

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018



Mass Times

Weekday – 8:30 AM

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday – 9:00 AM

Holy Days – 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour – Friday – 3:00 PM

CONFESSIONS – Saturday at 4:30 PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM and after Holy Hour, all Masses, or any time by appointment.

Religious Education – grades 1 -11 on Sunday 10:00-10:55 AM – Fr. Fairman

Parish Council – Bob Spargo, Chairman

Finance Council – Mark Rakoczy, OD, Chairman

Catholic Charities – 814-944-9388, call Monday through Friday, between 9AM and 5 PM

HOLY WEEK LITURGY----March 24-April 1

SATURDAY
5:30 PM

March 24
All Members of the Parish

PALM
SUNDAY
9:00 AM

March 25
Daniel Wood
by Fred & Margaret Grover



MONDAY
8:30 AM

March 26
John "Mick" Davis
by Bob & Carol Harclerode

TUESDAY
8:30 AM

March 27
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY
8:30 AM

March 28
Earl Ray Martin

HOLY
THURSDAY
7:00 PM

March 29
Special Intention by Theresa Lankey

GOOD
FRIDAY
8:30 AM

March 30
NO MASS



3:00 PM

Good Friday Service of the Passion

HOLY
SATURDAY
8:30 PM

EASTER VIGIL
March 31
Janeyth Kay Thomas
By Marianne Ziviello

EASTER
SUNDAY
9:00 AM

April 1
All Members of the
Parish



Easter – March 31- April 1
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



5:30 PM J. Naglic & M. Ziviello
9:00 AM B. Spargo & K. Spargo

LECTORS

5:30 PM M. Ziviello
9:00 AM N. Hillegas

***There will be no Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet
before the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass.***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mar 25-Choir practice after 9 AM Mass
Apr 9-Pro Life Meeting-Homewood Estates-6:30 PM
Apr 11-Ladies Meeting-7PM-Social Hall

PRAYER LIST: Jerry Corle, Pat Waltman, Conley Cirko, Bev Summerville, Michael Miller, Gabriel Grassi, Margaret Novak, Mary Drake, Hope Burkett, Pete Schetrompf, Joe Price Family, Fr. Norm Imgrund, Don Weaverling, Jane Cunard, Gene Ford, Cathy Crawford, Vincent Naglic, Chris Olsen, Ellen Coleman, Linda Wigfield, Joe Summerville, Deb Willey, Joan Buchanan, Anne Majcher, Herb Hillegas, Barb McConnell, Shirley Ford, Terry Young, Cameron Lowery, Marie Smith, John Milavec, Bradley Foor, Helen Terry, Bryce Phillip Johnson, Ann Robine, J. B. Whisker, Robert Myers, Stephen McLean, Jacey Schmidt, Jean Williams, Joette Reid, Jackie Verdiglione, Bill Waltman, Pat Young, Deborah James, Jane Hood, Rose & Ben Feight, John Watson, Sandy Carl, Emily Koontz, Carol Hines, Jeff Robine, Richard Bord, Helen Snyder, Kathleen Tomkosky, Nancy Stolarski, Troy Melliott, Dwane Gochnour, Fr. John Ellias, Cindy Appley, Mary Ellen Culver and Cohen Allen.

(Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.)

SUNDAY OFFERING
March 18, 2018


Weekly:	\$1,631.00
Thank you!	

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS:

Holy Thurs. - Mar.29 – St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford Co.
Use monthly envelope

Good Fri. – Holy Land – envelope in the box
This collection supports parishes, orphanages, schools, priest formation, senior care, and shrines in the Holy Land.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BARTCHAK (RETURN OF CHALICE): 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 receive 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

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will practice **after the 9:00 Mass.** Please consider joining your talent to our choir. 

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: Next meeting will be **Wednesday April 11, 2018, 7 PM.** All ladies of the parish are welcome.

PRO-LIFE: Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life meeting will be held **Monday, April 9, 6:30 PM,** in the game room at Homewood Estates. For more information call Doug Braendel at 814-623-6887

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on the poor, families, youth, seminarians and leadership development of clergy and laity. Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation you have received and return your pledge card to the diocesan Office of Development. All contributions received beyond our parish **quota** for the diocese, **\$9,011** will be used for this year’s project. We will **add \$5,000** to our quota to be used to **repair/replace the pews** that are cracked and **replace the kneelers** since so many are in poor condition. Thank you for supporting these, vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

Please let us know if you did not receive a letter from the bishop.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL 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.

Our next regular meeting is Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church basement. Please enter by the Penn St. door.

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. **Diocese of Altoona Johnstown Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd. Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.**

Families and the Gospel

March 25 **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.

Stewardship Reflection

Palm Sunday **March 25**

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
MK 14: 1-15, 47

and Divine Mercy Chaplet after the **3 PM service of the Passion on Good Friday**; after that please pray the novena on your own the rest of the nine days.



Holy Week

NOTES FROM FATHER FAIRMAN

- To answer a question many people ask: this week is **Palm Sunday**, and we will be receiving new palms-*so what do we do with the old blessed palms?* We need to bury them or burn them, not throw them in the trash, since they are blessed. I will have a receptacle for them in the vestibule this Sunday. That also applies to any thing that is blessed: rosaries, scapulars, broken crucifixes, religious statues, etc.
- I encourage all parishioners to try to come to the special **Holy Week Liturgical Services**: On **Monday at 11AM**, the diocesan **Chrism Mass** will take place at the **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral** in Altoona-all are invited to attend; here at St. John's, on **Holy Thursday**, the Mass of the **Lord's Supper** will be at **7 PM** followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until **10 PM**-if you can't come to the Mass at least try to come and spend some time in adoration of our Eucharistic Lord; on **Good Friday** will be the celebration of the **LORD'S PASSION** at **3 PM**; on **Holy Saturday** the Mass of the **Easter Vigil** will be at **8:30 PM**; and finally on **Easter Sunday** Mass will be at **9 AM** and **Easter Sunday** Mass at Bean's Cove will be at **noon**.
- Starting **Good Friday** is the annual **Novena to Our Lord's Divine Mercy**. It is a time of special graces. I will have pamphlets out in the vestibule, so that you can participate, which I hope you will. I will personally lead the special novena prayer

Triduum

The Passover of Our Lord

The Paschal Triduum, or “three days,” commemorates Jesus’ passage from death to life. Unique in the public worship of the Church, these solemn days stand apart from Lent and from the Easter season. Following the tradition of the ancient world, each “day” begins at sundown and ends at sundown the following day.

DAY ONE: CHRIST IS THE SACRIFICE

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper begins the Sacred Triduum. In the Eucharist, Jesus gave himself to us, just as he would in the sacrifice of Calvary. The celebration of the Lord’s Passion, including the Veneration of the Cross, usually takes place on the afternoon of Good Friday, still the first day of the Triduum. As Scripture tells us, they wanted to remove the bodies of Jesus and the two crucified with him before sundown because then it would be the Sabbath.

DAY TWO: THE SILENCE OF THE TOMB

The celebration of the Lord’s Passion ends in the silence of the tomb where Jesus was laid. We have the advantage of knowing he will rise the next day, but his disciples did not. In their grief and sorrow they were like all of us who experience the grief of loss, defeat and prayers that seem to go unanswered. With no liturgy on Holy Saturday, the Church pauses in unity with the grief of the ages. As we wait in hope, our love of God depends not on what God can do for us, but rather on who God is.

DAY THREE: THE VIGIL OF HOPE, DAY OF JOY

Early Christians believed Christ would return at night. We join with the hopes of all believers as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. In this liturgy, the entire Church Year culminates in worship and praise. From the Service of Light, to the scriptural account of salvation history to baptism to the renewal of our baptismal vows and finally to the Eucharist, this night celebrates Christ’s triumph over sin and death. The Sacred Triduum concludes at sundown on Easter Sunday.