

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY MARCH 17th PASSION SUNDAY/5th SUNDAY OF LENT, (PURPLE)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Elizabeth Boyka:Req. by son Loen.

MONDAY MARCH 18th MONDAY OF PASSIONTIDE, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

TUESDAY MARCH 19th ST. JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY, (WHITE)

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

8AM Mass for soul of the departed Carmella Bolock, 34th Anni of death.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20th WEDNESDAY OF PASSIONTIDE, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Anthony Rysz; 9th Anni of death.

THURSDAY MARCH 21st ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for an Increase of Vocations.

FRIDAY MARCH 22nd FRIDAY OF PASSIONTIDE, (PURPLE)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick.

SUNDAY MARCH 24th PALM SUNDAY, (PURPLE)

**BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS, PROCESSION, READING OF THE
PASSION**

LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-7 **LESSON:** Philippians 2:6-11 **GOSPEL:** Passion acc. to St. Mark

9:30AM Mass for the departed John Kornaga; From all souls list

MARK YOUR CALENDERS: MARCH 24th Palm Sunday; **MARCH 31st** Easter Sunday

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES: Are available in the Vestibule. Take one home to refer to, and give one to your friends and neighbors, invite them.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

WE WANT TO SEE JESUS: Today we have an interesting image in the Gospel. Some Greek speaking Jews come for Passover and make a request of Philip to see Jesus. They come to Philip because he spoke Greek, he goes to Andrew, and they go to Jesus. Jesus tells them that His end is coming. Jesus speaks of a grain of wheat which is planted. As we are entering Spring it is a time to plant seeds, both flower and vegetable. We know once the seed is planted it dies in the soil. This death brings new life, of both flowers and vegetables. Life from death. Jesus says His death will bring new life. A life of grace and eternal life. But what must we do to have this new life? We must follow Jesus where He goes. Jesus presents many images in this passage. Images of life and death. In order to be glorified we must deny ourselves and follow Jesus. Giving ourselves to Jesus may be hard for some, to give up to follow Jesus. This is what we have been expected to do during Lent. To look at what keeps us from giving ourselves to Jesus. Hopefully we have done this during this time. If we want to see Jesus, we must take up our cross and follow in His footsteps.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Joan Pianka.