

Calvary Presbyterian Church

A Loving Community to Support you on Your Faith Journey!



Connections

Here's your March issue of Connections! Please remember: be sure to click **OPEN** when your email provider delivers your newsletter so you don't miss any content.

While you are reading this month's newsletter: if you see a word or phrase in **bold** and Shamrock **GREEN** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

Christian Symbolism

Christian symbols have been illustrating important aspects of our faith since biblical times. While symbols themselves are simple, they represent profound spiritual concepts with deep layers of meaning. Many different symbols exist in Christianity. We will explore especially well-known Christian symbols and discover how they can inspire us with awe. This month, we start with the dove.



Doves are small, elegant birds that are closely related to pigeons. While doves come in many beautiful colors and patterns, the solid white doves are depicted in Christian symbolism because white traditionally represents purity.

In [Luke 3:21-22](#), the Bible describes [the Holy Spirit](#) showing up like a dove at Jesus' baptism: "When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, [heaven](#) was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" [Matthew 3:16-17](#) also describes that event: "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'" So, the dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit in Christianity.

The dove also serves as a symbol of peace in our [faith](#). That's because the Bible story of the worldwide flood features a dove that represents peace. God flooded the Earth because sin had corrupted everyone and everything living here. But since God found a few faithful people – including the prophet Noah – he saved them and two of every creature from the land and air (so they could reproduce after the flood) on Noah's ark (a gigantic boat). After the

flood, Noah sends a dove out from the ark, and Genesis 8:8-11 says: “Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.”

In that story, the olive branch represents the peace of God’s new promise to humanity – to avoid total destruction because of sin, and to give us grace instead.

March Worship Service

3/5 Reverend Deb Brincivalli

3/12 Lyn Wargny

3/19 Rev David Watts

3/26 Rev. Pam Foxx

Be Social!

Links to our Facebook page, Live streaming services, YouTube and the Church Website all in one place. Just click on the buttons and stay connected!



Staying connected to your church family. Use the links below to worship with live streaming services on Facebook. Our YouTube channel is a repository for past services and music.

You can access videos, website and streaming services right from this email!
Just click on the buttons for a direct link!

Visit the Calvary Facebook Page

Visit Calvary Website

Visit the YouTube Channel

Presbyterian Mission at Work in the Community: One Great Hour of Sharing from your Mission Team



The period of Lent begins the annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** campaign. Please plan on giving as you are able. The funds gathered are shared among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

Each of these organizations support the hands-on work of Jesus in our world throughout the year. OGHS is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work together for a better world!

Anyone wishing to donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake may do so by submitting a check to Calvary with Earthquake on the memo line. You may also donate directly at: **Presbyterian Mission**. The same will apply to checks toward PDA in Ukraine.

Your Mission Team

Your Church at Work in the Community

**UrbanPromise Honors Calvary Members:
Bill & Nancy Hall**



A note from Jennifer Giordano of Urban Promise:

Yesterday (Sunday, February 5th), was a sweet celebration of a couple who inspires us with their love, faith, and self-willed energy!

Thank you, Calvary Presbyterian Church, for inviting UrbanPromise's Bruce Main to preach and celebrate how special the Halls are to your church family and ours.

Through the years, Bill and Nancy have loved and encouraged our students, rode in our Pedal for Promise cycling event to become an icon on the course, and have been a champion for our ministry. We have truly been blessed by them!

UrbanPromise is grateful to all those who are making the Bill and Nancy Hall Scholarship a reality. The scholarship will help remove the cost barrier for our most financially in-need students so they can receive a quality Christian education at one of our two schools - CamdenForward School and UrbanPromise Academy.

We are more than halfway to our goal. If you have been inspired to honor Bill and Nancy and to support the work of UrbanPromise, visit the Bill and Nancy Hall Scholarship donation page.

Again, it was a true pleasure to worship with you on Sunday. Thank you for your love and care of our youth in Camden and your commitment to UrbanPromise Ministries.

With gratitude,
Jennifer Giordano

Here's how to make a donation and view more images:

**Bill & Nancy Hall Scholarship Fund
Pictures from the Dedication**

UrbanPromise Youth Mission Day, March 25th

Join us for a transformative day of service for teens with UrbanPromise!

We are excited to invite youth, grades 7–12th, from churches across the region to join UrbanPromise for Youth Mission Day on March 25th!



Gather your teens and their friends for an impactful day of service. We hope the day will provide a space for young people to deepen their faith while making a difference through service! It's also a great opportunity for church leadership and parents to serve alongside their youth.

RSVP NOW

Saturday, March 25
9:00am - 1:00pm
(optional bus tour ends at 2pm)

UrbanPromise Campus
3700 Rudderow St. Pennsauken, NJ

Youth in grades 7-12th
\$15 each

The morning will include:

- An inspiring message to energize our young volunteers!
- Opportunity to learn more about the UrbanPromise impact in Camden and around the world.
- A work project on our main campus with:
- Lunch
- A worshipful closing gathering.
- An optional bus tour through Camden.

For questions or more information about getting your teens involved in Mission Day, please contact LaToya McCoy, Church Relations Manager at (856) 382-1885 or lwright@urbanpromiseusa.org.

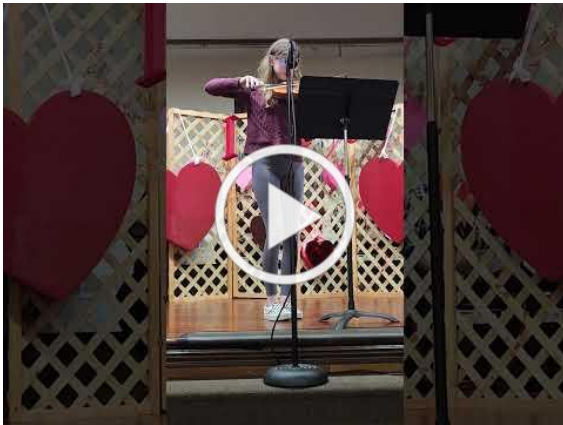
Scenes from our Amore Italiano Dinner

Our Italian Dinner fundraiser was a success! But, more importantly, it was a warm and special night for everyone that attended. We were happy to see so many familiar faces joining us for food and fun! Baskets donated by our fabulous local businesses, a delizioso dinner and the entertainment made for a molto buono evening! And a big GRAZIE to all of the volunteers!





Enjoy these video excerpts!





March Music at Calvary

The Calvary Chancel Choir has four lovely Lenten hymns for Sundays in March:

March 5th "Open Thou Mine Eyes", lyrics based on a prayer by Lancelot Andrewes, music by Benjamin Harlan.

March 12th A medley including "God So Love the World", text John 3:16, music by John Stainer; "Beautiful Savior", tune Crusader's Hymn;



and "Jesus Paid It All", lyrics by Elvina Hall, tune "All to Christ" by John Grape
March 19th "Near the Cross" , lyrics by Fanny Crosby, music by William Doane.
March 26th "The Old Rugged Cross", lyrics and music by George Bennard.

Diana Dohrmann

Mark Your Calendar!

COMING IN APRIL! EASTER CELEBRATION EVENT!

We need volunteers! Contact **Sarah Wood**.

 Kids 
Easter Celebration Event
 Saturday, April 8th, 9am-11am 

 Pose for pictures with a real bunny
 Face painting
 Egg hunt
 Arts and crafts table
 Ages up to 10 yrs



FREE!

at **Calvary Church, 300 4th St., Riverton**

Celebrating our Jubilee Members, March 19th



Calvary is blessed with lots of folks who have been active members for a very long time. On March 19th, following church service, we will celebrate our Jubilee members. There are 28 people who have been members for 25-49 years (Silver) and another 30 who have been members for 50 or more continuous years (Gold). That's quite an accomplishment!

Please join us for a covered dish lunch. We will provide coffee and water, and we need our fabulous cooks to bring sandwiches, salads, side dishes of all sorts, desserts and whatever else you feel led to make.

New Silver Jubilee members are Lori Gilmore, Dorothy Talavera, and Stephanie Zarus and Scott Hemphill has moved up to the Gold Jubilee level of 50 years of faithful membership and service to the church. Plan to celebrate with us!

Our Church Family



Happy March Birthday to you!

Paul Beck 1

Jared Ackers 3

Meghan Austin 3

Amanda Gilmore 3

Michael W. Stasko 9

C. Alex Knowlton 13

Matthew Young 13

Mitchell Young 13

Audrey Hildreth 15

Rebecca Klabe 20

Tyler Knowlton 26
Ed Hartmann 28
Chris Gilbert 29

Calvary Thrift Shop March Sale!

March SALE!

Sale on GREEN - the color for spring and St Patty's day.

And, all shoes and clear glassware will be half price.

Check our **Facebook** page for more great deals!

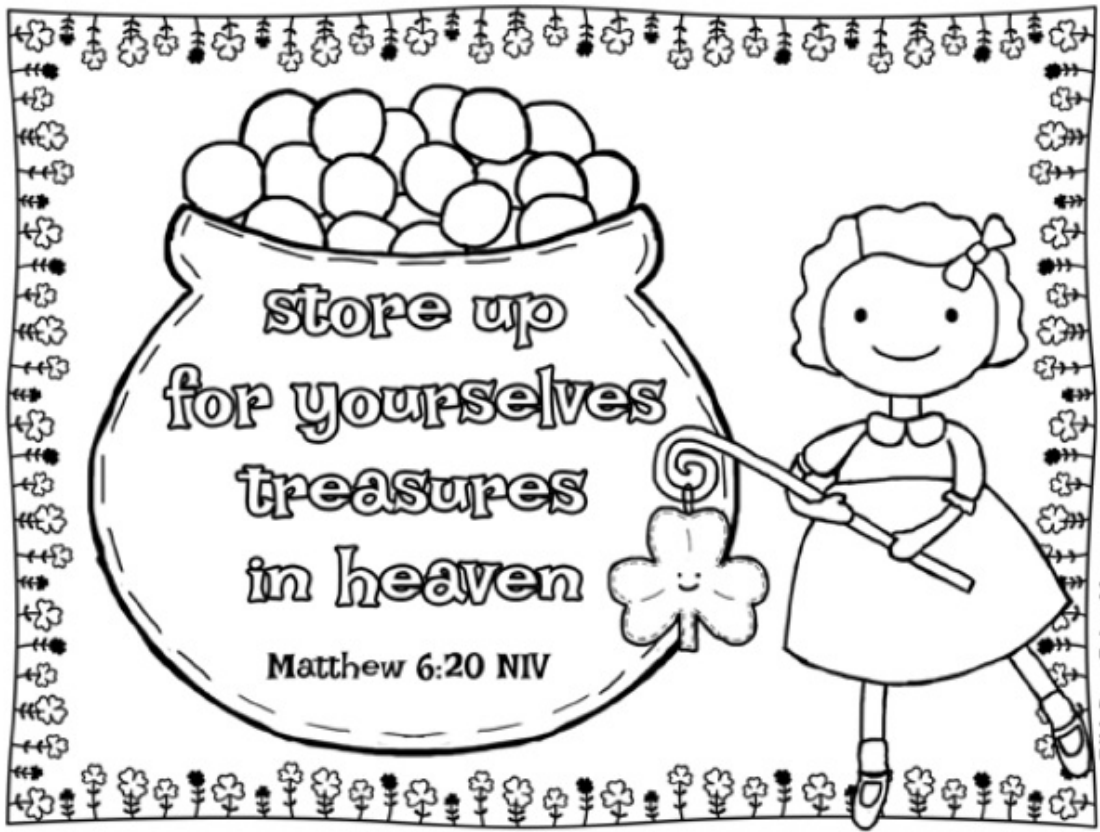


REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, March 11th, set your clocks forward one hour to "spring ahead"!

Fun & Games!

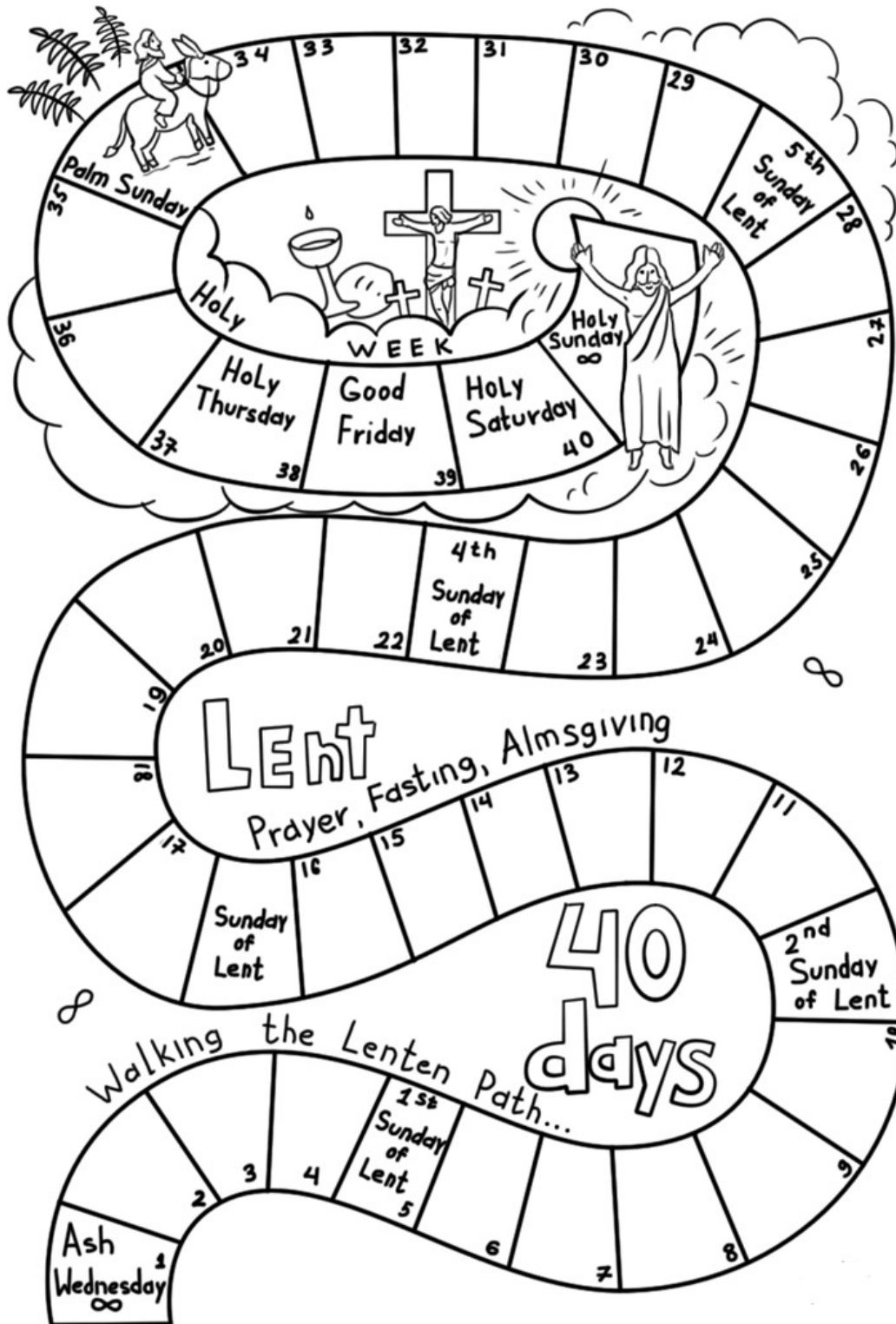
Kids Korner Activities

Click on activity sheets to open a printable .pdf version!



store up
for yourselves
treasures
in heaven

Matthew 6:20 NIV



Adult Diversion: Word Search

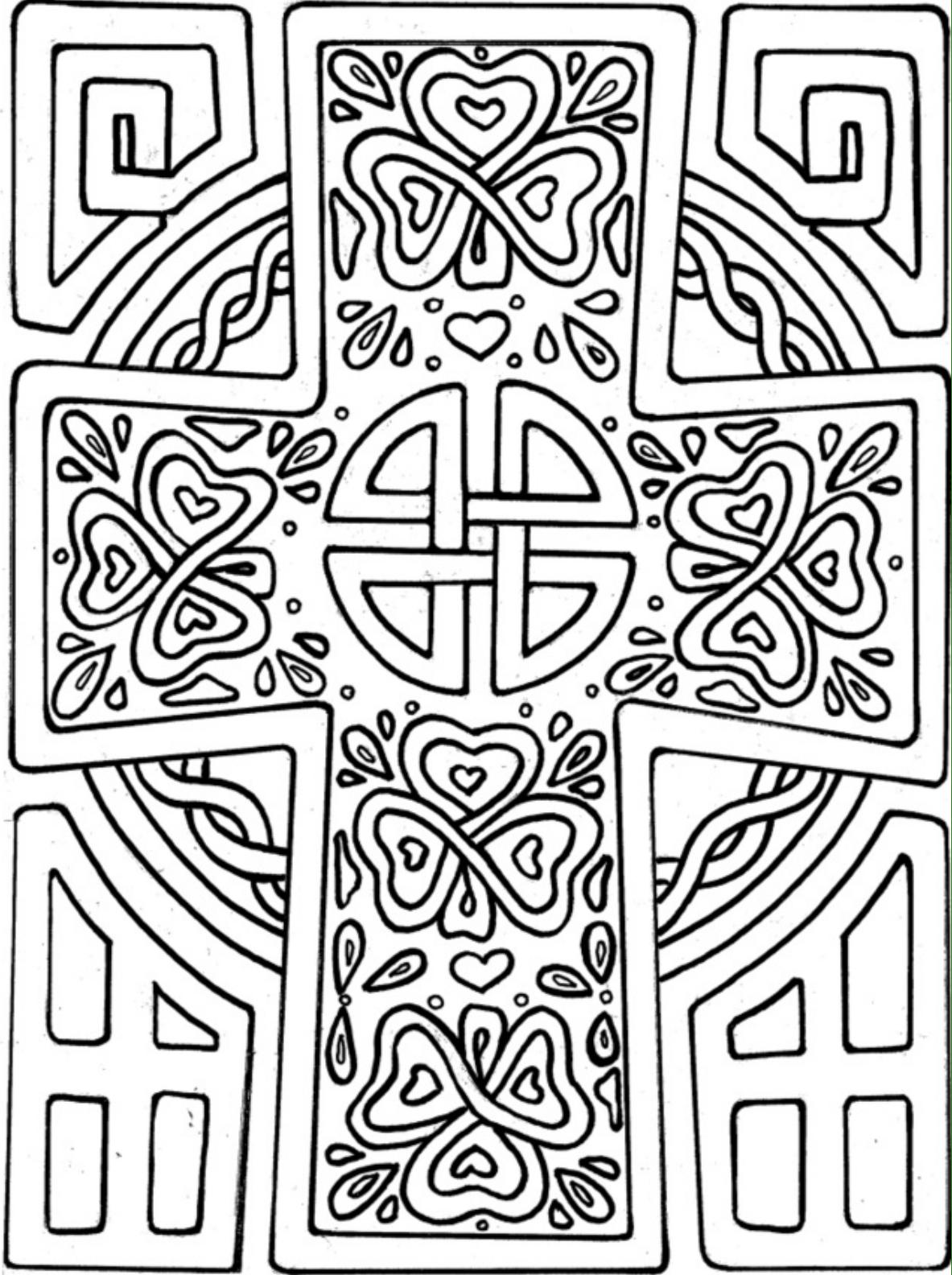
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The Season of Lent

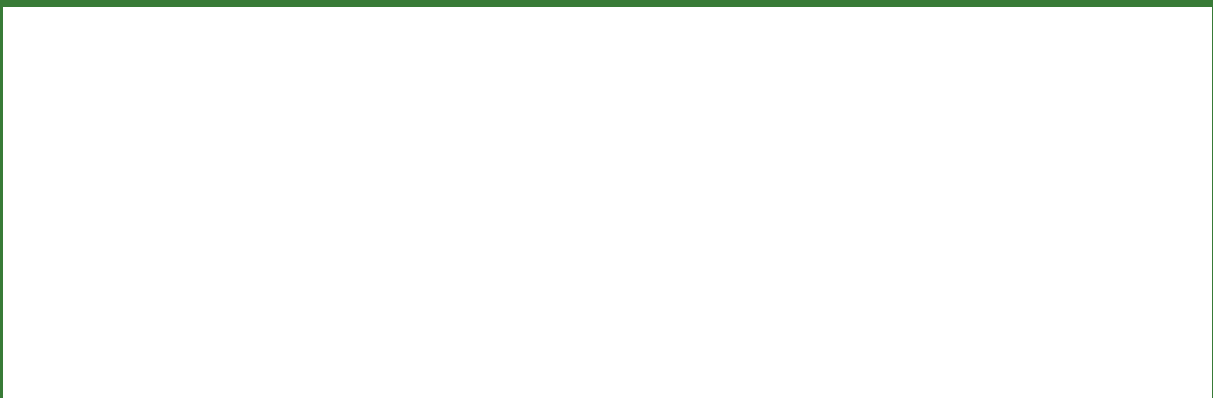
- Easter Sunday
- Ash Wednesday
- Holy Thursday
- Palm Sunday
- Crucifixion
- Forgiveness
- Last Supper
- Good Friday
- Sacraments
- Forty Days
- Sacrifice
- Holy Week
- Disciples
- Fasting
- Penance
- Prayer
- Cross
- Bible
- Jesus
- Ashes



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Faithfully Funny...





Can we get an AMEN!

May the Blessings
of each day
be the
Blessings
you need Most.

~Irish Saying



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