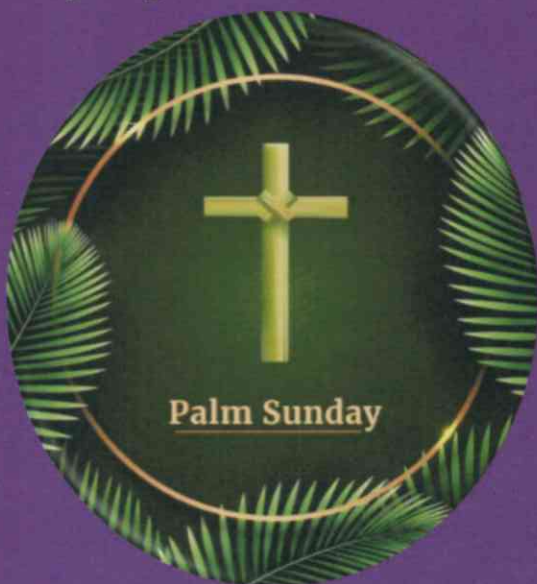


St. Joseph Catholic Church



Palm Sunday

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God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity,
our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Collection: \$2,507.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$734.00

Second Collections

April 2, 2023 – Love of Neighbor

April 6, 2023 – Holy Thursday

April 7, 2023 – Holy Land

April 9 – Our Faith, Our Future

April 30, 2023 – Catholic Home Missions

*The Sanctuary Candle burns
this week for Richard Krakovitz*

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Apr. 1st

9:00 AM

First Saturday

Barbara Sforza

4:00 PM

Diane Rasmussen
by Ms. Geri

Sun., Apr. 2nd

8:00 AM

Palm Sunday

Lola Benoit
by Margaret Cochran

11:00 AM

People of the Parish

Mon., Apr. 3rd

9:00 AM

Memory of Alfred Aliotta
by Mary Aliotta Family

Tues., Apr. 4th

9:00 AM

Thomas Sullivan

Wed., Apr. 5th

6:00 PM

*Jewish Passover
Begins at Sundown*
Lew Bogle

6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Thurs., Apr. 6th

7:00 PM

Holy Thursday
Priests & Seminarians

Fri., Apr. 7th

2:00 PM

Good Friday
The Passion of the Lord
Exaltation of the Cross
Holy Communion
Confessions
Confessions

3:00-4:00

7:00-8:00

Sat., Apr. 8th

4:00 PM

Easter Vigil
People of the Parish

Sun., Apr. 9th

8:00 AM

Easter Sunday

For Peace Between the Ukraine
and Russia

11:00 AM

For the Children of the Parish

Cheryl Prosseda died this past week.
Her Funeral Mass will be April 4 at 11:00
Our Condolences her Family.
May She Rest in Peace.

From Your Pastor.

With the holy drama of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, it happens. All that has happened leading up to our redemption is present here and now under the appearance of Holy Week's Liturgy and Sacraments.

We see, hear, touch, smell it and know by faith that there is a lot more going on than what is perceived on the surface. Hidden below the sign of worship is the reality of Christ being present to draw us into what He experienced and accomplished, so that in our reception of Him in faith, He might enter into our world here and now.

This is the miracle of the Holy Eucharist, what was is now here, the past is made present in the current time. And what is now here in our day-to-day life is immersed into the ancient mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection. We don't need a time machine. We have the Eucharist. Go ahead and give your days a tremendous lift, by being filled up with the grace of the dying and rising of the Lord.

As I prayed during our 24 Hour Monday/Tuesday Adoration, I took all that was upsetting the nation: the painful tragedy of the Nashville School Shooting, the loss of three children and three adults, and the shooter, into the Eucharistic Heart of Christ. So much pain and loss and yet it is the Sacred Heart that can make sense out of evil with the unconquerable power of His love and healing grace. I hope and pray that someday whenever there is a great loss and presence of evil in our nation, that you will have the faith to come to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He will not let us down.

Let us place ourselves and all of our loved ones into the mystery of Holy Week.

Please don't forget the children of the Holy Land by giving to the Holy Land Good Friday Offering.

Fr. John D. Hoke

*Jewish Passover begins
Wednesday evening at sundown.
Best Wishes to our Jewish Friends.*

PALM SUNDAY

Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm,
even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord
in the face of evildoers

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death,
and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body
is placed in the tomb.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION



Whether it has been a month, a year, a decade or longer, you are invited to return to the Father and be healed, forgiven and loved.

EXTRA TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 5th – After Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 6th – From 8:15 PM to 10:00 PM

At the Parish Center

Friday, April 7th – From 3:00 to 4:00 and

From 7:00 to 8:00 at the Church on Broadway

Saturday, April 8th – From 12 Noon to 1:00 at the Church on Broadway



SOUP & THE WORD 2023

Wednesday, April 5th

Pastors Jillian & James Bond

Revival Tabernacle

Held at the First Presbyterian Church,

Walnut Street, Milton

12:00 – 1:00



ST. JOSEPH PARISH TRIDUUM SCHEDULE HOLY WEEK-OVER-VIEW 2023

Monday, April 3rd, 9:00 AM Mass through

Tuesday, April 4th, 9:00 AM Mass
24 Hours Adoration.

Fr Hoke will be away after the morning Mass on Monday for the Mass of the Oils. Please come and pray for vocations as all the priests will be with the Bishop at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This is a wonderful way to support your bishop and priests.

Wednesday April the 5th, 6:00 PM Mass
followed by Stations of the Cross
Confessions will be heard after Stations.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 5th,
7:00 PM at the Parish Center
Solemnity of the Lord's Supper

Following the service, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00. Confessions will be heard after the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the garden shrine, about 8:15 until all are heard by 10:00.

Good Friday, April 7th,
2:00 PM at the Church
The Passion of the Lord,

with reception of Holy Communion.

Confessions will be heard after the service until 4:00 PM and again from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Father encourages Parishioners to privately pray the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, April 8th

Confessions from 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM.
Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at 1:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil Mass, April 8th at 8:00 PM

At the Church on Broadway

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Morning Masses

8:00 Mass at the Church on Broadway.

11:00 Mass at the Parish Center.

After Mass is the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

MERCY SUNDAY ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

April 15-16-17

Saturday, April 15th, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16th, 8:00 AM Mass.

The 11:00 AM Mass will be
at the Church on Broadway.

At the end of the 11:00 Mass, we will have the opening of our Eucharistic Devotions with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all afternoon. At 3:00 we will close the devotions with Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sermon and Benediction.

Monday, April 17th, 9:00 AM Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening Benediction Service.

Monday Evening Service, 7:00 PM with Benediction and Closing of Devotions.

No 24-Hours of Adoration all night
Monday into Tuesday morning.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Pat Behan	Marie Lindner
Bob Bender	Sue Lindner
John Bender	Marie Luzenski
Luke Boyd	Michael McHale
Dolores Caicco	Andrew Mikowski
Leslie Cameron	Dave Moser
Helen Choplick	Melinda Oliveri
Mike Enright	Mary Ruth Palmer
Ronan Erb	Eleanor Poponiak
Giovanna Fanella	Gloria Reeder
Irene Hamilton	Joan Rudloff
John Heimbach	Dashawnda Russell
Betty Johnston	Larry Seibert
Christine Koons	Patricia Starcher
Margaret Helen Koons	Diane Sykes
Nicole Lamprinos	Enza Welker
Andria Laurence	Bill Woodling
Malyssa Lenig	Vickie Youmans
	Andrea Rae Young

Please contact the church office (email, call or place a note in the collection basket) if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list. The names appearing on the list are to be on for two months. You are welcome to have a name reinstated. Please spell the person's name and include your name with the request.





VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In the spotlight this month is Dave Moser. Dave is a behind-the-scenes guy who you can call on for anything. Before the pandemic, Dave was Jim Seksinsky's *Roasting the Potatoes Assistant* at the fish dinners. In addition to preparing the potatoes, he did a lot of pan scrubbing! Currently for all the fundraising dinners, Dave & Mary help with the desserts and rolls, and you can always count on him for a cake.

Picking corn, husking corn and freezing corn fill one week in August as Dave is there for every step of the annual preparation for our Filled Chicken Breast and Filled Pork Chop dinners. The other two weeks, he jumps in to help with the Harvest Festival Apple Dumplings.

At our Rummage Sales, Dave came every day to sort and organize, handle the trash and breakdown the boxes. And on the final day, he was there to pack the leftovers - always with a smile.

Deb Mathias can always count on Dave for clean-up at a funeral luncheon. And guess who was the first to answer the request for mulchers? You got it - Dave Moser.

Dave not only volunteers at our church. He makes and delivers dinners and treats to some of his neighbors. Thanks, Dave, for all your efforts.

Thank You

FROM THE JOHN BENDER FAMILY

So Very Grateful

We are so grateful for John's new gift of life and the wonderful support we received this year. He received his new liver from a living donor and dear friend on December 28, 2022. Our Village was larger than we could have ever imagined. We appreciated all the love, support, prayers and monetary gifts. All of this made the journey we were on as easy as it could be.

Love, The Benders
Jacquie, John, David and Clara

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Ways To Give

ONE-TIME GIFT – Make one gift payment.

SET UP A PLEDGE – Gifts are processed on the first of the month.

RECURRING GIFT – set up a recurring gift which will be processed quarterly, monthly, or bi-weekly.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Monday at St. Joseph's Church following the 9 o'clock Mass, and the Eucharist will remain on the altar until Benediction immediately preceding Tuesday morning's Mass. You don't have to sign-up to visit, but please sign-in. Let's try for 70 visitors this coming week.

REASON TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease."

Pope John Paul II

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

May 4, 2023 – National Day of Prayer
May 12, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Fundraiser
May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day
May 18, 2023 – Ascension Thursday
May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday
First Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LANDS

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the "Living Stones," the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30
Wednesday 9:00-12:00
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