

PALM SUNDAY

March 24th, 2024

What Palm Sunday Means

D.D. EMMONS

Palms were symbols of life among the nomadic tribes, who, when crossing the desert, rejoiced at seeing the palm tree as it indicated an oasis with life-giving water was near. Palms have long been a sign of victory, success and glory. Victorious armies or leaders returning from the battlefield or a long military campaign were welcomed by the populace jubilantly waving palm branches. Despite Jesus' peaceful manner, when the Jews waved the palms at Him and spread their clothing over which He rode, they were affording Him the honors of a conquering hero and simultaneously defying the Roman occupiers.

On Palm Sunday, we still go out to meet Him, carry the blessed palms, joyfully sing out our hosanna and join in His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. But soon our joy turns to somberness as, clutching our palm, we hear the narrative of Christ's passion. We realize, once again, that His triumph, His true victory, will come through the cross. We know, as Jesus did, how Holy Week will end. We know that joy will turn to sorrow and back to joy. We know that through the horror of His suffering, followed by the glory of His resurrection, good will trump evil and life will trump death.

The palms we take home and put in a special place serve to remind us that Palm Sunday is not lost to the ages but that by Christ's victory we, too, can achieve everlasting life. "For us too, they [palms] must be symbols of triumph, indicative of the victory to be won in our battle against the evil in ourselves and against the evil which roams about us. As we receive the blessed palm, let us renew our pledge to conquer with Jesus, but let us not forget that it was on the cross that He conquered" ("Divine Intimacy," Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., Tan Books, 1997, pp. 392-393).



Soon after the Resurrection, Christians wanted to visit the sites of Christ's passion and even reenact the incidents that had taken place, such as His entry into Jerusalem. But such activity would not be possible until the fourth century when Constantine became emperor of the Roman Empire and ended all religious persecution. Later in that century, a Spanish pilgrim named Eigeria visited Jerusalem. In her diary, she recorded how Christians re-created the events of Holy Week. She wrote that they gathered outside the city on the Sunday before Easter and listened to one of the Gospels telling of Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Then they marched together through the city gates while carrying olive or palm branches. Our Palm Sunday processions are akin to what Eigeria witnessed 17 centuries ago.

By the ninth century, the procession with blessed palms had expanded beyond Jerusalem and during the Middle Ages became widespread throughout Europe. In the 17th century Christians were not only processing into church with palms but, during Mass, holding the palms while the Passion was being read.

Through the centuries, Palm Sunday and the procession of people holding palms would be celebrated in a variety of ways. In some locations the Blessed Sacrament was part of the procession, in other places the congregation started in the parish cemetery and then went into the church. Palms were sometimes blessed in one church and the people, carrying the palms, marched to another church for Mass. Most typical was the blessing of the people and the palms at a place outside the church and then processing in. For some time, even through the middle of the 20th century, the priest wore red vestments during the palm blessing and procession and then changed to a violet garment for Mass.

In 1955, the Church standardized and simplified the different entrances used on Palm Sunday: either an organized procession that begins somewhere outside the church, a solemn procession starting inside the church, or no procession at all. An entrance procession beginning at a location outside the church is used only once during the weekend Masses; it is not repeated at every Mass. The Church calls this day Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Watch and Pray

Adoration will be immediately following Mass on Holy Thursday until 10:00 p.m.

We hope that all of you will take time to keep watch with the Lord.

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Mass Schedule

Monday - 8:15 p.m.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday - 8:15 a.m.
Friday - 8:15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

(See the Weekly Schedule for changes to Mass times or location!)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Saturday 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

Adoration

Tuesday & Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of the Sick & Last Rites

The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. It is most likely one of the last sacraments one will receive. Please call the parish office to schedule or if you are in danger of death, please call 304-691-0537

"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity." - Archbishop Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Michael Moore by family
Sunday, March 24, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, March 25, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Harry Hendricks by Rudy and Karen Pascasio
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, March 27, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by family
Thursday, March 28, 2024	6:00 PM	Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Alex and Fiona Ayala
Friday, March 29, 2024	6:00 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday, March 30, 2024	7:30 PM	Mass for †Joe Rowh
Sunday, March 31, 2024	8:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Mass for †Betty Heavner by Nicholas and April Cutright

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Larry Dodson by family. March 24 - April 6, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Reagan and Harper Ayers, Hernan Ayala, Jill Balsler, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, Margaret Carr, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Amy Dillon, Josiah Eagle, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Greg Garton, Holly Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Alesha Lehman, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Polly Lutz, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Michael Pugh, Catherine Ratliff, Raylee Rahming, DeeAnn Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Marge Tiemey, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

All Veterans, and Military Personnel: Bobby Summers

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

All seminarians: Especially Joe Derico.

All studying for the diaconate program: Especially Mike Brumley.

Former priests and religious of and from our parish

Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.

All struggling with infertility.

All preparing for First Communion: Especially, Claire Cid, Grayson Clevenger, Zeke Deaton, Brody Donaldson, Bailey Farnsworth, Jagger Gibson, Christian Greathouse, Mason Karp, Isaiah Messer, Marcileen Queen, Kaedalyne Riley, and Ricky Walsh

All preparing to join the Catholic Faith this Easter: Especially our Catechumens, Will Kuhn, Chrystal Miller, Brooklyn Oldaker, Elijah and Emily Shaw, Cynthia Wright, and our Candidates, Taylor and Racheal Stacey

Weekend Collections

Saturday	113
Sunday	211
Total	324
Saturday	\$1185
Sunday	\$1229
Mail/Drop Box	\$2995
Total	\$5409
School	\$
Votives	\$85
Maintenance	\$70
Loan	\$40
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$47,535.96
Organ Loan Bal.	\$67,859.98

2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Goal \$22,465 Raised \$1,900 8%

Once we reach 50% of our parish goal, all donations are returned to the church as non-assessable income. You can give directly through the church, just mark you donation for CSA.

Protecting God's Children

St. Patrick Church takes seriously this 'VIRTUS' pursuit of excellence in our community. With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are committed to making every environment – a safe environment. All employees and volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training. Participants of this training complete short video modules to learn how to best protect the vulnerable in our community. These short sessions empower participants to accurately identify and correctly report all instances of suspected child abuse. To create or update your account, please go to virtusonline.org.

Thank you for your continued support in making the environment at St. Patrick Church and school safe for everyone.

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Parish Dinner Snapshots



Thank you to all who helped make our parish dinner a success!

And thank you to all who turned out to celebrate!

Parish Dinner Snapshots continued





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- A **meal** and time for **fellowship**
- **Short, compelling videos**
- Discussion facilitated by **Host Couples**
- A **Bring it Home** component that translates learning into living
- **Available for Spanish-speaking couples** through translated materials and captioned videos
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Pre-School practices their cutting, pasting and writing skills with a craft celebrating our patron, St. Patrick!



Catching leprechauns is serious business in Kindergarten. Children made traps in attempt to catch them!



St. Joseph Award



On March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, eighth grade student Brooklyn Oldaker received the esteemed St. Joseph Award for the 2023/24 school year! This award symbolizes qualities such as humility, integrity, and unwavering dedication, mirroring the exemplary traits of St. Joseph himself. Brooklyn, your commitment to these virtues shines brightly.

Second grade enjoys some afternoon leisure at the end of a hard working school day!



ATTENTION PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GOD PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND BABYSITTERS:

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITY PAGES FOR KIDS

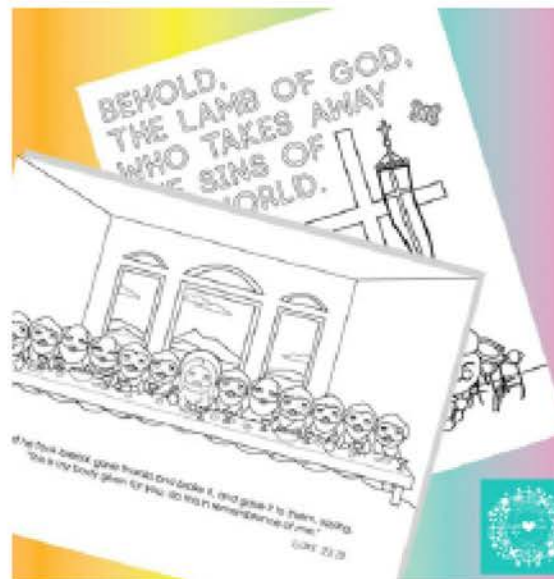
Shining Light Dolls Has Holy Week activity sheets that you can download free.

The coloring and activity sheets include Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Pascal Lab, Easter Morning, a maze, word search, crossword puzzle, and a palm leaf to cut out and wave for Palm Sunday.

Shining Light Dolls is a Catholic gift company specializing in toys and activities for children and a Catholic family/kids podcast "Saint Stories for Kids". Owner Chantal Baros defines the purpose for the company as "passing on the faith through play-based learning." The company is based in Illinois.

Get the Holy Week activity pages here:

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How to Make a Palm Cross



1 Holding a palm strip with the curled edge toward you, fold up the widest end in a loop about 2" long.



2 Then fold the top piece downward until it covers the top of the previous fold and forms a loop about 2". Place a staple at the intersection.



3 Bend the thin end of the palm to the right, creasing on a diagonal line.



4 Fold the palm behind the cross, forming a loop about 1 1/2" on the left. Secure in the center with another staple.



5 Continue the fold toward the front of the cross forming a loop 1 1/2" on the left. Secure it with another staple.



6 Wrap the remainder of the palm over the top-right angle of the cross, bringing it straight across the back and over the top-left angle to the front. Cross it diagonally to the bottom-right corner . . .



7 . . . straight across the back and bring it to the front from the bottom-left corner. Bring it from the bottom-left corner to the top-right corner and to the back again.



8 Weave the small remaining piece in the back under loops and tie it off. If needed, you can use another staple or a drop of glue.



9 Add dried flowers or a tiny bow.



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SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR THE FAITHFUL: SPIRITUAL WARFARE FOR TODAY'S TIMES

Presenter: Fr. Joe Freedy
Date: Wednesday, April 3
Time: 6:15 pm
Location: St. Michael Parish,
1225 National Rd, Wheeling

*The evening is hosted by the St. Michael Parish's
Confraternity of Christian Mothers
and Christian Women*

*Social immediately following.
All are welcome!*

Father Joe Freedy is from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is nationally known as the Quarterback priest and shared the viral story of "The Power of One Hail Mary." He was also a keynote presenter and break out leader at our Diocesan Eucharistic Congresses last year in both Charles Town and Charleston.

Lent Mass Music

Kyrie

Cunctipotens genitor Deus

K Y-ri- e * e- lé- i-son. bis. x. s.

Christe e- lé- i-son. bis. Ký- ri- e

e- lé- i-son.

Saint Michael Hymnal

Sanctus #101

Memorial Acclamation #102

Amen #103

Agnus Dei #104

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. (Psalm 37:7)

During the holy season of Lent, we will leave Mass
in silence.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



MARCH 27
Spy Wednesday

Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM
Adoration 1:00-5:45 PM
Mass 5:50
Confessions will be heard before, during, and after Mass

MARCH 28
Maundy Thursday

Mass 5:50
Adoration Immediately after Mass until 10:00 PM

MARCH 29
Good Friday

Stations 3:00 PM
Confessions Immediately following.
This will be the last time we offer confessions this weekend.
Liturgy of the Passion 6:00 PM

MARCH 30
Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 7:30 PM

MARCH 31
Easter Sunday

Mass 8:30 AM
Mass 10:30 AM

ON DECK

Sunday, March 24

- Palm Sunday
- Donut Sunday, sponsored by the OCIA

Holy Week

• **Monday, March 25**

8:15 Mass

• **Tuesday, March 26**

5:00 p.m., Adoration

5:50 p.m., Mass

• **Wednesday, March 27, Spy Wednesday**

12:30 p.m., School Stations of the Cross

1:00 - 5:50 p.m., Adoration

5:50 p.m., Mass

Confessions will be heard before, during and after Mass.

• **Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Mass

Adoration (the Night Watch) Immediately after Mass until 10:00 p.m.

• **Friday, March 29, Good Friday**

3:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Confessions immediately following

This will be the last time we offer confessions this weekend.

6:00 p.m., Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

(No Confessions before weekend Mass)

• **Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday**

7:30 p.m., Mass

• **Sunday, March 31**

8:30 a.m., Mass

10:30 a.m., Mass

Saturday, April 6

Spring Bash, gym

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters

Sunday, April 14

Donut Sunday, in honor of our First Communicants

Sunday, May 5

First Communion

First communion Reception, cafeteria

Our Neighbor Collection

March: Paper Towels and Cleaning Supplies

Items can be placed in the cabinet on the back porch of the parish office.



Donut Sunday TODAY!

sponsored by the OCIA participants and leaders.
Come over and meet those joining the church at Easter!

Join in welcoming our newest Catholics!

We are so blessed to be having 9 people enter into the Church this Easter season! If you would like to join in welcoming them to our parish family, consider writing letters of encouragement/welcome or giving a special gift!

Gift ideas: catechisms, medals, saint statues, classic catholic books, prayer cards, etc.

(Please contact mwhite@saintpatricks.school before choosing your gift so we don't have duplicates)

Names, Gender, & Ages of those who will be coming into the Church:

Taylor Stacey (M/Adult), Racheal Stacey (F/Adult), Will Kuhn (M/Adult), Chrystal Miller (F/Adult), Cynthia Wright (F/Adult), Riley Wilson (M/child, age 5), Elijah Shaw (M/Adult), Emily Shaw (F/Adult), Brooklyn Oldaker (F/Teen, age 13)

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