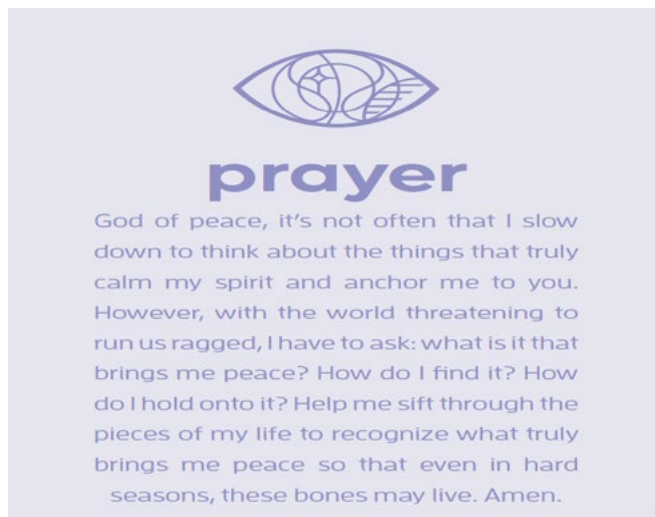
6:00 p.m. at New Hope Church (407 Gorman Hollow Road, Hazard, KY,) Listen to singers and musicians from the community as they preform songs of Holy Week.

Holy Week Retreat

Wednesday April 5 Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting an evening retreat for those who are becoming Catholic from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at Mother of Good Counsel. This retreat is open to all parishioners as a time of prayer and reflection to prepare for the Holy Triduum Please register if you plan to attend this event.

Holy Week 2023 April 2-8, 2023

Holy Week is the most important time of the year for Catholics, there are many liturgies and events that happen that week. Can you help or contribute to Holy Week liturgies? See the sign up in the back of church for further ways to help.



Prepare for the Sacred Triduum:
Join Bishop John Stowe, OFM, Conv. and Diocesan Schola Choir for a service of prayer and song reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for each of us:

TENEBRAE SERVICE

*Wednesday, April 5, 2023
8:00 PM
Cathedral of Christ the King
299 Colony Blvd.
Lexington, Kentucky 40502*

The word tenebrae itself means "darkness" in reference to the darkness that came upon the earth when the Lord died on the cross and the darkness held in the heart of the church during the days and hours of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Mass celebrates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as Holy Week begins. There will be a blessing of palms and a procession to the church weather permitting.

Upcoming Events

- 3/29 - Rosary (6:40pm)/ Word & Communion Service
- 3/30 - Becoming Catholic 7:00-9 pm
- 3/31: Stations of the Cross
- 4/2: Palm Sunday with Procession
Holy Week Cantata 6 pm.
Teen Disciples 5 - 6:30 pm
- 4/4: Chrism Mass at Christ the King Cathedral 10:30 am
- 4/5: Holy Week Retreat 5:30 to 8 pm.

Called from the Pits

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, *I need to go care about someone else.* It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then I ask myself, *Why didn't I do that sooner?* The truth is, I didn't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as Paul once wrote (Romans 8:9 and the verses afterward). It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

Have you experienced times when your spirit feels dead, but then someone or something calls

you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, then I think about all the times that what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth? ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced something that seemed terrible at the time that turned out to be a blessing in disguise?

"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said..., "Untie him and let him go."

JOHN 11:43-44



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death. Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone." God did not create us for the tomb....He created us for life, [which is] beautiful, good, joyful.

ANGELUS, MARCH 20, 2020



Readings for the Week

Monday

March 27

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,

19-30, 33-62 or

Dn 13:41c-62

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

March 28

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

March 29

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20,

91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

March 30

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

March 31

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

April 1

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

April 2

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66

or Mt 27:11-54



Dear Padre,

Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (*Leadership Conference of Women Religious*, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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Our Weekly Offering

for 3/19/23

Loose: \$78

Envelopes : \$485

CRS Collection : \$177

Votives: \$65

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$880

Birthdays

3/26: Ximena Lozano

3/31: Ben Sumalpong & David Splichal

4/2 Marlene Geryes - Elsoueidi

Prayer Family
Elsoueidi Family



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Monica Spare, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Quentin Davis and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for March: For victims of abuse
We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Intention for April:
For a culture of peace and non-violence
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.