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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10)

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (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 Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	3/25	
TUES	3/26	
WED	3/27	
THURS	3/28	..... No Morning Mass 7:00PM. . . . Mass of the Lord’s Supper 8:00PM. . . . Christian Mothers Pray Hour 9:00PM. . . . Holy Name Prayer Hour
FRI	3/29	..... No Morning Mass—Good Friday 3:00PM. . . . THE LORDS’S PASSION 7:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	3/30	1 & 3PM. . . .Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 8:00pm. . . . EASTER VIGIL
Next Sun	3/31	EASTER SUNDAY –MASSES- at 7:30AM & 10:30AM



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 25th – March 31st)

MON	3/25	..... 7:30AM. + Anna Seminsky – (Cass Kasper)
TUES	3/26	..... 7:50AM. + (A) Jean Nikonow (Son, Paul & Marie)
WED	3/27	..... 7:50AM. + M/M Joesph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
THUR	3/28	..... 7:00PM. + Frank Karmanocky – (St Therese Holy Name & KOC #10409)
FRI	3/29	..... No Morning Mass
SAT	3/30	..... 8:00PM + Dominec Petrore – (David & Christine Cox)
SUN	3/31	..... 7:30AM. + William Kolega – (Sally & Bob Gorman)
		.....10:30AM. + Eleanor Sikirica – (Rose Obarsky)



Sunday, March 24, 2024



Stewardship Reflections: Today we celebrate Palm Sunday - the beginning of our Holy Week. Our liturgy starts with the account of Jesus humbly entering into Jerusalem riding a donkey. People put cloaks and palm branches in His pathway crying, "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" It is with great joy that Christ was being honored as king, still in the same breath, we are filled with sorrow as we reflect on Christ's passion and death. Thankfully, we know the glorious outcome of this painful journey. Today, as we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion - "I gave my back to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." Christ endured such tortures, knowing that He did not deserve them, but still He humbly submitted to them.

As we embark on this Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(March 9th & March 10th, 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,936.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 255.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$ 35.00
Easter	.....	\$ 50.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Holy Thursday

- 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:00PM Christian Mothers Pray Hour
- 9:00PM Holy Name Prayer Hour

Good Friday

- 3:00PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

- 1 & 3 PM -Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 8:00PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

- 7:30 & 10:30 Masses



Thank You to Our Volunteers!!! - A Big Thank you to everyone who worked, either by peeling, and cooking the potatoes, or making the piroghis and let's not forget about the clean -up crew, to those who made the delicious baked goods every week, or prepared the lunches, made donations to help defray the costs, and to those who purchased piroghis. This project would not be possible without your continued support, so Thank you, it is very much appreciated.

Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 21st & 22nd 2024**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **Sunday, April 28th at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to *Get Involved!*

We will once again be selling chances on our Money Raffle tickets. They will be \$2.00 a ticket and we would like to have the help of all our parishioners by asking you to sell or buy 10 tickets, if possible. Tickets will be available in the next few weeks. Winner will be drawn on Sunday July 22nd.



Congratulations to **James Mulvehill** the winner of the Easter Money Tree. We would like to Thank everyone who purchased a ticket.



Congratulations to **Sadie Battoglia** & her coach **Addie Oswald**, for taking First Place in the beginner's ice-skating competition in Ebsenburg last week. Both the girls are members of the Johnstown Skating Club.

Catholic Ministries Drive
Encountering Christ.

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! Our target goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2024 for **St Therese** is **\$24,902.00**.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services.

St Benedict

Monday, March 25th at 5PM

St Patrick

Wednesday, March 27th at 6PM

Community News & Events

CASH BASH



Brian & Eve will be selling tickets for Lower Yoder Fire Dept's CASH BASH next weekend, **March 23rd & 24th** in the Vestibule. Tickets are **\$20** includes food & Beverages. Held at St Therese Social Hall **April 27th** Please help support our local Volunteer Fire Dept. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call Brian at 814-418-4570 and he will make arrangements with you.

Tenebrae Service:

A Tenebrae Cantata entitled "In the Shadow of the Cross" will be held at **7:00pm Good Friday March 29** at **St John Gualbert Cathedral** 117 Clinton Street Johnstown, Pa. The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir along with the Festival Chamber Orchestra will recount poignantly in song and scripture the last moments of the Christ's earthly struggle. A free-will offering will be taken.

SS Gregory & Barnabas Fish Fry

Mar. 29th - Daisytown Only, 3-6:30 pm

Dine In or Take Out

New Germany Grove Hall, Summerhill

will hold a **Fish Fry every Friday during Lent** and ending on Good Friday, March 29th, from 4PM -6:30PM. Cost is \$15 per meal, children 6-11 \$7.50. Dine-In or Take-out is available and is also \$15

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church

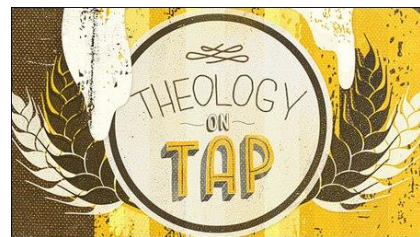
FISH FRY St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church (Top of St. Clair Road) - Westmont TODAY 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm Eat In or Take Out No Phone Orders



Military Share Food Distributions

In partnership with Veterans Leadership Program and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

All veterans in need of food are welcome
Johnstown Military Share 12PM
March 29th, April 29th, May 31st, and June 24th
727 Goucher St. Johnstown



Young Adult Group (18-39): Our February Theology on Tap was our largest yet with 40+ coming to hear Fr. Ananias O.S.B. We also volunteered with our member's special needs group on Saint Patrick's Day. Over our first year we have grown to over 85 young adults strong with new members joining monthly. Fr. Curtis Kiddy C.P. (Passionist Priest and Retreat Director at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh) is our **March 27th** speaker on "The Passion of Jesus in Lent and Life" at the Boulevard Grill from 6-8pm. All faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith and fellowship! We take monthly freewill offerings but are seeking sponsors to defer our excess buffet and speaker costs to avoid charging a set fee. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Families and the Gospel - (Mark: 14: 1-15; 47)

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.