

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 25	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Tues March 27	6:10 PM	Bingo
	7:00 PM	Legion of Mary
Wed March 28	5:00-6:00 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs March 29	7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri March 30	12:00 Noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion
	7:30 PM	Tenebrae
Sat March 31	12:00 Noon	Blessing of Easter Food
	8:30 PM	EASTER VIGIL
Sun April 1	EASTER SUNDAY	



Monday, March 26 Monday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m.

†Patricia Ronan (*Frank & Janice Frucella*)

Tuesday, March 27 Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Sracic (*Lorrie, Frank & Lorraine Meloy*)

Wednesday, March 28 Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m.

†Judith Sanders (*Todd & Patty Sanders*)

Thursday, March 29 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

†John C. Suhoney Jr. (*Fromknecht Family*)

Friday, March 30 GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 NOON Celebration of Our Lord's Supper

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Saturday, March 31 HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 p.m.

†Clair J. Lockard (*Gene & Barbara Stoltz*)

Sunday, April 1 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. †Gerald Wustrow (*Family*)

10:30 a.m. †Mary E. Fiore (*Family*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

EASTER DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. If you would be able to lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated.

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Deborah

Kawtoski. Volunteers

Readers: Nancy Little, Michael Nazaruk

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 2018

12 NOON

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Viola Bettwy

Readers: Michael Nazaruk, Volunteer

EASTER VIGIL, March 31, 2018

8:30 p.m.

Servers: Rachel Lucas, Marcus Lucas

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Volunteers

Readers: Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf, Laverne Previte,

Michael Nazaruk, Viola Bettwy, Deborah Kawtoski

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Margaret Keating, Matthew Neumeyer, Delilah Noel

Eucharistic Ministers: Martha Dombrowski, Mary

Engelman, Mary Lou Horton, James Trexler, Linda

Zakrzewski

Readers: Helen Mirenda, Elizabeth Tully

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Claire Cammarata, Nathan Cammarata, Devon Housum

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Thomas Goss,

Gina Goss, Dennis Housum, Carole Housum

Readers: Todd Cammarata, Patrick Labriola

12:00 Noon

Servers: Caleb Trexler, Noah Trexler, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Philip Bracken, Johnine Mueller,

Ronald Skupien

Readers: Christina Bracken, Patrick Condryn

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week is the holiest week of the year for Christians. It will conclude with three days-only seventy-two hours—in which the greatest events of our redemption were accomplished—the Triduum of the crucified, buried, and risen. The Sacred Easter Triduum has been seen as a time of silence, during which the Church mourns the sufferings and death of her Divine Spouse. These “still-days” invite us to deeper reflection on the salvation won for us on the cross. Consider how you will spend these days of prayer and contemplation and join us in the many opportunities we have to deepen our experience of these sacred days.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 17-18, 2018

Regular	\$9507.61	Christmas	\$ 43.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 13.00	Easter	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 556.00	Tuition Assist.	\$ 196.39
Starter Set	\$ 35.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Bishops' Relief	\$ 13.00	Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 10.00	Ascension	\$ 5.00
Home Missions	\$ 5.00	Total	\$10434.00

HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING

Holy Thursday, the evening of the Lord's Supper, is our occasion to honor the continuing good work done in the name of Gloria Gates. We forward the gathered Holy Thursday offering to the Gloria Gates Foundation that helps the youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your Holy Thursday almsgiving.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collections helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please use the envelope that is in your pack of envelopes. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Following Jesus in the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting God's will. [*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*-10th Anniv. Ed., USCCB, 2002] A good steward stays awake with Christ in solidarity to the sin and suffering in this world.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 31	8:30 p.m.	Volunteers
April 1	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:30 a.m.	Robert, Yvonne & Sean Gibson
	Noon	Volunteers

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOODS

The special religious feature of Holy Saturday is the blessing of various foods, but especially the eggs and the lamb (or another item shaped as a lamb). Some of the traditional foods and what they symbolize follow: Eggs were often forbidden during Lent and thus were particularly tasty after 40 days without them. The egg symbolizes Christ in the tomb. At breakfast on Easter Sunday the egg is broken to represent Christ's resurrection and then shared with everyone to show the unity that exists between Christ and His loved ones.

The lamb, molded of butter or pastry, symbolizes the full realization that without the Lamb of God there could be no salvation. Because of their symbolic significance the egg and lamb are given the place of honor-in the center of the table.

Easter Breads are another common Easter tradition all over the world usually formed or twisted. Nearly every culture shares some form of twisted bread made to look like a person praying in spiritual reverence, or to symbolize a religious element of Easter. Different meat products represent abundance and generosity.

Horseradish and bitter herbs that signify the bitterness of suffering of Christ, and salt a sign of hospitality and a reminder that we are called to be "salt of the earth." Candles represent Christ the Light of the World.

We will bless baskets, Saturday, March 31 at Noon in the Parish Center.

BLESSING OF CHILDREN'S EASTER BASKETS

We will be blessing Children's Easter Baskets at the end of the Easter Sunday Masses. Please feel free to bring your baskets.

CANDLES: Theresa M. Sukala by Sister Anne, Kristin Zimmerman & Allison by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Special Intention for Charlotte Jacobs by Grandparents Ralph & Michelle . Jacobs.

SERVICE HOURS:

Anyone needing personal service hours or group service hours are asked to help Father Saylor in decorating the Church on March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** on March 25, Palm Sunday and April 1, Easter Sunday. Class will resume on April 8.

Please remember to put the Rice Bowls in the collection basket at Mass.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students of St. Rose of Lima is having an Easter Egg Hunt. You are all invited.

Date: April 1– Easter Sunday Morning

Time: 9:20-10:00 a.m.

Place: Father Saylor's Court Yard behind the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Bernice Shoenfelt at 944-8509 or 943-5659 or e-mail bshoenfelt@stroselima.com

See you there.

Father Saylor-Pastor Bernice Shoenfelt-DRE

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

GOAL: \$41,580

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive.

Please join them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available in the gathering space, or you may give online at www.dioceseaj.org. On behalf of these vital ministries, thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

SUPPER CLUB-The Supper Club will meet on April 8 at The Dream Restaurant at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The Shrine of Our Lady of Olmetti in Turin, Italy, was built in 1721 on the site of a small chapel dedicated to the Virgin, in thanksgiving for a miraculous healing. The name olmetti refers to the elm groves that grow in that region.

History records that in 1701, Gian Bartolomeo Bovero Castagnole, residing in Germagnano, a Piedmontese town near Turin, sought the help of the Virgin whose image was painted on the tower of the nearby oratory of Olmetti, on behalf of his two seriously ill children. Returning home, Gian Bartolomeo found the two children cured.

The news of the miracle spread quickly, and soon the local people built a church, which was later enlarged. The current church dates from 1848.

Restoration of the Chalice at Mass for the Faithful

At the center of the Church's annual liturgical calendar is the commemoration of the Lord's death and resurrection during the Three Days. Lent will end late in the afternoon of Thursday, March 29. The Three Days will begin Holy Thursday evening, March 29, with the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*. As the Church enters the sacred Triduum, the offering of the chalice is to be restored in all the parishes of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. At the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* all in the Diocesan Church will be welcomed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of bread and wine. Consistently the Church has stated that the fullness of the sign of Mass is seen in the reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. This is what Jesus the Lord directed on the night before he died, to eat his Body and drink his Blood. All are invited to Holy Communion under the elements of both bread and wine Holy Thursday evening. Also, beginning at the *Mass of the Lord's Supper*, we will now return to the regular manner of exchanging the sign of peace.

LAST SUPPER DRAMA

Monday of Holy Week-March 26, 2018

8:00-9:00 p.m. to be performed at St. Michael's Parish in Hollidaysburg. The event features an adult cast from St. Michael, St. Mary and St. Patrick Parishes of Hollidaysburg and Newry.

Watch and listen as Christ's Disciples speak of their thoughts and emotions, as they prepare to share in the First Eucharist and our Lord's Redeeming Passion. The drama is one hour and required no audience participation. There is no cost or offering.

HANDMADE GNOCCHI SALE

From the Kitchen of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Parish is sponsoring a Handmade Gnocchi Sale. On the weekend of April 14-15, you may purchase packages (single serving) of frozen handmade gnocchi freshly made by the ladies of the Parish. They will be available after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel School Cafeteria (8th Ave.) for \$5.00/package. The proceeds of the sale will benefit the Pipe Organ Campaign. Mark your calendar: on the weekend of May 5-6, we will have a handmade spaghetti and fettuccine sale. Perfect for Mother's Day!

ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold a Roast Beef Dinner/Spring Festival on Sunday, April 8th. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. Time: 11:00 a.m. to...? Tickets: Adults (eat-in-or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6 to 12 \$6.00; 5 and under FREE.

The Friar's Noon Gift Shop-March Happenings

Celebrate Easter and Spring Sacraments by receiving 20% off your entire purchase at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop through the month of March! The Friar's Nook is located across from St. Bernadine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop will be holding an Easter bake sale Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week (March 26th-March 28th). The bake sale will include Franciscan inspired Easter bread and ethnic cookies. Fresh product brought in daily!

CCW 16th Annual "Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt"

The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our 16th Annual Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt (Paschal Festival), on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, 279 St. Elizabeth St., Loretto, Pa. Please join us for an afternoon focusing on the culture of Haiti. The meal will feature Haitian dishes prepared by Chef Gina Tusing. Doors open at 1:45 p.m. Dinner and Silent Auction at 2:30 p.m. followed by entertainment. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 13. We ask you to contribute new underwear or socks for children, infant to teen sizes, girls or boys. Contact CCW Incarnation Center at 886-4098 for tickets or for more information. Ticket deadline is April 16. All proceeds will help us continue our ministry in Haiti.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The Local Church of Altoona-Johnstown will assemble on Monday of Holy Week, March 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the annual Chrism Mass. Bishop will gather with his college of priests assisted by his deacons with the assembled faithful from throughout the Diocese. Bishop will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism. These consecrated oils will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick; also, new altars will be consecrated with Sacred Chrism. Each parish community will take a portion of the three oils back to the parish for use in the appropriate liturgical celebrations. The entire diocesan family is invited to participate in this annual Liturgy.

Congratulations to the following Confirmation Candidates on the RITE OF SENDING:

Sydney Berish	Jonah Brandt
Emily Brown	Elyse Brzana
Kelly Campbell	John Fiore
Salvatore Fiore	Michael Folcarelli
John Frederick	Matthew Hartman
Emma Irwin	Olivia Kline
Michael McCall	Matthew Neumeyer
Alicia Nicolini	Delilah Noel
Joshua Smith	Nathan Smith
Erin Stockley	Caleb Trexler