

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 7pm at St. John

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3pm
St. Peter, St. John, Holy Family

**Good Friday Veneration of the Cross &
Communion Service** 7pm at St. John

Holy Saturday 7pm at St. John
Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

*Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord*

Holy Family	8:00am
St. Peter	9:30am
St. John the Baptist	11:15am

The Easter Vigil Pot Luck

The Easter Vigil Pot Luck Dinner will follow the Vigil Mass service on Saturday, April 20. Please bring a dish to pass -- main dishes, side dishes, and desserts needed.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

There will be a Pancake Breakfast held Palm Sunday in Father Willis Hall at St. John in Walton following the 11:15 am Mass. It will be hosted by the group heading to the National Catholic Youth Conference this Fall. Please come and enjoy pan-cakes, good company, and support our trip to Indianapolis coming up this November.



Rice Bowl checks due by 4/28!

[Drop in the offertory basket.]

Tenebrae

Tenebrae -- the name comes from the Latin word for 'darkness' -- is a dramatic way of tracing out progressively the struggle between the dark forces of sin and death that seem to extinguish the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, on the cross -- only to be extinguished themselves with the triumphant light of the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil.

The service of Tenebrae is a form of the two morning hours of the Liturgy of the Hours. At one time 'matins' and 'lauds' were joined together in a single service prayed at night in anticipation of the following day. It became the custom during the Easter Triduum to begin the service in a church lit by candles clustered on a stand. After each of the psalms, one candle was extinguished until only one, the Christ candle, remained burning. It was carried out lit before the Canticle of Zechariah. At the end of the service the choir banged their books against their choir stalls to simulate the sound of an earthquake, the candle was carried in again still lit, a vivid foreshadowing of the procession with the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil.

Sr. Genevieve Glen

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Holy Week is a sober time for all Christians as we remember a sacred meal (Holy Thursday), suffering (Good Friday), uncertainty (Holy Saturday) and rebirth (Easter). Talk about times in your marriage of special meals, suffering, uncertainty, and rebirth.



Rosary on Sundays

Please join the recitation
of the Rosary Sundays at:

8:50 am before St. Peter's 9:30 am Mass
10:40 am before St. John's 11:15 am Mass

Lobby for Life

Lobby For Life Day in Albany is on May 1. After the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, it is critical that we have a large turnout this year. There is a strong effort to get physician-assisted suicide passed as well as paid surrogate motherhood so we need to send a strong message to the politicians in Albany that we have not given up the fight and that we will continue to lobby to protect all human life from conception to death.

The bus will stop at Sacred Heart Church, 27 Harper Street in Stamford, at 7:30 am, and we will be dropped off near the New York State Museum and walk to the Legislative Office Building to hear from speakers on the issues until 12. [Lunch: bag lunch or fast food.] We will then gather to visit our legislators.

It is very important that we have a large group from Delaware County as there is a new Senator from that District, Jen Metzger, who voted for the RHA and needs to hear from us.

Tickets for the bus are \$20 for individuals and \$10 a piece for members of families of three or more. Please plan on attending and letting the governor know that there are still people in New York who will stand up and defend human life.

To reserve a seat please call 652.4055.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us, "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting your palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Self-LESS service defines a family as Christian.

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

Why do we call Good Friday "Good"? Isn't it all about Christ's suffering and death? Yes, But - - sometimes we have to go through suffering to get to the good stuff (think childbirth, raising a child, etc.). Talk with your child about how a hard or sad time eventually led to good.

Sunday Reflections Dr. Scott Hahn

"What is written about Me is coming to fulfillment," Jesus says in the Gospel. Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of the Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold. He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah. The taunts and torments in the two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (22: 63-65; 23:10-11, 16), as His hands and feet are pierced (Lk 23:33), as enemies gamble for His clothes (23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (23:35, 37, 39).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame."

We have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (Rom 5:12-14, 17-19; Eph 2:2; 5:6). This is why God greatly exalted Him, why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise -- seeing and Believing.