

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 5 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat April 11 EASTER VIGIL
Sun April 12 EASTER SUNDAY



Monday, April 6 Monday of Holy Week

†Victoria Gjurich (*Nancy Ronan & Family*)

Tuesday, April 7 Tuesday of Holy Week

†Theresa Coanshock (*Ann Yartin*)

Wednesday, April 8 Wednesday of Holy Week

†Eugene Stoltz (*Bill & Fritz Beard*)

Thursday, April 9 HOLY THURSDAY

†Barry Noel (*Carolyn Sylvester*)

Friday, April 10 GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of Our Lord's Supper

Saturday, April 11 HOLY SATURDAY

†A. Louise Conrad (*Lorie Dell*)

Sunday, April 12 EASTER SUNDAY

Mass For the People
†Paul Andrews (*Margie Ann Andrews*)

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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 the 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 DISTRIBUTION

Due to the Coronavirus we have been asked not to place palm out for people to take because of numerous people handling it. Palm will be blessed and distributed when the virus subsides. It may be a little dry, but it's still good.

Canceled ... All churches will remain closed until further notice. ... See <https://proclaim.dioceseaj.org/summary-of-directives/>

GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY SCHEDULE

The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The cross will be displayed Good Friday, though ask that you only reverence with a bow or genuflection. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

BLESSING EASTER FOODS

Father Brian will be available Holy Saturday from 11:00-11:30 a.m. to bless Easter foods. Just pull up to the front door of the church, no need to get out of your car.

EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES AND EASTER BASKETS

The priests and deacon will be available Easter Sunday from 8:00-11:00 a.m. to bless your family and Easter baskets. Please follow the marks on the sign to allow separation.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 28-29, 2020

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| Regular | \$4598.50 | Christmas | \$ 2.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 27.00 | Candles | \$ 35.00 |
| Gym Rent | \$ 180.00 | Bishops Relief | \$ 100.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$ 85.00 | Donation from Altar & Rosary | \$ 410.00 |
| Initial | \$ 10.00 | Total | \$5447.50 |

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

He who finds Mary finds life. In these latter times Mary must shine forth more than ever in mercy, power and grace; in mercy, to bring back and welcome lovingly the poor sinners and wanderers who are to be converted and return to the Catholic Church; in power, to combat the enemies of God who will rise up menacingly to seduce and crush by promises and threats all those who oppose them; finally, she must shine forth in grace to inspire and support the valiant soldiers and loyal servants of Jesus Christ who are fighting for his cause.

Lastly, Mary must become as terrible as an army in battle array to the devil and his followers, especially in these latter times. For Satan, knowing that he has little time—even less now than ever—to destroy souls intensifies his efforts and his onslaughts every day. He will not hesitate to stir up savage persecutions and set treacherous snares for Mary's faithful servants and children whom he finds more difficult to overcome than others.

CANDLES

Richard Traficante by Jeanne Traficante, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante

Palms vs. Passion

By Father Larry Rice

Each year at around this time, as Lent draws to a close, and Easter nears, Catholics everywhere look at their parish bulletins, missalettes, and publications, and wonder why the last Sunday in Lent is called "Passion Sunday" and not "Palm Sunday."

The formal designation changed in 1970; still, many people are much more accustomed to calling it "Palm Sunday."

The palms, of course, are a commemoration of the ancient custom of covering the path of an honored person as he passed by. In many parts of the Near East, this was among the highest honors, often reserved for royalty. All four of the Gospels speak of Jesus receiving this honor as he entered triumphantly into Jerusalem, days before his execution. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the crowds are said to have laid their cloaks in the street, as well as cut rushed. Only John's Gospel specifically mentions palm fronds.

It's the custom in Catholic churches to give people palms that are blessed at the beginning of the liturgy and carried in procession at the start of the mass. It is many people's private custom to weave these palms into crosses or other shapes during the liturgy. I would like to believe that they're not doing this during my homily, but experience tells me they are.

Ultimately, the celebration of this day isn't about the palms, any more than the celebration of Christmas is about decorated evergreen trees. As the prayers and scripture readings make clear, the liturgy is really about Christ's passion—his willingness to suffer for our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. By the end of the reading of the passion narrative, the palms seem sad and ironic, as the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem would be transformed into the crowd shouting "Crucify him!" during his trial. Human fickleness and frailty are contrasted with Jesus' integrity and courage.

So, it makes sense to call it "Passion Sunday." Still, old customs and old terminology don't change easily.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA— Our Lady of Fatima with Msgr. Stanley B. Carson will be hosting a nine day Novena to The Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. and ending on Saturday, April 18th. Included in the Novena will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena, a meditation period, a homily by Msgr. Carson, confessions will be heard each day as needed and repossession of the Blessed Sacrament. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th, the image of the Divine Mercy will be on display in the sanctuary for all to venerate from 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents...
England's Treasures.**

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21-May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman Spas. Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

For information or a brochure please call/ email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-2148 (refer to Booking #987192)

Stewardship Reflection

April 5 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"Jesus mission is to restore to good order the created household of God which sin has disrupted. He not only perfectly accomplishes this task, but also, in calling disciples, empowers them to collaborate with him in the work of redemption for themselves and on behalf of others."

[Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, USCCB, 1993]

God has entrusted us with many gifts and talents, the breath of life and the means by which we can sustain our existence. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the Kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong; to change the world.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for April 5: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help those in need. Thank you!

The April 8th meeting of St. Vincent de Paul has been **CANCELLED**.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Due to the cancellation of public Masses at the present time, Father Brian will have individual bags with Easter Treats and the children available to stop by and pick up from the church foyer Easter morning.

ALTOONA AREA LYME DISEASE GROUP

The April 9th meeting of the Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group has been **CANCELLED**. Amber Altiero, Altoona Regional Leader, can be reached at 814-934-7403 for questions or concerns.

April 5, 2020: Passion (Palm) Sunday
(MT 26:14—27:66)

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God's present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.