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P A L M S U N D A Y

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Palm Sunday

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.



STAFF:

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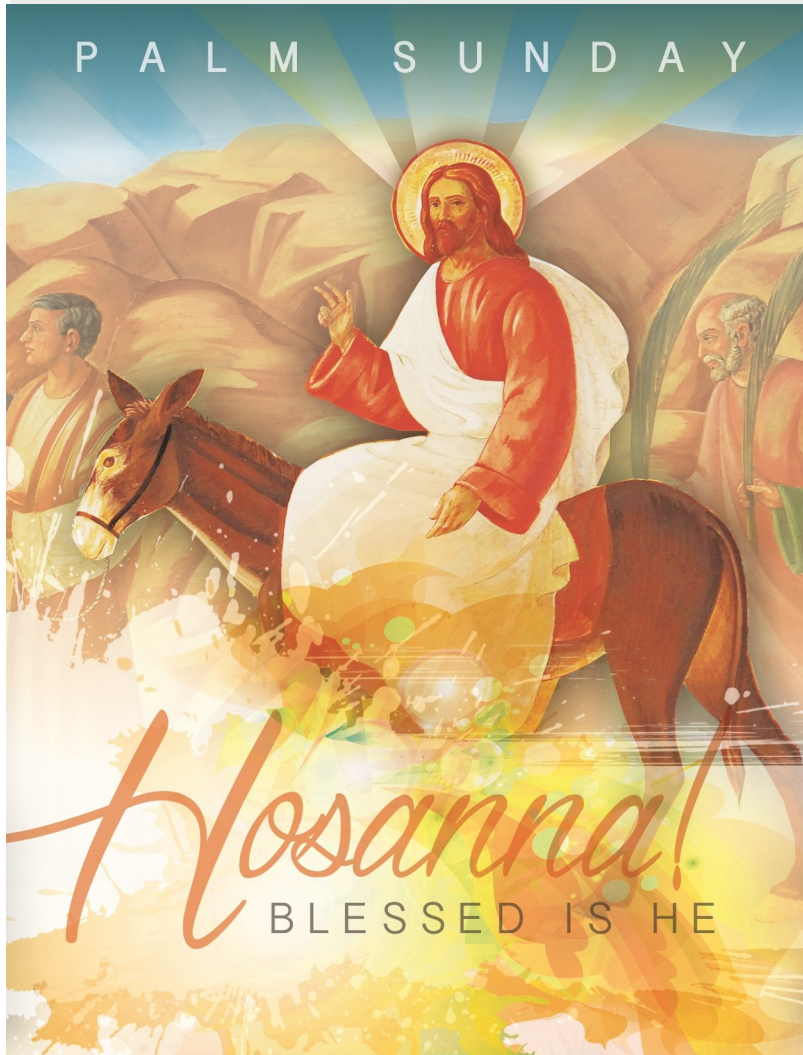
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REGISTRATION CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be registered at the parish office. Please update your information when you move.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the

twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

WORSHIP & OUTREACH



MAR 23 SATURDAY

4:00 P.M. Mary Stees †
Jerry & Lottie Durban

MAR 24 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. The Intention of Mary
Agnes Carroll

10:00 a.m. Joe Church †
Mark & Jane Helfer

MAR 25 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

MAR 26 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Harry & Veronica
Morgan †
Loretta Niemiec

MAR 27 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Joseph A Patrello †
Cathy Frame

MAR 28 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. For the People

MAR 29 GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord

MAR 30 EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. Loretta Saporito †
Beth & Rob Thomas

MAR 31 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Anjelo Flores †
Christina Lavenski

10:00 a.m. In gratitude to the pa-
rishioners of SFX
The Yeater Family

The Sanctuary Candle
beside the tabernacle burns this
week
for **Vince Scarbin †**

The Miraculous Medal
Perpetual Novena is prayed
every Tuesday before Mass in honor of
the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SCHEDULES

MAR 28 Holy Thursday

Lector: D. Evans/D. Prado

Eucharistic: L. Magnone

MAR 29 Good Friday

Lector: Wise/Whitelatch

Eucharistic: J. Hess

MAR 30 Easter Vigil

Lector: D. Evans/L. Frohnappfel

Eucharistic: M. Taskalines

MAR 31 Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Lector: R. Hess

Eucharistic: J. Hess

10:00 a.m.

Lector: Whitwam

Eucharistic: D. Kosky

Sacristy

Helen & Doug Zacherl



11:00 a.m. Cross Walk: Meet at
Calvary UMC to join the procession
with the cross through Moundsville

12:00 p.m. Procession ends at St.
Francis Xavier Church and the
Moundsville Ministerial Associa-
tion Ecumenical service begins.

11:00 - 5:00 Fish Fry in Xavier Hall

2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
ending at 3 p.m. as we remember
the death of our Lord Jesus Christ

7 p.m. Celebration of the Passion
of the Lord

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Washing of Feet: 7PM

Please consider joining in
one of the most beautiful
liturgies of the Easter Trid-
uum by having your feet
washed. Contact Father if
you are interested

**Transfer of the Most
Blessed Sacrament** to the
place of repose.

The Nightwatch: You are
encouraged to continue ad-
oration before the Blessed
Sacrament until 10 PM this
evening.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR THE FAITHFUL:

SPIRITUAL WARFARE FOR TODAY'S TIMES

Kenote: Fr. Joe Freedy

Date: Wednesday, April 3

Time: 6:15 pm

Location: St. Michael Parish,
1225 National Rd, Wheeling

The evening is hosted by:

St. Michael Parish's Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Christian Women

Social immediately following.

All are welcome!

PALM SUNDAY



NEWS & COMMUNITY



Monday, March 25 6-7:30pm	<i>On Bended Knee Lenten Study</i> in the church basement
Tuesday, March 26 10am	Mindful Movement with Emily in Xavier Hall
Wednesday, March 27 11:30am	Line Dancing with Lottie in the church basement
Wednesday, March 27 1:30-2:30pm	Line Dancing for Beginners with Lottie
Friday, March 29 6pm	Bingo every Friday in Xavier Hall
Palm Sunday Weekend March 22-24	HE'S ALIVE Free Musical Passion Play at the Capitol Theatre



To the family and loved ones of

Bruce Kirchner,

our heartfelt condolences

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently sick: Suzy Lunau, Carlene Crow, Kimberly Peffley, Scott Peffley, Christina Lavenski, Sage Rich, Lois Frey, Kathy Patrello, Bob Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Karen Swierkos-Wayne, David & Anastasia Yeater, George Zacherl, Brian Hill, John Kirchner, Ted Scarbin, Angela Montesano, Nash Casto, Catherine Pellerin, Eleanor Smith, Anna Mae, Veronis Holliday, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro.

Homebound: Judy Seidel, Kathryn Helfer, Rachel Kerekes, Phyllis Prado, Jim Brown, Katie Melchiori.

Nursing Homes: Kathryn Ferrera, Angeline Sellers, Fay Melchiori, Dwight Furbee, Earl Richards, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES:

† HOLY THURSDAY-March 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
Following the service until 10 p.m.

† GOOD FRIDAY-March 29
Stations of the Cross
2:30 pm
† The Passion of the Lord,
Adoration of the Holy Cross, Holy
Communion
7:00 pm

† HOLY SATURDAY-March 30
Easter Vigil Mass
8:00 pm

† EASTER SUNDAY-March 31
Masses 8:00am/10:00 am

Correction:
The Stations of the Cross on
Good Friday will be at
2:30 p.m.



THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

for the Holy Land provides
support of the Holy Places, and for
those pastoral, charitable,
educational and social works
which the Church supports in the

CALENDAR END OF LENT & HOLY WEEK

Fridays
11-5pm **FISH FRIES**
Xavier Hall

Saturday
March 23 **EASTER FLOWERS
DELIVERED** to sick &
homebound

Monday,
March 25 **ORDERS DUE-
EASTER ALTAR
FLOWERS**

Friday,
March 29 **GOOD FRIDAY
CROSS WALK &
ECUMENICAL
SERVICE**
Begins at 11am at
Calvary UMC and ends
at SFX with services

OFFERINGS: March 10

Envelopes	\$ 2,077.00
Loose Offering	\$ 310.00
Xavier Hall	\$ 30.00
Church Repair	\$ 677.00
Pennies for God	\$ 4.26
Priest Retirement	\$ 47.00
Memorial Gifts	\$ 30.00
Online Giving	\$ 90.40

Attendance 202

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a
leading provider of preventive
health screenings will offer
affordable, non-invasive and
painless health screenings at SFX
on Wed. April 14th.

Screenings identify risk factors for
stroke, heart disease, and other
chronic conditions. Testing takes
between 60-90 minutes.

To register, call 1-844-591-7160,
text the word "circle" to 216-279-
1607, or online at <http://llsa.social/HC>.