

Blessed Sacrament Parish – March 26, 2023

*We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Are a Christ-Centered Community,
Committed to Worship the Father, Committed to Respond to the Spirit's Gifts,
Committed to Loving Service to All God's People*

Our parish office is open on Monday and Wednesday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The South entrance doors are unlocked during those hours.

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We stream our Masses on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BSCCWV/>
for anyone who cannot come to Mass in person.

Day	Date	Time		Mass Intention
Saturday	03/25	5:30pm		Blessings for Mar Jean Kearney and Deanne Williams by Missy Mowrer
Sunday	03/26	9:00am		(not assigned)
		11:30am	+	For the People of Our Parish
Monday	03/27			
Tuesday	03/28			
Wednesday	03/29	7:00am Noon	+	Herman Meyer by Missy Mowrer
Thursday	03/30	Noon	+	Jim A. Mathena by the Mathena Family
Friday	03/31	Noon	+	Michael Shawler by Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saturday	4/1	Noon	+	Deceased Friends and Relatives
		5:30pm		For the People of Our Parish
Sunday	4/2	9:00am	+	Hamilton and Southam Families by Beth Boyd
		11:30am	+	Mary Jo Yackley by Missy Mowrer

We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Rose Finch, Rita Finnell, Skip Finnell, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Barbara McCormick, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Bradley Smith, and Sandy Wheeler

Pray He Rests in Peace

John Shawler's father, Michael Shawler

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat	3/25	9:00am	Men's Bible Sharing Group	Room 5/Library and Zoom
		Noon	Funeral Mass – Patty and Michael Geissinger	Church
		4:30pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room
		5:30pm	Mass – Vigil	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/
Sun	3/26	9:00am	Mass	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		10:15am	Theology Book Club	Community/Conference Room
		10:15am	First Communion Class	Room 2
		10:15am	Youth Faith Formation	Library and Room 5B
		11:30am	Mass – OCIA Scrutiny	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		3:00pm	Communal Reconciliation Service	Church
Mon	3/27	6:00pm	OCIA	Library
Tues	3/28		Our Office is Closed Today	
		5:30-6:30pm	BSP Lyres Club Harp Ensemble	Parish Hall
		7:00pm	Purls Knitting Ministry	Community Room
Wed	3/29	7:00am	Mass	Chapel
		10:00am	Bible Study	Library
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
		1:00pm	Lectio Divina	Community Room
		7:00pm	Taize Prayer Experience	Sacred Heart
Thur	3/30	Noon	Mass	Chapel
		5:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri	3/31	11:15am	Scriptural Rosary	Chapel
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
		5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

This Week at Blessed Sacrament is continued on the next page.

This Week continued

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			Easter Egg Hunt	
		4:30pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room
		5:30pm	Mass – Vigil – Palm Sunday	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/
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1st COMMUNION CLASS is meeting **every Sunday** from 10:15am to 11:15am in Classroom 2. If you missed our first few classes, don't worry; please attend this week's class and every Sunday throughout May! Parents can drop off and pick up their child directly in Room 2 of the Parish classrooms past the parish office. If anyone has any questions, please contact Fr. Paul: pjw424@gmail.com

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION class will meet **every Sunday** from 10:15-11:15am in Room 5b (younger group) & the Library (older group). Parents can drop their kids off at these rooms which are located just past the parish offices.

Candy! Candy! Candy! for our Easter Egg Hunt

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st

We hope you will consider bringing a bag of snack-size
("will fit inside a plastic egg-size") candy for the hunt.

We will have baskets in the gathering area where you can put your donations this
weekend **through this Sunday, March 25th**.

Our middle- and high-school youth groups will fill the eggs before hiding them for
our younger parishioners.

Return Unused Blessed Palms

We will have a large basket in our gathering space where you can return unused blessed palms. Those palm crosses and palm flowers you have tucked around? Bring them here and add them to the basket. Please bring your palm contributions by April 2, Palm Sunday.

Tommy Ross, one of our deacon candidates, and our youth group will take the unused blessed palms and burn them for next year's ashes for our Ash Wednesday Mass.

Holy Week 2023 at Blessed Sacrament

Holy Week is the most important time of the year for the Catholic Church. The entire reason for Lent is to prepare us to celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil as a community of faith. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery – the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ – in word and sacrament, in voice and silence, and in actions and symbols. Here is something of what to expect.

Palm Sunday is also known as **Passion Sunday** includes the blessing of palms and the reading of the Passion according to St. Matthew (this year). Mass will begin in the Parish Hall for those able to walk easily. It includes blessing of palms, reading of the first gospel, and a procession into the Church as we sing. The Passion includes multiple readers and parts for the congregation to say aloud. Be sure to burn or bring back any palms from past years. **Saturday April 1 at 5:30 pm; Sunday April 2 at 9 & 11:30 am.**

Holy Thursday (**April 6 at 6:00 pm**) is a commemoration of the Last Supper. We remember with awe the humility of Jesus in washing the feet of the apostles and His generosity in giving us the Sacrament of his Body and Blood that we call the Eucharist. The parish will be presented with holy oils blessed by Bishop Mark Brennan. These oils will be used in the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, & Anointing in the coming year.

The Liturgy on this night includes two other special ceremonies. The entirely optional ritual of Foot-washing has been done in a variety of ways through the years. This year (unless he is called in at the last minute to substitute somewhere else) Fr. John will wash the feet of 12 parishioners as did Jesus at the Last Supper. After communion and prayer, the priest, servers and choir will process through the church to the Chapel of Repose (which will be in the Hallway to the Parish Hall) and the Eucharist will be placed in a tabernacle. Everyone is invited to stop by and visit our Lord Jesus present in the Eucharist, to stay with him as did the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. Be sure to sign up for a time to be present and pray.

Good Friday is so named because it is not the funeral of Jesus. We believe and know that Jesus rose from the dead. Here are two opportunities for us to gather in faith. In the Stations of the Cross, we follow Jesus as he walks the Way of the Cross. In the Good Friday Liturgy, we listen to God's Word, pray solemn intercessions, venerate the Cross, and receive Holy Communion that was consecrated the night before. Stations begin at 3pm; Good Friday Liturgy at **6pm on April 7, 2023.**

8 Things to Know about the Restoration of Communion from the Cup

1. Communion from the Cup will be available beginning on Holy Thursday.
2. As always, it is optional since whenever one receives either the consecrated bread or consecrated wine, one receives both the Body and the Blood of Jesus. The Church has said that doing so is a fuller sign, not a requirement nor a source of more grace.
3. When one approaches the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, one bows his or her head, responds by taking the chalice into one's hands, and saying "Amen" before taking a sip, and returning the chalice to the minister.
4. Out of charity and genuine love of neighbor, one who is coughing, sneezing, has a runny nose, is feverish, or is the least bit sick, ought never to receive communion from the cup or communion on the tongue.
5. Although the chalice is wiped after each communicant, there are no assurances that germs will not be transmitted. The alcohol does not guarantee this either.
6. Since the consecrated wine must be consumed afterwards, it is possible we will run out until we get a better idea of how much wine to use.
7. It is almost certain that we will need more help distributing communion. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.
8. Please complete the Survey Monkey poll on our website or on a table in the Gathering Space.

3 Things to Know about Exchanging the Sign of Peace.

1. Also, at your own discretion people may hug, kiss, one shake hands during the Sign of Peace. Peace is exchanged only with those close by.
2. Please read the Body Language of those around you. Some prefer not to physically exchange a sign with others. We need to respect that.
3. One doesn't move around trying to greet everyone everywhere as if this is essential. As has always been the case since its restoration some 60 + years ago, the exchange of this sign is both encouraged and entirely optional.



We Need You!

To be able to offer Communion from the Cup, beginning Holy Thursday, at every Mass, we need more volunteers to be Ministers of the Cup.

Please consider participating in this important ministry.

Are you too shy? Remember, we're family.

You've never done this before? You'll receive training.

Who are you to be offering the sacred cup to anyone? We are all sinners and imperfect, so why not you?

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be **April 1st** at 11 am. We will gather in the parish hall before separating into groups. We will have the groups separated by age: 4 years old and younger, 5 to 9 years old, and 10+. Please bring your own bag for the kids to collect eggs. We will have a sign up in the gathering space but we welcome anyone to join! Lunch will be provided afterwards in the parish hall. We may also have the Easter Bunny around to take pictures with kids.

)))) Coming Soon (((((

The Gift of Years Book Club, led by Kathy Lester will hold its inaugural meeting on **April 16** from 10:15am-11:15am in the Community Room adjacent to the Parish Hall. The Gift of Years: Growing older Gracefully by Joan Chittester will be the first book read and discussed. Meetings will be bi-weekly on the 1st and 3rd weekend of the month. If you are interested in adding your name to our list of registered participants please email me at rpenningtheologian@gmail.com.

Food Drive for Good Shepherd Food Pantry, Coalburg: April 15th – April 23rd

Partners in Community Service

Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley is a volunteer organization providing free services to older adults in Kanawha and Putnam counties.

Our volunteers assist seniors with transportation to medical appointments, trips to the grocery store, friendly check-in phone calls, and minor home repairs and maintenance projects.

Our volunteers appreciate the flexibility they have in scheduling and the variety of meaningful ways to engage. Our seniors appreciate the reliable and friendly personal attention they receive.

Upcoming Volunteer Trainings (Offered In-person & Online)

Tuesday, April 4 @ 4:30pm

Thursday, April 20 @ 4:30pm

Tuesday, May 9 @ 4:30pm

Tuesday, May 23 @ 4:30pm

For more information on how you can get involved or to RSVP for an upcoming training, visit faithinactiongkv.com or contact 304.881.7253.

Prayers for Our Elect

Our parish has held OCIA Elect in our thoughts and prayers for several months. If you would like to send your well wishes, prayers, or greetings to our elect, here are their addresses:

Liz James – 238 Sutherland Dr., So. Charleston, WV 25303

Pam Steelhammer – 5326 Sunrise Lane, Charleston, WV 25313

Marla Weiner – 4908 Washington Ave., SE, Charleston, WV 25304

Joey Thornton – 2002 Laurel Ridge Rd., Culloden, WV 25510

The Gardens Project

A very rough description of our Gardens Project:

We will create a series of different gardens on our property along 4th Avenue.

The gardens will serve different purposes but will all tie together into something beautiful.

The idea has been brewing for a year or so among several parishioners and our staff. After a member of our parish gave us \$5,000 in “seed” money, we felt the time to get started was now. Our Pastoral Council and Finance Committee recently learned of the idea and expressed their support.

So – share your thoughts with us about what you would like to see in these gardens.

An outdoor classroom/meeting space? A community vegetable garden? A house for bats?

Benches named for deceased loved ones? Lots of butterflies? A place to play yard games?

You can write your ideas on “Suggestions” cards and drop them in the suggestions box in the gathering area. Or follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQCW6SX>

How will it be funded?

With parishioner donations specifically directed to our Gardens Project. We will also apply for grants that support garden projects like ours.

Won't that take a long time? That depends. This project is really special and is not something that should be rushed through. We believe we will have the funding needed as we work through the various stages of this project. (Feeling doubtful? Ask us about the solar panel project.)

Spring Cleaning – Saturday, April 15th

There will be tasks for all abilities, including: wiping shelves, repotting plants, hanging pictures, dusting furniture, carrying stuff from here to there, and more. Students can earn service hours.

We will also have many things to be delivered to the ReStore and Heart & Hand. (They will be able to sell these items and use the proceeds to fund their community service projects.)

If you might be able to help us with tasks or with delivery, please sign up in the gathering area. Or sign up using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B8L7WJG>

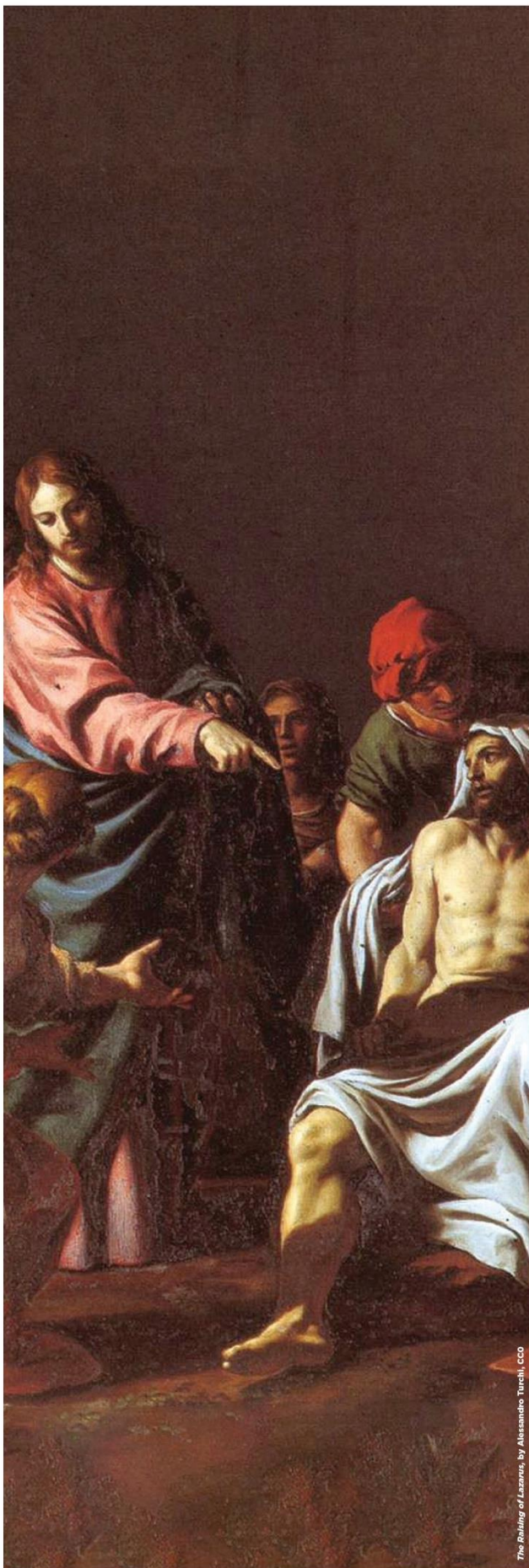
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The Raising of Lazarus, by Alessandro Turchi, CCO

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

ACTION As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: uscbb.org.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 38

Icebreakers give us something to talk about. Soup starters make for a good start. Here is some spiritual kindling to use, think about, and pray with this week.

POEM: Prophets of a Future Not Our Own

The Oscar Romero Book Discussion group begins March 26 between the two Masses. Bishop Kenneth Untener wrote this homily delivered at a Mass for deceased priests. It has wrongly been credited to Saint Oscar Romero.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent
enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that
the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

Mystic Morsel: The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. Nothing is so joyous in our life as the thanksgiving that we experience in the Church. In the Church, the joyful sustain their joy. In the Church, those worried acquire merriment, and those saddened, joy. In the Church, the troubled find relief, and the heavy-laden, rest. — Saint John Chrysostom (347-407)

Prayer: When I Behold the Problems of Our World

When I behold the problems of our world, O Lord,
I pray not to be tempted to quick answers.

When every tongue declares a different Truth,
when every people praises its own righteousness,
let me pause before I speak or praise or hope.

Let me look inward
seeking to discover eternal truths
implanted there by You,
truths greater than those heard
in the outer multitude of voices and words.

And let me remember always that
to be loud is not to be right,
to be strange is not to be forbidden,
to be new is not to be frightful,
to be black is not to be ugly.

Thus let me find truths true to You,
that I may live with them,
and You, and myself, in peace.
— 8th century Gelasian Sacramentary



Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths.

It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Simple songs (like "Jesus, Remember Me"), prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

You are cordially invited to come join us in a Taizé Prayer Experience this Wednesday at 7pm at Sacred Heart Basilica on Leon Sullivan Road in downtown Charleston, WV.

Liturgical Ministers – March 25 & 26

	5:30pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Rick Brennan Tony Ciliberti	Mary Claire Davis Rory Isaac	John Priestley Pam Counsil
Altar Servers	Carla & Vince Stricker	Jackson Davis Maureen Mathias	Tommy Ross
Cantors	Joe Deegan	Charlie Wilson	Heather White
Communion Principal	Tony Ciliberti	Peggy Musilli	Kathy Lester
Communion to the Sick		Bob Sherrard Tom Aluise Laura Hayes	
Greeters/Ushers	Rob & Bev Schissler	Brian Cornell Sue Manahan	Rene Norman Anna Sites

Liturgical Ministers – April 1 & 2

	5:30pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Kathleen Bors Ro DeBias Susan Churchill	Laura Jennings Brian Caldwell Patty Frame	Rory Isaac Rick Brennan Kathy Lester
Altar Servers	Karen Lewia Rick Brennan	Eli Simonton Nathaniel Simonton	Carla Stricker Vince Stricker
Cantors			
Communion Principal	John McGarrity	Mike Burgess	Carolyn Frye
Communion to the Sick		Mike Burgess Laura Hayes Susan Bowyer	
Greeters/Ushers	Mike & Pat Habenschuss	Rob & Kelly Plutro	Rene Norman Shelley Nason

31 Club this week

31 Club members commit to praying for vocations one day each month.

Sun	3/26	Kelley Endres
Mon	3/27	John Finnell
Tue	3/28	Bernie Mabe Lucy, Henry, and Katie Smithberger
Wed	3/29	Irene Galloway Therese Cox
Thu	3/30	Jim Scharf Jack Dever Diane Lordan
Fri	3/31	Carla Stricker
Sat	4/01	Mary Gargarella Bev Schissler

Weekly Email from Father Paul Wharton



March 25, 2023

There are many different kinds of Roman Catholics. There are Cradle Catholics like myself - born into a Catholic family, baptized in infancy, and raised in the faith. Then there are Converts like my dad who, baptized a Methodist, became a very devout Catholic in his 20's. Years ago before Piggly Wiggly or Aldi grocery stores, one of the best known place to buy food was the Greater Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A & P for short.)

Another interesting group of Church members include those we affectionately call A & P Catholics. The Season of Lent is their Prime Time. Every Catholic are strongly encouraged and really ought to come both to the First Day and the Sixth Sunday of Lent. Churches are more crowded these days because of the A & P Catholics who rarely come to Mass, but wouldn't think of missing Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. They come to get ashes or palms. Let's me be absolutely clear that everyone from everywhere is always welcome at Blessed Sacrament, but especially on days like Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Christmas, and Easter.

Palm Sunday (April 2) marks the beginning of Holy Week. The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare our hearts and minds, souls and lives to celebrate the holiest week of the year. This Sunday March 26 we will have a Communal Penance Service at 3 pm. Fr Paul and several other priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HERE'S AN IDEA. Invite someone you know who has been unable to come or been away from Church for whatever reason to come with you to one of our three Palm Sunday Masses. If you think of it, bring old palm branches from home. We will use them to make the ashes for next year.

A Sunday morning book discussion group begins Sunday March 26 at 10:15 am in the Conference Room beside the Parish Hall. **Essential Writings of Oscar Romero** is filled with insights, wisdom, and challenges by this Bishop, Saint, and Martyr. Books will be provided or you can choose to purchase an ebook for your tablet or device.

Choosing a Logo for Our Parish. To say that Fr. Paul, was truly and genuinely shocked by the kerfuffle kicked off by the possibility of a new parish logo is an understatement to say the least. The logo was not being used. Some people had no idea there was a parish logo or thought it was what is at the top of the Blessed Sacrament Website. Hardly anyone knew its origin much less could explain what it means. Consultation was sought and received about three possible designs. As promised, you have the opportunity to stop by the super secret ballot box in our gathering area and tell us about your choice of logo for our parish. Three easy steps:

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MYSTIC MORSELS from Saint Oscar Romero.

- ✦ Aspire not to have more, but to be more.
- ✦ A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed — what gospel is that?
- ✦ When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mount Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties.

CARBONATED GRACE ***

Frank believed that five was his special number. He was born on May 5, the 5th son of a 5th son. He and his wife had 5 children and lived at 555 East 55th. At the track on his 55th birthday, he was surprised to find a horse named Numero Cinco running in the 5th race. So 5 minutes before the race, he went to the 5th window and put 5 thousand dollars on Numero Cinco. . . . Sure enough, the horse came in 5th.

*** Anne Lamott calls laughter ***carbonated grace***.

