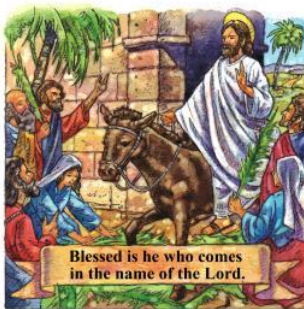


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## April 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

### Today's Scripture Readings

**GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS:** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**FIRST READING:** In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50: 4-7).

**PSALM:** O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22).

**SECOND READING:** Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2: 6-11).

**GOSPEL:** The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 [27:11-54]).

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION:** ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

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### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of The Lord's Supper 5:30PM  
Lector: Rick Maser

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of Good Friday 3:00PM  
Lectors: Kevin Houghton & Ed Olshefski

#### HOLY SATURDAY

11:00AM Blessing of Food Baskets -

#### EASTER VIGIL SERVICE 8:00PM

Lectors: Ed Olshefski & Denise Lakatos

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of The Resurrection 9:00AM  
Lector: Rick Maser

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (April 3<sup>rd</sup> - April 9<sup>th</sup>)

MON	4/03	.....NO Mass
TUES	4/04	7:00AM. . . + Anna Christian - (Husband, Bob)
WED	4/05	.....NO Mass
THURS	4/06	..... HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper (No Morning Mass) 5:30PM. . . + Rich Poplinski—(Janet Knapp)
FRI	4/07	.....GOOD FRIDAY (No Morning Mass) 3:00PM. . . Liturgy Of Good Friday”
SAT	4/08	..... HOLY SATURDAY 11:00AM . Blessing of Easter Food Baskets ..... EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00PM. . . For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Anne's
SUN	4/09	.....EASTER SUNDAY – Mass Of The Resurrection 9:00AM . .+. Rosalie Verhovsek - (Ester & Hank Hughes)



April 2, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:**

“Jesus’ mission is to restore to good order the created household of God which sin has disrupted. He not only perfectly accomplishes this task, but also, in calling disciples, empowers them to collaborate with him in the work of redemption for themselves and on behalf of others,” [Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, USCCB, 1993]

God has entrusted us with many gifts and talents, but we are not to use them in a powerful way to control others who have limited income or resources. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to use these things to build the Kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong by serving those in need; to change the world. How are you changing the little corner of your world? (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/02/28)

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS  
March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,370.00
Monthly	\$ 60.00
Lent	\$ 23.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 39.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offer	\$ 2.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne’s Parish!  
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners  
and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*



**Holy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper

**Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>**

3:00PM The Lord’s Passion  
No Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

11:00AM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

8:00PM Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM

**Fast and Abstinence**

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** is a day of **fast and abstinence**. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those 18 years until their 60<sup>th</sup> year.



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**Sympathy & Prayers** – Frank Karmanocky (Fr. Bernard’s brother) died this past week. May he rest in peace. Please keep the family in your prayers and Masses.



The Ferrante Family would like to extend their heartfelt thank you and appreciation to everyone who attended the spaghetti dinner to benefit our family. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and by the number of people who came over to talk with us. To those who donated money, baskets, baked cakes, cooked the delicious dinner, worked in the kitchen, sold tickets, cut cakes, handed out beverages, served and cleaned up...thank you. You all made this event a success. Thanks also to St. Therese Church and the pierogi project family for making the social hall available to us. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus 10409 for organizing this event and making sure everything ran smoothly. You really do live by the principles of the Knights—charity, unity and fraternity.

**With much love,  
George, Mary, Mike and George Jr. Ferrante.**

**Congratulations also to these raffle winners.**

- 50/50 – Craig Stofko
- Smokeless Grill – Bala
- Lottery Tickets – Bill & Helen
- Air Fryer – Barb Gehosky
- Toaster Oven – Mary & Joe
- Amazon Gift Cards -- Matt



**The Knights of Columbus** will hold their meeting this Tuesday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM in the St Therese Church hall.



**The Christian Mother’s Annual Basket Party** will be held on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$5 for 25 basket chances and include cake & coffee. Additional tickets and food will also be available for purchase.

Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money for items should contact Denise at 814-915-0470. Baskets can be dropped off at any Mass.

**It Is Not Too Late to Donate!!!**

## Community News & Events



### **Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill**

**Fish Fries** will be held on Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30PM at the New Germany Grove Hall.  
**No Phone orders.** Dine-in now open Adults \$15  
Children 6-11 \$7.50 and under 6 Free  
Fish sandwich Meal \$8.00 includes Baked Potato and coleslaw. Thank you for your continued support!



**Men of God: Are you Irish Catholic?** As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith? Then the

A.O.H. is Looking for You! The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Oldest, Largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in America.

Now is your chance to become a member of a local AOH Division. If you are interested, please contact one of our division presidents:

Our Johnstown Division: John Skelley (814) 525-2505 / [JSkelley@atlanticbb.net](mailto:JSkelley@atlanticbb.net)



### **Westmont Presbyterian Church Friday April 7, 7:30**

Come join us for a very moving and inspirational Tenebrae experience  
Conducted by Composer  
Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Reception follows

**ABORTION:** "Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift from God that guarantees the future of humanity."



### **SUPPORT PRO-LIFE**

**Families and the Gospel** (MT 26:14—27:66)  
The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon US

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## Area Penance Services

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00PM

St. Benedict



**RECONCILIATION**

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## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Although the procession with palms has an unforgettable grip on our imagination, the real emphasis of this day's liturgy is contained in its name: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Since 1955, the old custom of a blessing of palms with procession of the people has marked the entry of the Church into a time so rich that it is called "Holy Week." The center of today's liturgy, however, is the solemn reading of the Passion, this year taken from Mark's Gospel. Our community is to be transformed by its celebration of Easter, and so this week everything is made new. Soon, the bishop will celebrate the "Chrism Mass" when the holy oils for the sacraments will be completely replenished and blessed, and transported from the cathedral to every parish. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. Be on the lookout later this week for this "paschal" moon, rising in the east at the precise moment the sun sets in the west. Imagine: a day when there is not a single moment when the earth is not bathed in light from the heavens. We are on the threshold of the three great days (Triduum): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, beginning at sunset on Thursday when the parish gathers in response to the Lord's command: "Do this in memory of me."

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



April 4<sup>th</sup>  
April 16<sup>th</sup>

**KOC Meeting at 7PM in the St. Therese Church Hall  
Christian Mothers Basket Party**

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