

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for April 4th – 12th

- Sat. 4th 9:00 a.m. Parishioners
- Sun. 5th 10:30 a.m. Parishioners
- Mon. 6th 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Vonderhaar Family
- Tues. 7th 9:00 a.m. Bob & Wilma Bruns
- Wed. 8th 9:00 a.m. Intention of David Coleman Family
- Thurs. 9th 7:00 p.m. Vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life
- Fri. 10th 3:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
- Sat. 11th 8:45 p.m. Parishioners
- April 12th 10:30 a.m. Parishioners

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE

ALL PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED

Join us in prayer--Even though the growing threat of COVID19 has many of us staying in our homes, that doesn't mean we have to pray alone. The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary daily, from our homes at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Knights will take up the Rosary and raise our voices to God. Wherever you are, you know that at those hours, somewhere a Knight is praying with you. We will continue praying with you until the Archbishop sounds the "all-clear" and it is safe for us to gather together again in prayer.

We will no longer have Mass in public at any of our churches through the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Fr. David will offer Mass every day in private to fulfill the Mass intentions.

You can view Mass on-line at EWTN.org

Fr. David will live-stream daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. Monday - Wednesday, Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m., Good Friday 3:00 p.m., Easter Vigil 8:45 p.m., and Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. via the Catholic Community of Preble County Facebook page.

Let us pray for all doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

Welcome to Online Giving

We are so grateful to continue receiving weekly/monthly offering gifts. Please remember envelopes may be sent by mail to the parish office (407 East Main Street / Eaton, OH 45320), or you may easily give online at preblecountycatholics.org/donate

In a few simple steps, you can set up an automatic recurring gift, and specify when and how often you'd like to give online. Also, you can select which parish you would like the donation to go towards and indicate your envelope # (if known).

Please see these beneficial options for enduring this time as it will greatly help continue the mission and work of our Preble County Catholic Region.

PALM SUNDAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we pause and reflect on this Palm Sunday, may our hearts be turned away from isolation and despair and restored to that triumphal saying, "Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." These words usually mark the beginning of Holy Week and commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. In the midst of such a large crowd in Jerusalem gathered for the celebration of Passover, Jesus rides in on a donkey and palms/cloaks make up his "red carpet" entrance.

It is interesting to see how Jesus reacts to these triumphal praises. He comes bearing peace while others are emotionally wrapped up in their version of the Messiah. He comes to die. He knows that the majority of those who say such beautiful words will in only a short couple of days utter from their mouths, "Crucify Him!" Will we also be like the crowds and turn away from Christ so easily? Or, will we be numbered among those women and the beloved disciple who journeyed with Christ in his agony, suffering, and death?

Perhaps we should pause today and not get wrapped up in the emotions that are surrounding us. But let our words speak the truth of our need and love for a Savior. Jesus should be welcomed into our home, our community, and our church with triumphal praise. He comes not to do my will or my begging, but he comes to do the will of the One who sent him to be with us. Jesus has come to fulfill and give definitive meaning to this Passover lamb which brings new life through great sacrifice. Jesus is the Lamb of God who comes to take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us and grant us peace.

God love you,
Fr David Doseck

Cornelius M. "Neil" Cahalane Memorial Scholarship: K of C Council 3698 will once again be offering one \$500 scholarship to a parishioner in the Preble County Catholic Region who will be attending a 2 year or 4-year college or vocational training school for the 2020/2021 academic year. An application with eligibility requirements can be found on the website. Applications must be received by Thursday, April 30, 2020.

St. Anne's Sodality Scholarship

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will be presenting \$1000 in scholarship funds to a worthy student, not just a new high school graduate, but for any woman of any age who is furthering her education. Application guidelines will be available on the website. Applications must be submitted by May 11.

2020 Wedding Anniversary Certificates:

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Please contact the parish office to request your certificate.

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