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March 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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).

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: FEAST OF FAITH

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights. It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM Lector	Saturday March 30th Ed Olshefski & Denise Lakatos	9:00AM Lector:	Sunday March 31st Rick Maser
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 25th – March 31st)

MON	03/25	7:00AM. . . + Sue Karmanocky—(Daughter, Barb & Jeff Duryea)
TUES	03/26	7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis
WED	03/27	7:00AM. . . . For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar
THURS	03/28 HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper (No Morning Mass) 5:30PM. . . + Sue & Frank Karmanocky—(Family)
FRI	03/29 GOOD FRIDAY (No Morning Mass) 3:00PM Liturgy of Good Friday
SAT	03/30 HOLY SATURDAY" 2:00PM. . . Blessing of Food EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00PM. . . . For All Living and Deceased Members of St. Anne's Parish
SUN	03/31 EASTER SUNDAY – Mass of the Resurrection 9:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek—(Ester :& Hank Hughes)



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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 16th & 17th, 2024

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,065.90
Monthly	\$ 10.00
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Fuel	\$ 10.00
Flowers	\$ 66.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 10.00
Black & Indian	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Lent	\$ 30.00
Holy Land	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 50.00

*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 Week

Holy Thursday March 28th

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

Good Friday March 29th

3:00PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 30th

2:00PM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

8:00PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 31st

9:00AM

It’s Not Too Late to Donate~!!!!



The Christian Mother’s Annual Basket Party will be held this year on **April 14th**. We are asking for donations of themed baskets (at least \$25 in value). If basket making isn’t

your specialty you can make a monetary donation and we will make it for you! Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money to be used towards a basket should contact **Eleanor (814-535-3349) or Janet (814-241-6198)**. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket. Just mark the envelope “Donation for Christian Mothers Basket Party.” Checks should be made payable to St. Anne’s Christian Mothers. Baskets or donations of new items can be dropped off at any Mass through March 31.

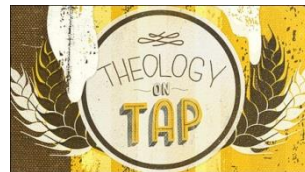
Catholic Ministries Drive
Encountering Christ.

During this time of our Eucharist revival, Encountering Christ through our Catholic Ministries Drive is an invitation to grow your relationship with Christ and to open your heart to serve Him through serving our brothers and sisters.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation which arrived last week in your mail and prayerfully consider supporting our Diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory.

Our target goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2024 for **St Anne is \$8,276.00**

Community News & Events



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.

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.



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

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

Penance Services

St Benedict Mon, March 25th 5:00PM
St Patrick Wed, March 27th 6:00PM



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



ABORTION: Pope Francis spoke out strongly on abortion, denouncing it as a product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the "throwaway culture", which has totally enslaved the hearts and minds of so many" and stating that **"every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord"**

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.

St Anne Christian Mothers Basket Party



Sunday, April 14, 2024



Held at St. Therese Social Hall -- 531 Decker Avenue

Admission

\$10 -- includes a lite lunch +25 chances on over 100 baskets!
Addition basket tickets -- \$5/for 25 chances
Tickets on Large Prizes also available to purchase

Doors open at 11:00AM – Drawing will begin at 2:30PM
Tickets also available Sunday at the door
If you would like to pre-purchase a ticket for Sunday
Email Janet at ruby731@atlanticbb.net

Soft Walk Through – Saturday evening, April 13
From 4:30PM – 7:00 PM

25 basket chances for only \$5 --- No meal
Chances on Large Prizes also available