

## THE HOLY WEEK - SHORT HISTORY

The Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, with several celebrations during The Triduum Paschal (Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). During the Holy Week, Catholics (probably most Protestants too) throughout the world commemorate The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ before His Resurrection. The celebration of the Holy Week started officially in the 4th Century.

**BACKGROUND:** According to Eusebius of Caesarea or Pamphilus (Saint, Father of the Church, Exegete, Historian,...) Constantine, the Roman emperor, converted to Catholicism in the year 312; before him Catholics were persecuted for being Christ's followers. Constantine's conversion put an end to that persecution, and in the year 313 with the Edict of Milan, Catholicism was legalized. Then people started to go officially on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, to the Holy Land.

**THE 5 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HOLY WEEK:** They are: Palm Sunday, Last Supper on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday shows Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, surrounded by His disciples, and was acclaimed by a crowd. In the gospel of Palm Sunday (the gospel that we read before the Procession starts), it's said that people spread their cloaks on the road with palm branches and sang "Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord...." Thus, the use of palms on Palm Sunday.

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## 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).

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE:** All Fridays of Lent (from age 14).

**WEEKDAYS OF LENT:** There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary works or acts of charity and self-denial are highly recommended.

### DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE THIS WEEK

Our Lenten Penance Service is the highest point of Confession for our Parishes.

Deanery Lenten Penance Service schedule:

Monday, March 18 - 7:00 PM at St. Gregory, Clarks Green

Wednesday, March 20 - 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Abingtons, Dalton

Thursday, March 21 - 7:00PM at Corpus Christi Church, Montdale.

Our penance service at Our Lady of the Abingtons is the last opportunity for confession before Easter.

### EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

Save the Date! In honor of the National Eucharistic Revival, our 3 Parishes will be showcasing a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit on Sunday, April 14th from 12:00-2:00pm at St Patrick's Church Hall. This presentation is made possible thanks to Gloria Calabro, a member of St. Leo Parish in Ashley, which has been circulating around the diocese for the past 12 years. Approximately 80 historical capsule accounts of miracles recognized by the universal Catholic church will be on display. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan on attending to strengthen your understanding of our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist!

### 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 between March 17 and March 24.

## HOLY WEEK

### HOLY THURSDAY:

#### Mass of the Last Supper

At OLA, 6pm

Washing of the feet

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Night Prayer at 9pm

### GOOD FRIDAY:

#### Morning Prayer

At OLA, 9am

#### Celebration of the Passion

At St. Pat, 1pm

Reading of the Passion

Veneration of the Cross

General Intercessions

### HOLY SATURDAY

#### Morning Prayer

At OLA, 9am

#### Blessing of Easter Baskets

At OLA, 9:30am

At St. Pat, 10:30am

At SML, 11:30am

#### Easter Vigil

At SML, 8pm

Easter Paschal Candle

Individual Candle

Exultet

Glory to God (finally)

Alleluia Song (finally)

Renewal of our baptismal promises

Confirmation – RCIA

Reception into the Church

First Holy Communion

Ite Missa Est, Alleluia

### EASTER SUNDAY

#### Mass of Resurrection

At OLA, 8am

At SML, 9:30am At St Pat, 11am

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

### March 23 & 24 Palm Sunday

#### Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson, Nikki Weisenfluh

9:00am (SML) Patti Zaleski, Pat Wall, Len Nash

11 am (SP) Maria Perez, Michele Zajac

#### Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

#### Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay, Lisa Janoski

9 am (SML) Mary Ann Mulfino, Mary Jo Danoski

11 am (SP) Ned Clarke, Mary Lou Franko

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Mar 19 – Legion of Mary at OLA, 9am

Mar 20 – Choir Practice at SML, 6:30pm

Mar 20 – Penance Service at OLA, 7pm

Mar 21 – Confirmation Class retreat at SP, 5pm

Mar 22 – Stations, Soup & Scripture at SP, 6pm

Mar 24 – SP/OLA CCD Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 1 – Disciples of Mary at SML, Rosary 6:45p

Apr 4 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm

### **ST PAT/OLA CCD SCHEDULE**

3/20/2024 - Penance service for ALL CCD kids 3-Confirmation OLA 7 PM

3/21/2024 - Confirmation Retreat St. Pats 5-7:30

3/24/2024 - CCD - Palm Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt - 11AM children's mass

3/31/2024 - Easter - No CCD

### **SML CCD SCHEDULE**

3/20/2024 - Penance service for ALL CCD kids 3-Confirmation OLA 7 PM

3/21/2024 - Confirmation Retreat St. Pats 5-7:30

3/24/2024 - CCD - Palm Sunday

3/31/2024 - Easter - No CCD

If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Pieretti redlightgreen343@gmail.com

### **SPRING SACRAMENT SCHEDULE**

First Penance Sat. April 6, 2024, 3pm at OLA

First Holy Communion Sat May 4, 2024, 11am at SML

Confirmation Sun. May 19, 2024, 3pm at SML

### **SPRING SACRAMENT RETREAT SCHEDULE**

#### **Confirmation Class**

Thur. March 21, 2024, at St. Pat's 5 to 7:30pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday (March 19) St. Joseph

8:00 am (OLA) Birthday Blessings for Fr. Arbo

*By Camille Deangelo*

### Wednesday (March 20) Lenten Weekday

8:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

*By John & Pat Abbiate Marrazzo*

### Thursday (March 21) Lenten Weekday

8:00 am (SML) Deacon Dan Sloan

*By A Friend*

### Saturday (March 23) The Vigil of Palm Sunday

4:00 pm (OLA) Leon Pollard

*By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek.*

### Sunday (March 17) Palm Sunday

9:00 am (SML) Peter & Anna Sewatsky

*By Pat Wall*

11:00 am (SP) Catherine Stawowy

*By Pat Moots*

**SP Weekly \$ 1,530.00 Loose \$ 206.00**

**OLA Weekly \$ 1,788.00 Loose \$ 95.00**

**SML Weekly \$ 1,165.00 Loose \$ 35.00**

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

### **MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

This past Tuesday, Our Lady of the Abingtons celebrated a funeral Mass for Richard James. Please pray for his soul and for the consolation of his loved ones.

### **SML EASTER CANDY SALE**

Last chance to buy Candy before Easter will be at SML church after Mass on Palm Sunday.

### **LENTEN SLEEPING BAG PROJECT**

Come and join us next Saturday, March 23. We will be making sleeping bags for our homeless neighbors. We will need blankets, fleece & fabric, comforters, men's ties & toiletries. You can leave them in the blue barrel in front of St. Pat's Parish Hall. Any questions please call Joan @ 570-468-6903.

### **ST PAT'S CLOTHES CLOSET**

Just a reminder that the 40 days of item collection for the Clothes Closet continues. Donations for the clothes closet can be left at any time under cover at the lower level of the Church Hall.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Easter flowers that were ordered on March 10 & 17 will be delivered after Mass at OLA, St. Pat's and SML on Palm Sunday, March 23 & 24.