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# *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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## **Lazarus, come out!**

**April 2, 2017**

**Sat. April 1, 2017**

5:00 pm – Bruno Andidero, Kathleen Maher,  
Rosemary Quinn

**Sun. April 2, 2017**

9:00 am –Gaye Collins, Margaret Meenaugh,  
Grace Maruszewski

9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds

**10:00 am – Grade 1 and Parent Workshop**

11:00 am – George McCloud, Bonnie Lewis, Tracy Cuevas

**1:00 pm – Confirmation Practice**

**Mon. April 3, 2017**

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

**Tues. April 4, 2017**

**9:30 am & 6:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study**

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

**Wed. April 5, 2017**

10:00 – Sunday Scripture

**12:00 pm – Senior Luncheon**

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Religious Education

**Thurs. April 6, 2017**

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:00 pm. – AA

7:15 pm – Choir Practice

**Fri. April 7, 2017**

7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service OLA

**Sat. April 8, 2017**

**9:30 am - Confirmation**

5:00 pm – Maria & Antonio Rodriguez,  
Thomas McClure, George Olsen

**Sun. April 9, 2017 PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 am –Michael Faso, Sr., Hank Sudol,  
Deceased Members of the Hartell Family

11:00 am - Therese Goguen, Hank Sudol,  
Deceased Members Guckian & Fay Families

## **CONDOLENCES**

We extend our prayers and sympathy to: Jim Harrison and his family upon the death of his wife Jean; and to Dolores Townley and her family upon the death of her son John.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY – April 13**

Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 Midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY – April 14**

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY – April 15**

Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon

**Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 P.M.**

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 16**

**Easter Masses – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

The Adult Faith Formation Committee Lenten Bible study program meets every Tuesday at **9:30 am and 6:30 pm in Deacon John Hall**. Join us as we discuss the Book of Exodus. Can't make every meeting, no problem, drop-ins are always welcome.

## **TENEBRAE SERVICE**

Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg will be having a Tenebrae Service, this **Friday, April 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm**.

## **HOLY THURSDAY, FOOT WASHING**

We are looking for **12 volunteers, of varying ages to sign up to have their foot washed at Mass on Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in participating, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Totaled ~ \$ 7,914.60  
Collection \$ 6,232.10 – Online \$ 1,682.50**

*Thank you!*



## OUR LITURGY

*We are approaching the most sacred events of our liturgical year, Holy Week and Easter. We would like as many parishioners as possible to join us in our commemoration and celebration of these events. For the next few weeks, we will take some space in our bulletins to review with you the significance of these special days.*

*Please join us for Holy Week.*



## PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in His path, before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His Crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ's Death and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Beginning in the fourth century in Jerusalem, Palm Sunday was marked by a procession of the faithful carrying palm branches, representing the Jews who celebrated Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. As the practice spread throughout the Christian world by the ninth century, the procession would begin in each church with the blessing of palms, proceed outside the church, and then return to the church for the reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of Matthew. The faithful would continue to hold the palms during the reading of the passion.

## HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is the day on which Christ celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples, four days after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Only hours after the Last Supper, Judas would betray Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, setting the stage for Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday.

Holy Thursday is more than just the lead-in to Good Friday; it is, in fact, the oldest of the celebrations of Holy Week. And with good reason: Holy Thursday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the institution of three pillars of the Catholic Faith: the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Priesthood and the Mass.

During the Last Supper, Christ blessed the bread and wine with the very words that Catholic and Orthodox priests use today to consecrate the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass and the Divine Liturgy. In telling His disciples to "Do this in remembrance of Me," He instituted the Mass and made them the first priests. Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and it ends with the removal of the Body of Christ from the tabernacle in the main body of the church. The Eucharist is carried in procession to another place where it is kept overnight, to be distributed during the commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. After the procession, the altar is stripped bare, and all bells in the church are silent until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

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## GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday, the Friday before Easter Sunday, commemorates the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross. Good Friday is the second of the three days of the Easter Triduum.

From the earliest days of Christianity, no Mass has been celebrated on Good Friday; instead, the Church celebrates a special liturgy in which the account of the Passion according to the Gospel of John is read, a series of intercessory prayers (prayers for special intentions) are offered, and the faithful venerate the Cross by coming forward and kissing it. The Good Friday liturgy concludes with the distribution of Holy Communion. Since there was no Mass, Hosts that were reserved from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday are distributed instead.



## ORDINATION

On **Saturday, June 17th** at St. St. Patrick's Cathedral, our fellow parishioner, **Mr. Carl Locatelli**, will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon. This wonderful day will mark the end of five years of study, discernment, and supervised ministry for Carl, and it is a great day for him, his family as well as for our parish.

If you would like to celebrate this day by attending the ordination, we are planning to rent a bus to take us to and from St. Patrick's on the ordination Day. The ordination begins at 9am in the morning, so the bus will have to leave our parking lot by 7am. It will probably return around 1pm. If you are interested, we need you to sign up either this weekend or next weekend. There will be a nominal charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the bus rental and gratuity. We will collect this \$10 per person when you indicate your interest by signing up.

**Sign-up in Deacon John Hall after Mass.**

On the following day, June 18th, Carl will function for the first time as a Deacon at our 11am Mass and a simple reception will follow.

## EASTER FLOWERS



Parishioners are invited to remember deceased relatives and friends by making a donation toward the Easter plants used to decorate our Church. Please submit the names you want to remember by placing your "Easter Flowers" envelope in the collection basket by **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

The usual donation is **\$10.00 per name**.

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