

PRINCE OF PEACE



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm (Church)

Sunday: 8:00am (Chapel)

Sunday: 10:30am (Church)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am (Church)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays: 7:00am-8:00am (Church)

CONFESSIONS

Friday at 7:30 (during adoration), Saturday
& Sunday 1/2 hour prior to Mass



PALM SUNDAY

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL: MARK 14:1-15:47

ALTER SERVERS

Saturday, March 30th

8 PM -

Sunday, March 31st

8 AM - Tyler McCreery

10:30 AM - Ben Shuttly and Lillian Statler

LECTORS

Saturday, March 30th

8 PM - Jeanette Miller

Sunday, March 31st

8 AM - Lois Weakland

10:30 AM - Michelle McCall



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

May the Divine Physician send healing grace for those for whom we pray. Please remember in a special way the following who have requested your prayers:

Bill & Connie Abrams, Jim & Alma Abrams, Nancy Anna, *Carl Bechel, Mary Bolette, Phil Bolyn, *Sally Chervenak, Angela Crane, *Dorothy Dercotch, Don Dykeman, Alexis Frank, Olivia Ferguson, Kendra Gibbson, Leighton Hess, *Judy Hilliard, John Hornick, Michael Kakabar, Sr., *Patty Kopas, Peter Korch (Grandson), Julia Kuzzia, Judy LeGars, *John Lee, *William Lee, Jim Montanaro, Brenda Nagle, Kylie Nelson, Bonnie Nessina, *Judy Noel, Roberta Pastirko-Bechel, Lou Riva, *Magdalene Pompa, Robin Pike, James Scott, Emanuel Shetler, Susan Shuss, Yvonne Stivanelli, James Tibbott, Diana Tretinik, Darcie Wagner, Frances Weakland, Jane Williams, Joe Williams, and Sherry Williams.

** Homebound or Parishioners living in an Assisted Living Facility*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE PROUDLY SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Family members and friends of our parishioners who are currently in active service are as follows:

WO2 Jason Amsdell
SGT Thomas Bowser
SSGT Gregory Chuhran
Master SGT Ryan Cox
PVT Kevin Everly
Robert Goody
LCDR Thomas D. Hunter
SSGT Matthew Kendall
SPEC Shawn Kent
MAJ John M. Kiraly
CH Nicholas S. Klamar
SGT Michael A. Kordish

SSGT Brittany McConnell
ARMY SPEC Bryan Nealen
PVT Josh Nelen
AMN Lauren C. Penska
USN LT Nicole Peterson
USN, SSGT Todd Rito
PVT Jacob Schlereth
SSGT Jason Tyson
ENFR Ted Vermeulin
CAPT Christine Zimmerman
CAPT Robert Zimmerman



MASS INTENTIONS

March 2024:

Saturday, 23rd:

4:00pm (Church) † Paula Yeckley,
By: Diane & Larry Waksmunski & Family

Sunday, 24th: Palm Sunday

8:00am (Chapel) † Andrew & Mary Kupetz,
By: Sally, Patti, & Joe

10:30am (Church) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

Monday, 25th:

8:00am † Andrew Ondecko, By: Wife Mary

Tuesday, 26th: No Mass

Wednesday, 27th:

8:00am † Fr. Stephen Sedlock, By: Connie (Dolney) Inzana

Thursday, 28th: Holy Thursday

6:30pm (Church) † Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration following Mass until 10:00PM

Friday, 29th: Good Friday

1:00pm (Church) † Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, 30th: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

11:00am (Church) † Blessing of the Baskets

8:00pm (Church) † Easter Vigil

Sunday, 31st: Easter Sunday

8:00am (Chapel) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

10:30am (Church) † Andy Ondecko, By: Family

The side door church entrance (next to the office) is open for PRIVATE PRAYER Monday thru Friday between 7am-2pm.

MEMORIAL CANDLES: MARCH 31ST

Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of . . .

*Church: Fr. Anthony Pollack,
By: Diane McMullen & Don Bernard*

Chapel: Parishioners, By: Fr. Mark

Pieta Candle in Honor of . . .

Church: Kathy Shell, By: Nancy & Jessica



WEEKLY GIVING: SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

Weekly: Envelopes: \$3,603.00 - Online: \$164.00;

Monthly: Envelopes: \$530.00;

Candles: \$99.00;

Ash Wednesday: \$5.00;

Catholic Relief Services: \$117.00; **Cemetery:** \$658.00;

Easter: \$215.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$35.00;

Good Friday: \$15.00; **Holy Thursday:** \$15.00;

Loose Cash: \$174.00; **Mother's Day:** \$10.00;

Vincent DePaul: \$10.00...

Total \$5,650.00

WEEKLY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEAT THE HEAT, CANCEL THE COLD

WE REMEMBER IN A SPECIAL WAY IN OUR PRAYERS:

*Blair & June Govel
Frank Nalisnick
Steve Phillips*

PRINCE OF PEACE NEWS

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be choir practice on Sunday, March 24th at 4:00 PM at the Church. This will cover Triduum and Easter. Please use the handicap entrance. Everyone is welcome!

ALTAR SERVER REMINDER

Altar servers are asked to please be in the sacristy and ready at least ten minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. Please be on time. THANK YOU!

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today is Palm Sunday - the beginning of our Holy Week, Our liturgy starts with the account of Jesus humbly entering into Jerusalem riding a donkey. People put cloaks and palm branches in His pathway crying. "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" It is with great joy that Christ was being honored as king, still in the same breath, we are filled with sorrow as we reflect on Christ's passion and death. Thankfully, we know the glorious outcome of this painful journey. Today, as we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion - "I gave my back to those who beat me...my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." Christ endured such tortures, knowing that He did not deserve them, but still He humbly submitted to them.

As we embark on this Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOHN GAULBERT CATHEDRAL (JOHNSTOWN): A Tenebrae Cantata entitled "In the Shadow of the Cross" will be held at 7:00 PM Good Friday, March 29th at St. John Gualbert Cathedral (117 Clinton Street, Johnstown, Pa). The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir along with the Festival Chamber Orchestra will recount poignantly in song and scripture the last moments of the Christ's earthly struggle. A free-will offering will be taken.

DIOCESE NEWS

DR. EDWARD SRI:

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown proudly presents: Dr. Edward Sri, a nationally recognized theologian and speaker, for a 2-day event celebrating the national eucharistic revival. The event will be at **Mount Aloysius College in the Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center at 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, Pa. Friday, April 19th from 7 PM - 9:30 PM** for High School, College, and Young Adults. Topics: *Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love (incorporating the Art of Living) and When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul.*

Saturday, April 20th from 9 AM - 12:30 PM for the General Public Topics: *Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ; When Your Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul, and Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age.*

Register Today! There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Online (Recommended) at www.dioceseaj.org or mail in a form, available at each parish in the diocese. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna at 814-742-7894.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39):

Theology on Tap will be held on **March 27th at the Boulevard Grill from 6-8 PM.** The speaker will be Fr. Curtis Kiddy C.P. (Passionist Priest and Retreat Director at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh) speaking on "The Passion of Jesus in Lent and Life". All faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith and fellowship! We take monthly freewill offerings. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415.

Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday,
March 28th: 6:30PM (Church)**

**Good Friday,
March 29th: 1:00PM (Church)**

Easter:

**Saturday, March 30th:
11:00AM: Blessing of the
Baskets (Church)
8:00PM: Easter Vigil (Church)**

**Easter Sunday, March 31st:
8:00AM (Chapel)
10:30AM (Church)**

As Catholics, how do we prepare and participate in the sacrifice of the Holy Mass?

1. Preparation begins at home. You MUST fast one hour prior to receiving communion. This includes food, candy, gum etc. The only thing that may be consumed within the hour prior to Mass is medication and water. You should not approach the altar with candy or gum in your mouth.
2. Arrive on time! We all run late at times but when we consistently run late, we have a problem. A study recently revealed that over 30 percent of people come late to Mass. From a statistical perspective, the high rate indicates habit.
Reasons vary, of course. We have become so familiar with the Mass that we've grown casual about it.
The whole Mass is the perfect worship of God. Arrive in time to invoke the Holy Spirit to help you participate worthily.
3. Genuflect before entering the pew. We genuflect on the right knee. If you're unable to genuflect a profound bow is suitable.
4. Maintain reverent silence and subdued speech. Upon entering a church, greeting family and friends is customary. We smile, say good morning under our breath and so on. There is always room for such courtesies. But there is a problem when we hear a crescendo of chit-chatting, oblivious to the tabernacle and people praying.
5. Vocalize the responses in rhythm. During Mass we vocalize a conversation with God. With every ritual, maintaining attention is difficult. So, it helps when we correctly and humbly respond (e.g. "And with your spirit"). If our lips are closed when we're supposed to vocalize prayer, the silence indicates that our minds are probably distracted. The prayers should be in unison. Please do not push or race through the prayers.
6. Listen attentively during the readings. The General Instructions of the Roman Missal indicate – "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be **listened to reverently** by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Note it says listen and not read. You cannot be focused on the word of God while you're turning pages and reading instead of listening and being attentive.
7. Control your children. Every parent knows that controlling a riotous baby is tricky. There's a difference between a child chirping and a temper tantrum. Be considerate of those around you who may be affected in their worship by your child's behavior.
8. Focus on the consecration. The consecration of the Mass is the central sacred event. The ringing of the bells wakes us from our slumber and reminds us to pay attention to our Lord's return, his real presence under the appearance of bread and wine, and His holy cross sacrifice.
9. Recite the Lord's prayer with devotion. Jesus speaks to us directly and personally during the Our Father. We place his words on our lips. The Lord's prayer is the perfect prayer because Jesus crafted it.
10. Before communion, focus on the words of John the Baptist. When the priest raises the host and directs us to "Behold the Lamb of God," all activity should stop. Gaze upon the host with devotion. Do not use the sacred moment as a distraction to rush to the lavatories. Even the ushers bend a knee.
11. Approach Communion with reverence. Focus on the miracle you are about to receive.
12. Receive Communion with devotion. If you are receiving on the tongue, stick your tongue out so the priest has a solid surface for our Lord to rest on. Don't just open your mouth and expect the priest to insert our Lord like it's a slot machine. Don't lunge your head forward, just stand with your mouth open and tongue out. If you're receiving on your hand, place one hand on top of the other and hold your hands in front of your chest. You do not need to elevate your hands to the priest. Do not grab the host, do not place a finger on it. Consume the host while you're standing in front of the priest. Do not walk away with the Lord in your hands. Do not cup your hands, again lay them flat. If you're touching the Ciborium, you are too close to the priest. You don't need to thrust your hands forward, keep them in front of your chest. "Amen" is the appropriate response. Receive reverently, remember you are receiving our Lord and Savior, He is truly present in what you are receiving.
13. Remain at Mass until the Mass is concluded - when the priest processes to the back of the Church.