

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## MARCH 25, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Loving God, lift up our hearts to give you thanks and praise for all you have done for us through the saving death of your Son. We sing out in our day, "Blessed is he who continues to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 26, 2018

Monday, March 26, Monday of Holy Week  
12:10PM Cleo Gross  
Tuesday, March 27, Tuesday of Holy Week  
11:30AM Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville  
Wednesday, March 28, Wednesday of Holy Week  
NO MASS  
Thursday, March 29, Holy Thursday  
7PM Pat O'Toole by Family  
Friday, March 30, Good Friday  
7PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Tenebrae  
Saturday, March 31, Holy Saturday  
8PM For the Parish  
Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday  
9AM Frank, Mary, and Robert Wojcik

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MARCH 25 THRU APRIL 1

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| Sunday    | 9AM Mass with Blessing of Palms<br>PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM   |
| Monday    | 12:10AM Mass<br>11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon<br>Shredded BBQ Pork/Fried Chicken<br>6PM School Board Meeting                      |
| Tuesday   | NO 8:15AM Mass<br>11:30AM Chrism Mass at St. Peter's<br>Cathedral, Belleville  |
| Wednesday | NO MASS at Three Springs<br>1:30PM Dismissal-BUS SERVICE   |
| Thursday  | NO SCHOOL<br>10AM Servers Practice-Holy Thursday<br>7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper<br>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament till 9PM |
| Friday    | NO SCHOOL<br>10AM Servers Practice-Good Friday<br>7PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion<br>and Tenebrae                      |
| Saturday  | 10AM Servers Practice-Easter Vigil<br>8PM Easter Vigil Mass  |
| Sunday    | 9AM Easter Mass  |

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Jesus poured himself out for us and for our salvation, certainly suffering physically from the beating, scourging, crowning with thorns, being struck, spat upon, prodded, pushed, and stumbling up the hill to Golgotha. Then he was stretched out on a crossbeam, nailed to it, and lifted up, his body suspended between heaven and earth. Finally, he suffocated, unable to raise himself to take in more air. There was also the inner suffering of abandonment, of seeing his disciples run off, of realizing that all those who had cried "Hosanna" a few days earlier had either been silent or had cried out, "Crucify him." Only the women had remained with him. Today, when we take home a piece of palm, it invites us to prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter. Then we can add our voices to that solitary voice almost two millennia ago, saying, "Truly, this is the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39).

#### TITHE WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,186.00  
\$569.00 Cemetery; \$115.00 Donations; \$95.00 Child Env.  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,746.31  
Fiscal Year Week: 38  
YTD Actual Giving: \$256,359.50  
YTD Budget Need: \$266,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$9,640.50)  
YTD Weekly: (\$253.70)

#### SERVERS SCHEDULE for March 31 & April 1: Volunteer Sign Up

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Let us begin this week the same way Jesus began the first Holy week - with true humility.

**NEW TIMES FOR DINNER AUCTION:** Please note the new times for this year's dinner auction on Saturday, April 7. Doors open at 4:30PM, dinner will be served at 5:45PM, and the live auction will begin at 6:30PM. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

**RESERVE YOUR SEATS:** Call Ron Korando (615-2509) and reserve a seat for the Gala Auction & Dinner on Saturday, April 7.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** We have collected \$2,118.00 in raffle ticket sales. Return your sold tickets in the collection basket or the boxes in the back of church. Thank you!

**SHOOTING MATCH:** St. Mary of the Divine Maternity will host a Shooting Match for hams & turkeys on Sunday, March 25, at the Chester Eagles Club beginning at Noon. Fried Chicken and Potatoes are FREE. All You Can Eat!

**QUARTERLY MEETING** for St. Mary's Sodality will be Monday, March 26, at 6PM in the K of C Hall. We will be discussing going to the Muny this summer.

**THE FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet at Chester K of C on Tuesday, March 27, at 7PM. This is a joint meeting and your ladies are invited, so let's have a good turnout for this meeting. Also, the Sir Knights have been asked to provide honor guards for St. Mary's Confirmation at the Cathedral on Monday, April 9, St. John the Baptist Confirmation, Red Bud, on Monday, April 23 at 7PM, Mary Help of Christians First Communion on Sunday, May 6 and the Ordination Mass of Steve Pautler at the Cathedral on Saturday, May 19.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** will host the mobile market on Wednesday, March 28, at 10AM in the Cohen Complex. The Pantry is in need of peanut butter, tuna and canned meat. Please call Bob Koenegstein (826-5264) to volunteer.

**K OF C FISH FRY** Friday, March 30, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit St. Mary's School. On April 6 the fish fry will be for St. Mary's PSR program.

**WEST VICARIATE SPRING DAY OF RECOLLECTION** will be held on Thursday, April 5, at St. Pius V, Walsh. The morning speaker will be Deacon Douglas Boyer. We will attend Mass before lunch. The afternoon speaker will be Rev. Vincent Mukasa. The cost of the day will be \$9.00. Registration begins at 9AM. For more information contact Joan Derringer (618-534-6697).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is April 8, the first Sunday after Easter. Pamphlets for the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be distributed on Palm Sunday weekend. The nine day Novena begins on Good Friday.

**EASTER FLOWERS** in memory of family, living or deceased, an offering of \$15.00 for each flower.

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**YOU'RE INVITED:** Friday, April 6, Evansville, K of C, 4:30-8PM Fish Fry, Adults-\$12.00, Children 5-12-\$5.00