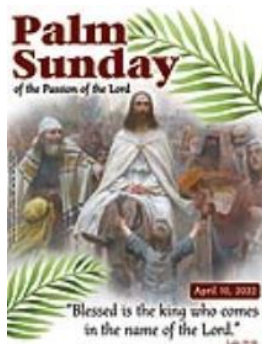


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April 13 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

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 Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	04/14	
TUES	04/15	
WED	04/16	
THURS	04/17	..... No Morning Mass 7:00PM. . . . Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00PM. . . . Christian Mothers Pray Hour 9:00PM. . . . Holy Name Prayer Hour
FRI	04/18	2:00PM. . . . THE LORDS'S PASSION 6:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	04/19	1 & 3PM. . . .Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 8:00PM. . . . EASTER VIGIL
NEXT SUN	04/20	HAPPY EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 14th– April 20th)

MON	04/14	7:50AM. + Heather Saly – (Rose Howarth & John Slezak)
TUES	04/15	7:50AM. + (A) Ted Figart – (Wife & Family)
WED	04/16	7:50AM. + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
THUR	04/17	7:00PM. Intentions for Sr. Marita Cecelia
FRI	04/18	. . . . . + NO MASS
SAT	04/19	8:00PM. + Stella & Carol David – (Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	04/20	7:30AM. + Pro Populo 10:30AM. + Dolores Opacic – (Daughter, Elizabeth)



Sunday, April 13, 2025



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

The Catholic Ministries Drive supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. These programs and services carry the essential work of our beyond parish boundaries. It is important to stress that ministries within our Diocese rely on parishioner's support, and 100% of every donation to the Catholic Ministries Drive is restricted to the ministries funded by the CMD.

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 2025 for St Therese is **\$25,800**

Stewardship Reflections:

We now enter a week in our liturgical year that is like no other - Holy Week. The complete name for this Sunday's liturgy is "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose passionate love for us knows no bounds - culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death - all for us.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week - attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit - and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(April 5th & April 6th, 2025)**

Weekly	.....	\$	3,674.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	441.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$	115.00
Easter Christian Mothers	.....	\$	500.00



Holy Thursday

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

Good Friday

- 2:00PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

- 1 & 3 PM -Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 8:00PM 6:00PM Station of the Cross

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, especially the egg donations and to those who purchased piroghis. This project would not be possible without your continued support, so a GREAT BIG Thank you to all of you. Your dedication to St Therese Parish, parishioners, and non-parishioners alike are very much appreciated.



Holy Name will be selling chances on a **Last Supper Diamond painting**. Chances are \$2.00 for one, \$5 for 3. Winner will be drawn on April 13th after the 10:30 Mass



St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one, please contact the parish office. A prayer shawl may be requested for someone mourning the loss of a loved one, someone undergoing a procedure, someone with an illness, or anyone whom you feel is in need of Gods comfort and embrace.

During the month of April the prayer shawl ministry will be making shawls/blankets to give to the Women's Help Center.

If you have any questions, regarding this ministry of prayer and craft, please reach out to Debi Hubbard at mommyhub@atlanticbb.net or 814-421-2416.

Families and the Gospel: (LK 22:14-23:56)

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

Community News & Events



ST. GREGORY AND BARNABAS CHURCH, will hold a **Fish Fry on Fridays of Lent**. Two sites open: 120 Boltz St., and 408 Luzon Ave., from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM at both sites. 120 Boltz St. site will also be open on Good Friday, 3:30 to 6:30 PM. No phone orders please.



St Anne Basket Party

Sunday, April 27, 2024

Held at St. Therese Social Hall -

Admission \$10 -- includes a spaghetti dinner
+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 2:00PM

Call today to reserve your tickets!

Dinner tickets going fast

You don't want to miss out on the delicious
spaghetti dinner

Soft Walk Through - Saturday April 26th from
4:00PM - 7:00 PM -

25 basket chances for only \$5 - **No Meal**



Cash\$ Bash

Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Company will be selling tickets on April 12th & 13th before and after Masses for their up-coming CASH BASH schedule for April 26th 5-8 Doors open at 4PM. \$20 admission which includes dinner and drinks.

Grief Support Group



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Journey Through Loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Tuesday, April 22nd. We will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Holy Grounds at Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Westmont. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Petrak at 814502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

VISITATION PARISH PILGRIMAGE: We are currently planning a jubilee year pilgrimage to The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg Maryland for Friday, May 16, 2025. The Pilgrimage will include luxury bus transportation to and from the Shrine, a tour of the basilica and the grounds, Mass and dinner. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person. If you are interested, please call the rectory office at (814) 536-6110 ext.1 by April 15th. We look forward to sharing the day with you.

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	April 14	5:00 PM
St Patrick	Wednesday	April 16	6:00 PM