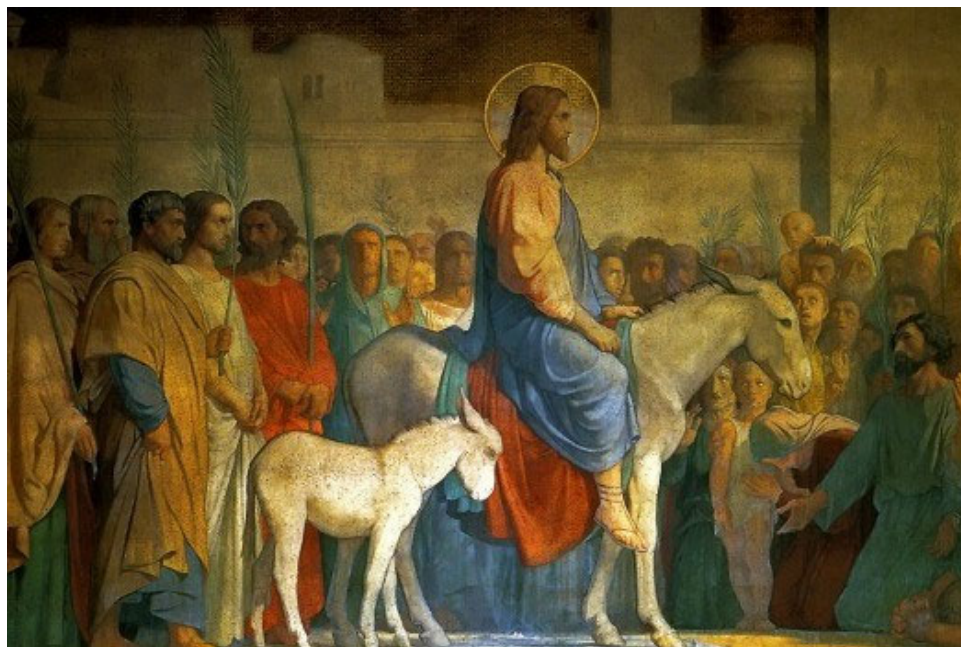


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*Palm
Sunday
March 28, 2021*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.
Office Closed on Thursday

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days As scheduled
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. M, T, W, F

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

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Please notify the parish office whenever someone ill, hospitalized, or homebound wishes to receive Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal instruction offered at 7 p.m.
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Call the office to register.

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The Light Is On For You
Monday 5:30 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Friday 4:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.
Anytime by appointment

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Dear Parishioners.

Our celebration of Palm Sunday is certainly a study in contrasts. Jesus enters Jerusalem like a triumphant hero only to be rejected as an object of scorn and derision as His procession becomes the beginning of His Passion. Hosannahs become shouts to crucify Him. It is rather astounding and jarring, this movement from palms of praise to persecution crucifixion. All this is recalled in the one sacred celebration of Holy Mass at the beginning of Holy Week.

Equally astounding to me is how closely this Liturgy reflects (perhaps predicts?) the reality of our lives and our world to this very day. To be a Christian is to experience, albeit at a much less degree, persecution and rejection by the world. To be a Christian is also to know how often we reject our Savior and His ways when we sin. In one day, we may proclaim Him as King *and* reject Him. as we choose anger, pleasure, or worse to satisfy our own wills and desires over His. We can become aware of how easily we embrace the empty promises of culture even though they contradict the promises of Christ as revealed through Holy Scripture and Church teaching. Palm Sunday is an opportunity for us to pray that we may persevere in the Faith when “the crowds” turn against Him. What would we do if confronted with the choice of accepting the mark of the beast in order to have access to food, travel, and access to public entertainment and comforts?

Palm Sunday reminds me that I must pray for strength and *final* perseverance. St. John Vianney tells us, “We cannot please God and the world at the same time, they are utterly opposed.” Yet we are here, exiled as it were, in the world of flesh and dust. Without the Grace of Jesus Christ, I know I would fail in the face of extreme suffering. So let us all throw ourselves into His arms of grace. Let us learn how to completely rely upon Him. Let us walk with Mary and the Saints as we follow our Lord and Savior. It will involve suffering and sacrifice, but it does not end with suffering and sacrifice. Palm Sunday leads to the Sacred Triduum, the three holy days known as Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, which brings us to the dawn of Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday challenges us to move from being one among the fickle crowd to becoming a person united with Christ. Then we will be accompanied by Jesus as He leads us through suffering to celebration, through sorrow to joy, through slavery to sin to true freedom. Ultimately, He takes us through death to new life, now and in eternity. *Saecula Saeculorum*. Amen.

Joyfully yours,

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Holy Week

Monday March 29

Mass.....9:00 am

The Light is On.....5:30 pm

Adoration.....6:00 pm

Tuesday March 30

Mass.....9:00 am

Wednesday March 31

Mass.....9:00 am

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper.....7:00 pm

Night Prayer.....10:00 pm

Good Friday April 2

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.....1:30 pm

Stations of the Cross.....4:00 pm

Holy Saturday April 3

Vigil Mass.....8:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 4

Mass (reservations required).....8:00 am

Mass.....10:30 am

Campout Weekend VBS

"Jesus is the Light"

Save the Dates: Friday, July 9, 6:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m. &
Sat., July 10, 9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.

Kids will trek through an outdoor adventure, while kindling friendships and learning that Jesus is the light of the world.

Volunteers needed: Group Leaders, Youth Helpers, Music and More Leader, Kitchen Crew, Games, Bible Adventure. Please call the Parish office if you are interested in joining the VBS team. Next meeting is April 6 at 1:00 p.m.



Rice Bowls

Rice bowls can now be returned.

Baskets are located on the communion tables near the altar.
Thank you!



Patrick and Matthew Gerrity are pictured above with some relics of the saints. Father McCormick met with the High School Class to discuss the significance of relics to our Faith.

Community and Service

This Week at our Church

~Monday, March 29

The Light Is On For You ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour ~ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Please Note—From Easter Monday until Advent

Holy Hour will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m..

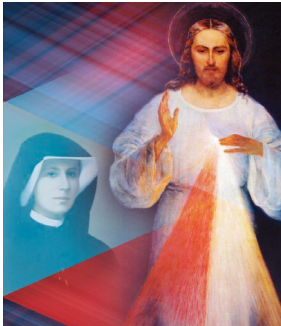
~Friday, April 2

No Confessions

ABSTINENCE from meat (beast and fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 and older. The abstinence is required on Ash Wednesday, Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday.

FASTING means limiting oneself to one full meal on a fast day. All Catholics over 18 up until their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Divine Mercy Sunday



April 11, 2021

3:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

Exposition

Chaplet

Rosary

Benediction

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on me and on the whole world."

Minestrone Soup Sale Success

We raised \$830.00 from the Minestrone Soup Sale. The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who purchased soup and contributed to the sale in any way.

A special "thank you" to:
Diane and Bob Dunne,
Wendy Knorr,
Barb Gallagher,
Sue Leisenring,
Doreen Matty,
and Ed and Deb Steinbacher.

Thank you

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to spotlight Crouse Funeral Home and thank them for being a bulletin sponsor.



Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, June 19, 2021
Tent at Marywood University
\$40 In person. \$20 Virtual



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Love*



Theresa Bonoparte Esther Chris Jaki Sister Virginia Jaki Mary Taylor Trisodi Rosemary Jankowski

Faith in Action

**"To love our neighbor in charity
is to love God in man."**

~ St Francis de Sales

The United Churches Food Pantry is running low on the following items:

- 1) Juice boxes
- 2) Cereal



We will be wrapping up our collection for the month of March.

Thank you for your continued support!

Clam Chowder Sale

OLOL Knights of Columbus are having a Clam Chowder Sale. All proceeds will benefit the Expectation Women's Center.

The sale is on April 17 starting at 2:00 p.m. and also after the 4:00 p.m. Mass and April 18 after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

1st come 1st serve. \$5/pint

Also accepting private donations for the Center.

Worship

Mass Intentions

~Monday, March 29 9:00 a.m.
Holy Mother Church by Romey Fagnano Family
~Tuesday, March 30 9:00 a.m.
Christopher Mowery by Mom and Mickie
~Wednesday, March 31 9:00 a.m.
Pat Kelly by the Kelly Family
~Holy Thursday, April 1 7:00 p.m.
Our First Communion Candidates
~Good Friday Service, April 2 1:30 p.m.
~Holy Saturday April 3 8:00 p.m.
Easter Intentions
~Easter Sunday, April 4
8:00 a.m.
Easter Intentions
10:30 a.m.
Easter Intentions



Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-14;
Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16;
5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2; Ps 104
b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 34:4; Ps 19
g) Ez 36:16-17, 18-28; Ps 42 and 43
Is 12:2-3; Ps 51
h) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118
Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020

Help Us Reach Our Annual Appeal Goal.

So far we have raised \$30,360 toward our parish goal of \$41,000. We convey our gratitude to all parishioners who have given a gift to the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each donation truly matters. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Offertory Collections

Due to an early bulletin deadline collection totals for March 20/21 were not available for publication.



Thank you for the continued financial support to Our Lady of Lourdes Church!



Group 3, Monday, March 29

Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Barbara Gallagher

Group 4, Monday, April 5

Barb Nau, Dora Pioli, Wendy Marshalek

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Giving online is easy and allows you to set-up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

To sign up: Visit www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org
Click on "On-Line Giving"

Click "Button"

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If you have questions or need help setting up your Direct Contribution account, please call the parish office.

Prayer for Healing...

Dear Lord, We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring Healing, Comfort, and Peace to their Bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing of Your love.

Amen.

Prayer List for the month of March

C.B., Dottie Legarski Bacher, Rita Bamonte, Mary Blee, Dave Bonus, Aria Bower, Melissa Bower, Cindy Boyer, Karyn Boyle, Elly Brown, Ashlyn Brysiak, Terri Carter, James Casale, Dan Cassidy, Frank Delycure, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Sue Duncan, Robert Dunne, Roberta Eck, Fritz Fedorko, Jeanne Feerrar, Margie Foulds, Cynthia Freezer, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Geraldine Hamm, Lynn Hare, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Mary Lou Kavelak, Bob Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Tony Longo, Dani Lorson, Vera McClellan, Bill McKinney, Jerome Mitchell, Rachael Muggleton, Michelle Nickolaus, Patricia Nierle, G.S., Roberta Shadle, Mary Shuhler, Fonda Stammet, Harriet Steinbacher, Mary Margaret Steinbacher, Barbara Swartz, Charles Tooley, Anthony Verdini, Carlee Weber, Cora Witmer, Jack Wright Sr.

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.



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