

Church of the Holy Angels

March 28, 2021, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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MASSSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM SUNDAY

8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND

MASSES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Sister Teresa Catherine, Pastoral Assistant

Mary Kay Bartol, Secretary

Joseph Fesniak Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 27

8:00am	Carl Santor
4:00pm	Dave Dallazia
5:30pm	Michael Dumchock

Sunday, March 28

8:30am	Rita Buggy
10:30am	People of the Parish

Monday, March 29

8:00am	Robert Balitchik
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Tuesday, March 30

8:00am	Frank Valania
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Wednesday, March 31

8:00am	Deceased of the Valanoski & Chekanski Families
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Holy Thursday, April 1

8:00am	Morning Prayer
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Mass of the Lord's Supper

5:00pm	Rev. Raymond J. Orloski
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7:00pm	Reverend John Kemper
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Good Friday, April 2

8:00am	Morning Prayer
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3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
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Holy Saturday, April 3

8:00am	Morning Prayer
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1:00pm	Blessing of Easter Foods
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8:00pm, Easter Vigil	People of the Parish
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Easter Sunday, April 4

7:00am	Victor Nestico
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9:00am	Michael Sikora
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11:00am	Aaron Ziegler
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Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.

Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Nolan, Chairman, Joe Meyer, Vice-Chairman,
Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo,
Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of March 21

Number of registered households	875
Sunday Offering (167 Households)	\$3,317.00
Loose Cash	\$73.00
Youth Offering	\$33.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$207.00
Votive Candles	\$171.00
Ash Wednesday	\$16.00
Energy	\$60.00
Individual Contributions	\$850.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
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Amount Contributed	\$4,727.00
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Weekend of March 21	+\$3,606.00
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Improvement Fund

Previous Balance	\$20,168.00
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Weekend of March 21	+\$118.00
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Balance	\$20,286.00
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Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal	\$60,000.00
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Donations to date	\$24,481.00
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Balance	\$35,519.00
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Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services	\$201.00
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Diocesan Annual Campaign

At this time, we have received \$9,377.00 towards our goal for the Diocesan Annual Campaign. We ask that you mail your contribution directly to the diocese using the envelope enclosed. Our parish assessment is \$19,617.00. With your help, this goal is attainable!

Of Your Charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Lillian Farronato, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him know!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.
4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations.

These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member." Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.

Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

Adoration at the St. Pauline Center

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00AM- 4:00PM. Chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart and masks are required. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Vigil Lights

March 28 thru April 3

Sanctuary Light: In loving memory of Andrew & Dolores Furca by Family

St. Anthony: In loving memory of Dolores & Danny Ney by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch

St. Anne: Special intention

St. Casimir: In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael

St. Theresa: Special intention

St. Kateri: Special intention

St. Marziale: A special intention...

Sacred Heart: Special intention



Luck of the Irish Winner-\$999.00

Joan Roberts!

A very special thanks to all who supported this fund-raiser. The parish realized a profit of \$1,001.00

PREP Schedule

GRADES 6, 7, 8-Classes will be held on April 11, 18, 25.

GRADES 1-5-Classes will be held on April 12, 19, 26.

Kulpmont Sportsmens Club Fish Dinner

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

11:00AM-6:00PM

\$10.00 per platter Haddock, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes

Cemetery Clean Up

We ask that everyone please remove ALL items from graves by the end of March and take them home with you to dispose of properly.

Remember that our cemeteries are private property and all are located in Mount Carmel Township. Below is the Ordinance concerning animals on private property. Those in violation of this ordinance will be issued a fine by the Mount Carmel Township Police Department.

Prohibited Acts

Animals prohibited on private property without owner's consent.

No person shall cause, suffer or allow any animals, including dog, cat or fowl, to be on the private property of another within Mount Carmel Township without the express authority or permission of the owner of the property.

***Masks are to be worn as face covering the entire time parishioners attend Mass or any other liturgical event in the parish including sacramental Confession. They are not to be lowered at any time while in the church except to receive Holy Communion. It is not acceptable for parishioners to lower their face masks while sitting in the pew.**

***Social distancing is to be strictly enforced. The measure of 6 feet between individuals and family groups is to be maintained while seated and moving.**

***Groups are NOT to gather outside of our churches for social time. Face masks should be worn until a person has left the church property and distanced himself or herself from other congregants.**

Easter Theme Basket Raffle

Divine Redeemer Church

438 West Avenue Mount Carmel, Pa 17851

E-Z Chance "Bid at Home Form"

INSTRUCTIONS: Tickets are 10 for \$5.00 or 21 for \$10.00. Select from the 8 terrific baskets.

For more information on how to get a Form for the Holiday Theme Basket Raffle, please contact Divine Redeemer Parish Office 570-339-3450.

Easter Theme Basket Raffle Form and money is due by April 5, 2021. Drawing is Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Mount Carmel Area Ministerium Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 6, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, April 14, 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, April 20, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, April 28, 1:00-3:00PM

Park outside, wait your turn, be socially distant, wear masks! Food will be brought outside.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers

This is a reminder for all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers to sign up in the back of the Church for our Holy Week Masses. I will send to you next week the final schedule for Holy Week. Since we are opening the Masses to our ministers, please send me an email at Deacontomholyangels@outlook.com with the following information:

1. Your name
2. Your email address
3. Your phone number
4. Your ministry
5. Your preferred Mass times.

I will use this email address to communicate to all our ministers and to send out the future ministry schedules for after Easter. I will try to honor your preferred Mass times, but the needs of the schedule will also be considered. God Bless, Deacon Tom

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1, Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:00 & 7:00PM

Adoration will be held following the 7:00PM Mass until 11:00PM on Holy Thursday with Night Prayer
10:45PM

Good Friday, April 2, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00PM

Blessing of Easter Foods, Holy Saturday, April 3, 1:00PM

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 3, 8:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 4, Masses at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES!

Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:00AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The Sacrament of Penance will be available

Holy Thursday after the 7:00PM Mass

Good Friday 6:00-7:00PM

Blessing of Easter Foods is a Rich Tradition of our Heritage

When our Slovak ancestors arrived in this country a century ago, they brought with them many beautiful and meaningful traditions. Among the most popular of these was the age old tradition of blessing Easter food.

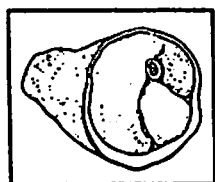
After a Lent of strict fast and abstinence, specially prepared foods to be eaten on Easter morning would help the family celebrate the great feast of Jesus' Resurrection. The foods, prepared in advance, were placed



in a basket, covered with a special hand crocheted cloth and taken to church to be blessed by the priest on Holy Saturday. The cloth often had an Easter emblem or the Easter words, "Christ Is Risen" crocheted on it. Each of

these foods had a special significance.

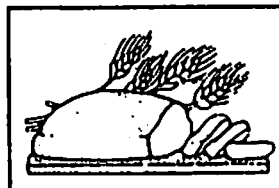
EGGS—Brightly decorated eggs are a symbol of New Life, the life Jesus gave by rising from the dead.



PASCHA—This is a sweet, rich, yeast bread.

It is usually a round loaf baked till it has a golden brown crust.

Sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top circled by a plait. This symbolizes the crown of thorns encircling the cross. Other breads to be blessed are nut and poppyseed rolls, known as "kolac" and "makovniky."

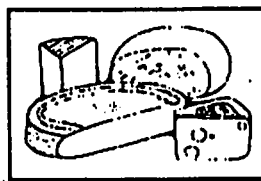


KLOBASA and HAM—After a Lent of fasting, this meat is well roasted or cooked to be used as the main dish. It symbolizes the great joy of Easter and to Slovaks this dish of meat is a sign of abundance. Some people may prefer lamb or veal.

CHEESE—The Easter cheese is known as "syrek" and has a rather bland, but sweet taste. It is indicative of the moderation Christians should have in all things. Cream cheese may also be used.



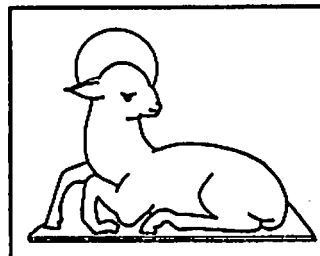
HORSERADISH—This is a tall plant with a white, hot-tasting root. This root is ground and mixed with ground beets, a mixture then called "chren." The taste of chren is to remind us of how bitter life would be without Jesus, and also of the bitter drink given to Jesus on the cross.



BUTTER—This favorite dairy product was shaped into the figure of a lamb because Jesus is the Lamb of God.

SALT—Salt is also blessed because salt was used to preserve food and this symbolizes the fact that Jesus preserves us to eternal life.

Many Slovak and Slavic churches today in the United States and Canada continue to observe this custom of blessing Easter foods.



Dear Padre,

I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love...but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 29

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

MARCH 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

MARCH 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

APRIL 1

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

APRIL 2

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

APRIL 3

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or

1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or

22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mk 16:1-7

Sunday

APRIL 4

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or

Mk 16:1-7

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

MARK 11:9



Empty Praise

How could anyone think that the joyous cry "Hosanna!" would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb "to save" (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today's readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: "Hosanna!" Later, in the Gospel we hear, "Crucify him!" Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier "Hosanna" empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ✦ How steadfast have you been in your support of others?
- ✦ Thank Jesus for his willingness to forgive your fickleness.

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