



## Mass Intentions

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**  
April 13, 2019

**Saturday – Apr 13<sup>th</sup> –**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Theodore DeLucia  
by Frances Rupinski

7:00PM – Mary and Robert Doyle  
by Cousin, Frank Solga

**Sunday – Apr 14<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Phyllis Roman

by Johanna Fabik

10:30AM – Ronald B. Flahart

by Kim McCloskey

**Monday – Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – Monday of Holy Week**

8:00AM – Judith Krouse

by F.C.S.L.A. Branch 230

**Tuesday – Apr 16<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:00AM – Living and Dec'd Members Carfara Family

by Mike and Louise Seng

**Wednesday – Apr 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday/Holy Week**

6:00PM – David J. Sweeney

by Sister, Trisch Sweeney

**Thursday – Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday**

8:00AM – Morning Prayers

7:00PM – Evening Mass of Our Lord's Supper

**Friday – Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – 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 20<sup>th</sup> – 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 21<sup>st</sup> –**

8:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

10:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**  
8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Being a Free Person

How free are we?

The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus show-cases the ultimate use of human freedom – we can “kill” God! Of course, we really don't have the power to end the source of all things in being, i.e. God, but we can kill his human messengers, we can kill the prophets, we can kill the law-enforcers, we can kill those who remind us of God's humility and of how He redresses our attempts to “kill” Him with a tsunami of mercy.

Think about it – I am free not to learn how to speak and write my language, but does that choice lead to greater freedom for me or lesser freedom? I will have much lesser freedom when I opt out of learning my language, if I need to communicate my wants or needs to another who speaks the same language, or address their needs. Freedom is not a static thing, but a fluid thing – it changes by degree with every choice we make. We can be free to drive off a cliff, but we are not free to repeal the law of gravity before we hit the ground. There are things that have a truth outside of our freedom; things that are real and sometimes immovable, even if we opt to ignore their reality. Our power is very limited, but nonetheless the only power we've got. So, we want to use our power not just freely, but wisely – considering truth beyond our choices.

God gave us the power to kill his Son Jesus, and we did. But, God's answer to our foolish and abusive use of our freedom is the resurrection and the peace the Risen Lord pours in every repentant heart. In a culture like ours individual freedom has often become an idol, a false god, of its' own. That the

freedom to do something in society, like physician-assisted suicide in New Jersey, is trumpeted to be a great freedom of choice for an individual, they might as well be driving their cars off of cliffs to the applause of pro-choicers. That a young girl in most states can, with the help of a school counselor, arrange to have an abortion without knowledge of her parents or the father of the baby, yet cannot go without a parent to see Unplanned in the movie theater because it's rated R, and she's not yet 17 years old, shows even bolder inanity and diabolical confusion.

Friends, Jesus Christ died and rose for us so that we can use our freedom to become more free not less free. Let's cut through the conflicted language and laws of our culture with the truth of Jesus Christ and his Church. If not us, who?

Fr. Eric.

## Triduum



Please plan to take part in the Sacred Triduum starting on **Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm** for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on **Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm** for the Celebration for the Lord's Passion, and on **Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm** for the Solemn Easter Vigil where we will receive **two people** into our Faith. Mark your calendars now to join us!



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 4:00PM and 7:00PM

Sunday - 8:30AM and 10:30AM

### Monday of Holy Week

Monday Mass at 8:00am

Confessions

6:00PM – 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 Until 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 and 10:30AM



### RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, and will reopen on **Easter Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,996.00**

Easter Flowers Collection **\$2,129.00**

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **April 13<sup>th</sup>**, and **14<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Palm Sunday Collection**.

**Thank you for all of your Lenten sacrifices.**

Upcoming collections for this week include:

**Holy Thursday** and **Good Friday Collections**

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, and **21<sup>st</sup>**, will be the **Easter Sunday Collection**.

## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATIONS INCLUDE ABSTINENCE AND FASTING.

**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, meatless meal a day. Two smaller, meatless, meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

# HOLY WEEK



## SCHEDULE

Servers    Lectors    E.Ministers

### HOLY THURSDAY

#### Servers Practice at 6:30PM

<b>7:00PM</b>	J.Drummer	J.Strohl	M.Druckenmiller
	D.Gorr		J.Druckenmiller
	A.Banoza		Deacon Jack
	D.Gair		

### GOOD FRIDAY

#### Servers Practice at 10:00AM

<b>3:00PM</b>	D.Gair	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
	C.Gair	Deacon Jack	
	K.Gair		

### HOLY SATURDAY

#### Servers Practice at 10:00AM

<b>8:00PM</b>	J.Drummer	P.McCarty	J.Behum
	A.Banoza	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
	D.Gorr		Deacon Jack
	A.Muschko		

### EASTER SUNDAY

<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Druckenmiller
	M.Popovic		
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Gair	P.McCloskey	L.Bolmer
	C.Gair		

## Strudel Roll Pick Up

When: This Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>,  
between 5:00pm and 7:00pm  
Where: In the Church Hall

## NOTICE

Our Donut Sunday for the month of April will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena**, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact the rectory to discuss registration details.