



Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

April 8, 2017

Saturday–Apr 8th –

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Ruth Zoeller (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – Bertha Nagy Ference
by Maria and Michael Cornish

Sunday – Apr 9th –

8:30AM – Margaret and John Nicholas
by Family
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Monday – Apr 10th – Monday of Holy Week

8:00AM – Brother, Leonard Dopsovic
by Agnes Chabak

Tuesday – Apr 11th – Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00AM – Mike and Louise Seng (41st WA)
by Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday–Apr 12th–Wednesday of Holy Week

6:00PM – Richard Pontician, Sr.
by Dolores O'Mara

Thursday – Apr 13th – Holy Thursday

8:00AM – Morning Prayers
7:00PM – Evening Mass of Our Lord's Supper

Friday – Apr 14th –

Friday of the Passion of Our Lord

8:00AM – Morning Prayers
3:00PM – Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
7:00PM – Stations of the Cross Devotions

Saturday–Apr 15th – Holy Saturday

8:00AM – Morning Prayers
12:00PM – Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00PM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sunday – Apr 16th –

8:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners
10:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

PASTOR'S CORNER

Just Three Hours of the Year

As a child of the age of television, movies, abundant automobiles, and rock-n-roll music I could not help but be “stopped still” by a mere three hours each year. These three hours, of course, were each Good Friday between the hours of noon and 3:00pm.

The day's weather might be a warm embrace of spring or a chillier reminder of the winter-that-was, nonetheless, Good Friday had an atmosphere all its own. When noon time arrived, all the normal hustle and bustle of life seemed to be greatly muted. At our house, all electrical conveniences and forms of entertainment (TV, radio) were turned off. All unnecessary activities and conversations were suppressed in favor of honoring the three hours of Christ's active dying for us on the cross. The relative silence in the house and in neighborhoods allowed any willing disciple the best environment to suffer with Christ, sorrow with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and do one's best to look past oneself onto the sacrifice of Jesus – for guilt?, for shame? – only if our sins are as yet “un-confessed” and un-absolved. But chiefly to struggle with our own recognition and acceptance of God's love for us in Christ's dying and rising.

This Good Friday, even if you must go to work during these three hours, keep these three hours “apart” from the rest of the day. Unplug yourself, in as much as is possible – no entertainment, no unnecessary talking or listening. Instead, breathe deeply, ponder a crucifix as revelatory of God's true love for you and for all. Do your best to recognize and accept His love, His sacrifice. Thank Him. Praise Him. Love Him back. Someone thinks so much of you as to die for you. And that someone knows you better than you know yourself. Surely, such love deserves at least three hours from us...

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$4,958.00
Easter Flowers Collection	\$2,063.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **April 8th** and **9th**, is the **Palm Sunday Collection**.

Thank you for all of your Lenten sacrifices. Upcoming Collections for this week include the **Holy Thursday** and **Good Friday Collections**.

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **April 15th** and **16th**, will be the **Easter Sunday Collection**.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes; provide Catholic schools and other religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information, visit: www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Abstinence from meat is observed on Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. Fasting is observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal a day. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Triduum



Please plan to take part in the Sacred Triduum starting on **Holy Thursday, April 13th at 7:00pm** for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on **Good Friday, April 14th at 3:00pm** for the Celebration for the Lord's Passion, and on **Holy Saturday, April 15th at 8:00pm** for the Solemn Easter Vigil where we will receive one person into the Faith. Mark your calendars now to join us!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Confessions 12:30PM – 2:00PM

Monday of Holy Week

Monday Mass at 8:00am

Confessions 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Tuesday of Holy Week

Tuesday Mass at 8:00AM

Wednesday of Holy Week

Wednesday Mass at 6:00PM

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer 8:00AM

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

Private Adoration at the Repository 11:00PM

Good Friday

Morning Prayer 8:00AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross 7:00PM

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 8:00AM

Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets 12:00PM

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass 8:00PM

Easter Sunday Masses

8:30AM

10:30AM



MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE TRIDUUM

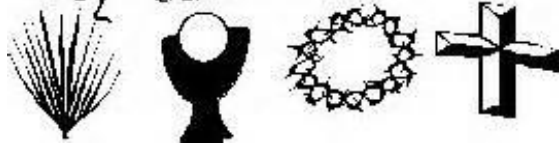
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we will have **Morning Prayer of the Church at 8:00AM**. Mass is not celebrated on these mornings, but this is a good way to come together and pray with the Church around the world on these holy days. All are encouraged to join us.



Church Office

Our Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, April 12th, and will reopen on Easter Tuesday, April 18th.

Holy Week Schedule



Servers Lectors E.Ministers

HOLY THURSDAY

Servers Practice at 6:15PM

7:00PM	S.DeLong	M.Ottinger	M.Druckenmiller
	A.Gorr		J.Druckenmiller
	K.Segan		Deacon Jack
	J.Drummer		

GOOD FRIDAY

Servers Practice at 10:00AM

3:00PM	D.Sullivan	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
	K.Segan	Deacon Jack	

HOLY SATURDAY

Servers Practice at 10:00AM

8:00PM	A.Gorr	P.McCarty	C.Reily
	D.Gorr	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
	J.Drummer		Deacon Jack
	K.Segan		
	S.DeLong		

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30AM	D.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Heffner
	M.Popovic		
10:30AM	C.Ritter	J.DeLong	L.Bolmer
	M.Ritter		J.Behum

Strudel Roll Pick Up



Strudel orders will be available for pickup **this Wednesday, April 12th**, between 5:00pm and 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

CHICKEN PAPRIKAS DINNER

Our Chicken Paprikas dinner will be held on **Sunday, April 30th**, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Tickets will be sold after the masses on this weekend, **April 8th and 9th**, **April 22nd and 23rd**, and **April 29th and 30th**. The menu is: chicken paprikas, salad, rice or noodles, green beans, roll, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children from ages five to ten. Tickets sold at the door will be \$12.00.



VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR DINNER

Set up for the chicken paprikas dinner will be on **Sunday, April 30th**, from 9:30am to 10:30am, and then again **beginning at 1:30pm**, when the final preparations will take place. Help will also be needed at 4:00pm. For more information, contact Fred Hutterer at 610-264-1439, or Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

CHURCH RAFFLE RETURNS



Returns for the raffle should be made either via the collection basket or mailed to the church. All returns are due by Sunday, April 23rd. For additional tickets, please contact Fred Hutterer, Peggy McCarty or Annette Englert.