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Palm Sunday

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Hi,

Holy Week begins this week with Palm Sunday. As the people spread the palm branches on the ground to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem, so we welcome him into our lives. Palm Sunday is a bit joyful after the somber of Lent. We celebrate with the distribution of blessed palm leaves which we can fold the palm fronds into crosses and keep them in our homes. May your hearts be filled with mercy as we enter this Holy Week and commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Till we chat again,
take one day at a time with the Lord.

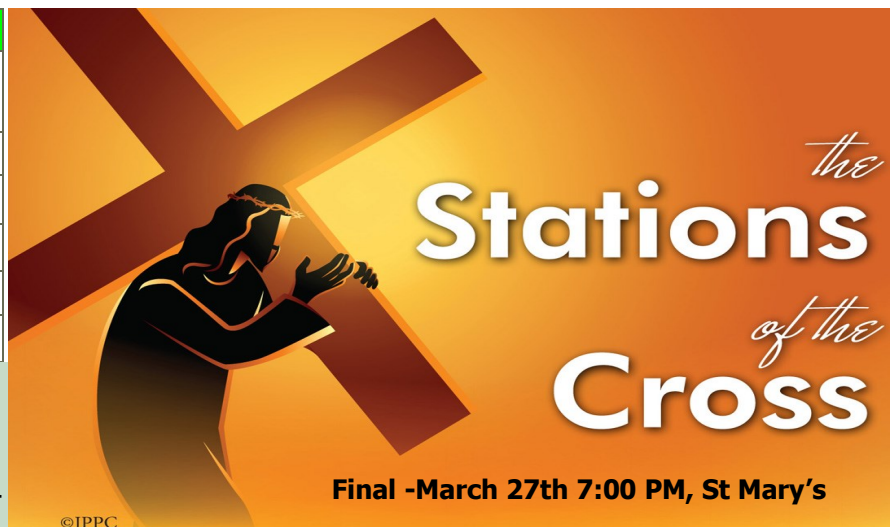
Fr Hutter



CLERGY	WORSHIP	SACRAMENTS
Pastor: Reverend John Hutter Deacons: Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Hanna Rev. Mr. Al Derivan (Retired)	Churches: St. Mary Church 100 St Mary's St, Phoenixville, PA Holy Trinity Church 219 Dayton Street, Phoenixville, PA	Baptism: Sundays after the 10:30 AM Mass except for Holy Days / Holidays. Formal request for Baptism form available online. Marriage: Scheduled after an initial consult with the Pastor, at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date. Convalidations have no waiting period. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from their parish prior to scheduling an initial appointment. Couples must attend one Marriage Preparation session (two per year are available at St. Mary's). Next session in TBD.
STAFF	CEMETERIES	
Ms. Donna Chasnocha, Bus Mgr Mr. Tom Moore, Maintenance Ms. Darlene Kane, Secretary Choir Director: Mrs. Denise Wisneski Parish Services: Mrs. Selena Cartolaro Holy Family School: Mrs. Jennifer D'Amelio	St. Mary Cemetery 212 Dayton Street Phoenixville, PA 19460 Holy Trinity Cemetery 1271 Fillmore Street Phoenixville, PA 19460 Black Rock Cemetery 584 Dayton Street Phoenixville, PA 19460	Confession: Saturdays from 3:00 —3:30 PM in St. Mary's Church. Adoration: Tuesday 8:30AM till 1PM in Holy Trinity Church Anointing of the Sick: please contact the Rectory to schedule as needed. Homebound parishioners: Communion is brought to the sick, contact the Parish Office to schedule as needed.
MASS SCHEDULE	COMMUNICATIONS	
Saturday: 4:00 PM (SM), 5:00 PM (HT) Sunday: (STM) 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM Daily: Mon—Thurs 8:00 AM (HT) Holy Days: as announced in STM Check Flocknotes for updates.	Rectory: (212 Dayton St, Phx) 610.933.2526 (phone) PREP: 610.933.2526 #8 SCRIP: 610.933.2526 #3 EMAIL: parishoffice@stmaryassumption.org TEXT: STMARY4 to 84576	

Collections Weekly Budget: \$13,000	Envelopes	Amount
	March 16-17, 2024	
First	147	\$4,875
Loose		\$1,447
Second	108	\$1,700
Loose		\$300
Online		\$2,226

Huge thank you to all of our visitors for your weekly contributions. If you would like us to track your donation, please use the donation envelopes in the back of each church and add your name and address.



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UPCOMING MASSES				UPCOMING MASSES			
Date	Day	Time	Intentions	Date	Day	Time	Intentions
	Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	Our Parishioners		Easter Sunday	7:15 AM	Kula, Adkins, Fecak, Prishale HT
		9:00 AM	Regina Yanchek			8:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	First Responders			9:00 AM	Kane Family
03/25	Mon	8:00 AM	Rose M Cutillo			10:30 AM	First Responders
03/26	Tue	8:00 AM	Floss and Bob Schlosman	04/01	Mon	8:00 AM	No Mass
03/27	Wed	8:00 AM	Mark Verdeur	04/02	Tue	8:00 AM	Jeannie Quigley
03/28	Thu	8:00 AM	No Mass	04/03	Wed	8:00 AM	Armond Bazinet
		7:00 PM	Holy Thursday	04/04	Thu	8:00 AM	Joseph DiGiuseppe
03/29	Fri	8:00 AM	No Mass	04/05	Fri	8:00 AM	No Mass
	STM	3:00 PM	Good Friday-Passion	04/06	Sat	4:00 PM	Helen & Vito Lauritano
03/30	Sat	12:00 PM	Food/Water Blessing			5:00 PM	Robert Pristash
	STM	7:00 PM	Easter Vigil				

What does the Triduum mean?

During Holy Week, you will hear the priest refer to the Triduum. Taken from a Latin root that mean “**three days**,” it is a period of time that traces the final days of Jesus' life, his death, and his resurrection from the dead. Starting on the Thursday before Easter Sunday, each day is traditionally marked with a particular liturgy.



HOLY WEEK

As a parish, we continue to **promote vocations** within the Archdiocese. We ask that you take a minute each day to recite this prayer. Continued blessings to those who answer God's call.

VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father,
in Your plan for your salvation,
You provide shepherds for Your people.
Fill Your Church in the Archdiocese of
Philadelphia, especially St Mary of the
Assumption Parish,
with the Spirit of courage and love.
Raise up from our families' future priests:
worthy ministers for Your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Week Customs

Palm crosses: From medieval times, people have believed that blessed palms formed into the shape of a cross would protect them from danger. The easiest way to make a cross from blessed palms is to cut two pieces of the palm, arrange in the shape of a cross, put a thumbtack in the middle, and attach the cross to a doorway or a bulletin board. Check Google for directions on how to braid or weave palms into more decorative crosses.



Housecleaning: In many cultures the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week are designated as days for vigorous housecleaning in preparation for Easter. This custom probably evolved from the Jewish custom of ritual cleaning before Passover.

Visiting churches: The custom of visiting several churches to say a prayer on Holy Thursday was a tradition that evolved from the practice of making pilgrimages to holy places.

Coloring eggs: Decorating eggs was a pagan symbol of rebirth at springtime for the Romans, Greeks, Egyptians, Persians and even the Chinese. Christians adopted the colored egg as a symbol of new life which comes with the Resurrection.

Sweet breads: In many cultures, Holy Week was traditionally a time for baking sweet breads, cakes and pastries that would be served on Easter Sunday.

New clothes: From the time of the early Christians, the newly baptized wore white garments made from new linen. In medieval times, it became a tradition for people to wear new clothes on Easter Sunday, symbolizing the "new life" that comes with the Resurrection. In some places it was believed that bad luck would come to those who could afford new Easter clothes but refused to buy them.

Easter lilies: The tradition of buying Easter lilies during Holy Week for use as decorations in homes and churches came into practice in the 1800s. The white flower is a symbol of purity and new life that heralds the resurrection of Jesus.

Blessing of Easter baskets: In many cultures, families bring food that will be eaten on Easter Sunday to church in a basket for a special blessing on Holy Saturday. (**noon at St Mary's Church**)

Holy Water blessings: Some families bring holy water containers to Mass on Easter so they can bring home some Easter water, which is blessed during the Easter Vigil, to bless their homes. (**noon at St Mary's Church**)

Church Open for Prayer

Over the next few months, our church will be open periodically for parishioners, families, and friends to come and sit, one-on-one with Our Lord.

You will find a quiet space within the walls to gather your thoughts and connect with God.

This is not a rosary or group, not Adoration, not speakers or leaders. No judgment. Simply a time for you to sit with God.

April 3, 2024

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Holy Trinity Worship Site

Please note, April 3rd is a bingo night, please expect additional cars in the lot.

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Congratulations to our parishioner, 102 year old **Ted Novak**, honored by the nation of France for his efforts to liberate France during WWII. He was awarded France's highest award The Legion of Honor.

Ted participated in the Normandy Campaign, Campaign of Northern France, the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland Campaign and the Campaign of Central Europe.

In August of 1944, Ted was shot and severely wounded. He received the Purple Heart that year and another in April 1945 after being shot again. Additionally, he received a Bronze Star for his heroic actions during the Battle of the Bulge.

After returning from the war he became very active in his community and served as President of the Linfield Athletic Committee.

Please join us in thanking Ted for his years of service. God Bless!



A colorful bingo game poster. At the top, there are several bingo balls with numbers: 3, 7, 9, 5, and a green ball labeled 'FREE'. The word 'BINGO' is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters. Below it, a red ribbon banner says '1ST & 3RD WED OF EACH MONTH'. Further down, it lists 'GAMES - FOOD - GIVEAWAYS - JACKPOTS' and 'ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION - PARISH CENTER 219 DAYTON ST, PHOENIXVILLE PA (GYM)'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DOORS OPEN AT 6PM, GAMES BEGIN AT 7PM' and '\$3.00 ADMISSION - 16 GAMES, 4 SPECIALS'. A small text at the very bottom says 'Made with PosterMyWall.com'.

H.O.P.E. MINISTRY: H.O.P.E. volunteers are available to drive those in need to appointments or essential errands, Monday—Friday, 7:00AM to 4:00PM.

PLEASE GIVE 4 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE WHEN SCHEDULING A RIDE WITH H.O.P.E.

MARCH CONTACTS:
Amy Horn
610-996-4400
Car shown may not be exact



A vibrant poster for a 'Beef & Beer' event. At the top, it says 'ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRESENTS' followed by 'BEEF & BEER' in large, stylized letters. Below that, it says 'FEATURING THE Chatter BAND'. A green starburst graphic says 'SOLD OUT!!!'. The center of the poster features a group photo of the band members. To the right of the photo is a red and white Volkswagen van with a peace sign. At the bottom, it says 'OLD SCHOOL TO NEW COOL' and 'FRIDAY APRIL 5TH'. Below the date, it lists '219 DAYTON ST (GYM), PHOENIXVILLE 19460'. On the left, it says 'FOOD 6PM' and on the right, 'MUSIC 7-11 PM'. At the very bottom, it says 'TIX AT STMARYASSUMPTION.ORG | 610.933.2526 | *\$2 PROCESSING FEE FOR ONLINE TICKET SALES' and 'MUST BE 21 TO ENTER, ID REQUIRED UPON ENTRY'.

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