



# PALM SUNDAY

## OF THE LORD'S PASSION

A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST  
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



March 25, 2018

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 24 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Bill Hopkins by Andrea Hopkins

### Sunday, March 25 — Palm Sunday

8:30 AM † Calvin & Adeline Smith by Family

10:30 AM † Alvina & Michael & Tina Bucci by Mary Hasch

### Monday, March 26

8:00 AM † Jennie Caruso by Children, Sandra, Mark, & Family

6:00 PM Taizé Prayer Service

### Tuesday, March 27

8:00 AM † Jerry Tonarelli by Patti Tonarelli-Bigi & Family

### Wednesday, March 28

No Mass

### Thursday, March 29

10:00 AM Chrism Mass, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday, March 30

1:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 31 — Easter Vigil

8:30 PM Parish Family

### Sunday, April 1 — Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Parish Family

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

*The office will be closed on  
Thursday, March 29 & Friday, March 30.*

### Ministry Schedule — Sat. March 31 & Sun. April 1

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
8:30 p.m.	K. Miller W. Vlasic D. Harkins M. Sacco	F. Lopresti M. Tokar R. Sassak	S. Billy B. Rizzuto J. Sacco B. DuBreucq
8:30 a.m.	Sara Stein	N. Campus S. Campus L. DeFelices	B. Speicher D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	K. Chavez T. Mazzei K. Imbrescia	M. Guilliford T. Todd

### Money Counters - Monday, March 26, 2018

Team # 4 J. Petritis

## Entering the Passion

All around the world, Christians are remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is easy for us to allow ourselves to be caught up in the drama of what Holy Week is about. The truth



of what we are and what we remember this week characterizes what we believe. It is in and through the death of Jesus that we define what our faith is all about. However, everything we find throughout the scriptures leads us to this week, so it cannot be separated from the rest of our Liturgical year.

We start off this week with a celebration, or parade, if you will. People are welcoming the man Jesus with triumph and honor. They are celebrating the man for what he was and for what they hoped he would become. In spite of their misunderstanding of what Jesus was all about, the people were drawn in by this event of his entry into Jerusalem; as they struggled with who Jesus really was. Apostles, friends and disciples who should have known who Jesus was and what he was about, they were the ones who betrayed, denied and fled. One really has to look at this triumphant celebration and ask: what went wrong? As followers of Jesus the real irony is that only by our own entry into Jesus' dying and rising can we truly discover who he is. Until we do that, we may participate in a nice parade but we haven't a clue where it leads.

It is interesting to take a closer look at the role the women play in the Passion. It has been said that they are like the "bookends" to the drama: we meet them in the beginning and at the end. Regardless of what is going on, it is the women who are always the faithful ones. The men in the story were not very nice, pay attention to the women and learn from them. They have something to tell all of us.

If we pay attention to the passion narrative, we will see that it is basically a story of life. The feelings and behavior of the people involved give us a live perspective of living. There is joy and singing. There is faith, doubt, greed, treachery, false accusations, mockery and jeering. There is the despair of Judas, the lying of Peter, the pride and arrogance of religious and political leaders, betrayal by friends, and the tenderness of the women. Yes, it is all there – life at its best and at its worst. The Passion of Jesus is everybody's story.

Christ showed us by his own way of living and by his ministry that the only way to share in his glory is to die to self by becoming servants and disciples following him to the cross. The only way to enjoy the passionate glory of risen life is to suffer the risk of dying. All of this is something that takes place more than just this once a year. It is the everyday of our ordinary human living: when we choose to respond to another instead of ignoring him or her, having patience rather than snapping, talking things through rather than staying angry. Yes, the paschal mystery unfolds in the little things in life that we turn into big ways to say yes to the Christ in others. This is how we get to know Jesus – by living as he did, by embracing the dying so we rise with him to new life.

**Decorating** We will be decorating for Easter after Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (March 30), so mark your calendar. All are welcome to help. This is a wonderful opportunity to start your Easter in a joyous way.

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the family of ANNA MARIE MAISE. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Stewardship

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

As of our last report, we are at **32%** of our goal of \$93,724. We have heard from 186 of our parishioners who have given **\$30,737, or 19%** of our parishioners. We have not yet heard from the majority of our parish. So, if you have not yet responded to DLA for this year, I ask that you please consider doing so. We could really use the proceeds from this year's DLA to complete some much needed projects. All I ask is that you do whatever you are able, but at least do something to be a part of the entire process. Know that I am grateful for all that you do for our parish family and if you have any questions please know that I am here to answer them.

### Heifer Report...

This week we were able to board onto the ARK:

**1 Llama 1 Sheep 1 Ox**



Our ARK is more than half way filled up. I am grateful to all of you who have contributed to this year's effort. Please know that

many people around the world will benefit from your generosity. If you would like to make a contribution, simply mark it Heifer. Llamas provide milk and wool, and serve as pack animals.

#### Weekly Collection March 18

Utility & Energy:	32
Votive Candles:	201
Accent	82
Heifer	490
Lenten Folder	333
Easter Flowers	374
Easter	35
Good Friday	15
Holy Thursday	15
Children & Adult	
Collection:	5,152
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,729</b>

## Groups

**CBPW** will meet at the Alpine in Monessen on **Tuesday, March 27** at 6:00 p.m. We invite all women of our parish to come and be part of this organization.



The Students and Staff of St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School wish you a very **Blessed Easter season** and extend their sincerest gratitude for all of your support and prayers. We would be honored to offer up **prayer intentions** for your loved ones. Please send your prayer intentions to: [nzetty@sssby.org](mailto:nzetty@sssby.org) or call 724.929.5143. God bless!

#### Ministry Schedule — March 29– Holy Thursday

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
7:00 p.m.	J. Petritis	R. Sassak M. Doptis L. DeFelices J. Gigliotti	Q. Zboyovsky B. Zboyovsky B. Speicher D. DeFelices

#### Ministry Schedule — March 30– Good Friday

Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Altar Servers
1:00 p.m.	R. Godla F. Petrosky	S. Beneccio R. Kozar W. White L. Henry	K. Chavez B. Rizzuto M. Blatnik S. Billy

## Faith



### Three Days

The Triduum celebrates the heart of Christian faith, to which all leads and from which all flows: Jesus' redemptive death and resurrection; related to the Church year as Sunday is to each week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday culminating with the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We invite you and your families to be as much a part of this year's celebrations as you are able.

**Thursday: Chrism Mass 10:00 A.M.** at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is when the Bishop, along with all of the priests of the diocese, blesses and consecrates the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the year. It is also the Mass where the priests of the diocese re-dedicate their ministry to the people of the church as well as to the Bishop.

**Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper: 7:00 PM.** (Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until after the pilgrimage.)

**Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 1:00 PM.**  
**Stations: 6:00 PM.**

**Saturday: Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM.**

### The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday liturgy marks the institution of the Eucharist. We remember that Jesus gathered with his Disciples for the last time and gave to them as well as to the future church this miraculous gift. It is through the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ that we are able to become "Church." As an example of what it means to be church and celebrate this gift, we ask that women from our parish "dress" the altar. **We invite the women of our parish who want to help with this to give us a call in the parish office.** Those who dress the altar will also strip the altar at the end of liturgy.

Another important gift that Jesus gave to the Church is the example of what it means to serve as well as to be served. Through the symbolism of the washing of the feet, Jesus calls each of us to be of service to one another, as well as to be open to being served. As we commemorate what Jesus did for the Disciples through the washing of the feet, **I am asking people to volunteer to have their feet washed. If you would be interested in being a part of this special liturgy, please give us a call at the office.**

### Adoration after Liturgy

After the Liturgy on Holy Thursday there will be Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be in repose after Mass. As soon as Mass is over the altar will be stripped completely bare. While this is going on, I ask that the people remaining in church maintain decorum of silence and reverence. You are welcome to come and spend some time in prayer until after the pilgrimage is finished. Then the Blessed Sacrament will be taken from the altar and the church will be empty.

### Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

After our celebration of the Last Supper we will pilgrimage to neighboring churches. As we enter more fully into the Triduum, we will have a short prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the different parishes in our area. There will be a bus for anyone who may wish to come. We will serve refreshments when we return to our church.