

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28, 2021



The Last Supper
St. Patrick Church

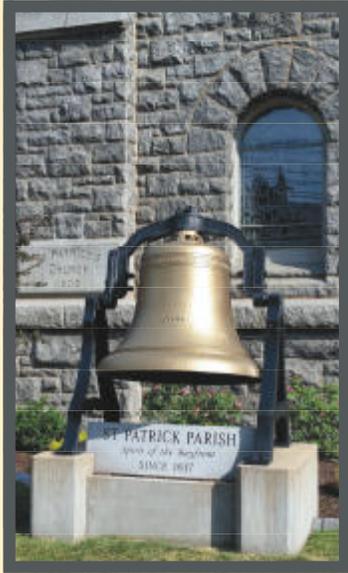
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Our first reading from Isaiah is the third of the four “Suffering Servant” songs of Isaiah. It is likely these verses were sung by the Hebrews while in exile in Babylon. While they looked forward to the day when God would free them, they also saw themselves as a nation struggling to be faithful to God through their trials. The song acknowledges the work of God in one who suffers. First, God provides them with a well-trained tongue to prophesy. Second, God opens their ears and they promise not to turn back. And, finally, it acclaims the Lord as “my help.”

This hymn is sung by priests throughout the year as part of Evening Prayer in our Breviary. It praises Christ for his willingness to empty himself of divine power in order to become obedient “to the point of death.” The hymn signifies what it means to be a Christian: one cannot claim to be a follower of Christ if he or she is not willing to empty oneself for the sake of others. The Old Testament is full of stories of people who wanted to be like God, ie., Adam and Eve. How can it then be that Jesus gives all of this up? The answer given is in learning obedience and second, to exalt God. The whole of Christ’s life is contained here: he emptied himself to become a slave human in appearance. Because of it, God greatly exalts him by giving him a name above every other.

We read our Passion today from Mark. The final words of Jesus in the verses just prior to this are “stay awake.” The story opens in the house of a leper. Mark wants us to see that a leper can be more faithful than those who have journeyed with Jesus, ie., Judas. We meet the woman who anoints Jesus in anticipation of his burial, and then we meet Judas who stands in direct contrast to her. While she is extravagant in her care for Jesus, Judas is greedy. Note that Mark has Judas eating the meal with Jesus. For Mark, the turning over of Jesus is treachery, but having eaten together makes the act all the more grave. Jesus takes Peter, James and John aside (the three who witnessed the Transfiguration) and they give him no comfort. They fall asleep. Only

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Mark has the account of the young man who runs away naked. Mark also introduces us to Simon of Cyrene who helps carry the cross and then simply disappears. Throughout Mark's gospel, Jesus' identity is kept secret only to be revealed at the crucifixion and it is not by a follower or a Jew, but a Gentile. Mark also introduces us to Joseph in whose tomb Jesus will lie.

Unfortunately most of you will not be able to participate in the Holy Week ceremonies this year. We will simply have a 5 PM Mass on Holy Thursday. There is not to be any washing of feet, no singing, etc. At the end of Mass, the church will be stripped and the Blessed Sacrament taken to the weekday chapel where adoration will continue until 7 PM.

On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be recited at noon and the liturgy at 2. On Holy Saturday, remember there is no 5 PM Mass. The liturgy can only begin after dark, determined by the diocese this year to be 8:30 PM. On Easter we will have 8 and 10:30 AM Masses and the latter will be live-streamed.

It's unfortunate that we can't participate more fully in these rich and powerful liturgies, but we need to follow guidelines and be safe. Hopefully we'll get out of this in another 6 months or so and our lives can return to normal. I would never have imagined living through something like this.

The German bishops voted recently to appoint a woman theologian as Secretary to the Bishops' Conference. This is a position that has always been held by a priest and the secretary is responsible for implementing decisions made by the bishops. The move is being hailed as a major step in including women in leadership positions (just as Pope Francis recently appointed a woman to the Synod of Bishops, with full voting rights.) Wouldn't it be wonderful if the American bishops could take such a step and start to include women in the highest levels of decision making in the church. Until that day comes, we do not really have the church that Jesus has asked us to have—one that includes everyone.

Confronting my husband, I demanded, "How come you never tell me I look pretty? Even my sisters tell me I look pretty sometimes." "Your sisters are absolutely right," he said. "You do look pretty sometimes."



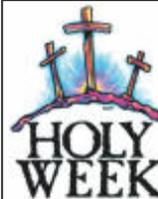
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LITURGY INTENTIONS

- March 27** *Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*
5:00 PM PATRICIA VILLELLA (JIM & KATHY SERTZ)
- March 28** *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*
8:00 AM GEORGE FRANKLIN (SCOTT & COLLEEN CALHOUN)
10:30 AM DAN LYNCH (FAMILY)
- March 29** *Monday of Holy Week*
8:00 AM TIM LYNCH (SR. MARIE)
- March 30** *Tuesday of Holy Week*
8:00 AM MARGE PETERSON (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)
- March 31** *Wednesday of Holy Week*
8:00 AM THOMAS COOK (LYNDA COOK)
- April 1** *Thursday of Holy Week*
5:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS
- April 2** *Friday of the Passion of the Lord*
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
2:00 PM Passion and Veneration of the Cross
- April 3** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord : Vigil*
8:30 PM BILL DOUGHERTY (PAULINE OSMER)
- April 4** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*
8:00 AM EMILIE IZZO (JOHN & KAREN MINZENBERGER)
10:30 AM THOMAS & EDWARD HEUBEL
(DAVID F. HEUBEL & FAMILY)



Holy Week Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

Lector: Barbara Brairton
Eucharist Minister: Barbara Brairton,
Shirley Winschel

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Stations of the Cross @ 12:00 PM: Ray Fiorelli
Passion and Veneration of the Cross @ 2:00 PM

Lector: Ed Smith
Eucharist Minister: Ed Smith, Kathy Sertz

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 2021 @ 8:30 PM

Lector: Barbara Brairton
Eucharist Minister: Barbara Brairton, Shirley Winschel

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

8:00 Mass
Lector: Lisa Straub
Eucharist Minister: Lisa Straub, Joe Schneider

10:30 Mass
Lector: Dario Cipriani
Eucharist Minister: Dario Cipriani, Ray Fiorelli



Saint Patrick News



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- In memory of **Betty Gama** from Universal Development Management, Judy Shanahan, John & Bridget Seyboldt, John Philip, Ben & Oscar

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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Thank you for your generosity!

A Family Perspective—



The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable, but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



Holy Week at Home resources



We are mindful that many of our families are not yet comfortable returning to Mass in-person. However, our homebound households are still valued members of our parish community. We look forward to celebrating Mass together in-person whenever it is safe for everyone to return. In the meantime, **St. Patrick Church** wants to support the faith lives of all our parishioners, near and far, during this sacred time in our Church's liturgical year.

Starting on Palm Sunday, the diocesan Office of Faith Formation will be sharing a slate of prayers, video reflections, and family activities for Holy Week at the website listed below. These activities are designed particularly with the needs of homebound families in mind, but they are open to everyone. The website will include prayer resources relevant to all ages, including people who live alone and young families. Have a blessed Holy Week.

Go to <https://www.eriecd.org/holyweekathome.html> for more information

The annual St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party

was interrupted last year due to COVID-19. To avoid another year without the needed fundraising for our seminarians, the people of the Diocese of Erie are asked to support this fundraiser. There will be a raffle of three cash prizes (one \$250 award, one \$500 award and the grand prize of \$1,000). A donation of \$25 will be your chance to win. You will receive an additional chance for every additional \$25 donated. No tickets will be issued. Your check is your entry. A live drawing will be held on the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Facebook page on **April 15** at 7 p.m. Enter by mail before **April 5, 2021**, by mailing your donation to: St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, c/o Marjorie Adamus, 3414 Eliot Road, Erie, PA 16508. Please include your phone number or email so we can notify you if you win!



Marriage Moments—

Palm Sunday reminds us that there is a time for rejoicing. Of course marriage will always have times of sorrow and testing, but today recall a joyous time in your life together—your wedding day, birth of a child, whatever...



10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS IS ON LIVESTREAM OR WEEKLY INSPIRATION.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to watch St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 AM livestream Mass. Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "livestream" AT 10:30 AM or "weekly inspiration" to watch the Mass at a later time. The video Masses are available on "You Tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.

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THE TENTH STATION

Jesus is stripped.

Lord Jesus, as if torture and death are not enough, the soldiers feel they must humiliate you. They do this because they are afraid. They don't want you to be a martyr. They think that by taking away your dignity they will take away your worth. Little do they know. They can strip you of your clothes, but they can never strip you of who you are. You are the son of God. They can do what they will, but they can never do what they will, but your death will be our salvation.

Lord, often I have failed to give people the dignity they deserve. I look at what they are wearing, where they live or how much they make. I think they are too old, or too young, too rich, or too poor. I fail to see that they are daughters and sons of God. And Lord, sometimes I fail to see my own dignity. I am so centered on my faults and failures that I fail to see the good that you have accomplished through me. Help me to recognize that I too am a child of God and that no one, not even myself can strip that dignity from me. Help me, Lord to see my dignity and theirs. Amen

THE ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Lord Jesus, the time has finally arrived. Your long journey from Pilate's Court to Calvary is over. But your suffering has just begun. What were the soldiers thinking as they drove the nails through your flesh? Were they sorry for the agony they were causing you or had they stopped seeing those they executed as human beings? I can't imagine that you were able to think at all in the midst of such pain. Lord was it worth it? Am I worth it?

Lord, you have said yes; you have said that I am worth suffering and dying for and I thank you for loving me so. Help me to see that you are worth suffering for. You are worth dying for. I know that I will probably never be asked to give my life for you, but give me the courage and the strength to be willing to give up some of my pride, my comfort to die to myself so that you can live through me. Amen



THE TWELFTH STATION

Jesus dies on the cross.

Lord Jesus, what can I possibly say?



THE THIRTEENTH STATION

Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Lord Jesus, it is finally over. The victory is yours. Those who sought your death think they have won, that your death was their doing. They are wrong. Your death was your choice, not theirs. You did not want to die, but you chose to die for me and for all of my brothers and sisters. Those who condemned you think that with your death, what you started will all go away. But you have won. You have won salvation for us and even for those who opposed you. Your love is greater than their hate.

Lord, how can I thank you for all you have done for me, all you have given to me? There is no greater love, than to give your life for another; and you gave your life for me. What you started so long ago lives on in your church and in me. Be my strength when I am weak, my courage when I am afraid, and my hope when I am discouraged. Though you have been taken down from your cross, give me faith to accept my own cross, to show and to share my faith with others. In you, Lord Jesus, I too will find victory. Amen

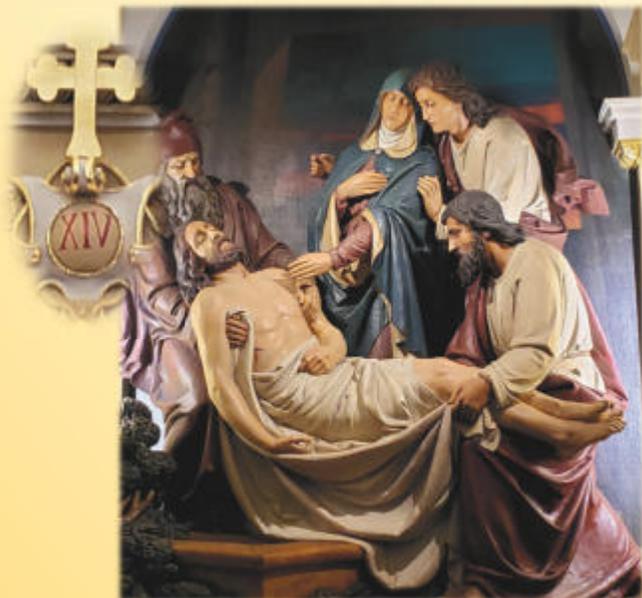


THE FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Lord Jesus, what sorrow your mother and followers have felt as they buried you in that tomb. Though they had listened to you as you spoke of being raised, they didn't fully understand. How could they? Your death was real, your pain was real, and your sacrifice was real. Your resurrection was still but a hope and a dream.

Lord, I have had to bury people that I loved. The sorrow and pain seemed almost more than I could bear. I know that you have promised us eternal life. I believe that my family and friends who have died now live with you. But their death was real and my pain is real. Lord in the midst of my sorrow; help me to see beyond the tomb, beyond the pain and sorrow, beyond death itself. Give me eyes of faith to see the life that you live right now, the life that you promised to all of us, the life that my beloved dead enjoy. As I finish walking these stations with you, Lord, walk with me my entire life. Be my life, both now and forever. Amen



CONCLUSION

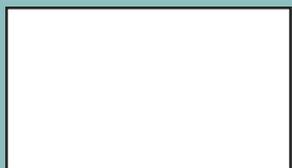
Lord Jesus, what love and passion you showed for me and for all of us in accepting death, so that we might live. Your life, your death and your resurrection gives meaning and hope to the whole world. Thank you for the gift of life and salvation you offer to each of us.

Lord, give to me the grace to accept the gift that you offer. Fill my life with your passion and your love. Grant me the strength to boldly carry my faith to the world.



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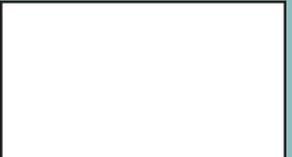
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