Fr. Curtis will offer his daily Mass for these Intentions.

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†Charles Cervantes (Family)
†Dennis Wilson (Mary Brown)
†Peter Galvano (Brett Giefer)

St. Patrick will be hosting Totus Tuus: June 22nd thru June 26th. We are in need of two host families, (the teams are there, pretty much to sleep) and meals for the Totus Tuus group. Please pray thoughtfully to be a host family. More details to follow. Please, call the Parish Office and I will get you signed up…

If you are not set up with Flocknotes (it’s free) please call the office and I will get you signed up…”

3 ways to watch Mass online, with Fr. Curtis
Live Mass can be watched either on our “St. Patrick Catholic Church” Facebook page OR go to stpatricksparsons.org and search for “St. Patrick Catholic Church” and our “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord” page. During Holy Week, Holy Thursday, Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Vigil (April 11th) @ 6pm, this year the celebration of the Sacred Triduum will be a different experience for us, as we will still be unable to gather together in the Church, and will have to continue in being a eucharistic people. However, as we have been streaming the Daily and Sunday Masses online, we will be doing the same for the Sacred Triduum. The following is a portion of the Decree issued by the Vatican, on how to celebrate the Sacred Triduum during this time of no public Masses. It states: “Since the liturgies must be celebrated in the Parish Church, the Church must be locked during the particular time of the liturgy so the community does not gather. Parishes are welcome to have a cantor, accompanist, lector, and videographer for the celebration of the Triduum liturgies; however, the number in attendance is not to exceed 10. This number includes all priests who are in attendance. The few individuals who are present for Mass are not to be given Holy Communion.”

What do you call a Deacon a Priest and a Bishop, at a restaurant, sitting there, facing the tomb.”

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Stewardship Reflection
04/05/2020
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord’s Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us for a moment examine the seeming small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus asked the “head of the house” to a certain man and tell him… “In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.” While we do not know this man’s name, we do know He agreed to this request — He shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, he “carried His cross.” Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the “two Marys” who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they “remained silent” behind the locked tomb.

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the actions of our everyday life. We can become mighty deeds when placed in God’s service.

Remember to Fast and Abstain
Good Friday (April 10th) is an obligatory day of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

Prayer to St. Joseph during Pandemic

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation. Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you did — the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness. Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

For your cooperation and understanding, so that even if it may only be via online, we may still gather in heart and mind as a parish family and raise our voices in prayer to God during these Most Holy Days of our Faith.

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