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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks a poignant beginning to Holy Week, symbolizing both celebration and reflection. On this sacred day, we commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with waving palm branches as symbols of honor, hope, and renewal. These branches represented not only victory but also the enduring promise of new beginnings and a faith that transcends ordinary life. As we remember that historic moment, we are reminded to embrace humility, love, and the boundless compassion that defines the spirit of Christ.

In our own lives, Palm Sunday inspires us to recognize that each journey, no matter how modest, holds the potential for profound transformation. It calls upon us to reflect on our personal paths, acknowledging both our triumphs and our shortcomings. This day is a powerful invitation to open our hearts to forgiveness, to extend grace to others, and to commit ourselves to acts of kindness and service. May the vibrant symbolism of Palm Sunday fill us with hope and determination as we step into Holy Week. Let us carry forward the spirit of renewal and unity, cherishing every moment as an opportunity to grow in faith and love. In celebrating this day, we honor a tradition of spiritual rebirth and a future filled with promise, as we journey together toward a deeper, more compassionate understanding of life. Wishing you all a blessed Holy Week.

Saint of the Week... *St. Bernadette of Lourdes*

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.



Feast Day: April 16

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Her chronic health problems persisted, and she died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933. She is the patron saint of illness, against poverty, and people ridiculed for their faith.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Brian Alt, Chuck* & Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Thank you to Gwyneth Hatfield who assisted with the Stations of the Cross last week!

Also shown is Beth Nugent who explained the scenes depicted in the Stations to her sons Jackson and Patrick. Jackson will be joining the Church at the Easter Vigil.



Divine Mercy Novena

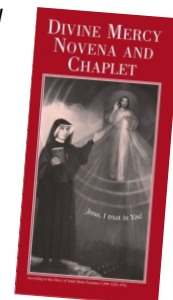
In *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a nine-day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and end on the Sunday of Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter).



During this novena, Jesus asks that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different grouping of people. The novena below comes from these private revelations of Saint Faustina as recorded in her diary.

I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of my mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to my heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of my mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of my Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of my mercy. On each day you will ask my Father, on the strength of my bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues to the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). Pamphlets to help you to pray the novena are available in the Vestibule. ►



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 12	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi	Their loving family
		Intentions of Bob Konka	Bob Konka
		Intentions of Marion Dorsey	J & S
Sunday, April 13	8:30 am	Souls of Krista Kay Taylor and Krista Ann Taylor	Alan Taylor
		Soul of Michael A. Delilo.....	Palma & Dino Devic
		The Fazzalore Family	The Fazzalore Family
Monday, April 14	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 15	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 16	5:00 pm	Souls of Pauline & Vicky Cosner.....	Jean Coviello
		Soul of Dan Labonte.....	Anita Tetreault
Thursday, April 17	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday	
Friday, April 18	7:00 pm	Good Friday	
Saturday, April 19	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil	
Sunday, April 20	7:00 am	Easter Sunday	
	8:30 am	Easter Sunday	

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no weekday Masses the week of April 21 and the Parish Office will be closed.

Knights of Columbus Holds Fourth Degree Exemplification



Shown here are the officers of the St. Andrew the Apostle Fourth Degree Assembly (l to r): Kenny Brant, Fr. Thomas, Bob Konka, WV District Master Paul Niedbalski, Mike Landis and Les Halapy. Not shown is Marion Dorsey.

The new St. Andrew the Apostle Fourth Degree Assembly held its exemplification program at our parish on March 28. The new assembly includes members of the K of C Councils at Assumption Parish as well as other local parishes. Congratulations to these members of the Assumption Council who advanced to Fourth Degree Knights were Dino Devic, Patrick George, John Gustafson, Alec Stanislawczyk, Jay Stanislawczyk, Logan Stanislawczyk and Michael Stanislawczyk.

Flood Relief Supplies Collection Continues

A reminder that the Ladies Guild—in cooperation with Grace UM Church—will continue to collect supplies for flood relief buckets. Donations can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office through next Sunday.

Your Faithful Stewardship

April 5-6, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,493
Loose Donations	\$456
Easter Flowers	\$390
Total.....	\$4,339

Attendance

Saturday, 4/5	76
Sunday, 4/6	98
Total.....	174

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

On Good Friday there will be a second collection. The Pontifical Good Friday collection supports the welfare of our Christian brethren in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your support of this important appeal.



WV Pilgrimage Sites for Jubilee Year of Hope

Our Diocese has designated four locations in the state that have been designated as Pilgrimage Sites for the Jubilee Year of 2025:

- Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling
- Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston
- St. Patrick Church, Weston
- St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg

Between now and December 28, 2025, Catholics from all over West Virginia are invited to visit any and all of these locations to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence called for by Pope Francis.

While these churches may be visited at any time, those who attend the Principal Mass at 10:30 am on the first Sunday of each month will receive a special blessing. If you are interested in joining others from our parish in visiting these sites, please contact Jean Harber at 304-209-1559.

For more information about the Jubilee celebration in West Virginia, visit dwc.org/jubilee-year-2025.

Holy Week Liturgical Minister Schedule

Holy Thursday

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Rosie Landis, Jane Placka, Beverley Iser
EMs: Deacon Larry, Jean Harber, Julie Alt
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Jean Harber & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Good Friday

Lector: Mike Landis
Speaker: Michael Stanislawczyk
Servers: Alan Taylor & Beverley Iser
EMs: Deacon Larry, Beverley Iser, Rosie Landis
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Easter Vigil

Lectors: Sue Harber, Mike Landis, Doug Minnich
Servers: Mike Landis, Rosie Landis, Sue Harber
EMs: Bill Lupis, Mary Wagoner, Rosie Landis
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: TBD

Easter Sunday 7 a.m.

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Server: Alan Taylor
EMs: Pam Williams, TBD, TBD
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeter: Denny Dolechek

Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Karen Yowler, TBD
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: TBD

