



Saturday, April 4, 2020

First Saturday
Greg Shepard
(Mom, Maureen)
People of the Parish

Sun. April 5th

Palm Sunday
Germaine Reid
In Memory of my
Deceased Sisters
(Grace Bentlage)

Mon. April 6th

Holy Week Begins
Janet Marie Jones

Tues. April 7th

Holy Tuesday
Alfred Aliotta
(Mary Aliotta Family)

Wed. April 8th

Holy Wednesday
Raymond Leitzel
(Tracie)

Thurs. April 9th

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. April 10th

Good Friday
Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Sat. April 11th

Holy Saturday
Easter Blessings

Sun. April 12th

Easter Sunday
Easter Blessings

Church Office is closed due to the mandated quarantine. For emergencies, please call 570-742-4356. If no one answers, please leave a message.

On line giving has been made available on the Diocesan webpage, please remember this is only temporary due to the current measures taken to ensure social distancing. Visit our webpage to access the link. We encourage you to continue mailing your contributions directly to our parish. By mailing your offering we are able to record your offerings for those who will request a contribution statement at the end of the year.

From Your Pastor,

Blessed Holy Week to you and your families, today, Palm Sunday is the beginning of the most holy week of the year, God makes it so by letting us enter into His Paschal Mystery, His dying and rising, which is the great mystery of salvation. Let us be filled with joy and peace and hope and faith and love. We have been given a heavy cross to carry with our Lord, so many are going to enter into their dying with Jesus' death, and they who are of faith and hope in the Lord will rise again. This is the most incredible Lent, may it also be the most incredible Easter Triduum.

We will ache and mourn in our suffering for the loss of the sacraments, no visits to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, no chance to worship Him in our church beautifully arrayed for the Easter Season.

I am walking around like a man in mourning whenever I think of our losses; you too most likely are in mourning. Let us unite our sorrow to those who are persecuted for their faith, whose churches have been destroyed and who must worship by underground Masses. We are still the most blessed and we are able to continue to bless others, especially by our additional free time to pray and meditate.

Directives For The Easter Triduum: Please watch the services on TV, such as EWTN, or go to sites as the Facebook for St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg PA, they will have all the services. We will not put our services on YouTube; however, we will put on our parish Facebook a filmed mediation for each of the services by Fr. Hoke. This is because the services are too long to do properly on very limited YouTube restrictions. The Web is over loaded at this time.

Blessed Palms will be placed on the rectory porch, you may come on the church property, stay a safe distance from one another, please have your hands sanitized before taking any palms, take as many as you need, there will be plenty. You could wait until after the quarantine, as there will be blessed palms for your devotions to take after the church is opened.

Sacrament of Penance: If you are able to wait until after the quarantine to go to Confession, please do wait.

For those who really desire to find grace and peace at this time by the Sacrament of Reconciliation the following times Fr. Hoke will be available at the rectory front yard for Confession: Palm Sunday, April 5, 2:00-3:00pm/ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12:00-1:00pm and then 6:00-7:00. Good Friday 3:00-4:00pm, Holy Saturday 12:00-1:00pm

You can always come to the church grounds and walk around and know that right inside the walls is the Lord our Savior and healer, Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a prayer tent to help with confessions and out-door Stations of the Cross for your devotion. Be smart; be quarantined always wherever you go. But be aware that if you can go to a grocery store parking lot you can come to a church parking lot, if you can walk down the sidewalk you can walk around our church and pray to the Blessed Sacrament

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

Second Collections

April 5 – Our Faith Our Future

April 9 – Holy Thursday

April 10 – Holy Land

April 12-Easter Sunday

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Elizabeth Muscarella, James Tomedi, Lisa Ressler, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando.

Tithing Envelopes: In this time of crisis the church still depends on your support. *Please mail your tithing envelopes to St. Joseph Church, 109 Broadway Street, Milton, PA 17847.*

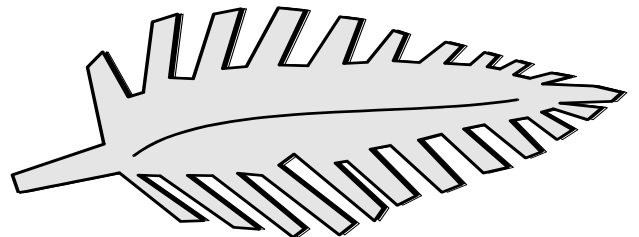
A Plenary Indulgence, meaning a total complete remission of all temporal punishment from sins is being granted by the Holy See during this pandemic scourge.

Who can get this indulgence? Anyone who has the Covid-19, or a family member or one who is caring for those who are sick, or are involved in the wellbeing of the public, or one who is praying for those who are afflicted are able to receive this Indulgence. That sounds like everyone, except for those who are hoarding toilet paper and cleaning supplies. They need other special prayers.

One can gain this indulgence for themselves or for those who have died, which would be a very great act of charity. This Indulgence can be gained every day of this pandemic.

If you have serious sins on your soul make an act of contrition and the promise to go to Confession at the first opportunity. Ask God to help you turn from all sin, even venial sins, to be totally open to Christ's purifying grace. Especially forgive anyone who has offended you, hold no grudges. Pray a Holy Rosary, or a Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or the Stations of the Cross, or watch and pray the Holy Mass on TV. Do so each day you are asking for the indulgence. Plus, pray an Our Father, and Hail Mary and a Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. At least every day of the quarantine, hopefully even after, you can gain this special indulgence.

Thank you parishioners for your cards and prayers that made our birthdays so special. Merrill and Connie Buehler.



Son of David
