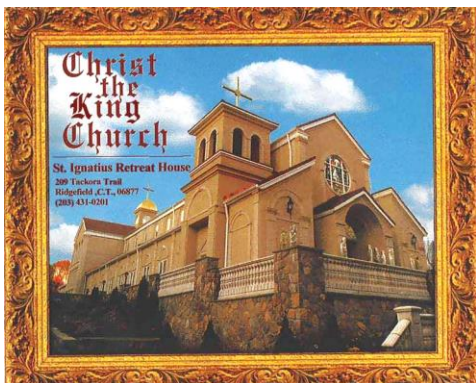


Christ the King Church

Society of St. Pius X



PARISH BULLETIN

March 24, 2024

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INSTRUCTION ON HOLY THURSDAY

Rev. Fr. Leonard Goffine's The Church's Year

Why did Jesus wash the feet of His disciples?

To give them a proof of His sincere love and great humility which they should imitate; to teach them that although free from sin, and not unworthy to receive His most holy body and blood, their feet needed cleansing, that is, that they should be purified from all evil inclinations which defile the heart, and prevent holy Communion from producing fruitful effects in the soul.

Why is it that on this day in each church only one priest says Mass at which the others receive Communion?

Because on this day Christ alone offered the unbloody Sacrifice, and having instituted the Blessed Sacrament, fed with His own hands His disciples with His flesh and blood, it is therefore proper that in commemoration of this, the priests in one church should receive the Blessed Sacrament from the hands of one, according to the example of the apostles, but as a sign of the priestly dignity which on this day Christ gave to the apostles and their successors, each priest wears a stole.

Why are the altars stripped on this day?

To show that Jesus took off, as it were, at the time of His passion, His divine glory, and yielded Himself up in utter humiliation into the hands of His

Church Sanctuary Lamp:

Kenneth Krizek

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp:

John Joseph Abad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Its sweepstakes time! – Tickets will be on sale on *Sundays after both Masses*. The suggested donation is \$10. Per ticket. The drawing for cash prizes of \$3000, \$1000 and \$500. will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2024 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (winner need not be present to win). We are thankful for any help you can offer in selling additional tickets for our school. This is Padre Pio Academy's largest fundraiser of the year.

Easter Novena Cards will be available for purchase **between Masses** this morning or text (203) 241-4340 to order your cards for pick-up.

Parish Mission – begins this morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

March 25th is the anniversary of the death of Archbishop Lefebvre (1991).

Sincere Thank You to all those who came to help with the workday yesterday.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

In order to comply with the Internal Revenue Service Procedure 75-50, Sec. 4.03, Padre Pio School, a private, traditional Roman Catholic school affiliated with the Society of Saint Pius X, publishes the following declaration:

Padre Pio School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Please continue to pray for the members and friends of the parish who are homebound or ill: Konrad Eldracher, Mrs. Mary Licurse, and her daughter Margaret, Mrs. Jo-Anne Galasso, Bridget Patricia Conlan, Mr. & Mrs. William McSpedon and Jeanette Quigley.

MASS SCHEDULE

March 24, - March 31, 2024

Sunday, March 24

7:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

After Mass

Palm Sunday

Low Mass (*pro populo*)

Blessing of Palms & Sung Mass

First Mission Conference

Monday, March 25

7:15 A.M.

8:15 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Monday of Holy Week

Low Mass

School Mass

Mass, Mission & Confessions

Tuesday, March 26

7:15 A.M.

8:15 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Tuesday of Holy Week

Low Mass

School Mass

Mass, Mission & Confessions

Wednesday, March 27

7:15 A.M.

8:15 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Wednesday of Holy Week

Low Mass

School Mass

Mass, Mission & Confessions

Thursday, March 28

7:00 P.M.

Holy Thursday

Vesperal Mass of the Mandatum &

Adoration until Midnight (no confessions)

Friday, March 29

2:00 P.M.

3:00 P.M.

Good Friday (*Obligatory strict day Fast & Abstinence*)

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Liturgy (no confessions)

Saturday, March 30

4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

5:20 P.M.

10:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday / Vigil of Easter

Confessions

Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary (*15 decades*)

Easter Vigil (*No evening confessions*)

Sunday, March 31

9:00 A.M.

Easter Sunday

Low Mass

Emergency sacramental phone number: 475-289-1358

*Please note that if you wish to be buried from Christ the King Church
you must not have in your will the direction to be cremated.*

enemies to be crucified, (Phil. II. 6. 7.) and that at the crucifixion He was forcibly stripped of His garments, which the soldiers divided among them, as foretold in the twenty-first psalm, which is therefore said during this ceremony. The faithful are urged to put off the old sinful man with his actions, and by humbling themselves become conformable to Christ.

What is Tenebrae, and what its meaning?

It is the office which the clergy say on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, accompanied by the lamentations of the Prophet Jeremias, and other ceremonies. The word means darkness, and represents the prayers formerly said in the dark hours of the morning. In the Tenebrae the Church mourns the passion and death of Jesus and urges her children to return to God; she therefore makes use of those mournful words of Jeremias: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem, be converted to the Lord, thy God!"

Why is the Tenebrae said in the evening?

In memory of that time when the early Christians spent the whole night preceding great festivals in prayer, but later, when zeal diminished, it was observed only by the clergy on the eves of such festivals; also in order that we may consider the darkness, lasting for three hours, at the crucifixion of Christ, whence the name Tenebrae; and lastly, to represent by it that mourning, of which darkness is the type.

Why, during the Prayers of the clergy, are the lights in the triangular candlestick extinguished one after another?

Because the Tenebrae, as has been already remarked, in the earliest times of the Church, were held in the night, the candles were extinguished one after another, as the daylight gradually approached, they were no longer necessary; again, at the time of the passion and death of Jesus His apostles whom He calls the light of the world, one after another gradually left Him; at the death of Christ the earth was covered with darkness. The Jews, blinded by pride, would not recognize Christ as the Saviour of the world, and therefore fell by His death into the deepest darkness of hardened infidelity.

What is meant by the last candle which is carried lighted behind the altar, and after prayers are finished, is brought back again?

This candle signifies Christ; who on the third day came forth from the grave, by His own power, as the true light of the world, though according to His human nature He died and lay in the grave until the third day.

Why is a noise made with clappers at the end of the Tenebrae?

This was formerly a sign that service was over; it also signifies the earthquake which took place at Christ's death.