



PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 23:1-49

KEY VERSE: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood" (22:20b).

READING: The Passover was a meal shared in remembrance of Israel's liberation from slavery. At the table of the New Covenant, Jesus was betrayed by Judas, one of his own disciples. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus became the new Adam by his faithful obedience to God's will. When Jesus was arrested, his companions attempted to defend him with a sword. Jesus told them that when evil was fought evil with evil, evil always won. At Jesus' trial, a criminal named Barabbas (meaning "son of the father"), was set free in place of Jesus, the true "Son of the Father." On Calvary, Jesus was crucified between two thieves, one who rebuked him and one who repented. Jesus died forgiving his enemies, and commended his soul into the hands of his loving Father. By his life and death he made possible a new relationship between sinful humanity and God. Jesus was the new Moses who led his people through the sea of salvation, and freed them from slavery to sin. Jesus would "pass over" from life to death and to life again.

REFLECTING: Am I able to commend my life into God's hands?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

A reminder: the palms received during Mass are blessed and are considered sacramentals of the Church. They should be handled with dignity and respect upon reception.

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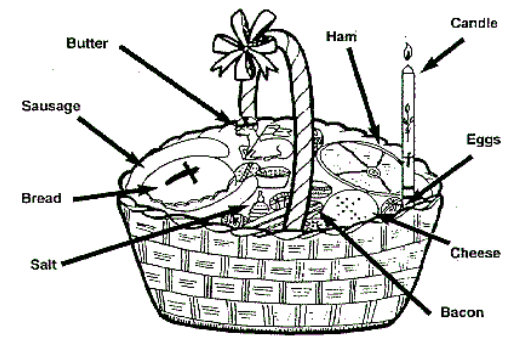
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R: My God, my god, why have You forsaken Me?		
Second Reading		Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.		
R: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.		
C: Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.		
R: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.		
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“The chief priests and Pharisees gathered with the council and said, ‘what are we to do? For this man performs many signs.’ If we let him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation”

John 11:47-48



A Traditional Easter Basket

Butter - This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb or a cross. This reminds us of the good will of Christ that we should have towards all things.

Easter Bread - A round or long loaf topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

Horseradish - Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds.

Eggs and Pisanki (decorated with symbols of Easter, of life, of prosperity) - Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

Sausage - A symbol of God's favor and generosity.

Ham- Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Christians that the Risen Christ is the "Lamb of God."

Smoked Bacon - A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

Salt - A necessary element in our physical life. Symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us that people are the flavor of the earth.

Ser (Cheese) - Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

Candle - Represents Christ as the Light of the World.

Colorful Ribbons and Sprigs of Greenery - are attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the Resurrection.

Linen Cover - drawn over the top of the basket which is ready for the priest's visit to the home or the trip to church where it is joined with the baskets of others to await the blessing. The food is then set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday.

Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday

All parish organizations and faithful are asked to sign-up for the Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday. The registration sheet is in the narthex. Parish organizations are requested to fill their normal time slots:

SAMBS: 12 to 3 – PTO/Lectors/SOCL: 4 to 6 – YMSR: 6 to 8 pm

Parish youth are asked to participate in the Easter Procession. The youth should gather in the church auditorium 15 minutes prior to Holy Mass and they will enter the church together with their SOCL teachers.

Holy Thursday's Foot Washing

Volunteers are being asked to represent the Apostles during Holy Thursday's Foot Washing Service. We need twelve people. Please contact Fr. Bruce. This is an honor and privilege.



Night at the Races

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Holy Family Parish Auditorium

1921 Eden Park Boulevard McKeesport, Pa.

Doors open at 6 P.M.

Post Time at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets \$10.00

Soda and Beer Included - BYOB and/or snacks

Food will be available at reasonable prices

Chinese Auction

Reservations call Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347

Makes reservations early, limited tickets will be sold.



Old Palms

Old blessed palms can be brought to Church and placed in the special designated receptacle in the Church Vestibule for proper disposal. Thank You.

MASS of CHRISM

We are privileged to host the 2010 Mass of Chrism in our Parish on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 P.M. the Mass of Chrism is where the Bishops of our diocese and Priests celebrate together and the Holy Oils that are used throughout the sacramental year are blessed. Following Holy Mass a small reception hosted by the SAMBS will be held. Baked good donations are being asked for the Chrism Mass reception. Come and witness this beautiful liturgical service and invite your friends to be in attendance so our Church will be filled. Those desiring a special anointing will be asked to come forward during Mass to be anointed.



*Palm Sunday Breakfast and
Easter Egg Hunt Today after Mass.*



Closing Hymn-"Lift High the Cross"

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the Love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Come, Christians follow where our captain trod,
Our King, Victorious, Christ the Son of God.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

So shall our song of triumph ever be,
Praise to the Crucified for victory.



Look closely at this painting of Jesus' head and you will see the Palm procession.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Red Team
Greeters	M. Trumpe
Ushers	YMSR
Acolytes	All Servers



<u>Next Week</u>	<u>7:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Red Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	M. Krusienski	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	YMSR	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

The great Three Days, or "Triduum," celebrate the central mysteries of our faith. The Triduum is not three separate days, but one long feast celebrating Christ's great love poured out for us so that we might be transformed into his mystical body, the Church.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, and concludes with Resurrection Mass on Easter Sunday. All of the liturgies of the Triduum are tied to the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In this way the faithful can journey with Jesus to the cross, to resurrection and new life. The message that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again are at the center of these holy days.

On Holy Thursday the evening Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. The Mass on Holy Thursday is also a memorial of that love by which the Lord loved us "even to death". This is dramatically manifested through the foot washing which follows the Liturgy of the Word.

On Good Friday the Church celebrates the "Liturgy of the Lord's Passion." This is not a Mass. The service consists of the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the cross, and the Communion Rite. There are no Introductory Rites, no Liturgy of the Eucharist and no Concluding Rites. We have the opening of the tomb and a Vigil by the grave and the faithful are required to spend some time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day.

The Easter Vigil celebrates the first light of resurrection and salvation on Holy Saturday. The new Paschal candle is carried into the church, as are the holy oils used throughout the year. Holy Water is blessed. New converts can be initiated through the reception of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation during the service. The Easter Meal is blessed in most Churches on Holy Saturday.

The entire Church is expected to sacrifice their time in prayer, meditation and adorations during these holy days in love for Christ.

This Week

<u>Sunday, March 28, 2010</u>	<u>Palm Sunday</u>
Procession and Distribution of Palms	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
Palm Sunday Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt following Holy Mass	

<u>Holy Monday, March 29, 2010</u>	
Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.

<u>Holy Tuesday, March 30, 2010</u>	
Diocesan Clergy Conference	1:00 P.M.
Diocesan Mass of Chrism	7:00 P.M.

<u>Holy Wednesday, March 31, 2010</u>	
Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.

<u>Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010</u>	
Holy Mass/Procession to Altar of Repose	7:00 P.M.

<u>Good Friday, April 2, 2010</u>	
Mass of the PreSanctified/Adoration of Cross	12:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross/Opening of Symbolic Tomb	3:00 P.M.
Gorzkie Zale by the Tomb	7:00 P.M.

<u>Holy Saturday, 3, 2010</u>	
Easter Vigil	11:00 A.M.
Blessing of Easter Foods after Vigil	

<u>Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010</u>	
Easter Procession/Holy Mass of Resurrection	7:00 A.M.
2 nd Mass of Resurrection	10:00 A.M.

Easter Flowers



Help celebrate the Resurrection by the Beautifying of our altars with Easter Flowers. Please make an offering toward the flower fund this year. Envelopes are in the Narthex



The winner of the YMSR Haiti Relief Raffle of an autographed Steeler Jersey was Debbie Parknavy with the winning lottery ticket number #711. Congratulations!