



**APRIL 9, 2017
PALM SUNDAY OF
THE PASSION OF THE LORD
PASTOR'S COMMENTS**

* Today we begin the most important week of the year for Christians. In special liturgies we commemorate the momentous events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ that led to our salvation. Plan to participate in these services that enhance our understanding and gratitude for the saving actions of Jesus Christ. Please refer to the bulletin for various service times.

* **Food baskets will be blessed on Holy Saturday at 10AM.** In earlier times, meats and dairy products were excluded from the diet during Lent. As the end of rigorous fast approached, people showed joy and gratitude by taking food to church for blessing on Holy Saturday and reserved it to eat after Easter Mass. The custom remains in Eastern Europe for Christians of both Eastern and Western Rites. Brought to the United States by immigrants, its popularity is increasing and has meaning for us today. As we celebrate Easter we bless food which sustains physical life and whole being. We express joy and gratitude for food which nourishes us.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE. Abstinence refers to not eating meat during the day. All those age 14 and older are obligated to abstain. Fasting means one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. All those age 18 to 60 are obligated to fast.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION-Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year after their First Holy Communion. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. They are also bound to confess mortal sins at least once a year at Easter time (Ash Wed. to Trinity Sunday).

EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION is important because it allows the parish to meet sizable diocesan obligations. The financial strength and stability of St. Peter's parish are a testament to the commitment and generosity of parishioners. Please contribute as generously as you can to the Easter offertory collection.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please pray for Samuel McNulty, father of Polly Close, who died last week. May he rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console his family and friends.

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed on Friday, April 14 in observance of Good Friday.

RICE BOWLS-If you took a rice bowl for Lent, please drop them off at the rectory during normal business hours.

THIS WEEKEND we will be restoring the communion from the cup option and shaking hands at the peace rite. Please refrain from these practices if you are not feeling well.

CHILDRENS ENVELOPES—Our Parish Pastoral Council has requested that we make children and teen collection envelopes available (on a STRICTLY VOLUNTEER BASIS) for families who might wish to instill in their children the importance of parish support. These envelopes will be distributed at St. Peter's School or in CCD only upon request to parents or youngsters who might desire them.



CHOIR CORNER

St. Peter's Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Holy Week has begun. Be an active participant in your faith.

"The whole city was shaken and asked,
'Who is this?'"

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10, after 7PM Mass
Tuesday, April 11, after 7PM Mass
Wednesday, April 12, 2-4:00PM



No confessions on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy Week except by appointment.

STEWARDSHIP

The two disciples in today's Gospel added to Jesus' request for two animals by contributing their own cloaks. Imagine how you can help fulfill His mission with the gifts you possess.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION, \$8,738
REGULAR ONLINE GIVING, \$2,220
VOTIVE, \$85
CATHOLIC RELIEF, \$281**

THANK YOU for the donation to the Lucas Svonavec Memorial Garden in memory of Matthew Blair Luce from Clover Hill Farms, Leon & Dorothy Paul Family, David & Patty Paul and Family, Nancy & Fred Rayman, Wealth Preservation & Management, Inc., and Duncan Accounting & Tax Services, Inc.

WE NEED YOUR RECIPES—How times passes, 35 years ago St. Peter's Parish published a cookbook. Plans are in the works for a new parish family cookbook. All profits will go to St. Peter's Church. We would love to have your recipes included. Forms will be available in the vestibule, at each fish dinner and in the rectory. Please read the directions on the back of the form. Place completed forms in the box marked cookbook in the vestibule by April 30th. Thank you.

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will take place on Saturday, April 15 at 11AM on the parish grounds. (The hall will be used if weather is nasty.) We encourage our youngest parishioners to take part.



PASTORAL COUNCIL—It is important that our school age parishioners have representation on the Parish Pastoral Council. Courtney Vought has been appointed as youth representative.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be said in the church, Good Friday, 5:30PM; Holy Saturday, 3PM; and during Easter week (Sunday—Saturday) at 7PM. Novena consists of Chaplet, readings and intentions of the day. All are welcome.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
We would like to thank
Pennsylvania Propane Gas Company
for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin.

CCD NEWS

Mary Wilk, DRE



APR. 9 –16: NO CLASSES!! EASTER BREAK.

APR.22: Confirmation Rehearsal at 11:00AM in Church for candidates/sponsors.

APR.23: CCD Grades: 1-10. 4PM Confirmation Mass with Bishop. Confirmation students will meet in the Church Hall, please arrive at 2:45PM for 3:00PM meeting with the Bishop.

APR.30: CCD Grades 1-10.

MAY 7: Last CCD Class.

MAY 11: First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 12:30PM.

MAY 13: First Holy Communion at 10:00AM in Church.



KNIGHTS NOTES

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 in the Annex.

MEMORIAL ALTAR EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to purchase a flower for the altar, please fill out an envelope in the vestibule and drop it in the collection basket. The cost is \$10. **Deadline for inclusion in the bulletin is Monday, April 10.**

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION— Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collections provides humanitarian aide to refugees. Please be generous. Envelopes are in your packet.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Holy Thursday, April 13, at 7:00PM

* E.M.: P-Madigan, Charneys
* Lector: J. Wahl

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**

Good Friday, April 14, at 3:00PM

* E.M.: P-Farrell, Good, Demchak (no cups)
* Lector: Dwyer/Vinzani

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**

Good Friday, April 14, at 7:00PM

* E. M.: P-Halversons, Basala (no cups)
* Lector: DiLoreto/DiLoreto

* Servers: **Please Volunteer your services at all Masses**

Holy Saturday, April 15, at 8:30PM

* E.M.: P-S. & A. Isgan (Deacon Ron) / J. Kolonich, Kuhn
* Lector: Rullo/Gibson

* Servers: S., H. & I. Basala, S. Morocco
* Greeter: Saylor

Easter Sunday, April 16, at 8:00AM

* E.M.: P-Woys, Wilmotte / C-Meyer, Sujansky
* Lector: S. Smerbeck

* Servers: S. & C. Jano, C. & L. Johnson
* Greeters: Meager, Keiser

Easter Sunday, April 16, at 10:00AM

* E.M.: P-Craig, Stoltz, Zaroni / Schrift, Hook
* Lector: S. Rizzo

* Servers: J., J. & J. Mazukiewicz, C. Platt
* Greeters: Murdy, Kolonich

Easter Sunday, April 16, at 12:15PM

* E.M.: P-Wilks, Barbera / C-Komula, Gibson
* Lector: M. Fapore

* Servers: B. Emerick, S. Kinney, J. Dirienzo, B. Gephart
* Greeter: Soberdash

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Mon., April 10: Grades 5 & 6 Chrism Mass Depart 8:15 am – Return approx. 3:15pm – Best Dress Uniforms
Tues., April 11: Lenten Hot Lunch 11:35 – All students participate – Please send in ingredient donations and Porus donations.

Thurs., April 13: Early Dismissal 12:30 pm – Regular Transportation; Holy Thursday Procession 7pm – Please be in church by 6:50 pm – Best Dress Uniforms

April 14-17: Easter Break

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 18: School Resumes; Family Reading Night 6:30-8:00pm

April 20: Lifetouch Spring Pictures

April 21: St. Peter School SCRABBLE Tournament in Parish Hall 12:30-2:30; Grade 4 School Mass 11:15

April 24: SCHOOL IS IN SESSION – This is a change from our original school calendar. The Act 80 that was to be on this day has been moved to Friday, May 12th. **STUDENTS ARE TO REPORT TO SCHOOL THIS DAY USING REGULAR TRANSPORTATION**

April 26: Science Fair in Hall 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

April 28: Grade 3 School Mass

April 28-30: "Crop for St. Peter's" in Parish Hall

ST. PETER SCHOOL PTA EASTER EGGHUNT!

All are invited to our PTA Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 15th at approx. 11AM at the parish hall. Depending on weather the event may be indoors or outdoors so please be dressed for the weather and bring a basket or bag. We encourage you to arrive before 11AM as the event is over in a flash! Thank you to all volunteers who helped with this event!

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY YARD SALE A HUGE SUCCESS! St. Peter School raised over \$1700 at its recent Lenten "Corporal Works of Mercy Yard Sale". Thanks to everyone who donated items and offered their time to work at the event. SPECIAL THANKS to all the extra hands and trucks that showed up to help clean up and transport remaining items to local charities.

SIXTH ANNUAL FR. GARTLAND MEMORIAL WALK... "WALKING IN FAITH AND REACHING FOR THE STARS!" St. Peter School will hold its sixth annual Fr. Gartland Walk on Wed., May 3rd on the school grounds. This event includes an afternoon of walking and other activities to raise money for our school. Funds from this year's event will be used to help fund new technology resources for our computer lab and additional Ipads for student use. Anyone wishing to contribute to this year's event may send in a donation marked "Walk Donation." We look forward to this fun event to celebrate our school!

CALLING ALL SCRAPBOOKERS, STAMPERS AND CRAFTY PEOPLE! Announcing our Spring 20176 Crop for St. Peter's Friday, April 28 – Sunday, April 30th in the Parish Hall. Call to reserve some space and then bring along anything you'd like to do...or just hang out and visit! All are welcome! This is a wonderful event of fellowship and fun and a wonderful fundraiser for our school PTA. If you'd like to register, please call Melinda at 445-7161 or email her at jwmlmj@aol.com or call the school. Hope to see you.