

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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March 25, 2018



Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

Palm Sunday
[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point
of death,
even death on a cross.
— *Philippians 2:8*

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
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Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
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Ellen Kelly

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at Our Lady of Fatima.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

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PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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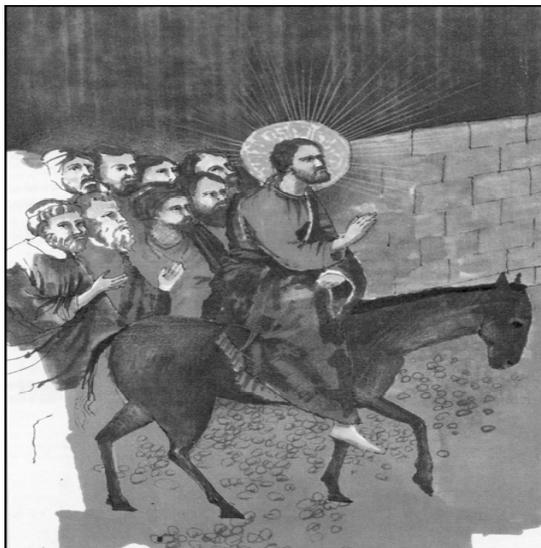
For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the Via Dolorosa, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

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SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel



**Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord**

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10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Today's Intention - Chase Keagy, 5th Birthday, 3/22

Readings: Acts 10:34; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

April 1st, Michael J. Zaczek, Ann. Family

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 26, Monday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

6:45 AM Carol Colobrese (Ed McCaulley)

8:00 AM Joyce Rourke McNeal (Cathedral Parish)

11:00 AM Chrism Mass

March 27, Tuesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38

6:45 AM Jim Paul, Sr. (M/M Francis Dambeck)

8:00 AM Patrick J. Cooney (Betty Schlesinger Fam)

12:00 PM Josephine Hicks, Anniv. (Jacqueline)

March 28, Wednesday of Holy Week

Readings: Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

6:45 AM Robert Burkey (Family)

8:00 AM Mary Pat Williams (Kerry & Pat Byrne)

***12:00 PM Thadeus Zaczek (Sister)**

THE THREE DAYS

March 29, Holy Thursday

Readings: Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:30 PM Joe Wiedemer (Cathedral Christian Mothers)

Adoration until 10:00 PM

March 30, Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

7:30 PM Tenebrae

March 31, Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Office of Readings

8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1:11;

/Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

Barbara Byers (George and Carol Thur)

April 1, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Readings: Acts 10:34; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM (No 5:00 PM Mass)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on
Me a Sinner*

*Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins in
your Daily prayers.*

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Scripture Reflection

There are similarities among the four Gospels regarding Jesus' passion. A comparison with the other Gospels shows that Mark packs his account with details that other evangelists smooth over or omit. The man carrying a water jar, the hymns after the dinner, the young man who leaves his clothes behind to get away, and the names of Simon's young sons are just some of the rich details of Mark's passion narrative. These give his Gospel an immediacy that readers throughout the centuries have found engaging.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' suffering, death and burial---a long narrative with many sub-stories---one of which is particularly meaningful on this Palm Sunday.

When the unnamed woman anoints Jesus with a superabundance of perfume, Jesus says that she is doing it for his burial, but anointing of the head would have made most people of his day think of the anointing of a messiah king. Messiah means "anointed."

Mark's passion account is a map for Christians facing stress. Jesus prayed at every point; he even quoted from the psalms while he hung on the cross. He offered no resistance to his persecutors and was vindicated by Pilate and the centurion (although neither took any action to save him from his fate). Instead of fighting his accusers, Jesus turned the whole matter over to his Father and accepted in obedience whatever outcome befell him. Remaining in tune with the Father's will, even when it seemed absurd, brought Jesus to the resurrection.

In today's Gospel reading, Mark encourages Christians to follow Jesus in the same faith. Because of Jesus' perfect obedience, Christians know how to face persecution and have the divine strength to do it. Christians of every age can face the turmoil in their own lives with trust in God's love. If today's Gospel gives us any call to discipleship, it is to hold fast in prayer and to trust in God so that we can brave hostility and turmoil for the good of others. Through us, Jesus' death can bring all to new life.

- **Would you say that you have a deep trust in God? Trusting in God's love can help us through difficult times.**

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 69. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Does our trust in God withstand moments of turmoil?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., March 9, 2018.

F.I.R.E. CLASS MARCH 25TH AT 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM IN THE CATHEDRAL HALL

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25TH...

PICK UP YOUR PALM BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND THE ROSARY. RETURN TO THE VESTIBULE AFTER THE ROSARY. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ROSARY, ALL PARISHIONERS WILL MEET IN THE VESTIBULE FOR THE BLESSING OF THE PALM. YOU WILL THEN TAKE YOUR SEATS INSIDE FOR THE MASS.

Liturgical Reflection...



Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The Christian world begins its holiest of weeks. Today we enter the sacred city Jerusalem where our Lord is met with shouts of Hosannas, only later to be handed over to crucifixion and death. Lent will end this week before the great Three Days of the Lord's death and resurrection. Can you name what must die in your life so that new life can enter? For forty days we have fasted, prayed, and given alms. We will die with the Lord, only to rise with him. For the living and the dead, these are the days commemorating our salvation in Jesus Christ. Death and resurrection ground our faith. We dare to enter the holy city to die and rise with our Lord.

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From the Olive Branch....

*Oil
of
Catechumens*

*Oil
of
Chrism*

*Oil
of
Sick*



Liturgical Reflection...

The Local Church of Altoona-Johnstown will assemble on Monday of Holy Week, March 26, at 11:00 A.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the annual Chrism Mass. Bishop will gather with his college of priests assisted by his deacons with the assembled faithful from throughout the Diocese. Bishop will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism. These consecrated oils will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick; also, new altars will be consecrated with Sacred Chrism. Each parish community will take a portion of the three oils back to the parish for use in the appropriate liturgical celebrations. The entire diocesan family is invited to participate in this annual Liturgy.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE ...

IS AVAILABLE TO VISIT YOUR HOME FOR FAMILY ROSARY, PRAYERS, AND NOVENAS. PLEASE PLACE HER STATUE IN A QUIET, RESPECTFUL PLACE WHERE YOUR FAMILY, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS MAY PRAY TO HER FOR YOUR INTERCESSIONS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. SHE WILL BRING JOY AND A PEACEFUL CALM TO YOUR HOME AND GIVE YOU MANY BLESSINGS.

ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY THAT OUR LADY OF FATIMA WOULD INTERCEDE AND BRING A PRIEST TO OUR PARISH TO LIVE ON SITE AND ADMINISTER TO OUR PARISHIONERS NEEDS; AND ANOTHER ROSARY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD PER OUR LADY'S REQUEST. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY @ 942-0371 OR E-MAIL: olhoff10@hotmail.com TO PLACE YOUR REQUEST, AND CAROL SMITH WILL ARRANGE DIRECTLY TO RESERVE OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE FOR YOU.





Flower requests are due by March 28, Wednesday of Holy Week

We have a 7 bags of Cheddar Cheese and 1 bag of White American pierogies left to buy. First come, First Serve.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – March Happenings

Celebrate Easter and Spring Sacraments by receiving 20% off your entire purchase at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop through the month of March! The Friar's Nook is located across from St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop -- Easter bake sale Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week (March 26th – March 28th). The bake sale will include Franciscan inspired Easter bread and ethnic cookies. Fresh product brought in daily!

St. Demetrius Beef Dinner

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its 42nd Annual Roast Beef Dinner / Spring Festival on Sunday, April 8th. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. Time: 11:00 a.m. to ...? Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6-to-12, \$6.00; 5 and under FREE

HOLY SATURDAY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6)

The Liturgy of Baptism is the fulfillment of the forty days of Lent. The sacraments of initiation are most anciently celebrated at this Vigil. Lent has invited the faithful to renew themselves in their baptismal identity. As catechumens and candidates become fully Christian, the assembly of believers renew their baptismal promises.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist proclaims the mystery of the Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our praising and thanking epitomizes the church's intensity at this Vigil of all vigils. Christ crucified is Christ risen. For the first time in Three Days, there is a liturgical dismissal - in multiple alleluias. Easter Sunday begins.

Easter Sunday - April 1

Easter Sunday concludes the Three Day celebration—Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday. At the end of the Liturgy of the Word, believers renew baptismal promises and are sprinkled with Easter water. The Triduum concludes with Evening Prayer Easter Sunday night. Many parishes make Easter water available to the Faithful to take home and use for home blessings throughout the liturgical year.

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March 18, 2018	Env used	63/150
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Easter		0
Votives		46.00
Fatima Votive		0
Children's		4.00
Shrine		0
Music		0
Fuel		0
Register		0
<u>Easter Flowers</u>		<u>65.00</u>
Dep. For Week		1225.15

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2018 Scout Retreat – May 18-20, 2018**

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For more information email: Denise Kreckel at pharmcanoe@aol.com



- 03/27 **Bernie Fabian**
- 03/28 **Nicole Wall**
- 03/29 **Tom Levine**
- 03/30 **Mary Moses**
- 03/31 **Megan Sral**

SACRED TRIDUUM

The forty days of Lent lead to the paschal celebration of the Triduum. On Holy Thursday, late in the afternoon, Lent ends and the Church enters the culmination of the entire liturgical year, the Easter Triduum. Liturgically, the Three Days are to be commemorated as one continuous celebration of the saving mystery of Jesus Christ. As Lent was a forty day liturgical season and the fifty days of Easter a unitive liturgical season, so the Three Days are an integral unity celebrating the heart of faith - the dying and rising of Christ. The Triduum gives meaning to Lent, which precedes it, and to the Fifty Days of Easter that follow. While not holy days of obligation, the faithful are strongly encouraged to participate in the rites of the Three Days.

Holy Thursday Dinner...

At the end of Lent as we enter the three days, the Cathedral Parish will gather for Dinner at 6:00 PM this Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall before our 7:30 PM Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. There will be a basket placed on the serving table to receive donations (if able) for this catered meal. All are welcome including the Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners.

At the center of the Church's annual liturgical calendar is the commemoration of the Lord's death and resurrection during the Three Days. Lent will end late in the afternoon of Thursday, March 29. The Three Days will begin Holy Thursday evening, March 29, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. As the Church enters the sacred Triduum, the offering of the chalice is to be restored in all the parishes of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper all in the Diocesan Church will be welcomed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of bread and wine. Consistently the Church has stated that the fullness of the sign of Mass is seen in the reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. This is what Jesus the Lord directed on the night before he died, to eat his Body and drink his Blood. All are invited to receive Holy Communion under the elements of both bread and wine Holy Thursday evening. Also, beginning at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will now return to the regular manner of exchanging the sign of peace.

GOOD FRIDAY - March 30

Morning Prayer and/or Office of Readings from the Divine Office are recommended to be scheduled in the morning of Good Friday. In the afternoon (around 3:00 PM), the Sacred Liturgy for this day celebrates the glory of the cross. Through the wood of the cross Christ has won redemption for all! The Scripture at this celebration highlights the obedient life of the Son of God to his Father's will. The proclamation of John's Passion invites those gathered to enter into the Lord's saving death.

The liturgical symbol this day is a cross, please refer to the Roman Missal, Good Friday Liturgy, Numbers 17-19. The ritual calls for a cross to be used for the veneration. There is to be only one cross used in order to emphasize the liturgical symbolism of this central sign of our redemption. After the reception of communion, the liturgy ends as it began; all leave in silence. Again, there is no dismissal. The church is in the midst of commemorating the Three Days of the paschal mystery.

The fast on this day is not the penitential fast of Lent. The fast becomes the ancient paschal fast. The paschal fast honors the suffering and death of the Lord, and prepares us to share more deeply in the mystery of the resurrection. As practical as possible, it is pastorally and liturgically proper to encourage this fast until the Easter Vigil celebration. Through Friday and Saturday, we continue in fasting, prayer, and vigil. There is a peaceful quiet as we await the Vigil.

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL - March 31

Holy Saturday morning may have your faith community gathering for the Office of Readings and/or Morning Prayer from the Divine Office. This is also the time to pray the preparatory rites with the catechumens in anticipation of the evening's vigil. Once it is dark (this year at 8:30 PM Daylight Saving Time), the Vigil of all vigils begins. Because the church is continuing its Three Days, prayer begins in darkness and silence. This Vigil possesses four major movements: Light, Word, Baptism, and Eucharist.

The Easter Candle and the Exsultet are central to the Liturgy of Light. Therefore, the Easter fire is burning outside the Church (all lights are out) as the faithful arrive for the Vigil. Liturgically, processing is an important part of this rite. All follow the lighted Paschal Candle into the Church.

The nine Scripture readings are part of the ancient Christian vigil and make up the Liturgy of the Word. As believers kept vigil with the catechumens, various stories of salvation were recounted. God's presence among the people and God's love for the people are proclaimed in Word. CONTINUED ON PAGE 5



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30 - 3 PM

- 1) **BEGINNING OF THE NINE DAY NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY**

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 31

- 1) **BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS -2:45 PM changed from 2:30 PM**
- 2) **SECOND DAY OF THE NOVENA - 3 PM**

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1

- 1) **MASS - 10:30 AM**
- 2) **THIRD DAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - 3PM**

MONDAY APRIL 2 THROUGH SATURDAY APRIL 7

- 1) **CONTINUATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - 3PM DAILY**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 8

- 1) **DIVINE MERCY IMAGE WILL BE VENERATED AFTER 10:30 MASS UNTIL 5 PM.**



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**VENERATION OF THE SACRED IMAGE on the Feast of Divine Mercy
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

In 1931, Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You ... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (Diary 47, 48) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' " (327)

VENERATION IN THE CHURCH

Jesus said.... "I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world"(47).

"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (341)

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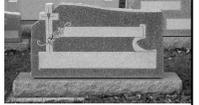
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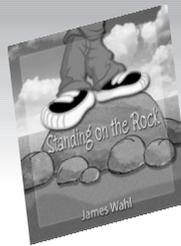
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