

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
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**CALENDAR ~ April 4-12, 2020**

Sat 4	5:00pm	Mass for Evan Hill, Happy Birthday by Chuck & Janet Hill
Sun 5	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Tony Johnson by Kate Johnson & Family Mass for Private Intention by Danny Suhy & Celeste Debolt Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call 289-6336 for information
Mon 6	9:00am	Mass for ROS Mike Hunter by the Lugo Family
Wed 8	7:00pm	Mass for ROS James Supsic by Dave & Mary Sharik
Thurs 9	7:00pm	Holy Thursday Mass for Andrew Hill, Happy Birthday by Chuck & Janet Hill
Fri 10	7:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy (Bilingual)
Sat 11	7:00pm	Easter Vigil Mass for ROS Bernard Blesser by Dave & Mary Sharik
Sun 12	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for Living & Deceased Members of the Colhouer Family by Karen Greene Mass for ROS Tom & Fran Dunphy by Chuck & Janet Hill Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call 289-6336 for information



*From the Holy Fathers*

*"The business of life should not preoccupy us with its anxiety and pride, so that we no longer strive with all the love of our heart to be like our Redeemer."*

~ St Pope Leo the Great ~



*Wisdom of the Saints*

*"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."*

~ Saint Rose of Lima ~

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**A Prayer During Our Stay at Home**

(Found on the Diocesan Website)

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
 Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
 May we who have no risk factors  
 Remember those most vulnerable.  
 May we who have the luxury of working from home  
 Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.  
 May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close  
 Remember those who have no options.  
 May we who have to cancel our trips  
 Remember those who have no safe place to go.  
 May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market  
 Remember those who have no margin at all.  
 May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
 Remember those who have no home.  
 As fear grips our country, let us choose love.  
 During this time when we cannot physically  
 Wrap our arms around each other,  
 Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

~ Author unknown ~

**Collection Information:**

Regular Offering: \$4,276.00  
 Building Fund: \$130.00

There is a **second collection next week** for the Saint Joseph's College Seminary in our diocese. See article on the next page.



*"His praise is in the assembly of the saints- it is the singers themselves. If you desire to praise Him, then live what you express. Live good lives, and you yourselves will be His praise."*

~ Saint Augustine ~



**Announcements**

For the **HOLY WEEK LITURGY**, please see the above weekly Calendar.

The **Divine Mercy Novena** begins on Good Friday, April 10th. The novena pamphlet also contains the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. On April 19th, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed (sung) after the 11:30am Mass. During that time Father Burke will be hearing confessions. **NOTE: If you would like to pray the novena and chaplet at home, but do not have a copy of the prayers at home, email Penny Watkins at pjwlmg@gmail.com and she will email a copy to you.**

The **Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus** is collecting US flags for retirement we are also collecting magazines for the VA must be no more than 3 months old please bring to the Narthex when the church is able to reopen .

If you would like an electronic copy of the bulletin sent to your home, contact [pjwlmg@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlmg@gmail.com)



### How Much Does it Cost to Attend College Seminary?

The average cost of a college seminarian’s education is approximately \$40,000 per year. That includes tuition, room and board, health insurance, and books. At St. Joseph College Seminary, the Diocese pays the room and board costs, one-third of their college tuition, and a modest allowance for books. The seminarian and his family are required to fund the rest of his college expenses through scholarships, financial aid, and student loans. Things change when the seminarian completes the College Seminary and goes on to the Major Seminary.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION EXPENSES PAID BY DIOCESE		
	College Seminary	Major Seminary
College Tuition	1/3	100%
Priestly Formation	100%	100%
Room & Board	100%	100%
Books & Fees	Allowance	Allowance
Health Insurance	0	100%

Parishioners across the Diocese of Charlotte will have an opportunity to help fund the education of future priests by giving to the Seminarian Education second collection next weekend, April 20-21.

There is an increased need for funding as the number of men in seminary formation for the Diocese of Charlotte is growing. The number of seminarians has more than doubled in just a few years – from 15 seminarians to 36. There are 16 men in three major seminaries and 20 at St. Joseph College Seminary in Charlotte. This good news for future vocations is welcomed as the past 10 years have seen remarkable growth in the diocese.

A decade ago, there were 58,500 registered households in our diocese. In 2018, that number was 73,700. By the year 2025 it is estimated that the number of registered households will climb to 86,800.

“Growth of this nature is paralleled by a need for priests to pastor this increasing number of Catholics,” said Bishop Peter Jugis in his letter to parishioners. We are both blessed and challenged. As you know, our challenge is to provide the funding needed to recruit, educate and form our future priests,” the bishop explained.

In the next decade, 27 priests are expected to reach retirement age. And as seven diocesan priests are actively serving although they are past the retirement age of 70, the need for more priests to serve the growing Catholic population in western North Carolina is great. Besides praying for the seminarians by name, Bishop Jugis asks the faithful to “give prayerful consideration to the amount you give to the Seminarian Education second collection on Easter Sunday.”