

PALM SUNDAY



Promise of Life

Lord God,
you entered Jerusalem in triumph,
and we shouted, "Hosanna!"
As the Lenten journey closes,
may I continue to remember
your sacrifice and love.

Give me the strength
to follow your cross.
May my heart find serenity
and joy in your promise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Never Alone

Today's readings: Gospel at the procession Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philipians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47. Today's readings leave us much to ponder. During the Gospel at the procession, a crowd welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem, singing, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel from Mark, Jesus was not hailed but reviled as passersby taunted, "You who would destroy the temple in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

In the last verses from Mark's Gospel, we witness the faith of the steadfast disciples, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of younger James and Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Jesus in Galilee, stood by until his

death, and watched where he was laid in a tomb. Apparent, too, is the faith of Joseph of Arimathea, who wrapped Jesus in linen and laid him in the tomb.

Also obvious in the Gospel is the wavering faith of those who had followed Jesus for three years. Not only did Judas betray Jesus, but Peter could not stay awake with him as he prayed in the garden, and later Peter denied him three times. The Gospel proclaimed today does not record the apostles' presence at the crucifixion.

During Holy Week, Christians have the opportunity to be with Christ as his last days are recalled. Take to heart Jesus' words to the apostles in Gethsemane: "Remain here and keep watch."

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Please call the Parish
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SACRAMENTS

Baptism:
Please contact
Ellen Mady in the
Parish Office four months
before the birth of your
child.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 9:00 AM and
by appointment.

Marriage:
Please contact
Monsignor Michael
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Office at least one year in
advance for information
and scheduling.

Holy Communion for
those who are
homebound: Please
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THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 25 A Precious Offering

In today's Gospel we see how Mary, Lazarus' sister, takes what may have been her most precious possession and used it to anoint Jesus' feet. We are also given opportunities to give the very best of ourselves. Today, examine whether you have gifts within you that you hold back. Who would benefit from those gifts? *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, March 26 Judas Is Humanity

Imagine how Jesus would have felt knowing that Judas was about to betray him. He surely was troubled but also hurt. Let us also imagine what may have been in the mind and heart of Judas. In Judas we can see all of humanity reflected: the emptiness of greed and envy, the alienation and loneliness of sin. However much we strive to be like Jesus, we will always meet our flaws and shortcomings. In Christ, however, we are strengthened to do good in the world despite our failings. As we approach the celebration of the resurrection and prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises, resolve to let the new life that Christ gives to well up within you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 7:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

Wednesday, March 27 Second Chances

Much can be learned from Judas' betrayal. Perhaps by examining Judas' actions, we can right our failings. Consider how you can explore and acknowledge what keeps you from God. This week reflect on the times you preferred a path other than God's. How did following another way disturb your relationship with God and others? Trust in God's promise of forgiveness for all who truly repent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10; 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, March 28 Serving Others

Tonight, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins. Humbling himself, Jesus washed and dried the feet of the disciples. Just as he washed their feet, by his resurrection, he washed away our sins. Perhaps you have an elderly parent, neighbor, or relative with impaired movement. How can you humble yourself and be of service to another? *Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

Friday, March 29 Symbol of Love

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross in today's liturgy, the faithful are invited to process to the cross and offer a sign of reverence. Even when you are unable to attend this service, spend time in quiet contemplating Jesus' surrender of himself on the cross. How are you asked to surrender yourself to the crosses in your life? *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

Saturday, March 30 Beacon of Light in the Darkness

Jesus has died and descended into hell but the darkness surrounding us is only temporary. The light of the world will shine brightly once more, and soon enough it will defeat the darkness. *Today's readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 3:6-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2024



DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

A BIG thank you to the 400 MOS families who have made a pledge or gift to this year's DLA campaign. Your generosity of \$237,686 has helped to put us over our diocesan goal.

This is GREAT NEWS, as it means that any pledges and gifts that are now made will be returned 100% to the parish.

Imagine the impact on our parish if each household that has not yet made a gift would consider a Lenten sacrificial gift of \$100 (\$10/month for 10 months). This could generate an additional \$201,000 for capital repairs needed in our parish.

As we approach Holy Week and reflect on the sacrifice that Christ made for us, consider how you might make a sacrificial gift to help our parish. Online pledges and gifts can be made at: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/sharingourgifts.

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS

March 16 and 17

Attendance 1,509

Offertory \$ 29,619.61

Outreach \$ 1,125.00



Church, school and rectory
maintenance and utility expense:

\$ 30,660.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 3/23

9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM † Joe Purdue (*Mom, Dad, Nick and Kate*)

Sunday 3/24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 AM For the Parish

9:30 AM † Robert Grayson (*Family*)

11:30 AM † Lois Vera Sebastian (*Pfeuffer Family*)

6:00 PM † Leonard & Joan Hoch (*Kim Hoch*)

Monday 3/25

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Strecker
& Nixon Families (*Cindy Nixon*)

Tuesday 3/26

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Taylor
& Burns Families (*Diehl Family*)

Wednesday 3/27

8:00 AM † Stephen Stoltz (*Family*)



Thursday 3/28

7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 MN Midnight Prayer

Friday 3/29

12:00 NN Stations of the Cross

1:30 PM Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 3/30

12:00 NN Blessing of the Baskets

8:00 PM The Great Easter Vigil

Sunday 3/31 Easter Sunday

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:30 AM Special Intention

11:30 AM Special Intention

WITH SYMPATHY

We commend to your prayers Mary Ann Renda, who died recently.

May God welcome her to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to her family.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, a collection is traditionally taken for the support of Christians in the Holy Land. You may make a gift by going to our parish website and clicking on 'Good Friday' under the Giving/We Share tabs. Money from this collection will help to ease the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

CHRISM MASS

Parishioners are invited to join us for a pilgrimage to the Diocesan Chrism Mass on **Thursday, March 28**. The bus will leave MOS at 9:00 AM in time for Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 10:00 AM. We will have lunch immediately following Mass at Pasqualino's in Murrysville.

The cost is \$15 cash or check upon boarding the bus. Please RSVP to Jacob at jgindhart@dioceseofgreensburg.org no later than **Monday, March 25**.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed **Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29**. It will reopen on **Monday, April 1**.

PALMS

Why are we given palms at Mass today? This is not just a reenactment of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. When we accept the palm branches and hold them high, we are making a promise to accept Christ everywhere, from the joy of Jerusalem to the cross on Calvary.

The palm branches are blessed with Baptism's water. Take the branches home and put them in a place of honor, where they can be a reminder throughout the year of our promise to follow the Lord faithfully.

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday

March 24

- 8:30 AM** Faith Formation for those with special needs
6:00 PM OCIA

Monday

March 25

- 6:00 PM** Altar server rehearsal for Holy Thursday, church
6:30 PM Cub Scouts, Social Hall
7:15 PM Altar server rehearsal for Vigil, church

Tuesday

March 26

- 10:00 AM** Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room
6:30 PM Spiritual Direction, Madonna Room

Wednesday

March 27

- 7:00 PM** Choir Rehearsal, church

Thursday

March 28

- 5:00 PM** CGS, CGS Rooms

Friday

March 29

- 12:00 PM** Stations of the Cross, church

Saturday

March 30

- 10:00 PM** Parish Reception, Social Hall

Sunday

March 31 Happy Easter!

TRIDUUM: THE THREE DAYS

Our 40-day season of Lent ends on the evening of Holy Thursday as the Church begins its annual celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum or the Three Days. Beginning with the Lord's Supper on Thursday night and continuing to Easter Sunday evening, these three days form the most important days of the Church year.

Why are these days so significant? Because our faith in Jesus dead and risen all comes together in these three days. We penetrate in great depth the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. We take three days to celebrate this great foundation of our faith because it is simply too powerful and rich for a one-day celebration. Even though we take three days, it is still one mystery we celebrate.

The purpose of the Triduum is not to participate in a historical re-enactment of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. For we know that the Lord is risen and will never die again. It is the risen Christ who calls us together to remember all he did to save us so that by remembering the Passover of the Lord we might encounter again the saving grace of these sacred events.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)



As we begin our Triduum celebration on Thursday night at 7:00, the first reading sets the tone for the next three days. We hear from the book of Exodus about the Jewish Passover which Israel is instructed to keep as a living memorial of their liberation and covenant with God. In the Triduum, our Christian Passover, Jesus is the new Moses who will lead us out of the darkness and bondage of sin to the promised land of the kingdom.

In the Gospel we find Jesus falling to his knees to wash the feet of his disciples. Washing the disciples' feet was more than a kind deed. In humility Jesus demonstrated his self-donation, the outpouring of his life for the liberation and redemption of the world. The washing of feet is a preview of what Jesus will do at Calvary.

There has always been a special focus on the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. But our understanding of the Eucharist must be seen within the total framework of this Passover. The Eucharist is given to us at a great price, the very life of Jesus. When Jesus says, "Do this in memory of me," he asks us to not only celebrate this ritual again and again, but to pour out our lives in sacrifice for others as he did. We are to be Eucharist for each other. We must act out what we celebrate. We ritualize this when members of our own community wash each others' feet.

At the conclusion of this evening everyone is invited to remain in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with those who will be initiated at the Easter Vigil. During these days we need to set aside time for prayer and reflection.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

On Good Friday we turn to the cross and the passion of Christ. We look on the cross not as a sign of defeat and hopelessness, but as a sign of victory over sin and death. The cross of Jesus is our sign of hope, the constant reminder of the price of love Jesus willingly accepted.

At 12:00 NN we celebrate the Stations of the Cross which depict the final hours of Jesus. This popular Catholic devotion helps the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer; to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."



The Good Friday liturgy, which begins at 1:30 PM, is divided into three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion. The Liturgy of the Word revolves around the proclamation of the Passion from John's Gospel. John's Passion contains a powerful paradox that while Jesus is mocked and spat upon he is still King and Victor.

During the second part of this liturgy, we adore the cross which is a sober reminder of the price of our redemption. This same cross is also a sign of life and hope for us. No Christian can look upon the cross this day without hearing the invitation to take up his or her cross and follow Jesus. We are invited to venerate the cross by touching it, kissing it, genuflecting before it, etc., as a personal sign of reverence, faith and gratitude.

Next we share in the Eucharist that was consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the previous evening. Again all are invited to stay in silent prayer before the cross with those who will be initiated at the Easter Vigil.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night



On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, reflecting on his suffering and death. It is a day of quiet prayer and reflection. The Blessing of the Baskets takes place at 12:00 NN.

The Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 PM. This is the holiest of all nights in our Church year. This liturgy beautifully expresses our passage from death to life, darkness to light, suffering to glory. It is on this night that we discover our identity as God's people, led by the light of Christ, baptized into his death and resurrection, and sharing with one another in Eucharist his presence and future glory. On this night we celebrate the totality of our faith.

The Vigil is composed of four parts: the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium, the Liturgy of the Word, the Baptismal Liturgy, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM: We begin the Vigil in the dark outside (weather permitting) to remind us of the horrible darkness of life without Christ. At this point a new fire is ignited and blessed. In this fire we see Christ who this night casts out the darkness of sin and death. From this fire we light the new Paschal candle which becomes a symbol of the risen Christ present among us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: This evening we have an extended Liturgy of the Word that covers all of salvation history starting with creation and ending with the resurrection. We hear all that has led up to this night, how God from age to age has willed the salvation of all humankind, a promise fulfilled in the person of Jesus. It recounts the story of who we are as Christians.

BAPTISMAL LITURGY: All of Lent has led to this night when the Church calls the elect and the candidates to the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: This final part of the vigil is the celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter. We give thanks for Christ our Paschal Lamb, and like the disciples at Emmaus we come to discover Christ present with us at the breaking of the bread.

TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration in the Social Hall until 12:00 MN prayer

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 NN Stations of the Cross
1:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30

12:00 NN Blessing of the Baskets
8:00 PM The Great Easter Vigil followed by a parish reception in the Social Hall

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 AM Easter Mass
9:30 AM Easter Mass
11:30 AM Easter Mass

COME TO THE FEAST

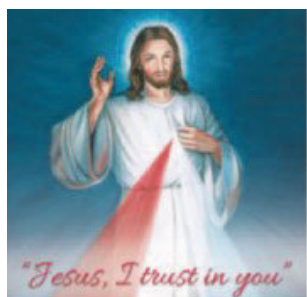
What Sunday is to the week, the Triduum is to the year - namely, a veritable feast of riches that God provides for his people.

All are invited and encouraged to attend the liturgies of these holy Three Days as we are nourished by word, sacrament, and a sense of community with our brothers and sisters.

In a special way, we will welcome new members who will be celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Following the Great Easter Vigil that begins at 8:00 PM on Holy Saturday night, we will have a special reception in the Parish Social Hall in honor of our newest members.

All are welcome!!



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



In this final Sunday of Lent, as we prepare to enter the sacred time of the Paschal Triduum, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognize him as our Savior, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of Savior he is.

Though he was in the form of God, Jesus came to us as a servant. We have a Savior who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured a sense of abandonment. We have a Savior who lived his life out of love for us.

We have a Savior who was lifted up and exalted, precisely because he emptied himself of his status as God. Unlike victors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he was willing to be put down, to suffer, and to die for us.

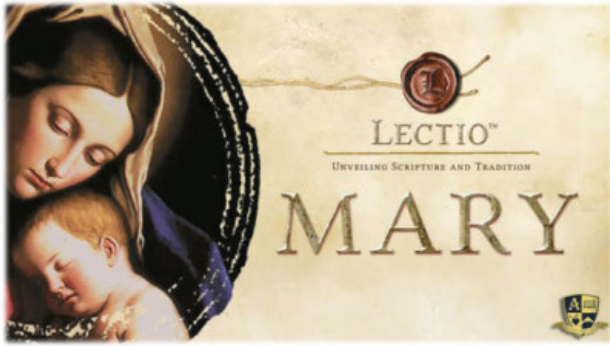
We have a Savior who first offered himself *for* us and now continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. As we enter into this Holy Week, we are invited to do so in the company of those with whom Jesus identified: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and marginalized; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to celebrate our salvation in Christ, we must go wherever Christ empties himself for our salvation.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us on **Sunday, April 7** at 3:00 PM for Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction. The Holy Hour will include recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, scripture reading, and a homily given by Fr. Jay.

All are welcome to attend!

LECTIO MARY BIBLE STUDY AND MARIAN CONSECRATION



May is special month when we honor and celebrate Mary our Queen and Mother. The MOS Office of Discipleship, Parish Bible Study groups and the Legion of Mary are coming together this spring to offer two programs to deepen our Marian devotion:

- **FORMED Bible Study: "Lectio Mary."** This deep, but easy-to-understand Bible Study explores Mary through the Sacred Scriptures to explain her powerful significance in the Church and our lives. This study will be offered on **Wednesdays in the Social Hall, Beginning April 10 for 8 weeks and ending May 28.** There will be a morning session at 9:30AM and an evening session 6:30 PM. Each session will last an hour and a half and the cost of the workbook is \$5.
- **Marian Consecration:** We will use Fr. Michael Gaitley's "33 Days to Morning Glory" as a way to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary. In this group, you will read a reflection about Mary and pray the Holy Rosary every day for 33 days on your own. As a group, we will meet weekly connected to the Bible Study, based on availability. We will begin **Sunday, April 28** and our consecration date will be on the Feast of the Visitation, May 31.

Please email Jacob Gindhart at jgindhart@dioceseofgreensburg.org to RSVP by **April 3** and mention if you would like to participate in The Bible Study, Consecration, or both. Please include if you will attend the morning or evening session of the Bible Study.

BOOMERS AND BEYOND



Join us on **Tuesday, April 9** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall to see how **BOXING** is helping to improve symptoms and slow progression in individuals affected by Parkinson's and other neurological disorders!

Since opening 9 years ago, Rock Steady Boxing Pittsburgh has evaluated over 700 Parkinson's fighters from all over western Pennsylvania in its two locations. Participants are reaping the benefits of this rigorous and emotional exercise program.

Also learn how non-contact boxing classes are great for many diverse groups, including seniors ages 60+, young adults, and children. Anyone can enjoy healthy weight loss and improved coordination and balance through this challenging but doable workout.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the "baby boomers" of Mother of Sorrows parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and Learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Topics are varied, reservations are not required, and sessions are free to all interested adults. Participants gather at 11:30 AM and are encouraged to bring a "brown bag" lunch and to bring a friend. Beverages are provided. Presentations follow, from 12:00-1:00 PM.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Last week we spent the first hour of our time together in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the church. Courtney and Jacob provided beautiful praise and worship music, and Father Jay gave us a reflection and Benediction to conclude our Holy Hour. Afterward, we reconvened downstairs for refreshments, a testimony from Courtney about growing in faith, and just for fun, a mystery game that got people moving.

We will not meet this **Sunday, March 24, or next Sunday, March 31**, but please join us again on **Sunday, April 7 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**, Divine Mercy Sunday. As we continue our study of the sacraments, we will welcome back **Father Chris Beran** to talk with us about the Sacrament of Confession and how and why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

If you have a student in college and would like for him or her to receive a care package during finals week, please email Jacob Gindhart at jgindhart@dioceseofgreensburg.org and give their name and current address. The boxes will be filled and mailed the following week in order to reach your student in time, so time is of the essence.



CONGRATULATIONS ANTHONY POOLE



Mother of Sorrows hosted a Court of Honor Ceremony Sunday for Anthony Poole, a parishioner and member of Mother of Sorrows Youth Ministry, to celebrate his reception of the rank of Eagle Scout. Anthony cleaned, re-organized, and re-painted the AV Room in the Social Hall, and put together a brand new desk and



chairs for the space. We are grateful for Anthony's hard work and upstanding example in his troop, in youth ministry, and in our parish family.

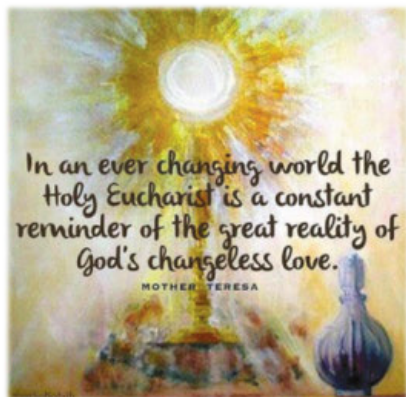
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Mother of Sorrows church altar takes place on **Thursday, March 28** from 8:00 PM until 12:00 MN. Know Jesus is waiting for YOU. **Children and families are welcome.**

To become a weekly committed adorer, sign up by using the QR code or go to



<https://adorationpro.org/mosmurrysville>.



As we approach the exciting time of our annual festival, we are in need of volunteers to join our leadership team. Your involvement is crucial in ensuring the success of this significant event for our community. The festival serves as a cornerstone of our outreach efforts, bringing together members of our congregation and our community. It's a time of fellowship, celebration, and sharing the love of God with one another.

Whether you have experience in event planning, logistics, marketing, or simply a heart to serve, there's a place for you on our team. Please reach out to mosfestival724@gmail.com or call Jill 724 757-2491.

GOOD GRIEF IN BREATHING ROOM



Do you ever feel like you just need some room to breathe?! We want to invite you to join your fellow parishioners to create that space together as we seek to process our grief.

Mother of Sorrows Parish will hold two separate groups with Nancy Matteuzzi, MB, BCC Pastoral Associate, beginning in April. They will each meet for six weeks.

In the seventh week, we will join together on **Tuesday May 28** at 6:30 PM for a closing memorial service and reception.

Evening Group: Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Ave Maria Room
April 19 to May 21

Day Group: Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in the Ave Maria Room
April 20 to May 22



It is our hope that this program will help you to acknowledge the reality of your loss, begin to process your pain, and create meaning to help you move forward. You will be led through various mourning exercises within the safe and sacred space that we create together.

For more information and to register, please call Nancy Matteuzzi at 724-733-8870, email nmatteuzzi@dioceseofgreensburg.org, or scan the QR code above.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Recently, we offered market bags to parishioners with the instructions to fill the bag with non-perishable breakfast food for our Food Pantry families. The response was amazing, with all 210 market bags gone by noon.

A conversation between a little boy and his father brought us directly to the heart of the day. The father asked the boy to choose a market bag, which the boy immediately hung on his arm, although the bag was just about as tall as he was. The father then started talking to the boy about what we were doing and why..."We have lots of food, but not everyone has enough, so we are going to the grocery store to buy some things for someone who is hungry. " Then the father thanked those of us who were manning the table for providing him an opportunity to talk with his children about what we are called to do.

These are moments that enable us to be doers of God's word, not hearers only, as Monsignor Michael often reminds us, in hopes that these moments will be repeated in many of our homes. **May God Bless All Who Hear the Cry of the Poor.**



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Featured here are Mrs. Zubrow's Kindergarten students being "word detectives" in reading.



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SHREK, JR. the MUSICAL



Audiences were in stitches over the comical performances of the Shrek cast in this year's MOSS musical, Shrek Junior. Directors were Miss Megan Pullet and Mrs. Carrie Malley.

Mother of Sorrows School Guardian Angel Fund

Please donate to the MOSS Guardian Angel Fund to assist with the growing cost of keeping Mother of Sorrows School students safe while at school. All donations will support the school's safety and security efforts.

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