



Palm Sunday

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Sunday,
April
13,
2025

MASS TIMES

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

Saturday, 4:30pm (*Saint Michael*) **Sunday,** 8:00am (*Saint Margaret*) **Sunday,** 11:00am (*Saint Michael*)

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STEWARDSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Lent \$13,370.36

CSA 2025 Pledged: \$91,430 Paid: \$52,495

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

Saint Michael Parish: In memory of Judy Turner (\$100)

If you have not yet pledged to this year's CSA, please consider what you may be able to offer.

EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

Please come Holy Thursday morning, beginning at 9:30am, to help with a cleaning of the church. Bring buckets and rags if you have them! The plan is to refresh the pews and sweep the Church after a long winter in preparation for Triduum and Easter. A good turnout will make the project move quickly.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

Our Lenten program concludes Thursday morning with the video series titled "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion". This week's episode is titled "The Seven Last Words of Christ". Join us at 6am in McElhinny Hall. Video begins at 6:15am

Prior attendance is not required.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 15

Sr. Barbara Regan (Cathleen Fetherston)

Wednesday, April 16

Frank Eber (Jean Eber)

TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 17
Mass of the Last Supper

7:00pm Jerome & Angelo Lipani (niece Mary Jo)

Friday, April 18 3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19

8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Deceased Members of the Langiotti Family (Mike Allen)

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20

8:00am For the People of the Parish 11:00am Stephen Banic (Wife & Children)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

April 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Paul Langiotti (Vince Caswell)

April 1-15 (Saint Margaret)

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)
Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Recent statistics tell us one in ten children are sexually abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them.

Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 14: Confessions 7 - 8:30 pm (Time Change)

April 15: Confessions 11:30am-12:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

April 16: Confessions 8pm - 9pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

(St. Margaret Mission)

April 17: Holy Thursday - Office Closed

Men's Group 6:15 am Church Cleaning 9:30 am

Holy Hour following Evening Mass

April 18: Good Friday - Office Closed

April 19: Blessing of Easter Baskets 11:00 am

40 CLUB WINNERS

\$100- Danny Walton; \$100-Bob Hutchinson; \$50 -Blanche Hawks

EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes can be found at the entrance of both Churches. Please return them by April 14 for the Easter Bulletin.

FAITH FORMATION

First Communion is in May and we want to do something special for our kids!

If you have time in the next month, please select a rosary from the Gathering Space to take home for a week. During that week, please use the rosary to pray for the student making their First Communion. Please return the rosary the following week. The students will receive a rosary already "worn-in" with prayer on their special day!

The rosaries will be available throughout the month of April.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

We have finally made it to the weeks of all weeks: Holy Week! I must admit, that when we approach Ash Wednesday, if just feels like a light year needs to pass before we get to this point, but every year, I am surprised at just how swiftly these weeks barrel past us as we stand bewildered at just how fast time does go, even when that time is Lent! So here we stand, at the precipice of Jerusalem, with Our Lord, as He prepares to commence His mission of Salvation of Souls for the life of all The Father's children! We stand here, with The Savior, as He peers down into the Holy City, scouting out what He needs to do, who He needs to encounter, who He needs to - truly - anger and enrage, who He needs to be near and who He needs to distance Himself from...Our Lord is on a Divine mission and we are invited to come along for the cosmic journey that it will be!

There is a marked solemnity to these days this week, and a tremendous solemnity once we hit Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. I would encourage you to make these days holier, simpler, quieter, slower, and in your own way, remarkable! I don't recommend this just because I'm a priest and that is what good priests do, but because I really don't want you to miss out and to waste the Grace of this once a year week! You and I have taken these weeks of Lent to prepare for this week and this upcoming Solemnity of the Resurrection, and so do the last run of this race and make Holy Week and certainly The Paschal Triduum something that stands out. If you don't, Easter will come and it will be nothing more than just another Sunday at Church but with people who rarely come taking your favorite seat! Without Holy Week, that is truly what Easter becomes. It is more than those Liturgies we will celebrate in church - it is the life of The Church! Drink from the life giving Liturgies and Reverence of these days ahead, or else, you really will have wasted Lent and a rare opportunity for your faith to be and to mean something!

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, as it's fully named, is a 3-day long Liturgy that begins Thursday evening and concludes Saturday night. Holy Thursday has a beginning, but no ending; Good Friday was no beginning nor end; and Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil has no beginning but, finally, a final blessing and dismissal! The longer I am a priest and the longer, actually, I am just a Christian and son of The Father, the more I fall in love with those Liturgies and the Mystery of the Divinity that just explodes from every action, prayer, scripture, ritual, and Sacrament that we do in those three days! I feel like I'm on repeat, but refusing to participate in the Triduum is closing the door on Lent having really meant anything besides giving up sprinkles and Pepsi and threatens Easter to be that Sunday some stranger take your seat!

Please keep close in prayer this week three of our own who will be coming into Full Communion into the Church Saturday night with Confirmation and Eucharist: Darren Johnson, Leanne Doughton, and Lucas Henry. I am so excited to welcome them in as Catholics! They have been an amazing group to work with and it will be an honor to Seal them with the Holy Spirit and to feed them Our Lord for the first time!

Love, Father Brandon