

SIGNS & PRACTICES OF PASSIONTIDE

The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide. The word passion designates complete involvement, a total pouring out, or a complete spending of oneself.

- ✠ Both outdoor and indoor crosses are draped in purple.
- ✠ After Palm Sunday, crucifixes are removed from sight until after the adoration of the Cross on Good Friday.
- ✠ All leave Palm Sunday Mass silently as a reminder that the prayerful focus on Holy Week has begun.
- ✠ Holy Thursday procession to the Altar of Repose is made with complete reverence.
- ✠ The Lord instituted the Holy Priesthood with the washing of feet, which signifies service and humility.
- ✠ The drama of the Easter Vigil Mass is unmatched. Beginning with the Service of light, the Easter Fire is lit outside, followed by the procession, following the Paschal Candle, signifying the Risen Christ. The Exultet is sung. The Liturgy of the Word traces the Salvation history. Of the Old Testament. At the Epistle reading, we have the return of the Gloria. The Gospel is once again proclaimed with the Alleluia. The great (and long-awaited) renewal of our Baptismal Promises precedes the Eucharistic Prayer & Holy Communion.

Holy Week and Easter Triduum

Palm Sunday

With palms in hand, we enter Jerusalem. Our voices become part of the first proclamation of the Passion.

Masses

Saturday, April 12

4:00 p.m. (Procession)

Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. (No Procession)

10:30 a.m. (Procession)



Monday of Holy Week

Mass

April 14 at 9:00 a.m.—Mass
6:00-7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration,
Father will be available to hear
confessions from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass

April 15 at 9:00 a.m.—Mass

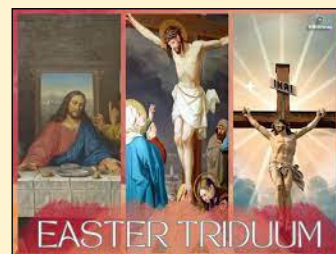
Chrism Mass

**Tuesday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. at
St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton**
*Priests of the Diocese renew their
vows, and the oils to be used for the
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,
Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders
will be blessed.*

Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass

April 16 at 9:00 a.m.
**Deanery Penance Service at
St. Boniface Church at 7:00 p.m.**



Holy Thursday

The Lord institutes the Eucharist. He also, as a servant washing the feet of the Apostles, institutes the Holy Priesthood. We symbolically process with Him to the Garden of Olives (Gethsemane).

Mass

April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring Bells for the Gloria
**Eucharistic Adoration until
Night Prayer at 10:30 p.m.**

Good Friday

We hear and proclaim His Passion, venerate the cross, and receive the Eucharist.

April 18 Services

Church open for prayer
12:00-1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.: Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion (No Mass is permitted)
3:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

During the Easter Vigil, we see Holy Fire. We see Easter's Light as we carry the Paschal Candle into our darkened Church. The Gloria and Alleluia return. Easter is here.

Basket Blessing ~ 12:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, April 19 at 8:00 p.m.
Bring Bells for the Gloria

Easter Sunday


*He is Risen!
He is Risen, Indeed!*

Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m.—Mass

Easter Egg Hunt after 8 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m.—Mass

The Things of Heaven Are Wed To Those of Earth & Divine To The Human *From the Easter Vigil Exultet*

ear Parish Family,

The great season Of Holy Lent has come to an end. I think most of us are quite happy about this fact. If Lent is a journey, we are about to reach our destination. If we experience Lent as a rather arid desert, we are about to celebrate the waters of our regeneration. Some say Lent is like spring training, and if that is so then we are now ready to live our life in Christ anew. Others say Lent is like basic training where the body, mind and soul are conditioned to profess the Word of the Lord by what we say and do. If Lent is a time of sacrifice, our sacrifices find their fulfillment in The Sacrifice of Christ. Finally, if Lent is a time of purification, well, we are 40 days closer to the purification Jesus intends and procures for us when He says, "Be perfect as My Heavenly Father is perfect."

We are now celebrating some of the most intense and efficacious days of our salvation which we call Holy Week. These days are efficacious because the events of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ are filled with the saving power of God. The word efficacious means effective, efficient, successful, worthwhile and valuable. Indeed! Holy Week is also very intense. What it takes a lifetime for us to fully comprehend and incorporate into our lives is expressed in one week from Palm Sunday to the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. If celebrated prayerfully this week can be quite emotional. Who can not be moved by the extent to which the Son of God would go to show His love for us?

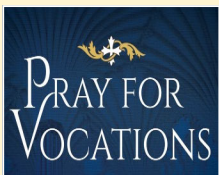
Then with the flame of a candle, and the light of millions of candles, the darkness is scattered. The Lord is Risen, just as He said. I feel like it all happens anew each year as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter— not just remembered. Like the un-bloody Sacrifice at Holy Mass when the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, the saving reality of Holy Week is recreated. Darkness is scattered. Death is conquered. He is Risen. We are saved.

Joyfully Yours,

Fr. Michael

Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament, striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment by following the example and teaching of Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith, through the Roman Catholic Tradition, to the next generation, for the greater glory of God.



Top Ten Things You May Not Have Known About Priests

Enjoy and come back next week for #5

#6 They might live with their bride – the Church!

Depending on the age, size, and population of a parish, priests may or may not live in the church themselves. It is very common in older churches – mostly those built before the 1950s – to have a rectory attached to the church so the priest can live conveniently close to the place where he has his ministry. In more modern churches, a rectory is not included in the churches' structures. A priest oftentimes will opt to live in a separate house located on the same property as the church, or in a home that is nearby, like across the street or a block away.

April is Dedicated To The Holy Eucharist & The Resurrection

Altar Servers Needed

We are in desperate need for more Altar Servers for our Sunday Masses! Currently, we only have 4 active servers. To qualify, the student must have received First Holy Communion and attend Church regularly. Servers may continue to serve through High School, extending even to college age when they are home. It is not just for our younger students.

Parents, please encourage your children to volunteer to serve at Holy Mass. Fr. Michael will provide the necessary training. It may be the one thing that helps our kids remain Catholic when they become adults.

If there are any adults who would be willing to serve when there are no youth to fulfill this ministry to our Lord, please let us know by calling the Parish Office: 570-368-8596



“Serving at the Altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus.” ~ Pope Francis

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12 Vigil for Palm Sunday

4:00 p.m. James & Helen O'Brien & James Nestlerode (by Jan & Karen Ransdorf)

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. George & Beryl Rolley (by the Rolley Family)

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Bob Lorson (by Teresa & Joe Moore)

Tuesday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Lisa Mondell (by Dave & Joanne Mondell)

Wednesday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Robin Agnone (by The Romey Fagnano Family)

Thursday, April 17 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:00 p.m. For Our First Communion Class

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Service 1:30 p.m. (NO MORNING MASS)

Saturday, April 12 Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Easter Intentions

Sunday, April 13 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Easter Intentions

10:30 a.m. Easter Intentions

Offertory Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

April 6, 2025

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| Loose | \$ | 655.00 |
| Offertory | \$ | 7384.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 402.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$ | 10.00 |
| Easter | \$ | 180.00 |
| Votives | \$ | 5.00 |
| Ascension | \$ | 5.00 |

TOTAL \$ 8,641.00

Diocesan Collections

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| Holy Land/Good Friday | \$ | 30.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ | 5.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ | 20.00 |
| Care & Education of Priests | \$ | 206.00 |

GRAND TOTAL \$ 8,902.00

Easter Sunday Morning

Following the 8 a.m. Mass

Ages: PK-6

Where: Outside if the weather permits



Our Lady Of Lourdes Youth Are Awesome!

Congratulations to the recipients of the Bishop's Youth Award:

8th Graders— Aubrey Arrigione, and Cameron Cummings.

High School Seniors — Ryan Aguirre and Avery Selleck

Masses For Loved Ones

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the office at

570-368-8598 or email to

parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Collection Counter Schedule

Apr 14 Group 2 G Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett

April 22 Group 3 J. DeGegorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan

Prayer List for the Month April

Teresa Atwell, Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Gayne Campbell, Dottie Dincher, Ann Dorin, Deacon Matt Easley, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Siona Grzelaczyk, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Rita Koch, Claire McMahon, Jeff O'Connor, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al & Karen Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Aaron Murray, Ginger Paulhamus, Karen Ransdorf, Shelley Sechler, Mary Shuhler, Kathy Wertz, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list please contact the parish office.

Women of Lourdes — Save The Date!



April 28th 6-8:00 pm



All ladies of the parish are welcome as we celebrate spring with an old fashioned tea party. The evening will include a light supper, a gardening project, door prizes and more. Don't forget to bring your favorite tea cup.

Call or text 570-666-5300 or email:
parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org for more information or
to reserve a spot.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support our priests and to express our unity as the Diocese of Scranton. For reserved seating, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org

Welcome New Members

Mark, Robin and Leah Peterman
Ricardo & Aleida Alvizures-Reyes and children
John & Terri O'Neal



*W*EDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, June 1st, 2025
2:30pm
Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton PA 18503

