

## Liturgies

**Saturday, April 13,**

*"Jesus was about to die to gather into one the dispersed children of God."*

♦ **Rosary 4:00 p.m.** ♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 pm**

**Mass 5:00 p.m.** – † Emilio Melfi

Vocation Prayer – Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak

**PASSION SUNDAY, April 14,**

*"The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – † Nunziata Cavallaro, † Mario Carrozzella, † Antoni, Anna & Jozef Jozwik, † Stanislaw & Jozefa Baranski, † Vito Zifarelli, † The deceased members of the Berardi Family

**Mass 11:00 a.m.** -Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

**Monday, April 15,**

*"Leave her alone. She bought this perfume for the day of my burial."*

✠ **MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM, 7:00 pm**

(at Christ the King Basilica in Hamilton)

**Tuesday, April 16,**

*"One of you will betray me; another will deny me three times."*

♦ **Confessions 5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

♦ **Devotions 6:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross, *Rosary & Prayers*

**Mass 7:00 p.m.** – † Philip Nagle, † Maria & Martin Castillo, † The deceased members of the Imola Family, For the Petitions in the Book of Intentions

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.

**Wednesday, April 17,**

*"The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, ..."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – Special Intentions of the Leahy & Larracey Family

Vocation Prayer – Diaconate Formation Candidates

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 18,**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news..."*

✠ **MASS OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER, 7:00 pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19**

*"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

✠ **Healing Stations of the Cross, 9:00 a.m.**

✠ **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION, 3:00 pm**

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 20**

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"*

✠ **Blessing of Easter Food (baskets), 12:00 p.m.**

✠ **EASTER VIGIL MASS, 8:00 p.m.** – Intentions of those joining our Catholic Community and For the People of St. Mary's

Vocation Prayer - Rev. John Redmond

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 21**

*"According to the Scripture" Jesus must rise from the dead."*

✠ **EASTER MASS, 9:00 a.m.** – † Santina DiDomenico

✠ **EASTER MASS, 11:00 a.m.** – † Peter Sabo, Ashley Sabo & Mel Dalton, † Peter & Josephine Mitchell, † Giuseppe & Anna Colaiacovo, † Rosa Maria Francisco Carrillo, † Antonio & Carlotta Imola, † Piero Cappucci, † Assunta, Antonia, Luigi & Domenico Imola

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Andrew Czarny



## "Embrace the Cross"

**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS TODAY!**

Today we bless palm branches that remind us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The branches are usually placed at home by the crucifix. They will be used next year to produce the ashes for Ash Wednesday. The Passion of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke is proclaimed this year. Everyone is invited to special liturgies during the Holy week. Please see next page for the schedule.

### Why THIS WEEK is HOLY?

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Mass is celebrated. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also, on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood. (next page)

### Sunday Collection for April 6/7, 2019

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for your generosity!

Your **gift** and **attendance** truly matters.

It is the **life** and **future** for our parish!

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<p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Jesus' triumphal entry of into Jerusalem</p>		<p><b>HOLY MONDAY</b> Mary anoints Jesus with perfume. Judas is scandalized and leaves.</p>	
<p><b>HOLY TUESDAY</b> Jesus predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's triple denial.</p>	<p><b>WHY HOLY WEEK?</b> We commemorate God's Immense Love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.</p>		<p><b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b> Judas betrays Jesus and hands him over to the chief priests.</p>
<p><b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Jesus gives the New Commandment of love and institutes the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and of Orders during the Last Supper.</p>		<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ <i>DAY OF FASTING</i> -1 whole meal and 2 very light meals</p>	
<p><b>BLACK SATURDAY</b> Contemplation of Jesus in the tomb in silence and adoration -Catholics striving for Holiness-</p>		<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Jesus triumphs over death, sin and evil with His Resurrection, proving He is God.</p>	

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also, on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire Paschal Cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that we may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore. (from [www.catholiceducation.org](http://www.catholiceducation.org), *The Meaning of the Holy Week* by Grace MacKinnon)

### THE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

for Christians and Churches in the Holy Land takes place on April 19, 2019. This Pontifical Collection benefits the Holy Places in the Holy Land and the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to benefit our Christian brothers and sisters and the local population. Last year the Diocese of Hamilton contributed \$175,000.00 to the Holy Land Commissariat. Thank you to all who were so generous!

### WHAT IS THE CHRISM MASS?

This week, and during Holy Week every year, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated in cathedrals in dioceses all over the world. The Chrism Mass is a public celebration and display of the unity of the bishop to the priests of his diocese and the entire Church community as Members of the Body of Christ to Jesus Christ who is the Head of the Church. It is one of the most holy and solemn Masses celebrated all year because, in addition to the priests renewing their promises to the bishop, the three oils blessed by the bishop during the Mass play such an important role in the life of the Church.

- **APRIL 15, 7:00 p.m.** (Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton)

### APRIL 18, HOLY THURSDAY

#### 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

With residents of Saint Joseph LifeCare Center, Washing Feet, Hymn Gloria and bells (bring bells), *no instruments after Gloria*, Special Collection for the Easter Flowers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose, Adoration until 10 p.m. The church remains bare until Saturday.

### APRIL 19, GOOD FRIDAY

#### 9:00 a.m. Healing Stations of the Cross

#### 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Reading of the Passion, Solemn Intercessory Prayers, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion. Special Collection for the Holy Land.

### APRIL 20, HOLY SATURDAY

#### 12:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Food (Baskets)

#### 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Blessing of the fire and Paschal Candle, Candlelight Procession, Hymn Exultet, Extended Liturgy of Readings, Blessing of the Baptismal Font, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Paschal Sacraments and Receptions to the full Communion for Adults. Hymn Gloria and Alleluia Verse sung again. Bring your bells!

### APRIL 21, EASTER SUNDAY

#### 9:00 a.m. EASTER HOLY MASS

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 2019 GUESS THE PICTURE? No.8

First Holy Communion Candidates and other children are invited to play with us and assemble puzzle pieces and guess the whole picture. *When in church tell Father when you know.*

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND FEAST

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena

GOOD FRIDAY - after 9:00 am Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL - 7:00 pm, before the Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY - after 9:00 am Holy Mass

EASTER MONDAY - 6:30 pm

EASTER TUESDAY - 6:30 pm, Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

EASTER WEDNESDAY - 6:30 pm, Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

EASTER THURSDAY - 6:30 pm, Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

EASTER FRIDAY - 6:30 pm, Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

EASTER SATURDAY - 4:00 pm, before the Vigil Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 2:00 pm Confessions, - 3:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, Reflection, Benediction.