

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 2, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

### April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00AM+Michael Wagner, Birthday (Lisa DeGol)

10:00AM+John Vargo, Birthday (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM**

### April 3, Monday of Holy Week

11:00AM CHRISM MASS +Deceased Clergy

NO NOON MASS

### April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week

12:00PM+Mary Harris (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)

### April 5, Wednesday of Holy Week

12:00PM+Jim Weaver, Birthday (Family)

### April 6, Thursday of Holy Week-Holy Thursday

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

### April 7, The Passion of the Lord-Good Friday

9:00AM Morning Prayer

1:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

### April 8, Holy Saturday

9:00AM Office of Readings

8:30PM **Easter Vigil**

Parishioners and Benefactors

### April 9, Easy Sunday of Resurrection of the Lord

8:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors

10:00AM Parishioners and Benefactors

5:00PM No Evening Mass

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM**



Our parish's Easter Egg Hunt is this Sunday, April 2nd from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the lower level parking lot. Bring your own basket. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hop on over for egg-cellent fun!

## Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

**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, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/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 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday: Easter 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 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

**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 Mt 28:1-1



The Holy Triduum "shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year." As a Catholic faith community and cathedral parish, it is spiritually important for us to participate in the liturgies this week.

On Holy Thursday, April 6, we will celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 o'clock. The cathedral will remain open for adoration until 10:00 P.M.

On Good Friday, April 7, Bishop Mark will lead us in Morning Prayer at 9 o'clock. The Bishop will preside at the Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord at 1:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 P.M.

On Holy Saturday, April 8, 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 begins at 8:30 P.M. with the blessing of fire on the portico. The Bishop is the celebrant.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 9, are at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. (There is no 5:00 P.M. Mass.) Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 P.M.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, March 26, 2023, \$6,897.90**  
**Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.**

## Stewardship Reflections

"Jesus mission is to restore to good order the created household of God which sin has disrupted. He not only perfectly accomplishes this task, but also, in calling disciples, empowers them to collaborate with him in the work redemption for themselves and on behalf of others," [Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, USCCB, 1993]

God has entrusted us with many gifts and talents, but we are not to use them in a powerful way to control others who have limited income or resources. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the Kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong by serving those in need; to change the world. How are you changing the corner of your world?(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/02/28)



Bishop Mark has directed that parishes may begin distributing Holy Communion under both forms beginning at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6th. Resuming the practice of offering the chalice will be introduced gradually since we don't know how many people will be ready or willing to receive. Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. However, it is important to remember that the complete presence of Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity is received in each of the Eucharistic signs of bread and wine. The choice of the communicant is to be honored.



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



**Stations of the Cross will be prayed this Friday at 5:30 P.M.**



Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.

## Contribution Reports

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office: 944-4603.

## Church Cleaning

The cleaning crew will be meeting this Wednesday, April 5, at 9:00 AM. They normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month, but they changed it to the first Wednesday of the month due to Easter. If there is a funeral, they will meet on Thursday.



**April 2, 2023**

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it. Father John Muir [@LPI](#)

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Our monthly day of Eucharist Adoration is this Wednesday, April 5, from after the Noon Mass until the end of Confessions. There is a sign-up sheet at the table in the cross aisle. It is essential that there be people praying in the cathedral during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

On Sunday, April 2, Msgr. Carson will be available for Confessions at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 12:30 P.M.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available on Wednesday, April 5, at 7:00 P.M.



The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,000. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive campaign---TOGETHER WE SERVE---supports 14 ministries which people in our Diocese are accompanied on their faith journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and our help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope.

The diocese provides a tremendous amount of financial support to the Cathedral parish. It is important for us to do our share in supporting diocesan sponsored ministries.



From Monday to Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., you are asked not to park in the spaces reserved for Catholic Charities. Those spaces are needed for staff and clients.

# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA 16601-3315  
CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

### 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.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

### MARRIAGE:

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

### DEVOTIONS:

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: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

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

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

Hollidaysburg 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) - 814-944-4014

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