



Our Vision: TO BE ON FIRE WITH JESUS CHRIST AND TO IGNITE THE WORLD.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

St. Patrick: 4:00 p.m.*

St. Angela Merici: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday

St. Angela Merici: 8:00 a.m.

St. Patrick: 9:30 a.m.

St. Angela Merici: 11:00 a.m.*

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

St. Angela Merici: 8:30 a.m.*

Tuesday, Thursday

St. Patrick: 8:30 a.m.*

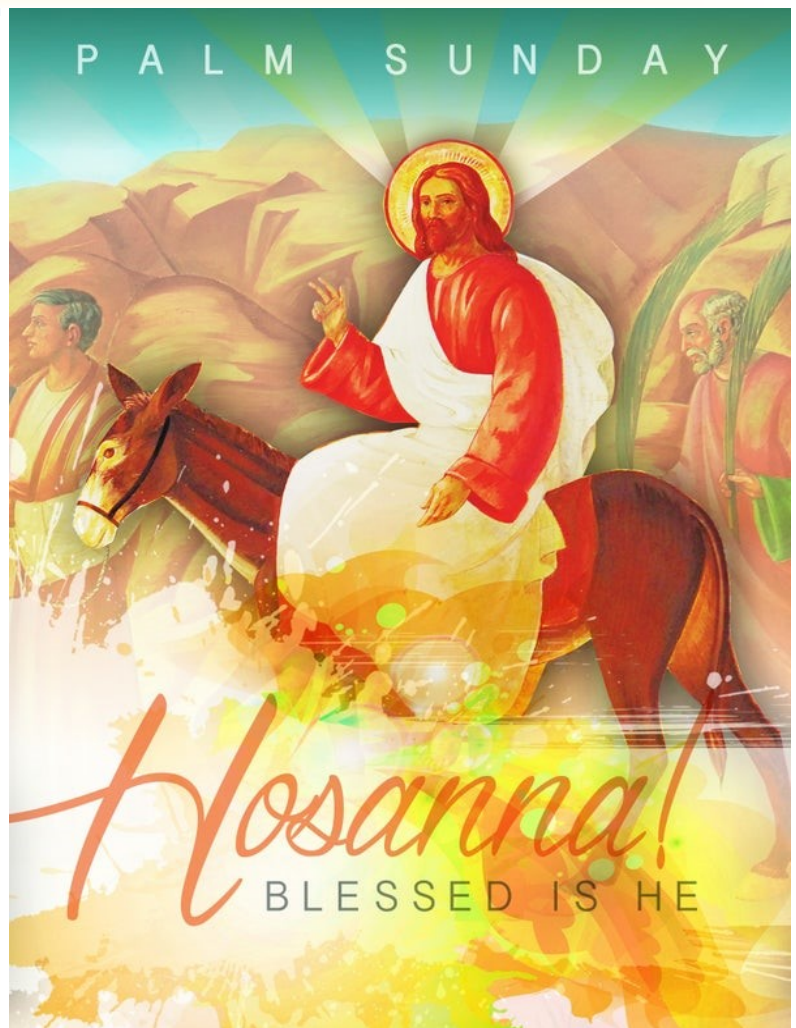
Thursday Evening

St. Angela Merici: 6:30 p.m.

*Livestreamed via our website:
marymotherofgod1.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

See Holy Week Reconciliation Schedule
in the Bulletin



SUNDAY | APRIL 2, 2023

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St. Angela Merici
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Corpus Christi
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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the Parish Center as to:

Sacrament of Baptism

Prior to having your child baptized, parents must attend a baptismal class.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to your wedding date. A date will be set only after contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

(You may also see one of our priests after Mass)

Holy Communion for the Homebound

For those unable to attend Mass regularly.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The process of becoming Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. We also offer programs for children.

Mass Readings and Intentions

<p>Saturday, April 1</p> <p>4:00 pm St. P 4:30 pm St. A</p>	<p>Lenten Weekday Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56</p> <p>Living and Deceased Benick and Wray Families by: Family Helen & John Kerklo by: Niece, Patty Goss</p>
<p>Sunday, April 2</p> <p>8:00 am St. A 9:30 am St. P 11:00 am St. A</p>	<p>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54</p> <p>Living and Deceased of the Parish Margaret Anselmo by: Carol & Dan Balcer In Memory of Chronowski Family by: Agnes and Stan</p>
<p>Monday, April 3</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p>Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11</p> <p>Marlene Straub by: Susan & John Litzinger</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 4</p> <p>8:30 am St. P</p>	<p>Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38</p> <p>Pierina & William Dumi by: Robert Dumi</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 5</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p>Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25</p> <p>Nicholas Test, Sr. By: Betty & Nicholas Test</p>
<p>Thursday, April 6</p> <p>6:00 pm St. P 7:00 pm St. A</p>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15</p> <p>All Living and Deceased Priests All Living and Deceased Priests</p>
<p>Friday, April 7</p> <p>1:00 pm St. P 2:00 pm St. A</p>	<p>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday Service) Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42</p> <p>Passion of the Lord</p>
<p>Saturday, April 8</p> <p>7:00 pm St. A</p>	<p>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10</p> <p>All Easter Masses will be offered for the Living and Deceased of the Parish</p>
<p>Sunday, April 9</p> <p>8:00 am St. A 9:30 am St. P 11:00 am St. A</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10</p> <p>All Easter Masses will be offered for the Living and Deceased of the Parish</p>

FROM FATHER TERRY

J+M+J



“Please walk with me.” As we begin Holy Week today with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, this is Jesus’ invitation to all of us. Jesus wants us to walk with him as we enter the saving mysteries of our faith. We welcome Jesus today on Palm Sunday, crying out “hosanna,” which means “Save, Please!” We further hold palm branches which were used as a sign of joy and victory in welcoming kings and conquerors. There was thought among the Jewish people, who were oppressed by the Romans, that the Messiah would come to restore them to power. However, we know that God had other plans. Jesus did not come to conquer earthly enemies but something far greater, sin and death. Thus, we cry hosanna and hold our palm branches high to praise our Savior, who has won for us eternal life.

As we walk with Jesus, we will have a Penance Service within a Holy Hour this Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick. There will be multiple priests on hand. We have also added a Reconciliation time, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass on Tuesday, April 4. All are welcome to receive God’s mercy.

Holy Week will culminate with the Easter Triduum (Three Days). Please find in the bulletin a piece I wrote about the Triduum. What Sunday is to the week, the Triduum is to the whole year. If we are not able to attend these liturgies in person, I invite you to follow them on livestream. I point out a couple of things in terms of scheduling. We once again received

special permission to have the Easter Vigil at 7:00 p.m. to help bolster attendance. This is considered the “Feast of feasts,” or the “Superbowl of liturgies.” Many things happen at this Mass, including conferring the sacraments on those in RCIA. All are welcome to come and support our four candidates in RCIA. They are Devin Douglass, Jeremy Kurtanic, Caden Lawson, and Kristy Lawson. After a couple year hiatus, we are happy to have Tenebrae on Good Friday. Please find in the bulletin the entire Triduum schedule. “Please walk with me.” How will we respond to Jesus’ invitation?

Please find on the next page information about the important collections during the Triduum.

We thank all for supporting this year’s Fish Fry! We especially thank our volunteers. We had many new volunteers, and they did a whale of a job! We also thank our amazing bakers for their goodies! I received so many compliments about the delicious food. Once calculated, we will share with you the financial information.

I thank those who completed the Disciple Maker Index. We received a good number of surveys. Your responses will help us in planning for our future, which will assist us in spreading the Gospel!

Divine Mercy Sunday is on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 15-16. Please find in the bulletin information on devotions which we are planning for this sacred day.

The Church recently issued a new “Order of Penance.” I draw your attention to a couple of matters. There has been a very slight change in the words of absolution spoken by the priest. Please see in the bulletin the updated words. Also, an additional Act of Contrition has been officially approved. It is number 11 on the flyer in the bulletin. Please note that the penitent may choose any of the approved 11 formularies or may express contrition in his/her own words.



SPECIAL HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS

(Please note there will only be one collection taken at each of these Masses)

Holy Thursday

Mary, Mother of God Parish Ladies of Charity

This will assist our local Ladies of Charity in continuing their charitable works in our area.

Good Friday

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

This helps Christians in the Holy Land via parish ministry, Catholic schools, religious education, the preservation of sacred shrines, and care for refugees in the Holy Land. 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.



In recognition of Easter, the Parish Center office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday, April 6th, 7th, and 10th. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 11th.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PITTSBURGH

EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES

Easter Sunday, April 9

Prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Open House from 2:15-4:00 p.m.

St. Paul Cathedral

108 North Dithridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

For decades the Bishop of Pittsburgh and his auxiliaries have imparted their blessing on families at the Cathedral on Easter Day. Join us at 2:00 p.m. for a short prayer service or drop by any time to meet, greet, and receive the blessing of our shepherds.

**What a beautiful family tradition
to enrich this sacred day!**

**We continue to
pray for Ukraine.**



Please remember in your prayers

Michael Ganley

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace. Amen.

A Sanctuary Light



burns before the Blessed Sacrament
the week of April 2, 2023
in loving honor of:

Corpus Christi

Ardelle & Harold Glos, and Sheila Glos
Demis by: Family

St. Angela

Joseph J. Capo and Parents, Jenny &
Vincent Capo
by: Antoinette Capo & Family

St. Patrick

In Memory of Rudy Salinger
by: Bev Hazlett & Paul Drost

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:

March 26, 2023

Offertory	\$	13,840.25
Monthly Maintenance	\$	247.00
Parish Appeal	\$	1,409.00
Candles	\$	674.00
Outreach	\$	83.11
Easter	\$	98.00
Easter Flowers	\$	1,934.00
Holy Thursday	\$	20.00
Good Friday	\$	33.00
Human Development	\$	202.00

Thank you for your generosity!



TENEBRAE

A Service of Shadows

WHAT IS IT?

“Tenebrae” is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week. All is sad and mournful, as though it were a funeral service; nothing could more emphatically express the grief that now weighs down the heart of our holy Mother the Church. Nothing is left but what is essential to the form of the Divine Office: psalms, lessons and chants expressive of grief. The tone of the whole Office is most noticeably mournful: the lessons taken from the Lamentations of Jeremias, the omission of the Gloria Patri, of the Te Deum, and of blessings etc., so the darkness of these services seems to have been designedly chosen to mark the Church’s desolation.

HOW IS IT OBSERVED?

The name “Tenebrae” (meaning darkness or shadows) has been given because this Office is celebrated in the hours of darkness. There is placed in the sanctuary, near the altar, a large triangular candlestick holding fifteen candles. At the end of each psalm or canticle, one of these fifteen candles is extinguished, but the one which is placed at the top of the triangle is left lighted.

WHY IS THIS THE ORDER OF TENEBRAE?

The glory of the Son of God was obscured and, so to say, eclipsed, by the ignominies He endured during His Passion. He, the Light of the world, powerful in word and work, Who but a few days ago was proclaimed King by the citizens of Jerusalem, is now robbed of all his honors. Even Peter protests that he never knew Him. This desertion on the part of His apostles and disciples is expressed by the candles being extinguished, one after the other, not only on the triangle, but on the altar itself. But Jesus, our Light, though despised and hidden, is not extinguished. This is signified by the candle which is momentarily placed on the altar; it symbolizes our Redeemer suffering and dying on Calvary.

MORE FROM FATHER TERRY

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NEW ORDER OF PENANCE

The Church recently issued a new “Order of Penance.” I draw your attention to a couple of matters. There has been a slight change in the words of absolution spoken by the priest. Priests were able to begin using the new words on Ash Wednesday 2023 and are mandated to use the new words beginning the Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday 2023. Please see below the changes, which are highlighted in bold. Also, an additional Act of Contrition has been officially approved. It is number 11 on the following page in the bulletin. Please note that the penitent may choose any of the approved 11 formularies or may express contrition in his/her own words.

Former Rite

God, the Father of mercies,
through the Death and Resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and **sent** the Holy Spirit
for the forgiveness of sins:
through the ministry of the Church
may God **give** you pardon and peace.
And I absolve you from you sins,
In the Name of the Father,
And of the Son, +
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

New Rite

God, the Father of mercies,
through the Death and Resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and **poured out** the Holy Spirit
for the forgiveness of sins:
through the ministry of the Church
may God **grant** you pardon and peace.
And I absolve you from you sins,
In the Name of the Father,
And of the Son, +
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

OPTIONS FOR THE PRAYER OF THE PENITENT

After a good Confession, the Priest invites the penitent to express contrition. The penitent may choose one of the following options or simply express contrition and the resolve to lead a new life in his/her own words.

- 1** O My God,
I am sorry and repent with all my heart
for all the wrong I have done
and for the good I have failed to do,
because by sinning I have offended you,
who are all good and worthy to be loved
above all things.
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid the occasions of sin.
Through the merits of the Passion
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Lord, have mercy.
- 2** Remember, Lord, the compassion and mercy
you showed long ago.
Do not recall my sins and failings.
In your mercy remember me, Lord,
because of your goodness.
(Ps 25[24]:6-7)
- 3** Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
I acknowledge my offense; my sin is before
me always. (Ps 51[50]:4-5)
- 4** Father, I have sinned against you
and I am not worthy to be called your son.
Be merciful to me, a sinner. (Lk 15:18; 18:13)
- 5** O God, most merciful Father;
like the Prodigal Son, I turn to you and say:
I have sinned against you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your child.
O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,
like the thief to whom you opened the gates
of paradise,
I beg you:
Lord, remember me in your Kingdom.
O Holy Spirit, fount of love,
with trust I call upon you:
Purify me;
make me walk as a child of the light.

- 6** Lord Jesus,
who opened the eyes of the blind, healed the
sick, forgave the sinful woman,
and, after his denial, confirmed Peter in your
love,
hear my plea:
forgive all my sins,
renew me in your love,
and grant that I may live in perfect
communion
with my brothers and sisters
and so proclaim your salvation to all.
- 7** Lord Jesus,
who chose to be called the friend of sinners,
through the mystery of your Death and
Resurrection,
free me from my sins.
May your peace grow strong in me,
that I may bear the fruits of charity, justice,
and truth.
- 8** Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
who take away the sin of the world,
through the grace of the Holy Spirit
be pleased to reconcile me with your Father;
cleanse me in your Blood from every fault
and make me fully alive to the praise of your
glory.
- 9** Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
turn your face from my sins and blot out all
my guilt;
create a pure heart in me, O God,
renew an upright spirit deep within me.
- 10** Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.
- 11** O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended you,
and I detest all my sins because of your just
punishments,
but most of all because they offend you, my
God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to sin no more
and to avoid the near occasions of sin.
Amen.

Additional Lenten Reconciliation Penance Service with Eucharistic Adoration

Monday April 3 — also Livestream

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick

Tuesday April 4

Immediately following 8:30 a.m. Mass



Seven-Church Walk

We are pleased once again to be having our Seven-Church Walk. This "walk" will be a bus tour of seven area churches, beginning and ending at St. Angela. At each stop, we will have an opportunity to pray, reflect, and appreciate the character of each church.

We will be visiting:

St. Nicholas Byzantine (McKeesport)

St. Eugene (Liberty Borough)

St. Agnes (West Mifflin)



St. Elias Byzantine (Munhall)

St. Therese (Munhall)

St. Maximilian Kolbe (Homestead)



As there will be limited capacity on the bus, please register in the Parish Office or sign up in the back of the church.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Mass 6:00 p.m. St. Patrick
7:00 p.m. St. Angela*

Seven Church Walk

Bus departing St. Angela
after 7:00 p.m. Mass

St. Angela to remain open for private prayer until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Service 1:00 p.m. St. Patrick
2:00 p.m. St. Angela*

Tenebrae

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Blessing of the Baskets

11:30 a.m. St. Angela
Easter Egg Hunt to follow

Easter Vigil

7:00 p.m. St. Angela*

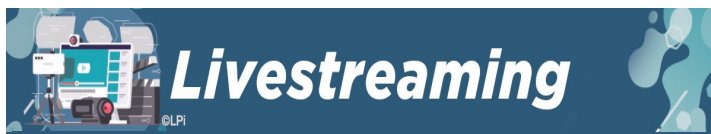
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Mass 8:00 a.m. St. Angela
9:30 a.m. St. Patrick*
11:00 a.m. St. Angela*

*Livestream

CALENDAR

DATE and TIME:	GROUP and LOCATION:
Sunday—April 2—3:00 p.m.	Palinese Club St. Patrick Hall
Tuesday—April 4—6:30 p.m.	Seder Dinner St. Patrick Hall
Thursday—April 6—7:00 p.m.	RCIA Parish Center
Thursday—April 4—7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus St. Patrick FLEC Center



From Mary, Mother of God Parish this week

Daily Mass:	Weekdays	8:30 a.m.
Holy Thursday:	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service:	Friday	2:00 p.m.
Tenebrae:	Friday	7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil:	Saturday	7:00 p.m.
Easter:	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
		11:00 a.m.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

A reminder that all parishioners can enjoy the convenience of online giving. This option can save you time by eliminating the need to write checks and can offer consistency with your weekly offering by not worrying when you may be away.

We offer easy options for electronic giving:

- +Direct debit from checking or savings accounts (with this option the Parish incurs no processing fee!)
- +Electronic debit from a debit card
- +Electronic credit card payment

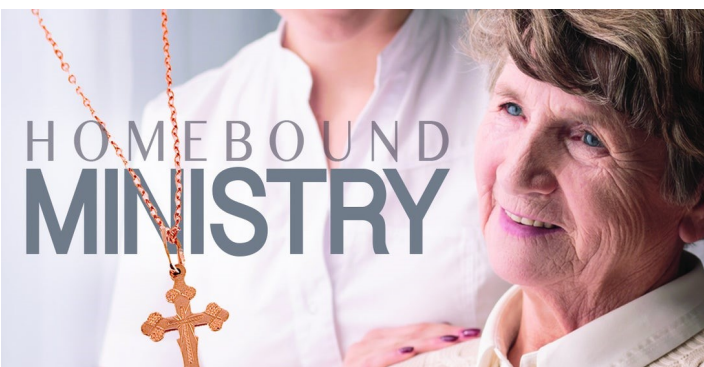
An Authorization Form for Online Giving is available at the Parish Center and on our website: marymotherofgod1.org/contributing.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

It is the policy of the Diocese that all volunteers must complete the Safe Environment process before beginning a ministry or activity in any Parish. Please contact Kathleen Strangis, our Safe Environment Coordinator at kstrangis@marymotherofgod1.org.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you suspect any child is being abused or neglected call 1-888-808-1235. If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse please call 911 immediately.



Our clergy team brings Holy Communion and offers the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to the Homebound. Should you or a loved one like to receive monthly home visits, please contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641 or secretary@marymotherofgod1.org.



Easter Triduum

By: Fr Terry

With the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, Holy Week ends and the Easter Triduum begins. Triduum, meaning "Three Days," encompasses the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday concludes the Triduum. The Triduum follows the Jewish counting of days, from sunset to sunset. It is during these sacred three days that we celebrate the Paschal or Passover Mystery, which is Jesus' "passing over" from death to life through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. What Sunday is to the week, the Triduum is to the entire liturgical year.

Holy Thursday begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We will enter church with the tabernacle open since there is not yet the Eucharist which will be consecrated at this Mass. It is at this Mass that we commemorate three principal mysteries: the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and Christ's commandment to love. These mysteries are evidenced by the washing of feet. At the conclusion of Mass, the Eucharist is carried in solemn procession to the altar of repose. The main altar and sanctuary are stripped and crosses are covered to signify that Jesus has gone to his death and burial. All are invited to adore Jesus in this temporary location, which points to his stay in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus' Passion and death. The traditional time of Jesus being on the Cross is from noon until 3:00 p.m. At the services, we will have the opportunity to venerate the Cross. We are given the opportunity to come forward to show our love and thanks to Jesus who loves us so much. Since we commemorate Jesus' death, no Mass is celebrated, but Holy Communion from Holy Thursday is distributed.

Holy Saturday is marked by Jesus' descent into hell. He redeems those in the "hell of the just," who are holy people who could not go to heaven upon death because Jesus had not yet come. Jesus did not come to redeem those in the "hell of damnation," those eternally damned.

The Easter Vigil begins at sunset. Easter is the "Feast of feasts, "the "Solemnity of solemnities," or the "Superbowl of liturgies." Thus, the Easter Vigil is considered the "Mother of all Vigils." It is on this night that we give praise to our God who has redeemed us through his Son Jesus. Sin and death are conquered and we have eternal life today, tomorrow, and forever. The Vigil is divided into four parts: 1) the Blessing of the New Fire (the Easter fire enters a dark church signifying that the light of Christ conquers the darkness, the Exsultet or "Rejoice!," which proclaims the Resurrection, is sung), 2) the Liturgy of the Word (readings highlighting salvation history are given; the Gloria, giving God glory for our salvation through Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, is sung with bells ringing; the Alleluia, which is Hebrew for "Praise to the Lord," is sung, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism (RCIA members receive the sacraments of initiation), and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist (we have the opportunity to receive the risen Lord).

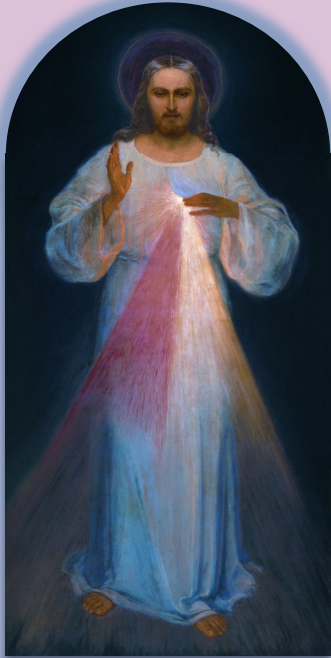
Easter Sunday: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" May the new life of Jesus completely take over our lives so that we can share his life with the whole world.

Notes:

Chrism Mass: On Holy Thursday at St. Paul Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. The priests renew their priestly promises and Bishop Zubik blesses the sacred oil to be used at parishes throughout the diocese. All are welcome to attend.

Seven Church Walk: On Holy Thursday. It was begun by St. Philip Neri and his companions in the mid-16th century. They visited the four major basilicas of Rome as well as three important minor basilicas, prayer, song, catechesis, and food, filled the journey.

Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence. The Church also encourages, but does not require, us to keep this **Paschal Fast** of Good Friday up until the Easter Vigil Mass.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy of Jesus was promoted by a Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska, who lived from 1905–1938. St. Faustina received private revelations of Jesus

in order to promote the Divine Mercy. There are various devotions associated with Divine Mercy, including a novena that can be said anytime of the year, especially beginning on Good Friday. There is also a chaplet, which is prayed each day on EWTN at 3 p.m., the hour of mercy. The devotion further includes a sacred image of Jesus with the words, “Jesus, I Trust in You,” which reminds us to trust in his mercy. There is also a special indulgence connected with Divine Mercy Sunday.



Divine Mercy Devotions

Sunday – April 16 – 3:00–4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick

Holy Hour with sung Chaplet

The Novena beginning on Good Friday concludes on April 15. Novena pamphlets regarding the chaplet and the indulgence are available in the back of our churches. Please avail yourself of the blessing of Divine Mercy Sunday for yourself, your loved ones, and the world.



We have started a new session of GriefShare to help our parishioners and the community deal with grief.

If you are grieving and would like to participate in this healing ministry, please contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641, e-mail secretary@marymotherofgod1.org, or visit our website to register.



We are happy to begin our new **St. Christopher Ministry**, which is aimed at providing transportation for people to attend Mass. We will have two forms of transportation for those unable to get to Mass on their own.

65 and Over and/or Disabled

If you are 65 or older and/or disabled, you qualify for ACCESS. ACCESS is a coordinated, shared-ride paratransit service, which has been providing door-to-door, advanced reservation transportation in Allegheny County since 1979. The parish will act as the third-party sponsor. Thus, the parish will pay for the use of ACCESS for all parish events, Mass, Holy Hours, Festival, etc.

All Others

For those not qualifying for ACCESS, we are instituting a volunteer system. That is, we will match drivers with riders for Mass. To be a driver, you must have a valid driver's license and car insurance. In addition, drivers must complete Safe Environment.

Please contact the Parish Center:

- If you are 65 and over and/or disabled and would like to use ACCESS to attend Mass.
- If you do not qualify for ACCESS and would like to be driven to Mass by a parish volunteer.
- If you would like to be a volunteer driver in taking another to Mass.

KNIGHTS KORNER

MAGNET SALE: We will be selling HE IS RISEN magnets after all Masses for a \$5.00 donation.

OLDIES DANCE: Saturday April 29th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the gym at St. Angela. DJs Frankie Day and Jerry Kovach will be playing all your favorites! For a donation of \$30, attendees will enjoy food, beer, mixers, pop, water, and snacks. There will also be a 50/50 drawing! Contact the Parish Center (412-672-9641) or Frank Drnevich (412-600-1557) for tickets.



MEAT, MONEY, and MORE RAFFLE: Just in time for Memorial Day weekend, we will be holding a Meat, Money, and More Raffle. Tickets are \$5 and will be available for purchase after Mass and in the Parish Center. The winner will receive hundreds of dollars' worth of a variety of meats from Lampert's Market, a freezer OR an additional \$200 Lampert's gift card, AND \$500 cash!! See our Knights for more information.



Our council meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. For more information please contact Frank Drnevich at 412-600-1557, or visit KofC.org/JoinUs.



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St. Patrick Hall — 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday April 5 and

BONUS Session — Wednesday April 12

Contact Fr Adam Potter at apotter@diopitt.org to register or with any questions!

YOUTH GROUP

UP NEXT:

Alpha—Food—Hockey

SUNDAY APRIL 2ND

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Group Lounge at St. Angela
(under the church off the Social Hall)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



The Ladies of Charity would like to remind our parishioners that the collection at all of the Masses on Holy Thursday, April 9, will be for the Ladies of Charity. These donations make it possible for us to continue our charitable work in the community throughout the year. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Mary, Mother of God Parish Christian Mothers/Rosary Society

There will be a meeting on Monday April 10th at the Market Street Social Hall. Rosary at 11:30 a.m., lunch at Noon, Followed by Business Meeting. \$10.00 Membership dues will be collected for April 2023-April 2024. All past dues are forgiven.

We welcome new members, whether married or single, regardless of your church site. We are one, as Mary, Mother of God.

Please return all unsold lottery tickets, before our time runs out.

K.N.O.M. 'Sack' Donations are still wanted.

Circle the Date! Wednesday, May 17, Spring Banquet! 12:00-3:00 p.m., McKeesport Heritage Center, Renzie Park. Members and Guests, \$20 per person. Joan A. is in charge of reservations at 412-751-6225 or at the meeting. Hope to see you there for fellowship, food, and a fun afternoon with P.Y.P. Bingo!

Mary, Mother of God Parish

Blessing of the Baskets & Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 8, 2023

St. Angela Church
1640 Fawcett Avenue
White Oak, PA 15131



11:30 p.m. - The Traditional Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. Angela Church
12:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the Parish (infant to 10 yrs. old)
Weather permitting, the hunt will be held outside.
Children ages 11 and up will be welcomed to help the younger children.

This is a BYOB affair: Bring Your Own Basket
Pizza and drinks will be provided for the children by Kucich Construction
There will be a surprise guest to visit with the kids!

Please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket by April 3, 2023.

Easter Egg Hunt Registration Form

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Total Number: Adults: _____

Children: _____

Ages of Children: / / / / /

Please place in the collection basket by APRIL 3, 2023

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Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men struggling in the aftermath of abortion. In a confidential supportive place, the retreatant can experience God's mercy and love and find healing, forgiveness, and peace. Our next retreat is April 21-23, 2023 at the Ark and The Dove. Please visit our web site rvofpgh.com for more information or contact Toni Jester, toniafj1@comcast.net or 412-352-5348. All inquiries are confidential.

SEDER - Tuesday of Holy Week

The **South Central Cursillo Ultreya** will again host a "Seder" dinner:

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Patrick Hall

The cost will be \$ 15.00 per person. Off-street parking available.

Advanced registration is required by contacting Mary or Wayne Fleckenstein at 412-678-1723. Registration deadline is Sunday, April 2, 2023.



The next **Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary** for Recovery will be

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 + 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family Parish + St. John the Baptist Church
444 St. John Street + Pittsburgh, PA 15239

This Rosary will be for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction and seeking education, referral, and support. For more information, please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.



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The next weekend program is:

April 14-16, 2023
St. Emma Retreat Center
1001 Harvey Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601

Financial assistance may be available to those in need. Visit www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com to register or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 or Dick at 724-255-7407 to learn more about this healing ministry.