

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Mass Intentions

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, March 29	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Joseph & Ann Phillips, by Family
Tuesday, March 30	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, March 31	8:30 AM	St. Mary	John Mazonkey, by Grandchildren
Thursday, April 1 (Holy Thursday)	7:00 PM	St. Mary	For All Parishioners
Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)	3:00 PM	St. Mary	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday, April 3 (Holy Saturday)	8:00 PM	St. Mary	For All Parishioners
Sunday, April 4 (EASTER SUNDAY)	8:00 AM 9:45 AM	St. Adalbert St. Martha	For All Parishioners For All Parishioners

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS will take place on Holy Saturday, April 3rd in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. at St. Adalbert's Church, 11:15 a.m. at St. Martha's Church, and 12:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. (Blessings will be held in the church in inclement weather.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **April 13th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph: In Loving Memory of Frank & Jessie Olshefski, by Family

HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY— March 14, 2021 \$ 2,653.00

HAPPENINGS

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH/ ST. MARTHA: The SMMA will be making Clam Chowder (Manhattan & New England) for Good Friday this year. Cost is still \$6.00 per quart. Please pre-order your favorite recipe. The chowder will be ready for pick up at St. Martha's Hall on Holy Thursday. Thank you for your continued support.

EASTER Masses at Holy Spirit Parish: Due to COVID-19 and the limited seating in our worship sites, we will be taking reservations for our Holy Week Masses. Mass schedule— Thursday, April 1st: 7:00 PM-St. Mary; Friday, April 2nd: 3:00 PM-St. Mary; Saturday, April 3rd, 8:00 PM-- St. Mary (FULL); Sunday, April 4th, 8:00 AM— St. Adalbert; Sunday April 4th, 9:45 AM— St. Martha (Please call Sharon Telesky to make reservations for this Mass at 570-864-8614) **Attendance for Holy Week will be by RESERVATION ONLY.**

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 12th**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacuboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242.

Every donation counts!! If you have not yet pledged, please... Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal! (28,000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$15,640.00 (\$12,360.00) We are grateful to the 119 parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: 1) Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card. 2) Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at DioceseofScranton.org.

We need your help: We are looking for someone within our Parish who could fix a 3' x 3' area of sheetrock in the ceiling of St. Mary's Rectory. Please call the parish Office if you can help.

GOOD FRIDAY FOOD TENT SALE: Sponsored by St. Faustina Parish & Newport Twp. Consolidated Volunteer Fire Dept., in St. Faustina Grove, Sheatown—11:00 a.m. to Dusk – Potato Pancakes, Pierogi, Peel & Eat Shrimp, Haluski, Broccoli & Shells, New England & Manhattan Clam Chowder, Shrimp Bisque, corn chowder & Maryland crab soup. All Items are take-out only.

Lottery winners for March 15-21, 2021 will be published next week.

WALK EVERY STEP WITH CHRIST

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week.

Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY HAVEN'T CATHOLIC CHURCHES GONE THE WAY OF DISPOSABLE CUPS FOR WINE DISTRIBUTION?

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region,

are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.



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