

“TEAM HOLY WEEK - 2026”

Schedule of Practices for the Holy Week Services

(as of 3-15-2026)

It is once again time to prepare for the celebration of the holiest days of the Christian year. Thank you for your dedication and the sacrifice of your time to study, practice and prepare so that these services can be carried out with the greatest reverence and dignity due to our Blessed Lord.

The Masses and Services of Holy Week are very different from the usual Masses during the year. They include many ceremonies and rituals that are only seen at this time. Therefore, *it is of the greatest importance that all assigned altar servers make every effort to attend the scheduled practices.* Holy Week can be extremely beautiful when prepared properly, and very confusing when not prepared for. If you should find the need for a substitute, please call, text, or e-mail me; *do not arrange for a substitute for yourself for any of these assignments.*

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Practice for the Holy Thursday (April 2) evening Mass and Procession

When: Tuesday evening, **March 31**, 6:00 PM –7:30 PM **at Transfiguration Church**

Who: Crossbearer:	Stephen Strishock	Torchbearer Leader:	Joanne Draskovich
Thurifer:	Francesco Zottola	Torchbearer Leader:	Elaina Dietrich
Acolyte:	Makenzie Cypher	Torchbearer #2:	Charlotte Salera
Acolyte:	Taylor Strishock	Torchbearer #2:	Philip Didomenico
Boat Bearer:	*****	Torchbearer #3:	Eric Dietrich
Ass't. M/C:	Giovanni Zottola (as needed)	Torchbearer #3:	Philomena Salera

*** **NOTE** *** The above altar server roles are only *tentative*, and may be changed as necessary.

PRESENTERS OF THE HOLY OILS

Symbolic of their upcoming anointing at Confirmation, members of the Confirmation classes were selected to present the Holy Oils that were blessed earlier on Holy Thursday by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass. Members of the First Communion classes were chosen to present the Eucharistic offertory gifts to symbolize their upcoming reception of First Holy Communion. Students were selected by the CCD Directors, and need to attend the March 31st practice.

Oil of the Sick: _____
Oil of Catechumens: _____
Sacred Chrism: _____

PRESENTERS OF THE OFFERTORY GIFTS

Hosts: _____
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Wine: _____
Collection: _____

Canopy Bearers in the procession to the Altar of Repose at the end of Mass.

Four (4) men from the Knights of Columbus, Men's Club, or High School Youth Group.



Practice for the Good Friday (April 3) Services

When: Friday morning, **April 3**, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **at Transfiguration Church**

Who: Stations of the Cross: Carson, Elaina, and Eric Dietrich
Passion Service: Francesco Zottola and Giovanni Zottola

Readers for the Seven Last Words of Christ service do not need to attend the practice, but should be at Transfiguration Church by noon on Good Friday so that any questions can be answered and they will be ready to begin the readings as soon as Stations of the Cross are finished.

Introduction: Fr. Jim or Fr. Cain
First Word: Judi Damon
Second Word: Vicki Mlinarcik
Third Word: Pat Murphy
Fourth Word: Phyllis Bagaley
Fifth Word: Judi Damon
Sixth Word: Vicki Mlinarcik
Seventh Word: Pat Murphy
Closing Prayer: Fr. Jim or Fr. Cain



Practice for the Holy Saturday (April 4) Easter Vigil Mass

When: Saturday afternoon, **April 4**, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **at St. Victor Church**

Who: Crossbearer: Makenzie Cypher
Thurifer: Giovanni Zottola
Boat-Bearer: Philomena Salera
Acolyte: Charlotte Salera
Acolyte: Lauren Micale
Ass't M/C: Francesco Zottola

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Attendance at the practice is optional for the lectors who are scheduled to read at the Easter Vigil Mass, but is encouraged if you've never read for this particular Mass before.

First Old Testament Reading (Lectionary Reading #1):	Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2	Vicki Mlinarcik
Second Old Testament Reading (Lectionary Reading #3):	Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 1	Pat Connell
Third Old Testament Reading (Lectionary Reading #5):	Isaiah 55: 1-11	Mary Grasha-Haupt
New Testament Reading (Lectionary Reading #8):	Romans 6: 3-11	Ken Murphy
Gospel:	Matthew 28: 1-10	Fr. Jim