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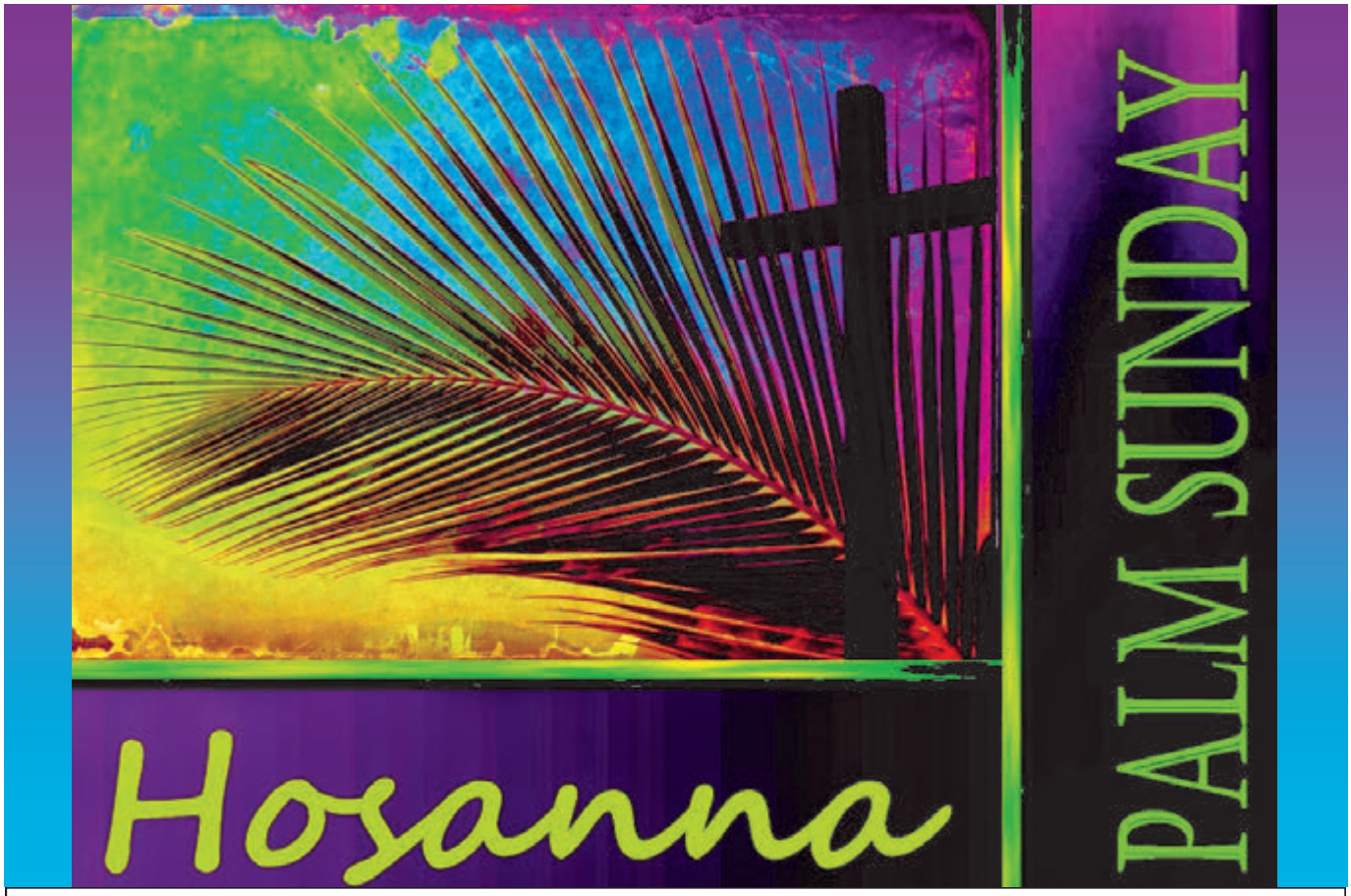

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Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & 12:00
Daily: 7:00 & 8:30 AM - Saturday - 8:30 AM only
Holy Days: Schedule Varies, please check website prior to Holy Day

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 PM
Confessions on Wednesdays after the 8:30 AM Mass.

PARISH REGISTRATION: A new parishioner may register in the parish by speaking with one of the priests in the lobby of the church after one of the Sunday Masses or by calling a priest for an appointment. (215-245-1698)

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Saint Ephrem Church

Bensalem, Pennsylvania

March 25, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25~ Palm/Passion Sunday
7:30 For the St. Ephrem Parish Family
9:00 Betty Guild
req. by The Guild Family
10:30 Walter Wojcik
req. by The Gull Family
12:00 Joseph and Josie Caravan
req. by Alberta Werner

Monday, March 26
7:00 Dorothy Dragon
req. by Deacon Ed & Chris Dymek
8:30 Emidio J. "Millie" Bisirri
req. by Anthony Nguyen and Family

Tuesday, March 27
7:00 Barbara Dutkiewicz
req. by Karen Rose & Family
8:30 Donald Murphy
req. by Jim Dress

Wednesday, March 28
7:00 The Souls of the Faithful Departed
as requested on the All Souls Envelopes
8:30 Ella T. Farrell
req. by The Carroll Family

Thursday, March 29 ~ Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00PM For the St. Ephrem Parish Family

March 30 ~ ***Good Friday***
8:00am Morning Prayer
3:00PM The Lord's Passion
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 31 ~ Holy Saturday
12 Noon Blessing of Food
Easter Vigil
8:00PM For the St. Ephrem Parish Family

Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday
7:30am For the St. Ephrem Parish Family
9:00am For the St. Ephrem Parish Family
10:30am For the St. Ephrem Parish Family
12:00pm For the St. Ephrem Parish Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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Paula Pietrofotta	Anna Simon	Carol Anderson
Baby Beatrice Finegan	Margaret Grone	James Moore

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:30pm.
Please see a priest to make the arrangements.

Texts for Sunday, April 1

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel: John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

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The 03/18/18 collection will be printed in next week's bulletin.
Thank you for your goodness and generosity to St. Ephrem Parish.

Bingo this Sunday and Monday at 7pm.

Sunday March 25	**Bingo** 7:00pm
Monday March 26	**Bible Study** 12:00-1:30pm **Adoration** 2:30 to 7:00pm **Flame of Love Rosary** said in church at 2:30pm **Bingo** 7:00pm
Tuesday March 27	**Prayer Meeting** 12:00pm **Accompanying Mary** 1:30pm **Scouts** **Home & School Meeting**
Wednesday March 28	**Bereavement Group** 1:00pm or 7:00pm **Brownies** 6:00-8:00pm **Bible Study** 7:00-8:30pm
Holy Thursday Match 29	**Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7:00pm
Good Friday March 30	**Morning Prayer** 8:00am **The Lord's Passion** 3:00pm **Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm
Holy Saturday March 31	**Blessing of Food at Church** 12:00pm **Easter Vigil** 8:00pm

Altar Server Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (March 26,27,28)
7:00am Daniel Kleinfelder, Matthew Kleinfelder
8:30am Keira Long, Katie Rose Stella

Holy Thursday (March 29)
There are NO morning masses
7:00pm TBD

Good Friday (March 30)
8:00am MORNING PRAYER
3:00pm LORD'S PASSION
7:00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Holy Saturday (March 31)
8:00pm TBD

Easter Sunday (April 1)
7:30am Victoria Manna, Even Manna, Sofia Gottshall
9:00am PREP SERVERS TO SERVE THIS MASS
10:30am Erin Keeley, Regan Keeley, Sean Keeley
12 Noon Alyssa Dockery, Katie Labay, Kelly Nolan

ST. EPHREM SCHOOL NEWS

School Calendar

March 28, 2018
- Living Stations 1:30pm in Church

March 29~April 2, 2018
- NO SCHOOL

April 6, 2018
- First Friday Mass, 9:45 a.m.

CHANCE & AUCTION 2018

Saturday, April 7, 2018 - "A Night of Superheroes"
Preview Night, April 6th. Tickets on sale NOW!!

2019 MASS BOOK

THE 2019 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

Roman Catholic High School Spring Open House
Sunday, April 8th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Registration available online at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional info. or questions call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@romancatholichs.com.

Important Request

If you would like a 2017 tax statement, you must call the rectory and request it.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2018

The Catholic Charities Appeal is a channel of hope for tens of thousands of people throughout the Archdiocese. We ask you to look deep in your heart and be as generous as you can to help us reach our $12.5 million goal. So many people are counting on us, and we're counting on you.

RCIA

The RCIA (Catechumenate) is a process by which adults and young adults are initiated into the Roman Catholic community, i.e. St. Ephrem Parish Family. The letters R C I A refer to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

THE UPCOMING MARCH TOPICS ARE:

03/29/18 The Paschal Triduum— No Session
03/31/18 Practice for Catechumens/Sponsors 10:30am
03/31/18 Easter Vigil at St. Ephrem Church 8:00pm

All are most welcome. Instructions are on Thursday nights at 7pm in the Marian Parish Center.

For information contact:
Gerry Donnelly (215-638-7184) or
Msgr. McAteer (215-245-1698).

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Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday, March 30, 2018
Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018
Blessing of the Easter Food 12:00 Noon
Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018
Masses: 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon

MEN. The Blessed Mother said "never is a man more manly then when he bends his knees before God". How is your relationship with God? Want to be a better father, friend & co-worker? Consider joining The St. Ephrem Men's Group. We read the upcoming Sunday's readings and reflect on what they mean and how they might apply in our lives. We meet once a week, either Saturday morning from 7am-8am or (starting April 10th) Tuesday night from 7:30pm-8:30pm. For more info. call Pete Cattie 610-633-5383 or Frank Miller 215-354-6120.

The St. Augustine Parish Community (4th and Vine) invites you to participate in the service of "The Last Seven Words" on Good Friday, March 30th at 7:30 PM.
The service (approx. 90 minutes) will consist of scripture readings, a short reflection by a parishioner, silence, several petitions and a hymn for each word.

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer Service
Saturday, March 31, 2018 8:00 AM
National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia– Lower Shrine
(1166 S. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19146)
The rare image of the Resurgent Christ just beginning to wake after being laid to rest in the tomb will provide a centering and meditative morning during this holiest of Saturdays. All are welcome.

Permanent Diaconate Information Night
Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 7:00pm-9:00pm
Vianney Auditorium– Saint Chrales Borromeo Seminary
Questions? Contact Deacon DeBow at the rectory:
215-245-1698

ST. EPHREM SENIOR GROUP TRIPS FOR 2018 - 2019

"The Hills Are Alive" in Vermont -- Sept. 9-12, 2018
New England / Canada Cruise -- May 18-25, 2019

For additional info. please contact Ray at 215-757-3473.

Local Area Catholic Young Adult Group Information
Regular Monday meetings are held at 7:30pm at
Olde St. Andrew's Church 135 S. Sycamore St. in Newtown.

The schedule for upcoming meetings is as follows:

03/26/18 The Annunciation
04/02/18 April Bible Study

GOOD FRIDAY PRO LIFE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018
TIME: 9:00 AM
WHERE: IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD
2751 COMLY ROAD, PHILA.
Please join us as we pray for unborn babies and their mothers.

St. Ephrem Pro-Life Group

8:00am Gather at Parish Morning Prayer in Church
8:30am Meet behind rectory and carpool to Comly Rd.

9:00am Stations of the Cross

10:00am Gather at Club House Diner, Street Rd. or a simple breakfast

Catholic Social Services Diaper/Baby Item Drive
Catholic Social Services, Buck County is seeking help to provide assistance to those in need. We invite you to participate in a diaper/baby bath item drive to supply families with the necessary items to ensure comfort and wellbeing. This diaper drive will take place on April 6th from 12pm-4pm as well as April 7th, from 9am-12pm. Donations of any size will be appreciated. Items will be accepted at 100 Levittown Pkwy., Levittown, PA 19054. For more info. call 215-945-2550.

PRE-CANA PROGRAM
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday – April 14, 2018
Program begins at 9:00 AM and ends after the 4:00 PM Mass. one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org - click on Forms/PRE CANA.

St. Ephrem Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Sunday, April 8th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul CLOTHING DRIVE www.SVdPPickup.org
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The Society of St.Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. There will be an attendant with the GreenDrop truck in the church parking lot who can assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com

This & That

(Fr. S. Katziner)

What Hospice Nurses Learned from their Patients

In his yellow book Resisting Happiness, the Catholic lay evangelist Matthew Kelly spoke about interviewing a group of hospice nurses. He asked them "When people are dying, what do they talk about?" He discovered that many head regrets about how they loved their lives. Below are some of the things they shared:

I wish I'd had the courage to just be myself.

I wish I had spent more time with the people I love.

I wish I had made spirituality more of a priority.

I wish I hadn't spent so much time working.

I wish I had learned to express my feelings more.

I wish I hadn't spent to much time worrying about things that never happened.

I wish I had cared less about what other people had thought.

I wish I had realized earlier that happiness is a choice.

I wish I had loved more.

I wish I had taken better care of myself.

I wish I had been a better spouse.

I wish I had paid less attention to other people's expectations.

I wish I had stayed in touch with old friends.

I wish I had spoken my mind more.

I wish I'd had more children.

I wish I had thought about life's big questions earlier.

I wish I had lived more in the moment.

I wish I had pursued my dreams.

Possible Changes coming to St. Ephrem Monday Adoration

The parish is considering concluding our Monday Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 p.m. Since the Monday Adoration began in 2009 the Blessed Sacrament has been exposed at 2:30 p.m. and reposed at 7:00 p.m. The vast majority of those who come and spend time in quiet prayer do so between 2:30 pm. and 5:00 p.m.

Also, the parish would like to have people committed to praying before the Blessed Sacrament when it is exposed. Therefore we are putting forth a yearly sign-up list (September through June), which will be renewed each September. Multiple people are welcome to sign up for the same time slot. Please sign up to the right for the rest of the Spring until Monday, June 4th.

Finally, as usual the Church is open for prayer every day throughout the year from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also, this possible new Adoration arrangement will NOT affect the Flame of Love Prayer Group's meeting every Monday. That will continue as usual, throughout the summer, just not before Eucharistic Adoration.

Monday sign-up Adoration Schedule– until June 4th

2:30pm-3:30pm

Flame of Love Rosary Group

3:30pm-4:00pm

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4:00pm-4:30pm

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Please return to the rectory or a priest. Thank you.

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