

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 10, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### April 11, Monday of Holy Week

6:45 AM + Rita Beck (Tom & Patricia Forr)  
11:00 AM Chrism Mass  
+ Deceased Clergy  
(There is no Noon Mass today.)

### April 12, Tuesday of Holy Week

6:45 AM Special Intentions (Kirk Dodson)  
12:00 PM + Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

### April 13, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:45 AM + Bill & Joanne Hetrick (M/M Dave Hanekamp)  
12:00 PM + Danyll Rougeux (Mom & Dad)

### April 14, Thursday of Holy Week-Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

### April 15, Friday of the Passion of the Lord-Good Friday

12:00 PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

### April 16, Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Vigil  
Parishioners and Benefactors

### April 17, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors  
10:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors  
5:00 PM No Evening Mass Today

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish is at 11:30 A.M

**Pray For Our Sick** - Remember our sisters and brothers who are weakened by illness in your prayers. Prayers are sometimes the best prescribed medicine.

### Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain from meat. Fasting refers to one one full meal, with two small meals, and no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast.

## Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-3

### Religious Ed PK-11 Lenten Group Project

All Rice Bowl Money may be put into the Collection baskets or turned in at the Cathedral Parish Center Office, Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Thank you for your help.

### Cathedral Confirmation

Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 PM. We have 6 Candidates this year.

### First Communion

will be celebrated on

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 AM Mass at Cathedral  
Saturday, April 30, 5:00 PM Mass at Cathedral  
Sunday, May 1, 11:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima



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Sunday, April 3, 2022 \$ 10,128.58  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.



The Holy Triduum (Holy Three Days) “shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year.” Jesus accomplished his work of redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through the Paschal Mystery of his passion, death, and resurrection.

On Holy Thursday, April 14, we will celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 o'clock. The cathedral will be open for adoration until 10:00 P.M.

On Good Friday, April 15, Bishop Mark will lead us in Morning Prayer at 9 o'clock. The bishop will also preside at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at Noon. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 P.M.

On Holy Saturday, April 16, Bishop Mark will lead us in the Office of Readings at 9:00 A.M.

Easter Food Baskets will be blessed at Our Lady of Fatima Church at noon.

This year, The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night begins at 8:00 P.M. with the blessing of fire on the portico of the cathedral.

We will celebrate our Lord's glorious resurrection with Masses on Easter Sunday morning at 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock. Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church will be at 11:30 o'clock. (There is no 5:00 P.M. Mass on Easter Sunday.)

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults “Inquiry”

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or just seeking information, you are welcome to join us for “Inquiry” Sunday, any time, from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galioto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

A professional soccer player turned priest, a man nicknamed the “Dynamic Deacon,” and a mixed martial arts champ are the headliners for an upcoming men's conference sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Titled “Strength in Christ,” the gathering is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Noon at Saint Francis University in Loretto. The speakers are Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, a professional soccer player turned priest in the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a dynamic evangelist, author, and radio host; and Bas Rutten, a mix martial arts champion and TV/movie star who openly shares his Catholic journey. The conference is open to all men 18 and older, and includes lunch, the opportunity for Reconciliation, and a closing Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Mark, which is open to the families of the conference attendees. The cost is \$10. Please register online at [dioceseaj.org](http://dioceseaj.org) or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish. The registration deadline is April 25. Please also promote the men's conference through your websites and social media. Attached is a graphic image to include with your posts.

**Here is a link from our website that you may share: 2022 Men's Conference - Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown ([dioceseaj.org](http://dioceseaj.org))**



The 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,898.

The Catholic Ministries Drive supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. Please be supportive.



Did you know that text messages have a 99% open rate? It's true! In addition to emails, text messaging is the most effective way to reach parishioners— more effective than an app, a paper bulletin, or a Facebook page. With Flocknote, a parish can text all members, just a specific group or ministry, or an individual, and capture replies and respond. Flocknote's church texting makes it simple.

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Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPi

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church** will be having a pastries and crafts sale on Sunday, April 10, from 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.



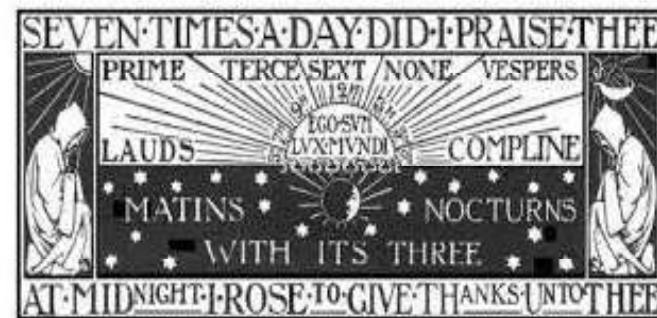
### **SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

The Diocese has prepared three faith-sharing resources for any Arise Group or newly formed group who would like to reflect on a passage from Scripture and then respond to questions that will be submitted to the synod. The themes of the sessions are: Communion, Participation, and Mission. All responses are due April 30, 2022.

If a group leader would like a copy of the resource, please call the office or pick one up in the sacristy.

### **EMERGENCY LIGHTING**

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, benefactors, and the very generous gifts of anonymous donors, the emergency lighting project has been completed and paid. In the event of a power outage, a single phase emergency lighting inverter system will turn on some of the lights that are currently operating in the cathedral. Gratitude is extended to Tim Bettwy for facilitating the project and dealing with the city fire inspector, and to Joe Bettwy, Matt Bettwy, and Dave Lozinak who helped install components.



You are encouraged to sing evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this Palm Sunday at 6:30 P.M. Vespers will be concluded with Benediction.

# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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#### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

#### INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

#### CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

#### RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

#### ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

#### MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

#### DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month  
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.  
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM  
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.  
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM  
Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

Weekday: 6:45 AM  
12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Holidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web: [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org) - 944-4014

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