

St. Joseph Parish



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Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Office opened from 9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:30-4:00 pm
Monday-Thursday (*Closed Friday*)

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:15 pm | Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 am
Weekday: M, T, Th, Fri - 8:00 am and Wed. - 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment

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Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule a time and date. A pre-baptism class is required preferably before the child is born.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.



Welcome New Parishioners & Visitors!
We welcome and invite you to become part of our parish community!

To pre-register, fill out the form below and place in the offertory basket. For full registration, please feel free to pick up a Welcome Packet located at each entrance and return at your convenience.

PARISHIONER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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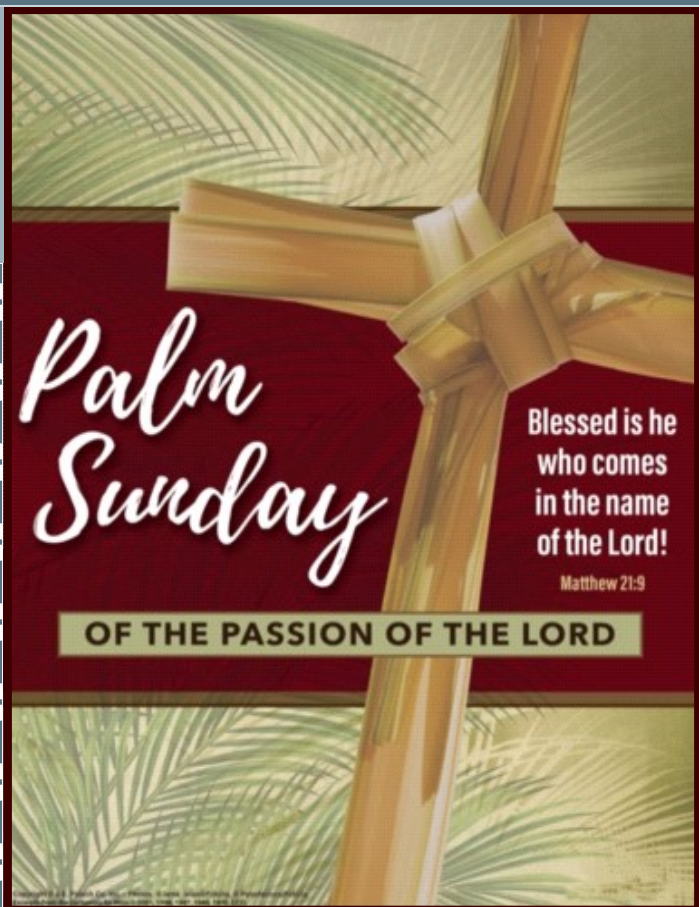
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Place your completed form in today's offertory collection basket.



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is now upon us. We have entered into the annual celebration of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. The liturgies of Holy Week are particularly beautiful and sacred. Mass on Holy Thursday ends with a eucharistic procession, to commemorate the journey of Christ and his apostles from the cenacle to the Garden of Gethsemane. For those who wish to stay, the Mass is then followed by a period of adoration before the reposed Blessed Sacrament, remembering that agony suffered by our Lord in that garden. Our church will be open until midnight on Holy Thursday for those who wish to sit with the Lord and pray. We recall that Jesus invited his apostles "Remain here and keep watch with me" (Matt 26:38). It is a pious custom to visit various churches after Mass on Holy Thursday to say a prayer. At Saint Joseph Church our time of prayer will be concluded with compline (the night prayer of the Church) at 11:50pm. The liturgy on Good Friday is a moment to express reverence and sorrow for the suffering and death of our Lord upon the cross. It is not a Mass. Indeed Good Friday is the one day throughout the year when Mass is not said. Instead, we have a liturgy to venerate the Cross upon which Christ died. The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening is the culmination of our faith. With joy we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and his victory over sin and death. It begins with the blessing of a fire followed by a candle-lit procession through a dark church, with the lights turning on after the paschal candle has been blessed.

Please remember that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. On days of fasting Catholics are permitted to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that together are less than a full meal. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that is recommended by our Lord (Matt 6:16) and has been practiced since the earliest days of the Church (Acts 13:3).

In Christ,
Fr. Power

ST. JOSEPH
HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY
Church Open for Prayer
3:00 pm
Liturgy of the Passion,
Death of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY
12:00 pm Blessing of Food
8:30 pm-Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY
Masses
8:30 and 11:00 AM

Maintenance/Custodial Opening at St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph Church is looking for a new maintenance/custodian person. Position is part time in the mornings. Inquire by calling Fr. Power at 724-981-3232.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS Some men fulfill God's call to holiness by serving as priests or permanent deacons. Men, high school age or older, who feel God may be calling them to pursue the Sacrament of Holy Orders should contact Fr. Jamie at 724-981-3232.



FIRST THURSDAY VISITS If you or a loved one are unable to attend church for health reasons or a disability, please call the church office at 724-981-3232 to be placed on our First Thursday List. By signing up, the first Thursday of each month a Eucharistic Minister or our priest will come to your home and distribute Holy Communion. When the priest visits he will also administer the Anointing of the Sick.



Notre Dame Parish is sponsoring the Second Annual "Faithful to the Finish" 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk for the benefit of the Prince of Peace Center.

The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 4. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the race and walk at 10 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk will take place at Linden Pointe in Hermitage.

To register, go to the link <http://smileymiles.com/> (click calendar of events) or if registering by mail, copy the registration form and send check payable to Church of Notre Dame and mail to Church of Notre Dame, 2325 Highland Road, Hermitage, Pa. 16148, or email form to jessica.logue@yahoo.com

BAPTISM CLASS If you are planning to have your child baptized, a baptism class is required for the parents. To register, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.



Featured Item of the Week

“Cereal”

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper’s entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Peanut Butter * Canned Veggies * Paper Towels

For qualified individuals, upcoming April Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, April 5th and 19th from 9:30-11:00 A.M.

WEEKEND COLLECTION-March 18, 2024

Number of Adult envelopes sent.....	611
Number of Adult envelopes used.....	161
Number of <u>unused</u> envelopes.....	450
Sunday Offertory.....	\$ 7,521
Budgeted Offertory.....	\$10,650
Deficit.....	\$ 3,129



The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.



Seasons of Hope

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Email: pdodd1020@yahoo.com or fbillen56@gmail.com

Questions:

Bob Clarke: 724-584-6847

DISCIPLESHIP INDICATOR SURVEY

How can St. Joseph Church best support its members? Parishioners are invited to take part in the Discipleship Indicator Survey.

Take the survey by visiting our website at <https://www.stjosephs-sharon.org> and clicking on “Discipleship Indicator Survey” or by filling out the paper surveys at the doors of the church and placing them in the collection basket.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Barbara Burdick, Frances Rice, Dominic Thielman, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky, Joe Biro, Chuck H., Mary Ellen Luensman, Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky and Bridget Titus.



FAITH FORMATION EASTER BREAK

There are no Faith Formation classes on March 31. Classes will resume on April 7, 2024.

Mass Schedule for Weekend of March 30/31

March 30/31	SATURDAY Easter Vigil 8:30 pm	SUNDAY Easter 8:30 am	SUNDAY Easter 11:00 am
Lector	S. McLaughlin P. Lozano	K. Lepak	D. Rubano
Eucharistic Minister	J. McLaughlin Volunteer Volunteer	P. Emery J. McLaughlin Volunteer	T. H. Cole J. Sherbine M. B. Jones
Altar Servers	Appointed	Appointed	Appointed
Greeter Gathering Space	Volunteer	J. McLaughlin	M. Rodriguez E. Rodrigues

Please call the church office at 724-981-3232 if you are available to fill any of the volunteer positions. Thank you.

MASS Intentions

+ INDICATES MASS

* PARISH EVENTS

Monday, March 25—Is 42: 1-7 / Jn 12: 1-11

+8:00 M/M Gene McCormick (Pat Lasche & Family)

Tuesday, March 26—Is 49: 1-6 / Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

+8:00 Jack Heldorfer (Family)

Wednesday, March 27—Is 50: 4-9a / Mt 26: 14-25

+12:10 Julianna Varraux (Shirley Kovac)

*5:30 Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 28—Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11: 23-26 / Jn 13: 1-15

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

+7:00 All Members of the Parish

Friday, March 29—Is 52: 13-53:12 / Heb 4: 14-16.; 5:7-9 / Jn 18: 1—19:42

GOOD FRIDAY

Office Closed

*3:00 Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30—Gn1 :1-2.2 / Ex 14:15—151 / Is 54: 5-14 / Is 55: 1-11 / Bar 3: 9-15, 32—4:4 / Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 / Rom 6: 3-11 / Mk 16: 1-7

HOLY SATURDAY-EASTER VIGIL

+8:30 Al DeBonis (Madeline DeBonis)

Sunday, March 31—Acts 10: 34a / Col 3: 1-4 / Jn 20: 1-9

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

+8:30 All Living & Deceased Parishioners of the Parish

+11:00 Ann Baldarelli (Cherie and Jim Eulo)

*12:15 Easter Egg Hunt

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