

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 24, 2013**

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Daniel S. Kerbacher

MONDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 AM Bennie Naunczek

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 AM Doreen Koch

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 AM Grace Kern

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 PM Deceased members of St. Mary's

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

NO MASS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 AM Douglas M. Steele
9:30 AM Marge Coffee

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Robert Bower requested by Rose Chiki.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Evelyn DiPasquale requested by Mary Lou Daddio.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Florence & Matthew Kopetskie requested by their family.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Nancy Petty requested by Roberta Blass.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Jack Dent requested by Roberta Blass.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the family of Vivian M. Doherty. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

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PLEASE NOTE

**THE PARISH OFFICE & RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29 & MONDAY, APRIL 1**

PARISH SUPPORT

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| March 17 offering | |
| Adults | \$4855.75 |
| Youth | 35.25 |
| Loose | <u>515.00</u> |
| Total | \$5406.00 |

Our additional collection next week will be our offering for Easter. Thank you for your generosity!



2013 EASTER SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, March 29..... 10:00 to 11:00 AM

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Preparation of the Cross..7:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper.....7:00 PM
Adoration..... until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion and Death..... ..1:00 PM
Private Meditation (Chapel)..... 2:30 to 3:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Blessing of Easter Food.....12:00 Noon
Easter Vigil Mass.....7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Masses..... 7:30 & 9:30 AM

ATTENTION

**ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
AND ALTAR SERVERS
PLEASE REPORT TO THE MEETING ROOM
DRESSED IN YOUR ROBES
BY 6:50 PM THURSDAY EVENING
FOR HOLY THURSDAY'S SERVICE.**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, March 31

Saturday, 7:30 PM (VIGIL)

Eucharistic Ministers: Pierce, Belford, Marston
Lector: Stephens, Ferentz
Altar Servers: Assigned by Pastor
Greeters: Kubitsky

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Curry Troiani, Kilcullen
Lector: Troiani
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: M & B Samsel

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Monatesti, Dante, Dudasko
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: J & R Bremmer

VOCATION AWARENESS

"The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

COME WALK WITH US!

Good Friday Crosswalk +
Please join us as we carry the cross in solemn procession, singing hymns, praying the rosary and recalling the passion of Jesus. We will begin by gathering for prayer at St. Mary's Church on Fowler Ave., in Berwick at 9:30 AM and after approximately a 2 hour procession along the streets of Berwick we will end at St. Joseph Church on Monroe St. +
All are welcome! Our 28th year.
Jim Orzolek.

The Mystery of the Cross and Resurrection assures us; however, that hatred, violence, blood and death do not have the last word in human affairs. The final victory is Christ's, and we must start afresh from him, if we wish to build a future of authentic peace, justice and solidarity for all.

Pope John Paul II, Reflections on the Triduum



THE FACE OF JESUS



In all the readings for this Sunday we can look at the face of Jesus. There are two Gospel passages, both from the Gospel of Luke. The first tells of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Crowds greeted him with shouts of "Hosanna!" The second tells of Jesus' departure from Jerusalem, carrying the cross on his back. The same crowds derided him and shouted for his crucifixion. We first see a face shining with glory, but in a few short days a face dark with blood and sorrow.

Set between these two contrasting Gospel passages are equally contrasting readings from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Isaiah describes a suffering servant who willingly submits to beating and humiliation, not even turning away his face. He knows he belongs to God and will not be put to shame. Paul writes to the Philippians of Christ Jesus, the true Suffering Servant, who willingly emptied himself to become human. But this man, with a very human face, has now been exalted by God above all others.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, and loving plan.