

April 2, 2023

PSALM 22



My God,
why have You
abandoned me?

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EASTER TRIDUUM – The *Easter Triduum* celebrates the core of our faith – the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our salvation. This Easter celebration begins with the *Mass of the Last Supper* and ends with *Evening Praise (Vespers)* on Easter Sunday. It is one, unified celebration of our core belief in who Jesus is, what Christ has done for us and what Christ calls us to live in our own lives.

PASCHAL FAST – The Constitution on Sacred Liturgy (#110) reminds us to “keep sacred, the Paschal Fast . . . as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection with uplifted and welcoming heart.”

What is the *Paschal Fast* and what makes it different from any other fast? The fasting of Lent is **penitential**, an act of repenting for our sin. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, it ends during the afternoon of Holy Thursday. As we enter the Easter Triduum with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, we focus on what it means to be at the Easter Vigil. The fasting of Friday and Saturday is not penitential, but **anticipatory**. Such fasting is not only from food. Even more important may be the fasting from our normal work, fasting from seeking ways to be entertained or our cultural hunger for diversion. Catholics are called to live these days unlike any other of the year – and this is so— whatever our work, whatever our family situation or educational background. It is a great leveler, like the Eucharist itself – this *Paschal fast*.

Easter Flowers

In the packet of church envelopes is one marked Easter Offering for Flowers, Art, Environment. The offering from this envelope is used to purchase flowers and other pieces to enhance our liturgical environment for the Easter season. Please consider returning the envelope as soon as possible. It is a special way you can honor the memory of a loved one you have lost.



Blessing of the Easter Baskets

In Slavic countries the blessing of Easter foods was an important tradition. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual, and is a wonderful practice which is still maintained by many Slavic & Polish-American families. The food items in the *święconka* (shvyehn-SOHN-kah), or Easter basket (the term also refers to the Easter Sunday breakfast at which the blessed food is eaten), have special significance. The basket is lined with an embroidered cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is covered with a white linen cloth (some have a colorful crocheted edging or embroidered design), representing the shroud of Christ. A typical basket would include symbolic foods like these: bacon, bread, Easter bread, butter (often shaped into a lamb), candle (which can be lit during the blessing by the priest), cheese, colored eggs, ham, sausage (*kielbasa*), horseradish, salt, and sweets. **Fr. Tom will bless Easter Baskets Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Space by the west entrance.**

Thank you!

I would like to thank all the wonderful people who helped with our Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners. These dinners are not merely a fundraising event for our parish; more importantly, they are community events that strengthen our bonds with one another as we work together in serving others. In many ways, our Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners are a very small part of what it means for us to be a community of disciples of Christ: **we are persons of faith who work side by side in welcoming strangers, nourishing people with goodness, and serving the needs of others.**

What a wonderful spirit of community and generosity so many people displayed on Thursday and Friday nights as well as those who cleaned up on Saturday before the dinners began. Special thanks go to Fish Dinner Committee, the Holy Name Society, the fish/shrimp fryers, the kitchen crew, the fish breaders, the set up volunteers, the cole slaw, tartar and cocktail sauce-makers, the dessert “Ladies”, dessert callers, those who donated desserts, the greeter, the coffee pourers, those who worked in the Reilly Center during the dinners, the ticket sellers, the clean-up crew and the laundry washer. Also, thanks to all who came and supported the weekly dinners and to those who donated monetarily. A number of our volunteers were there every week. Everything was well organized and, of course, the food was outstanding. This is when we are at our best – a community of disciples who really care about each other and are dedicated to the Lord.





HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 PM

Coordinator

Jo Ann Kamensky

Eucharistic Ministers

Paul Zebrowski
Donna Volk

Lectors

Mary Buckner

Ushers

Paul Zebrowski
(NEED 5 MORE)

Altar Servers

(NEED 3-4)

GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 PM

Coordinator

Jim Terry

Eucharistic Ministers

Patty Drabina
Paul Zebrowski
(NEED 1 MORE)

Lectors

Brian Jones
Cynthia Dropcho

Ushers

Gary Quinlan
Dale Schlosser
Paul Zebrowski
(NEED 1 MORE)

Altar Servers

Charlie Chevalier
Robbie Chevalier
(NEED 1 MORE)

EASTER VIGIL
8:30 PM

Coordinator

Rhonda Steg

Eucharistic Ministers

Jo Ann Kamensky
Jeremy Schroeck

Lectors

Gerry Drabina
John Folga
Barb Lee
David Hutzel
Sr. Linda Fusco

Ushers

Paul Zebrowski
Michael Kamensky
Hunter Kamensky
(NEED 3 MORE)

Altar Servers

Charlie Chevalier
Robbie Chevalier
Logan Watts
Rebekah Watts

EASTER SUNDAY
9:00 AM

Coordinators

Bruce & Ginny Buchman

Eucharistic Ministers

Jim Terry
Ron Kramzer
Joan Kramzer
Sue Zehe
Barbara Waples

Lector

Craig Palmer

Ushers

Gary Quinlan
Ron Kramzer
Ed Schneider
John Szkotnicki
Mary Tredway
(NEED 1 MORE)

Altar Servers

Noah Palmer
Aiden Palmer
(NEED 1 MORE)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each Good Friday, as we recall the passion and death of our Lord in the liturgy, we pray in the Solemn Intercessions: "Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world...." Perhaps nowhere in the world does this petition find a greater echo in the holy days of the Easter Triduum than in the Holy Land. In the very places where Jesus was born, taught, healed, suffered and died, the Church is enduring constant hardship, and struggles to survive.

On **Good Friday, April 7**, Catholics throughout the world are asked to give generously to the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Through the **Good Friday Collection**, you join with Catholics around the world in standing in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Your support means that the Church there can conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers.

As our diocesan family prepares to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, I encourage you to participate in the events of Holy Week. Know that you are in my prayer. Please know also of my gratitude for your generous response on behalf of the Christians of the Holy Land. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week, this Easter, and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Ministry Retreat

If you are an adult in one of our liturgical ministries, reserve **Saturday, April 22, 3-7: 30 pm**, for a retreat and appreciation dinner. The retreat will be led by Sr. Anne McCarthy, an Erie Benedictine and veteran retreat leader. The retreat will incorporate 5:00 pm Mass, followed by a catered dinner in Reilly Center.

The retreat includes: Lectors, Adult Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministers, Ushers, Art & Environment, Sacristan, Children's Liturgy of the Word, as well as members of our Liturgy Planning team, Pastoral Council and Finance Council. Mark your calendar and rsvp to the Church Office by April 17. Watch for more details.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	April 3, 2023
8:00 AM	Dan Wuenschel Req. by Mary Ann Dobrzynski
Tuesday	April 4, 2023
	NO MASS
Wednesday	April 5, 2023
8:00 AM	Donna Scarpelli Req. by Laura Cramer
Thursday	April 6, 2023
7:00 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday	April 7, 2023
3:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday	April 8, 2023
8:30 PM	Holy Cross Parish Family
Sunday	April 9, 2023
9:00 AM	Ben Ambrogio Req. by the Late Marge Ambrogio

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of


DR. WILLIAM B. TRICE, MD

Requested by

Frank & Marie Scicchitano

(If you wish to request that the sanctuary candle burn in honor or memory of a loved one or for some other specific intention, please call the office. Donation \$10.00).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/
Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
(Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/
Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)^\
Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/
Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

**THE 2023 LENTEN COLLECTION
MOUNT OF MERCY**

**Volunteers are needed after Mass
Sunday, April 2 to sort and pack the items.**

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Thu.	4/06	7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper - WS
Fri.	4/07	9:00 AM	Lector Rehearsal- WS
		9:30 AM	Altar Server Rehearsal - WS
		9:45 AM	Cross Bearer Rehearsal - WS
		3:00 PM	Good Friday Service - WS
Sat.	4/08	9:00 AM	Altar Server Rehearsal/ Easter Vigil
			Cantor's Rehearsal - WS
		11:00 AM	Lector Rehearsal - WS
		10:00 AM	Blessing of Easter Baskets

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

Holy Cross

Catholic Church

Fairview, Pa.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL 8:30 p.m.
There is NO 5:00 Mass on this Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note: The Parish Office will close at 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 6 and will be closed on Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10.



*Goes out to
Dee Samples*

*who turns 90 years young on April 7th
We wish her a very, Happy, Happy Birthday!*

Holy Cross Parish Family



The Church
Office
closes at
Noon

on
Thursday, April 6 and
is **CLOSED**
Friday, April 7.

A QUICK REMINDER *****

There **cannot** be a
5:00 PM Mass on
Saturday, April 8
because the
Great Easter Vigil Mass
begins at 8:30PM.



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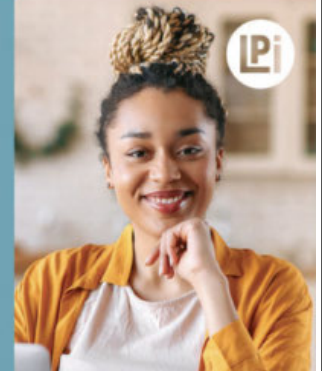
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