

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

## Catholic Church

601 Jennings Road ~  
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Rev. Stanley Szybka

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Deacon Andrew McMahon

### Principal

Dan Metzger

### Coordinator Religious Ed.

Cheryl Freewalt

### Office Manager

Angie Renner

### Masses:

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday:** Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm. or by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated during or after any weekend Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Stan AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

### New to the Parish?

We are glad to welcome you as a member of our Parish Family. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

### Directory

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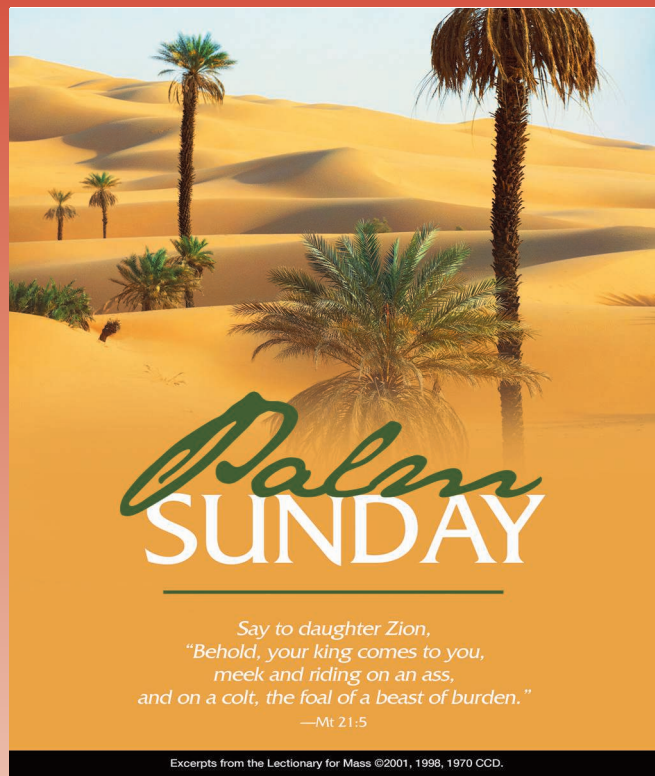
### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday:  
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

# April 9, 2017



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## This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Apr 9:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Tue Apr 11:</u>	C L of C (HFR)	6:30 pm
	Book Study (Teacher's Lounge)	7:00 pm
<u>Wed Apr 12:</u>	No Services	
	SOR	6:45-8:00 pm
	Youth Group (HFR)	6:45-8:00 pm
	Bingo Meeting (HFR)	8:00 pm
<u>Thur Apr 13:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
	HOLY THURSDAY SERVICES	
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm
<u>Fri Apr 14:</u>	Adoration (Chapel)	8:00 pm-Mid.
	Parish Office Closed	
	GOOD FRIDAY	
	Rosary	12:00 pm
	Stations	12:30 pm
<u>Sat Apr 15:</u>	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
	And Holy Communion	1:00 pm
<u>Sat Apr 15:</u>	Easter Vigil Mass	8:30 pm

## Liturgical Schedule

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9 + PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish  
10:30 AM Mike and Amelia Salinas

### MONDAY, APRIL 10

No Services

### TUESDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration  
5:30 PM Stations of Cross  
6:00 PM Alice Bell

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

8:45 AM No Services

### THURSDAY, APRIL 13 + HOLY THURSDAY

8:45 AM No Services  
7:00 PM Bob Pflum

### FRIDAY, APRIL 14 + GOOD FRIDAY

8:45 AM No Services  
12:00 PM Rosary and Stations  
1:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion &  
Holy Communion

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15 + HOLY SATURDAY

4:00 PM No Services  
8:30 PM St. Mary's Parish

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16 + EASTER: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30 AM John and Heather Metzger  
10:30 AM Thom Gemmer



### Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for April 15 & 16, 2017

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 8:30 PM

Servers: TBD\*\*  
E. M.: TBD\*  
Ushers: USHERS NEEDED@  
Lector: TBD\*\*

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 8:30 AM

Servers: TBD\*\*  
E. M.: TBD\*\*  
Ushers: USHERS NEEDED@  
Lector: TBD\*\*

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 10:30 AM

Servers: TBD\*\*  
E. M.: TBD\*\*  
Ushers: USHERS NEEDED@  
Lector: TBD\*\*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. Also, please watch for a total of 8 with Father, Deacons and yourselves.

\*\*Due to Easter, Cherie will be contacting Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

@Due to Easter, Ushers please come forward during general intercessions. Thank You.

## **SEVEN DAYS OF CHANGE**

Just as our prayer reflects the changes of our heart, so, too, does our liturgy reflect the changes as we walk with Our Lord to Calvary.

What begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the start of **PALM SUNDAY** quickly becomes the somber tone of the reading of the Passion according to St. Matthew.

The serenity of our **HOLY THURSDAY (April 13th @ 7:00PM)** commemoration of Our Lord washing the feet of the apostles and institution of the Holy Eucharist ends with a time of silent prayer (night watch) as the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Assumption Chapel.

This quiet reverence gives way to the riotous outcries of "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" on **GOOD FRIDAY (April 14 @ 1:00 PM)**. As we sorrowfully come forward to venerate the wood of the Cross and receive the Holy Eucharist for strength, our minds try to comprehend the horror of these actions. By the end of Good Friday's liturgy, all leave in awesome silence.

The silence of **HOLY SATURDAY (April 15 @ 8:30 pm)** is broken by the blessing of the new light of the Easter fire and the lighting of the Pascal Candle symbolizing Christ's light dispelling the darkness of sin and death. With reverence, we recall God's action in history, bringing us to this glorious moment of Resurrection. The waters of baptism flow freely as we invite the Elect (CW, Linda and Logan) to come and be one with us around the table of the Lord.

The glorious strains of "Alleluia" ring out on Easter morning (**APRIL 16, 2017 @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**) as we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death itself. The empty tomb is a sign of hope that yes, one day, even our graves will be open when we are raised to eternal glory that God has prepared for us!

Come! Be a part of this magnificent week of prayer and celebration. As we have walked with Jesus through a Lent of suffering and death, let us rejoice and celebrate with Him Resurrection and New Life!

*Fr. Stan*

## Religious Education Connection

### Palm Sunday's Jewish Roots

Most Christians recognize the elements of the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem a week before his death. Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, and the people, who accompanied him, waved palm branches while crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:1-9). Palms and cloaks were laid at the feet of the donkey. It was quite an entry that greatly disturbed the Temple officials, who worried for their influence. But why a donkey, and why the waving of palms?

In 1 Kings 1, we hear that Solomon had done much the same thing before he was enthroned as king of Israel. As King David was close to death, he ordered Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and others to have King David's son, Solomon, ride on King David's mule to Gihon, a spring alongside the Temple mount. Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent, in which the Ark of the Covenant was, and he anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet and all the people accompanied Solomon, as their new king, into the city. It was more than just a triumphal entry. It was a royal enthronement.

Zechariah 9 holds the prophecy of the coming Messiah, the future king, who would be thought of as a "Solomon", whose peaceful kingdom would stretch to the ends of the earth and, because of the blood covenant, prisoners would be set free. The Zealots of Jesus' time envisioned Jewish lands as free of Roman rule. A number of zealots are thought to have been part of the procession into Jerusalem, encouraging the enthusiasm of the people, who knew Jesus to be a wonderworker. Recall that one of Jesus' disciples, Simon, was a known Zealot, and there is thought that Judas was also. Zealots foolishly thought they could use Jesus to get what they wanted.

The palm branches relate to Psalm 118, which describes the gathering of "festal boughs" and the chanting of "Save us, Lord (Hosanna!)". "Hosanna" was a common acclamation for a king. But finish the psalm, and pay attention to the image. By the end of the week, Jesus will make his covenant, not at the horns of the altar, but at the Last Supper. His enthronement will not be made in the Temple, but on the cross.

On this Palm Sunday and at every Mass, when we sing the *Holy, Holy, Holy*, we take up this cry of the psalmist and of the crowds in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and make it our own: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



## SCHOOL NEWS

**We believe our Catholic School is not only a school, but a community of Faith.**



Our 5th and 6th Grade Students recently went to Chicago for 3 days and two nights. They visited many of Chicago's wonderful sites and attractions.



**Auction  
Tickets  
NOW ON  
SALE!!!!**

St. Mary of the Assumption Church and School will hold its annual Benefit Dinner and Auction on **Saturday, April 22, 2017** in the School Gymnasium. Hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction begins at 5:00pm; Dinner begins at 5:15pm; Golden Ticket drawing at 6:00pm and Live Auction begins at 6:15pm. There will be a delicious meal, a large variety of exciting live and silent auction items to bid on, tip book pull prizes, and a "Royals' Cash" Drawing.

Tickets for the meal are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The Dinner menu includes: Beef/Chicken Tacos with all the fixings, Black/Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Nacho Bar, Corn, Lemonade, Water, Coffee, and Assorted Pies.

The evening's festivities will include both a live and silent auction. Some items included in this year's auction are: 2005 Chevy Aveo (Donated by Greve Chrysler); Fine Jewelry; Various Sports Memorabilia; Several Vacation Packages; Home Furniture Items; and A Variety of Services and Gift Certificates.



April 9 John Jarrett, ED FOX, Michelle Easley, Jodi Knittle, Julie Jarrett  
 April 13 Caller Needed, ED FOX, Joyce Oechsle, Nancy Wollenhaupt  
 April 16 Happy Easter! No Bingo  
 April 20 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Jamie Dickinson, Jennifer Hammons

### KITCHEN WORKERS

**Report By 4:30 PM**

April 9 Brian and Amy Kopack  
 April 13 Jim and Julie Bloomfield  
 April 16 Happy Easter! No Bingo  
 April 20 JJ McClain and Lisa Schomaeker

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall  
 425 Woodland Ave.**

**Doors open at 4:00 PM for games-  
 Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

#### RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR APRIL 2, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 149 ENVELOPES	\$7,552.38
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	424.13
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 15 ENVELOPES	26.30
TOTAL	\$8,002.81
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	<u>\$8,386.00</u>

Small apartment or room needed to rent. An engineering student will be interning at Eaton over the summer and is in need of a place to stay. If you have info on a place, call Angie at the Parish Office, 419-238-3979.

### SAVE THE DATE

**CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!  
 FRIDAY, MAY 5TH  
 K OF C HALL  
 K OF C MEMBERS &  
 LADIES AND GUESTS**



**MORE INFO TO FOLLOW**

**Benefit Auction Volunteers Needed!** Have you attended any of St. Mary's Parish and School Benefit Auction? Did the thought, "I'd really like to help volunteer and give back at the same time, but I'm not sure how." ever cross your mind? The Auction Committee would like to enlist your help! The Auction is scheduled for April 22 and we could use all the help we can get the week leading up to the event. We will need help setting up, during the Auction and cleaning up afterwards.

Please call the School Office at 419-238-5186.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Next weekend tubs will be at the church entrances for your convenience. Our faith community helps make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty. Thank you for your generous support!

### ST. MARY'S PARISH LIFE GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Thank you to all those who continue to support the Parish Life Committee by purchasing a gift card raffle ticket. Once again we sold all 125 tickets. Your ticket is good for all drawings until March!

#### APRIL WINNERS ARE:

*Bob Priest & Barb Laing*



### MOWERS NEEDED!!!

As you all may know already, there have been a number of parishioners over the past 9 years that have volunteered their time to mow the lawn to help save the parish money. To date, we have saved the parish over \$60,000. That is quite a large sum of money.

With this, comes a small time commitment from our mowing teams. We try to staff at least 8 teams of three people to mow throughout the year.

We all have busy lives but don't we all have 9-12 hours a year to give back to our parish to help with this project? If you search your heart, I think your answer would be yes! Please help us so we can continue this much needed and worthwhile project. I hope all members will return from last year. If you are unable, please contact me. To sign up or for more info, call the Parish Office or Dewey Fuerst at 419-238-4139.

*Mower schedules are ready for pick-up in the Parish Office.*



Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Joy Demidovich, Steve Dietrich, Robert Ford, Stacie Golliver, Cyndi Hesseling, Michael Kahle, Patricia Kinkle, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Robert Lammers, Rita Lewis, Beth Lianez, Mary Alice Louagie, Tom Metzger, Kirk Michaud, Joan Miller, Lane Mosier, Dean Osburn, Janice Osburn, George Palombi, Theresa Parkanzky, Tyler Priest, Doris Reinhart, Julie Sadler, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Melba Voltz, Russ Waltmire, Brad Wannemacher, Anne Wells, Chris Wilson, Bob Wolters, Larry Youtsey

Please call the Parish Office at the beginning of each month to continue the above name(s) on the prayer list. The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

### **GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

Please pray for all those serving in our military: Lance Corp. Josh Bolenbaugh, Capt. Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, Commander Christopher Cavanaugh, Lance Corp. Tyler Goodlin, Airman Andrew Hammond, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, Corp. Austin Kleman, MSG Andrew McMahon, Corp. Joseph Moreland, SSgt. Nate Sinning, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Spec. Jeremy Stevenson, Pvt. R. J. Szymanski and Sgt. Brian Wilson. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.

### **Youth Group News**

The next Youth Group meeting is this Wednesday April 12th. Please meet in the Holy Family Room from 6:45-8 pm.

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

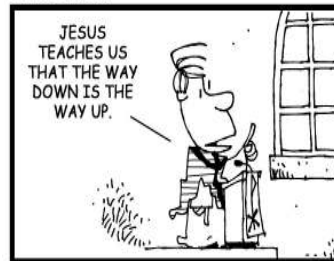
April 23 at 3 pm

Join in this beautiful chaplet with song and prayer!

Confessions begin at 2 pm

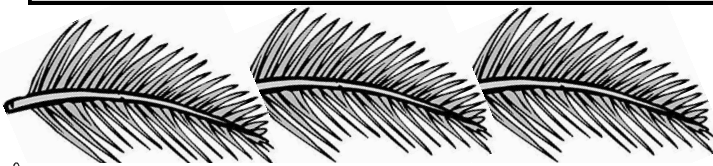


#### **PALM SUNDAY**



### **Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017**

- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
- Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
- Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35



### **LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE AN EASTER LILY!**



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