



Sacred Heart of Jesus

April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.”
- Lk 19:38

Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Mass Times & Location

Saturday 4:30 pm (Church)

Sunday 9:30 am (Parish Center)

Weekday Mass (Parish Center)

Tuesday and Friday 12 noon

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:00 pm or by appointment

Director of Family Faith Formation :

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Parish Council:

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*K of C Meets- 4th Tuesday of the Month
7PM — Ian Smith, Grand Knight*

Prayer Circle:

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Spring Grove Chapter of AA meets every Wednesday
from 7-8 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Mass Intentions

Sat 4/12	+Mary Wivell	4:30 pm
Sun 4/13	+Jessica Becker	9:30 am
Mon 4/14		
Tues 4/15	+Debbie Suter	12 Noon
Wed 4/16		
Thu 4/17	+Mary Laicha	7:00 pm
Fri 4/18	No Mass	12 Noon
Sat 4/19	Ballinger Family	4:30 pm
Sun 4/20	People of the Parish	9:30 am

.Daily Masses during Holy Week & Following Easter: This week the only daily Mass will be on Tuesday at 12 noon. Friday is Good Friday, and we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at noon at the church. After Easter (beginning April 22), the daily Masses (Tuesday & Friday) will return to the parish center.

SUNDAY, April 13, 2025

Weekly Reflection: In spite of the fact that we have two distinct Gospels with two distinct “feelings” at Mass today (quite unusual in itself), the purpose of the 1st Gospel and procession is to ready us in a most profound way to hear the proclamation of the Passion and to celebrate well the Triduum. Our procession with palms is a way to engage our whole selves—including the actual bodily movement from one place to another—in symbolizing our own Paschal journey with Christ. This procession with palms brings us, literally, to the doorstep of the passion and in this way, it prepares and readies us for the proclamation of the Passion. Giving ourselves over wholeheartedly during the procession with the palms prepares us to do what hearing this Passion account reminds us: that our lives are about giving life to others.

This suggests two ways for us to live Holy Week:

1. See all our actions this week as a continuation of the procession with palms, joining ourselves with Jesus on His journey to the cross, on the journey to receiving new life. Rather than a somber, morbid week, we live in anticipation of embracing the cross so that we might experience new life on Easter.
2. Knowing full well that the journey this week (and of our whole Christian life) leads to the cross, we could commit ourselves to be especially aware of those around us in need, as Jesus was always compassionate toward those in need—even in His darkest hour. No matter how busy we might be while preparing for the holiday weekend, we must redouble our efforts to be mindful of the countless ways each day we are called to die to self for the sake of others.

Holy Week Schedule 2025:

Monday, April 14

4pm Chrim Mass—Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

Tuesday, April 15

12 noon Mass @ church

Holy Thursday, April 17

7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ church

Good Friday, April 18

12 noon Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion @ church

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:30pm The Easter Vigil @ church

Easter Sunday

9:30am Mass @ Parish Center

To schedule a Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, please call the parish office at 717-848-2007. Masses may be scheduled up to one year from the date requested. A number of openings are available.

Palm Sunday

Last opportunity for Confession prior to Easter:

The final Lent Penance Service takes place on **Tuesday, April 15 at 7pm at St. John the Baptist Parish** in New Freedom. So, if you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance prior to Easter, please plan to attend the penance service at St. John's. There will be NO confessions on Saturday, April 19 as we prepare for the celebration of the Easter Vigil.



The Sacred Triduum that precedes Easter is a special time of intense preparation and traditionally had its own fast.

The Church enters into a unique liturgical period after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Mass does not conclude with a final blessing, and instead ends on a quieter note with no official dismissal. Instead, **the Church invites the faithful to enter into Christ's Passion** in a unique way. It is a somber period in the Church's liturgical calendar, one that is reflected by the way the liturgy is conducted.



One additional way to enter into Jesus' suffering that the Church provides for the faithful is the **"Paschal Fast."** *The Roman Missal* even mentions this tradition, **"The Paschal Fast** should also be kept sacred. It is to be **celebrated everywhere on the Friday of the Lord's Passion** and, where appropriate, **prolonged also through Holy Saturday** as a way of coming, with spirit uplifted, to the **joys of the Lord's resurrection.**"

Good Friday: The first part of this fast is the typical Good Friday fast that the Church already proscribes.

According to the USCCB, the following rules for fasting are in force for those between the ages of 18 and 59:

Fasting on these days means we can have **only one full, meat-less meal.** Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Holy Saturday: The second part of this fast is optional and includes fasting on Holy Saturday. For many centuries there was a strict fast on Holy Saturday, **permitting** no food to be eaten in observance of this painful day. **Many would stay in the church throughout the day, keeping Jesus company in the tomb.** Not everyone can observe such a fast two days in a row, and so there exist no rules that are to be observed. If you are interested in prolonging a fast into Holy Saturday, be sure to consult your doctor and spiritual director first, only committing to something that won't harm your physical or spiritual health. Even if you don't engage in a strict fast on Holy Saturday, you can do something simple like not eating between meals or not eating meat.

Whatever you do during this Sacred Triduum, keep in mind the spirit behind these fasts, inviting you to prepare your heart for the joyous celebration of Easter next Sunday.

Remember to start praying the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday April 18. Information On Divine Mercy Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday on parish website: at www.stpatrickyork.org

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Give online at:

<https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/>




Sun., Apr. 13: 3-4:45pm, Daughters of the King, St. Pat's parish office, bring a dish to share 

Sun., Apr. 13: 6-8pm 7th & 8th grade Faith Formation session, A-L families bring a dish to share, cafeteria 

LET US JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK TOGETHER!

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