



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 14, 2019



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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:
30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

John Consugar 622-2389
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C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday prior to publication.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
Or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.
Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST** precede the Baptism.
Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Outreach Program

Rectory 622-5470.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Confidential Phone (800) 791-9209.

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
(610) 332-0442 ext. 20

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Because the Passion of our Lord which is read this Sunday is over two thousand words long, the tradition of standing during its reading has given way to being seated so that the congregation may better concentrate. Some seniors find standing for a long time becomes a physical challenge. With the assignment of readers of various parts in the narrative, in some churches, this gospel can become a production complete with costumes and other special effects.

The challenge at Mass this Sunday should be not to get too comfortable while listening to the horrible brutal death Jesus endured for us. He paid the price for us. What can we do for Him?

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS - Holy Week

Monday – April 15 – 9:00 a.m.

MATTHEW HALSEY (Joseph, Sonya, Joe Halsey)

Tuesday, April 16 – 9:00 a.m.

LUCILLE SPOTTS (Mary & Ed Hauck)

Wednesday, April 17 – 8:00 a.m. – (TIME CHANGE)

DOROTHY PROKOP (Ron & Diane Kalyan)

	<u>Holy Thursday – April 18</u>
7:00 p.m.	Mass – Parishioners of St. John's
10:00 p.m.	Night Prayer (Chapel)
	<u>Good Friday – April 19</u>
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Chapel)
3:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy – Communion
	<u>Holy Saturday – April 20</u>
12 Noon	Blessing of Food Baskets
8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass & Service
	<u>Easter Sunday – April 21</u>
8:15 a.m.	Parishioners of St. John's
	<u>Easter Sunday – April 21</u>
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. John's



PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Toni Wiest, Paul Burns, Florence Yeager, Judy Meseravage.

SCHEDULE – HOLY WEEK

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday – April 18

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Ray Petrilla, Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Leah, Grace, Justice, Jude Scheidel

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

3:00 p.m. – Good Friday – April 19th

Readers: Tyler Cooper, Lucilla Kochol, Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Joe Rehnert

Servers: Aiden Cassidy, Evelyn Datte

Cantor: Dave Derbes

8:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – April 20th

Readers: Carol Lasco, Bill Gianfagna, Tyler Cooper, Evielyn Hower

Euch.Min.: Molly Zwiebel, Bob Bechtel

Servers: Josh Cooper, Isabelle Myers, Olivia Tokonitz, Connor McNamara

Cantor: Tina Seiger

8:15 a.m. – Easter Sunday – April 21st

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Michael Ambrose, George Forney, Carol Forster, Dominic Chiplonia, Nick Quinn

Servers: Ryan & Dylan Schreffler, Gabriella Quinn, Cooper Chiplonia

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday – April 21st

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, John Ventura, Mary Modesto, Gerry Schwartz

Servers: John, Kathryn, Ronald Yourey, Madison Ryan

Cantor: Dave Derbes

NO CANDLE INTENTIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish help innocent people who suffer today?

WASHING OF FEET

The ritual of "Washing of the Feet" is a powerful symbol of our identity as a servant people. It is a visual extension of the homily. This action so profound, yet simple and ordinary, serves to remind us all of the immense love of God for us visible in Christ Jesus.

If any parishioner would like to participate in the "Washing of the Feet" on Holy Thursday (you can remain in your pew and Father Dave will do the washing there). Please call the **Rectory 622-5470** or sign up in the back of church.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	April 13	4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday,	April 14	7:45 to 8:00 a.m. 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
Monday,	April 15	5:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday,	April 16	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Mass Times

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Dramatic Stations of the Cross -- 7:30 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. - Chapel

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8 to 10 p.m. - Chapel

Night Prayer – 10 p.m. - Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. in Chapel

Liturgy & Holy Communion – 3 p.m.

Dramatic Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Solemn Blessing of Food Baskets – 12 noon - Chapel

Easter Vigil Mass – 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer 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 the Holy Land.

Please Be Generous!

BLESSED PALM

The Blessed Palm is known as a sacramental. We should not receive the Palm out of human respect with the rest of the faithful and then forget it or cast it away. The Blessed Palm in Catholic homes is a symbol of our Christian Faith. Let the Palm which you carry home from church on Palm Sunday become a constant reminder of the days ahead when your faith may be put to a test.



CHURCH DECORATING



We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Good Friday evening after Dramatic Stations approximately 8:45 p.m.**

Extra hands are always needed and appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation will be conferred at St. Patrick's -- 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

We pray and ask God to bless all these children, their parents and sponsors. May the gifts of the Spirit strengthen them as they live out their Christian lives. We as a parish family commit ourselves to praying for and supporting them on this journey.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

.... will take place ...

Sunday, April 28th at 5 p.m. in St. Pat's Church.

All candidates and sponsors (or proxy) are required to attend.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

At the Last Supper, words of Jesus to the Father.... "*Few hours of my life are left: who would have the heart to leave my children orphaned and alone?O please, I supplicate You to let Me stay in each Host...I cannot leave my children, nor do I want to.*"..... 24 Hours of the Passion by Luisa Piccarreta (The Little Daughter of the Divine Will)

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 3 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.

Wednesday 10 p.m.; Thursday 4 a.m.;

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m., 6 p.m.

Saturday 4 a.m. & 12 p.m.; Sunday 12 a.m., 4 a.m.

Whenever you are unable to cover your Holy Hour, for whatever reason, we are always able to get a sub.

Call or text Alece for information 570-449-7678.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

April

- 14 Dramatic Stations Presentation – 7:30 p.m.
16 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
23 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
24 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. - 7 p.m. – L.H.
28 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
30 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

May

- 2 1st Holy Communion practice – 7 p.m. – Church
4 1st Holy Communion – 5 p.m. Mass
5 Last CCD Class
5 May Procession
5 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
7 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
8 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
14 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
15 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
18/19 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
21 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
27 Memorial Day Mass in Cemetery – 9 a.m.
28 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
30 Ascension Thursday – Masses 9 am & 5 pm

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

– Palm Sunday reminds you to love your spouse as unselfishly as Christ loves us. Learn ways to deepen your couple love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

RETRouvaille

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

FAMILY MATTERS

Being Pro-Life Daily. Every time we promote the dignity of a human being we are pro-life. God, grant us the courage to choose life in our words and our actions. May our families reflect the importance of promoting the goodness of life in the ordinariness of their daily activities.

You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important

preparation.

Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

Nativity Drama Club will present a production of the Broadway musical "Newsies" on **Friday, April 25th at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m.** at the school. "Newsies" is an exhilarating jolt of energy, an irresistible, high energy winner, exuberant! Tickets - \$10.00 - are available at the door. Doors open 6 p.m. on Friday & Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday. Snack foods and drinks available.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Assumption BVM School is looking for your help in collecting "Box Tops." Many of the products you already have in your home, has a BOX TOP on it. All you need to do is clip them out and place them in the drop-off box in the rear of the church. With each box top collected our school earns cash to update needed materials. We are no longer collecting "Campbell Soup" labels.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 6/7: \$ 4,239.40

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!

If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- **Please note ... all Christmas Wreaths & Decorations must be removed as soon as possible**
- All decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1st**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter Our Neighbors. We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

LUCKY BUNNY BASKET RAFFLE – sponsored by St. Michael's Church, 114 S. Chestnut St., Shenandoah. Drawing on **Palm Sunday, April 14th**. For more information and tickets, please call 570-462-0809. **Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.**

EASTER EGG HUNT FREE Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Sunday, April 14th** at 2:00 p.m. at Simon Kramer, 15 Alliance Street, New Phila for ages 0-14. Held rain or shine. Community services hours available for students. If you would like to sponsor or donate towards this event, please contact us at Clarkeforclerk@gmail.com.

8TH ANNUAL YARD SALE sponsored by St. Ambrose Men's Club on **Saturday, April 27** from 7:00 – noon at St. Ambrose Parish Center, 302 Randel St., Schuylkill Haven. No early birds! Food and drink available. All proceeds benefit St. Ambrose Parish.

CATHOLIC SCOUT ACTIVITY WEEKEND

The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers **April 26 to 28**. We'd love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass!

You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us – all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm for more information.

BUS TRIPS **May 13-17** to Cape Cod and Boston; 5 days, 4 nights - \$659 per person. For more information or reservations, please call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... If you suffer from dizziness, you should be evaluated by a health care professional who, depending on the diagnosis, may recommend a vestibular rehabilitation program. Such programs help retrain your body to properly process balance information via exercises mostly involving your eyes and head. One free internet-based (balance.lifeguidehealth.org) vestibular rehabilitation program was developed by researchers from the University of Southampton in England. In a recent study in the *Annals of Family Medicine*, the program helped 40% of 296 people who had chronic dizziness that was worsened by head movements. You can also get a free guide about such training at tinyurl.com/balance-retrain.

*How precious is Your love, O God!
We take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
Psalm 36:8*
