



Holy Family Parish

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday.... 4 PM
Sunday.....11 AM
Weekdays:
Tuesday & Wednesday ... 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the
bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
No scheduled confession after Wednesday, March 31 until Saturday April 10 at 3PM

Save the Date:

Here is a list of upcoming activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

2/24 to 3/31
Every Wednesday—Stations of the Cross at Holy Family 12PM
Every Wednesday—Stations of the Cross at St Anne 6:30 PM
Holy Family
4/1 Holy Thursday 7 PM
4/2 Good Friday 3 PM

St Anne
4/13 Confirmation Practice 6:30 PM
4/14 Confirmation 7 PM
Holy Family
4/17 First Communion Practice 1 PM
4/18 First Communion 11 AM



MARCH 28, 2021

Parish

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4:00 PM | Saturday, March 27

Lector: Dan Landini
Lector: Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Landini

11:00 AM | Sunday, March 28

Lector: Aleta Keegan
Lector: Stan Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Schehr

7:00 PM | Thursday, April 1

Lector: Dan Landini
Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Landini

3:00 PM | Friday, April 2

Lector: Bill Hughes
Lector: Marlene Martak

Eucharistic Minister: | **Saturday, April 3**

Lector: Pat Beneccio
Lector: Christina Null
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Houseman

11:00 AM | Sunday, April 4

Lector: Stan Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Landini

Saturday, 3/27, Vigil Palm Sunday

For: Bertha Janitor
By: Mary

Sunday, 3/28, Palm Sunday

For: Emmogene Klich
By: Jos. DeMarchi Family

Tuesday, 3/30, Weekday 8AM

For: Helen Mortle
By: Ron & Sue Melocchi

Wednesday, 3/31, Weekday 8 AM

For: Margie Azzari
By: Daughters

Thursday, 4/1, Holy Thursday 7PM

For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

Friday, 4/2, Good Friday 3 PM

Saturday, 4/3 | Easter Vigil 8:30 PM
For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

Sunday, 4/4 | Easter Sunday 11 AM
For: Living and Deceased members of Holy Family Church

First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set My face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, My God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

Rather, He emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

Gospel:

They clothed Him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on Him.
They began to salute Him with, "Hail, King of the
Jews!" and kept striking His head with a reed and spit-
ting upon Him. (Mk 15:17-19)

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a] Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2, 3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 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 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *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] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

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 0:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day

Friday: Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

WORSHIP TOGETHER



Let us pray for the Conversion of the World
& for Peace



With Palm Sunday we enter into the most holy of weeks in the Christian Calendar with some of the most ancient of celebrations. This weekend we receive blessed palms as a reminder of the day when cheering people greeted Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem. Only five days later they allow Him to be crucified.

The Gospel story, told by Mark, tells us the story of Jesus, the just man, of His life journey and its culmination in arrest, unjust condemnation and death on a cross. Today we hear that story told again and we witness the injustice of it, the unfairness of it, and the cruelty of it. The Man Who lived in the daylight is arrested in the dark. The Man Who spoke openly sees His words twisted and used against Him. The Man Who honored every person He met is brutally treated and taken out to die.

There is a powerful witness to all this, a centurion, a Roman soldier charged with executing the orders of the governor – Pilate – and overseeing the legal execution of this Man – Jesus. He watches as his junior soldiers have their fun with the prisoner, mocking Him and knocking Him about. He leads the procession through the streets of Jerusalem and observes the demeanor of this unfortunate Man. At the place of execution he organizes the process and forms the guard to contain proceedings, and then he stands there and watches this Man slowly die. But as the sky darkens and the taunts of the crowd grow weaker with the darkening sky and claps of thunder, this Roman officer begins to realize that the Man Whose death he is charged to oversee is not any ordinary man. Though cruelly tormented and about to lose His life, the Man on the cross is more alive than any person ever was. When He finally breathes His last breath, the soldier is forced to cry out – “in truth this Man was the Son of God.”

We tell the story and continue to tell it because it is the story of every person in this world. It is the story of the just person who seeks to live an honorable life, who meets with suffering and with cruelty, with injustice and with flawed societies. It is the story of how the just person perseveres in goodness despite all setbacks and opposition, and seeks the face of God. This is how life is in a fallen world. And our consolation for living a just life is this: If they treated Jesus this way, why should I expect better treatment? So that we can hear the comforting words: “Well done, good and faithful servant. (Come, you who are blessed by My Father). Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

The forces of darkness are very real. The darkened sky over Calvary, where Jesus died, tells us to prepare ourselves for difficult times, and the way Christ died teaches us how to live our daily lives today. Jesus did not resign Himself to being taken and done to death. “No one”, Jesus tells us, “takes My life from Me. I give it of my own free will.” He took a dark situation and He faced it and remained true to His father to the end. The centurion witnessed the power of a truly good Man. Now we, in our turn, and by the Lord’s grace, we too follow this way of the crucified One. So that people today may look at us and say, “In truth this person is truly a son or a daughter of God.”

Later in the week, on Holy Thursday, the priests of the Diocese with the laity usually gather with their Bishop at the Cathedral to attend the Chrism Mass. (This year will, again, be different because of the pandemic, and the limited number of people permitted to attend). The Bishop blesses the Holy Oils to be used in the parishes for Baptisms, Anointings, and Confirmations. The *Oil of the Sick*, the *Oil of Catechumens* and the *Oil of Holy Chrism*, brought back that day, will be presented at our evening Mass on Thursday and then reposed on the shelves near the Baptistry area.

The evening **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the ordained priesthood. This Mass begins the Easter Triduum (*not* Tridiim, but **Triduum**), continues with the Good Friday services which commemorates the Lord’s Passion and Death, continuing with the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses, and the Triduum concludes with Easter Sunday Evening Prayer – really, it’s like a story that takes three days to tell. To attend one or the other of the three days, and not do it all is like reading a book and eliminating some of the chapters. I encourage everyone, if they are able, to attend the services for the entire weekend.

As we enter into this most holy of all weeks within the Liturgical Calendar, let us allow ourselves to set aside all that might distract us from this journey to our Resurrection, and let us spend some time in prayer so that we not be tempted, as told to the disciples by our Lord. During these days of so much unrest around the world – unrest which has called many of our sons and daughters to leave their families and to protect our Nations’ Freedoms, my wish is the peace, the joy, the love of the Savior to be with all of us – and that we be willing to share that with each other.

Holy Thursday, begins at 7 PM—“Mass of the Lord’s Supper”

Good Friday, Liturgy begins at 3 PM

Holy Saturday – Blessing of Easter Baskets at 12 PM

Easter Vigil begins at 8:30 PM with the lighting of the Easter Fire.

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