

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord



## *The Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule*

### The Light Is On, Confessions, March 30th

Noon to 1:30pm St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

4:00pm-6:00pm Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

### Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper-April 2nd

5:00pm Mass at St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity &  
Adoration after Mass until 9:00pm

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

7:00pm Mass at Assumption with Adoration until 10:00pm

### Passion of the Lord, Friday, April 3rd

3:00pm Service at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at Assumption

5:30pm Vietnamese Service at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

7:00pm The Lord's Passion at Assumption

### Holy Saturday, April 4th-Easter Vigil

10:00am Blessing of the Food at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

11:00am Blessing of the Food at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

8:00pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

### Easter Sunday-April 5th-Resurrection of the Lord

7:30am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

9:00am Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

9:00am Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

10:00am Mass at Assumption

11:30am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

# March 29, 2026

## A Message from the Pastor

Please know how very grateful I am for your kindness and generosity to me always, but especially as I celebrated my birthday last week! Jesus has continually been true to his word when he said in the gospel of Mark: “...*There is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come*” (Mk 10:29-30). To make me feel as a welcomed as you have, to make me as you have, a member of your families, to be able to share in your joys and in your sorrows, to worship the Lord together at Mass each day and each weekend, to anoint your ill and suffering, to forgive sins, to break bread together, really all of it!—Please know what an unbelievable blessing and how humbling it is for me to have been called to this vocation. I love my family the Church and I am ever grateful to be among you as one striving to serve. Grateful always for your prayers! You are in mine each and every day.

Thank you to all those who generously gave of their Saturday night last weekend to attend our **first parish listening session!** It came at the request of Bishop Lucia to all parishes in the diocese to offer an opportunity like that to be able to give feedback for a number of things, but also especially for us in a united effort to follow the path forward together both as a parish and as a diocesan family. There are of course always ways we can better strive together in ministry and in the life of the Church. I was grateful to share a “St. Joseph’s Table” meal, and to hear from members of our community the things that are beloved in our parish family, and to learn where there are some immediate places we can also strengthen to better meet our needs. I have prepared a brief summary document that can be found on the sides with the Saints to inform all about some of the insights that were shared. May the Lord continue to bless and guide our parish family.

And so begins our most solemn week of the year! I’ve always been intrigued by our entrance to Mass today. With the Sacred Triduum just days away we of course know what’s coming...and so because of the looming passion and death of the Lord, it just feels superficial or maybe even forced when we sing ‘hosanna’ and praise to Jesus the Messiah and King. We know and experience in today’s Mass that this momentary joy is fleeting.

St. John Henry Newman says not even Jesus could enjoy or receive the “Hosannas” in this moment, because he himself knew he had not yet suffered, which is what he came to do:  
*“This [entrance into Jerusalem] was but a vain and hollow pageant, nor did our Lord take pleasure in it. It was a shadow which stayed not, but flitted away. It could not be more than a shadow, for the Passion had not been undergone by which His true triumph was wrought out. He could not enter into His glory before He had first suffered. He could not take pleasure in this semblance of it, knowing that it was unreal.”*

Newman goes on to remind us that before our very eyes this week we see Jesus when he is **most powerful**, and specifically it comes when he allows himself to be **powerless** (so-to-speak). Power is stripped away from him, he is anointed with the spit of passersby, hailed with shouts to crucify him, and the attendants at his ‘throne’ of the cross are thieves...all unthinkable.

Yet, if this is where we see Jesus’ greatest power on display, especially in his power to suffer, why do we feel such defeat when we experience the reality of the cross in our lives? In our experience of the cross, we inevitably confront a powerlessness in not having the ‘control’ that we’d like—e.g., a change in health, the loss of a job, fractured trust in relationships, frustration or bitterness toward children or families—these things and more often bring us to a place of desperation. When at one point we might have had it all together, in another, we’re humbled and hopelessly in need.

St. Paul’s beautiful hymn captured in his letter to the Philippians is one that should be visible in an icon of our lives, because it teaches us how we experience the wisdom of God alive and accompanying us when we feel powerless and defeated while striving to live our discipleship. Jesus, though he was in the form of God (though he had it all), he emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. Yet because of this, God greatly exalted him (cf. Phil 2).

So for us, we must keep our heart and our mind fixed on Jesus, who knew the suffering, rejection, and desperation that we experience. While our temptation might be to turn inward or toward helpless discouragement, there is power for us when we allow Jesus to conform our hearts to his in the midst of our powerlessness. Jesus’ complete surrender, trust, and communion with the Father is what brought him through the Cross and grave to the glory of the Resurrection. So will be the case for you and me, if we allow ourselves to be carried by Christ. This is not something to be feared, but rather this is how he fills us with life.

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## ***May 13th Is The Drawing***

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are on sale and hopefully you will be purchasing your ticket soon. Tickets are \$50.00 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be here before you know it, May 13th. The prizes are as follows: 1st- \$5,000.00, 2nd- \$1,000.00, 3rd- \$1,000.00 and 4th-\$500.00  
Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 to purchase your tickets or for any questions.

## ***Liturgical Ministers***

There are sign up sheets in the Sacristy for Holy Week as well as Easter. Please let us know your availability. The new Ministers List is available for pick up in the Sacristy.

## ***Religious Education Classes***

The weekend of April 5  
There Are **NO** Classes This Weekend

**Confirmation** date is May 16th at 5:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

**First Communion** will be Saturday, May 2nd at the 4:00pm Mass.

The **May Crowning** is Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:30am Mass.

## ***Sacrificial Giving***

Please contact Fr. Foley if you have any questions about our parish finances. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

March 22, 2026-\$5,200.00

## ***Parish Office Hours***

The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on Holy Thursday, closed on Good Friday and on Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th at 8:30am. There will be NO daily Mass on April 6th.



## ***Our Mission Statement***

We, the members of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter, are called to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus. As our parish affirms its heritage, we continue to reach out to those in need, bring the gospel to all who will receive it, and be formed in the image of Christ through worship and prayer. We value the talents of each of our members and feel it is the responsibility of all to contribute time, talent and tithes to our faith community.

## ***Veiling of our beautiful statues!***

The Church in her wisdom and tradition invites us to veil or cover our sacred images from now up to the point of the start of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. This would even include crucifixes, too, not just the saints! Sometimes this can be a little difficult practically, but the symbolism is helpful for a number of reasons. First and foremost, it heightens our attention to this being a solemn time—quite literally it is just different from all other times of the church year, we are preparing to journey with Jesus through the suffering of the cross, to his death, to the darkness of the tomb, to the ultimate glory of his Resurrection. What we see, how we interact with others or go about our daily tasks should have a greater awareness or sensitivity to these particularly solemn days. The rhythm of our lives needs to change to better participate in the mysteries of our redemption. By covering them we are actually intentionally depriving ourselves of their beauty! What for? It creates a hunger within us, a longing for their beauty again. And we know well that the reason for their beauty comes from the source of life that is Jesus' victory over the grave. Think about how, too, the *unveiling* of the cross in the liturgy for Good Friday. As we've covered these other images, the unveiling of the source of our salvation takes on greater beauty as we truly focus our eyes and hearts on the altar of the Cross, where Christ offered his life out of love for you and me. Let's recommit ourselves to the sacredness of this time, increase our time for silence, so that we can enter into the passion of our Lord differently this year, so that we can also receive anew from the treasury of the Lord's Resurrection.

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## ***This Week We Remember***

### **Monday: March 30**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Pasquale Sisera / Wife, Gilda

### **Tuesday: March 31**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
William M. Merriett / Paul

### **Wednesday: April 1**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter &  
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

### **Thursday: April 2- Mass of the Lord's Supper**

5:00pm Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity  
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter &  
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

### **Friday: April 3- Passion of the Lord**

3:00pm Service at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter &  
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

### **Saturday: April 4- Holy Saturday**

8:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter &  
St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

### **Sunday: April 5-Easter Sunday**

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter &  
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

### **Sunday: April 5**

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter  
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter &  
St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity

## ***Chrism Mass***

Fr. Foley would be grateful if you are available to attend the Chrism Mass, the Tuesday of Holy Week (March 31 at 11am at Cathedral). It is a beautiful Mass for the whole diocese where Bishop Lucia blesses and consecrates the holy oils used throughout the diocese for all anointings for the next year (so all Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, Anointing of the Sick).



## ***Bread and Wine***

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In  
Loving Memory Of  
***Ben & Celia Pisano***  
Requested By Anita & Family



## ***Eucharistic Angels***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
***Barbara Arena (B)***  
Requested by Family

## ***Let us pray as one family***

Please remember in your prayers the  
sick of our parishes.

Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey,  
Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria,  
John & Leona Ciferni, Vic Coogan, Catherine  
Cushman, Linda Deapo, Hank Donohue, Ginny  
and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Tenley  
Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Ellen  
Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood,  
Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar,  
Carla Johnson, Juanita, Tony Lauretti, Shirley  
Kerr, Emma Lane, Janna Lavoie, Kay  
Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Luciano & Maria  
Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael &  
Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Joe Nicoletti, Rita  
Nicoletti, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children,  
Emily Rosenthal, Faith Setzer, Marion  
Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick  
St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco,  
Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

## ***Mary's Closet Update***

We wait for word to spread on what Mary's  
Closet has to offer. Our hours of operation are  
Tuesdays and Thursday from 10:00am to  
Noon. So spread the word! Also, there are still  
volunteer opportunities available. Please call  
the parish office, so we can get your name and  
availability on the schedule.

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Saturday April 25 TH 5:00... In the School Cafeteria PLEASE JOIN US!!!!

TICKETS FOR THIS GREAT EVENT ARE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL OF OUR MASSES (PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND) AS WELL AS THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 11TH AND 18TH .

*(We will not be in back of church Easter weekend)*

Thank you to all those that have already reserved seats and or tables. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet...(WHICH ARE ONLY \$10.00 and include 2 free raffle tickets for you to use for the raffle items of your choice), we hope you will plan on joining us and get your tickets soon. We are so excited that so many are already signed up and for all the awesome baskets that are being dropped off and/or committed.

We are also excited about the many incredible Pompei/St Peter Parishioners that have already signed on to cook or bake. There will be a number of different stations of specialties as well as a delectable dessert station. If you are interested in joining the great team of chefs and bakers please let us know. We would love it! It doesn't have to be a fancy or elaborate dish...something you like to make or bake and what we would like to taste While enjoying these delicious stations of foods that evening, attendees will be browsing the many baskets and raffle items, taking chances on winning the items of their choice donated by our generous parishioners and friends and sharing a wonderful time with our parish family and guests. Whether it's donating a basket or raffle item, cooking, baking, or simply attending, we would be thrilled if you are part of all the fun and sharing!!!

Interested in donating a basket or an item to be raffled off?

Looking for some ideas?.....here are some...themed baskets with new items that are seasonal, holiday, movie or game night, snacks, cooking, barbeque, breakfast, electronics, summer fun, winter fun, cozy book time, toys, household appliances or items, sports, health and body care, sweet treats, jewelry, accessories, candles, arts and crafts, specialty foods, gift cards, wine, certificates from your favorite establishments (whether you own them or frequent them) such as restaurants, take out, cafes and coffee shops, bakeries, nail and hair salons, spas, florists, kids fun centers and experiences (The Most, Zoo etc)...department stores, amazon, oh the lists are endless... creativity is welcomed!! You can bring your donated items (or your intent to donate if your item is not yet ready) to our Gift Gathering Party in the Parish Offices from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Thursday, April 9 th . This is a great way to help support the event by donating a basket or raffle item to be raffled the evening of the event. We will have cocktails and appetizers to enjoy for those dropping off their items. (Or expressing their intention of doing so). We are so appreciative to all those willing to support in this way. Our parishioners always donate such awesome items that so many want to win!! Thank you in advance for whatever way you can help.



If you can't make the Gift gathering party but want to donate a basket or item, if you're interested in cooking or baking, or would like to reserve/purchase tickets. You can visit us after all masses, call the Parish Office 315 422 7163, Lucy (315 345 0562) or Colleen (315 427 6474)..and let us know!!!!



***Thank you so much for your continued and always wonderful support!!!!***