

✠ ♦Palm Sunday ♦March 29, 2026♦ ✠

PALM SUNDAY: PASSION OF THE LORD

Jesus enters into the walls of Jerusalem, acclaimed by the crowd who is singing and shouting: "Hosanna... Blessed is He who comes in the name of Lord." The palm branches and the donkey represent the whole of creation who are free (Rm 8,21). Unfortunately, a few days later, Jesus will be going out of the walls of Jerusalem, to be crucified. What happened between the Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem and the Shameful death of Friday is what the Church is inviting us to live anew, willingly or not. Today, Jesus enters into our town, home. That's why we carry palms. We have a little glimpse of heaven. But we also kill Him with our sins, we also deny Him, reject Him. This Week, we will be Peter and/or Judas. Peter tried to see Jesus again. He received mercy (Peter, a sinner, the one who denied You is Yours). You cried over Judas, and Peter cries over himself. Jesus is in our midst: we could be Judas, Peter, Caiphus, Pontius Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, the 2 thieves. Our sinfulness will be revealed this Week, on Good Friday. Before that, help us enjoy today, The Palm Sunday. Jesus Passion is equally simple and complex. Simple because it shows the last hours of an Innocent. Complex because we have a role to play in it.

HAPPY HOLY WEEK.

LENTEN THEME

Our Lenten motto this year comes from the Psalm 31, which is: **"Lord, let me never be put to shame"**. We are called to say this prayer many times a day during Lent. Let's say it not only for ourselves, but for all Parishioners.

SML, SP & OLA EASTER DECORATION

Decoration of the altar at SML will take place on Good Friday at 2pm after the Passion. Decoration of the altar at OLA will take place on Good Friday at about 3:30/4pm after finishing at SML. Decoration of the altar at SP will take place on Holy Saturday at 10:30am. We welcome all who wish to help.

LENT AND LENTEN REGULATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY: These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat (or one full meal between the age of 18 and 59 inclusive).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The Celebration will be at Our Lady of the Abingtons Church on Sunday April 12. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament is at 2:45 pm, followed by The Divine Mercy Prayer at 3pm (with confessions meanwhile), then Benediction. This year there will be no Mass at 3pm.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AT SML

The Divine Mercy Novena prayers will be recited at 3pm every day at SML starting on Good Friday April 3 and ending on Saturday April 11. All are welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

At OLA, 8am

At SML, 9:30am

At St Pat, 11am

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY:

April 2, 2026

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

At OLA, 6pm

Washing of the feet

Repository

Night Prayer at 9pm

GOOD FRIDAY:

April 3, 2026

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

At OLA, 9 am

PASSION OF THE LORD

At SML, 1pm

Reading of the Passion

Veneration of the Cross

General Intercessions

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4, 2026

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

At OLA, 8:30am

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

At OLA, 9 am

At SML, 10 am

At St. Pat, 11 am

EASTER VIGIL

At St. Pat, 8pm

Easter Paschal Candle

Individual Candle

Exultet

Glory to God (finally)

Alleluia Song (finally)

Renewal of our baptismal promises

Then Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Ite Missa Est, Alleluia

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 2 to 5

Eucharistic Ministers

Holy Thursday

6 pm (OLA) Those who want to serve

Good Friday

1 pm (SML) Those who want to serve

Holy Saturday

8 pm (SP) Those who want to serve

Easter Sunday

8 am (OLA) Lucy Ziman, Andrea Walsh, Barbara Williamson

9:30 am (SML) Sean Pieretti, Sue Gilpin, Laura Goble

11 am (SP) Cynthia Singer, Lucy Ziman Michele Zajac

Musicians

6 pm (SP) Holy Thursday – Maria Fay

1 pm (SML) Good Friday – Danny Williams

8 pm (OLA) Holy Saturday – Maria Fay

8 am (OLA) Easter Sunday – Maria Fay

9:30 am (SML) Easter Sunday – Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Easter Sunday – Maria Fay

Lectors

Holy Thursday

6 pm (OLA) Len Nash, Mary Lou Franko, Mary Ann Mulfino

Good Friday

1 pm (SML) Greg Solfanelli, Lucy Ziman, Nicole Sofanelli, Kathy Tumavitch

Holy Saturday

8 pm (SP) Judy Zipay, Mary Lou Franko, Lucy Ziman, Liz Dempsey

Easter Sunday

8 am (OLA) Liz Dempsey, Becky Mozeleski, Len Peters

9:30 am (SML) Bob Andrews, Nick Migliori, Seb Naro

11 am (SP) Barry Singer, Mary Jo Danoski, Julie Harvatine

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Maci Harvatine

Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mar 31 – SP Fundraising Committee mtg. in hall, at 7pm

Apr 2 – No Bingo at SP

Apr 2 – No Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML

Apr 3- Church office closed

Apr 13 – Altar & Rosary mtg. at SML, 5:30pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine – jwharv03@gmail.com.

4/5/2026 – No Class – Happy Easter

4/12/2026 – Class

4/19/2026 – Class -4th grade mass participation 11am

4/25/2026 – First Penance OLA 2:45

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti – redlightgreen343@gmail.com

April 5 Happy Easter off

April 9 Retreat First Holy Communion students

April 12 Class

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday (April 2) Holy Thursday

6:00 pm (OLA) Clarence Evans

By Genevieve Evans

Saturday (April 4) Holy Saturday

8:00 pm (SP) Marianne Juszcak

By Liz Dempsey

Sunday (April 5) Easter Sunday

8:00am (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur

By Tony & Rita Sandy

9:30 am (SML) Brandon Gardner

By Georgene & Joe DePrimo

11:00 am (SP) Joan Peters

By Barbara Kelly

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,213.00 Loose \$ 86.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,641.00 Loose \$ 129.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,775.00 Loose \$ 575.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF FEET

We need 12 parishioners to volunteer to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. If you are willing, please call the OLA office.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All lectors & Eucharistic Ministers are strongly recommended to be part of the Processions of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday)

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

On Good Friday Morning at 9am Morning Prayer of the Church will take place where the Repository is (OLA). Holy Saturday Morning Prayer of the Church will take place where the Repository is (OLA) at 8:30.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We thank the 90 plus Parishioners of our 3 Parishes who came together on Sunday March 15 to celebrate St Patrick Day at St. Patrick Church in Nicholson. But a very special thank you to the Stutzman family who this year again volunteered to prepare the whole event. Thank you also to all who supported the Stutzman family by helping them.

ST. PAT'S CLOTHES CLOSET CHALLENGE

The 40 Days...40 Items challenge is coming to a close this week. You can bring your items to the clothes closet door on the lower level of St. Pat's Hall beginning on May 1.

ST. PAT'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

The newly formed Fundraising Committee will be having their first meeting this Tuesday March 31 in the hall at 7pm.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Servant of God, Benigna Consolata Ferrero, had a unique understanding and praise for Jesus whenever she received Holy Communion.