



April 10, 2022

A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



PALM *Sunday*

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 9 —Vigil

4:00 PM † Nazareth & Susan Victoria by Jim & Carol Sepesky Family

Sunday, April 10 —Palm Sunday

8:30 AM † Elaine Manderino Nickolich & Melaine Nickolich Falbo by Melvin Nickolich

10:30 AM † Alice Selcan by Joseph Markowski

Monday, April 11

8:00 AM † John Cieply by wife, Dolly & Family

6:00 PM Taizé

Tuesday, April 12

No Mass

Wednesday, April 13

No Mass

Thursday, April 14

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15

1:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 16 — Easter Vigil

8:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday, April 17 — Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Parish Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–12; 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**The Office will be closed Holy Thursday,
April 14 and reopen on Tuesday, April 19.**

Ministry Schedule — April 16 & 17

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:30 p.m.	M. Sacco M. Melvin D. Harkins	K. Imbrescia	B. DuBreucq B. Rizzuto J. Sacco Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, April 11 —Team #2—W. Anders

Entering the Passion



All around the world, Christians are remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the celebration of Palm Sunday. It is easy for us to allow ourselves to be caught up in the drama of what Holy Week is about. The truth of what we are and what we remember this week characterizes what we believe. It is in and through the death of Jesus that we define what our faith is all about. However, everything we find throughout the scriptures leads us to this week, so it cannot be separated from the rest of our Liturgical year.

We start off this week with a celebration or parade if you will. People are welcoming the man Jesus with triumph and honor. They are celebrating the man for what he was and for what they hoped he would become. In spite of their misunderstanding of what Jesus was all about, the people were drawn in by this event of his entry into Jerusalem; as they struggled with who Jesus really was. Apostles, friends and disciples who should know who Jesus was and what he was about, they were the ones who betrayed, denied and fled. One really has to look at this triumphant celebration and ask: what went wrong? As followers of Jesus the real irony is that only by our own entry into Jesus' dying and rising can we truly discover who he is. Until we do that, we may participate in a nice parade but we haven't a clue where it leads.

It is interesting to take a closer look at the role the women play in the Passion. It has been said that they are like the "bookends" to the drama: we meet them in the beginning and at the end. Regardless of what is going on, it is the women who are always the faithful ones. The men in the story were not very nice, pay attention to the women and learn from them. They have something to tell all of us.

If we pay attention to the passion narrative, we will see that it is basically a story of life. The feelings and behavior of the people involved give us a live perspective of living. There is joy and singing. There is faith, doubt, greed, treachery, false accusations, mockery and jeering. There is the despair of Judas, the lying of Peter, the pride and arrogance of religious and political leaders, betrayal by friends, and the tenderness of the women. Yes, it is all there – life at its best and at its worst. The Passion of Jesus is everybody's story.

Christ showed us by his own way of living and by his ministry that the only way to share in his glory is to die to self by becoming servants and disciples following him to the cross. The only way to enjoy the passionate glory of risen life is to suffer the risk of dying. All of this is something that takes place more than just this once a year. It is the everyday of our ordinary human living: when we choose to respond to another instead of ignoring him or her, having patience rather than snapping, talking things through rather than staying angry. Yes, the paschal mystery unfolds in the little things in life that we turn into big ways to say yes to the Christ in others. This is how we get to know Jesus – by living as he did, by embracing the dying so we rise with him to new life.

Merit Scholarship

The Monessen knights of Columbus #954 will award a Merit Scholarship to a senior student. Complete details are available on the form, which can be picked up in the church office or is available online. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 15.

If you need to reach a priest and the office is closed, please call 724-684-7661. The answering service will relay your call.

Stewardship

Help for Ukraine

If you would like to **assist the Ukrainian Nation and its people** the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a variety of **reputable Catholic agencies** that are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis as people flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. Those agencies and information on how to contribute are listed on the Diocese website. Please visit DioceseOfGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine.

Wells of Salvation



Cross Catholic's outreach of Wells of Salvation, offers hope that people in remote areas of the world will be able to have clean water to drink. To make a donation, simply **mark an envelope with "Wells of Salvation"** marked on it, or you can contribute online at our website under Give Online. <https://eolparish.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/WellsofSalvation>

Doughnut Reminder: There will be no coffee and doughnuts on Easter Sunday, April 17.



Groups

Epiphany Ladies will be on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. All women of the parish are invited to join at any time.

Weekly Collection April 3

Votive Candles:	206
Utility & Energy:	242
Accent:	21
Lenten Folders:	105
Easter Flowers:	530
Children & Adult Collection:	6,027
Online Collection:	645
Total Collection:	\$7,776
Wells of Salvation:	135
Total Collection:	\$7,911

Volunteers Needed: We would like to continue with weekly coffee and doughnuts but we do need volunteers. If you are able to help out, please call the office. This is not a big time commitment, but would be greatly appreciated.

Monthly Overview

Each month we will be listing what our monthly expenses were as opposed to the amount of money taken in. Below is the report for March, 2022

March Expenses	Amount	Week	Collection
Maintenance	\$1,962.95	March 7	\$12,005.91
Phone	\$875.09	March 14	\$8,684.81
Utilities	\$3,675.19	March 21	\$8,111.00
Misc. Office	\$942.56	March 28	\$4,496.00
Church/Liturgy	\$299.28		
Payroll	\$16,906.31		
Rectory	\$206.35		
Diocesan (breakdown)	\$14,034.98		
Accent	\$985.76		
Ed. Assessment	\$6,672.74		
Diocesan Assessment	\$3,772.48		
Insurance	\$2,579.00		
Email	\$25.00		
Total Expenses:	\$38,902.71	Total Income:	\$33,297.72

Faith

Three Days

Throughout the world our Church will celebrate the Triduum which is the very heart of our Catholic faith, to which all leads and from which all flows; Jesus' redemptive death and resurrection; related to the Church year as Sunday is to each week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday culminating with the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We invite you and your family to be as much a part of this year's celebration as you are able.



Thursday:

Chrism Mass 10:00 a.m. (at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.)

The Chrism Mass is when the Bishop along with all of the priests of the diocese bless and consecrate the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the year. It is also the Mass where the priests of the diocese re-dedicate their ministry to the people of the church as well as to the Bishop.

Mass of the Last Supper 7:00 PM. Followed by Eucharistic Adoration which will conclude with Evening Prayer at 10 p.m.. Come and spend time with the Lord.

Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Liturgies will be 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Blessing of Baskets



On **Holy Saturday at 11:00 a.m.** we will bless Easter Baskets. It is a nice tradition to come and have your "Easter Meal" blessed. If you're not sure what goes into the basket, here is a 'traditional' list. Each item in it holds special meanings for Easter. **Bread:** symbolizing Jesus, the Bread of Life; **Eggs,**

symbolizing Christ's resurrection and new life; **Meat,** usually sausage, ham or bacon, symbolizing God's generosity; **Butter,** which reminds us of the good will we should have to others; **Horseradish,** a bitter root reminding us of Christ's passion; **Salt,** reminding us that we are Salt of the Earth; **Cheese,** as a symbol of moderation; **Candle,** symbolizing Christ as Light of the World; and **Greenery,** reminding us of new life. Cover the basket with an embroidered linen cloth, crocheted doily or cloth napkin.

Ministry Schedule — Holy Thursday, April 14

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
7:00 p.m.	F. Petrosky	A. Pastella	S. Punturiero T. Todd M. Guiliford B. DuBreucq

Ministry Schedule — Good Friday, April 15

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
1:00 p.m.	W. Vlasic J. Petritis	J. Dudas	B. DuBreucq B. Rizzuto J. Smith M. Smith