

Sunday, March 29, 2015 – The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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DECEASED: Lorraine Mills

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 7:00 a.m. Desmond Post
9:00 a.m. John Adriance
11:00 a.m. John Granwehr
Mon 6:45 a.m. Anna Beckert
Tue 6:45 a.m. John & Bridget Ryan
Wed 6:45 a.m. Herman Daley
Thu 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday
Fri 3:00 p.m. Good Friday
Sat 8:00 a.m. Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
Sun 7:00 a.m. Anna L. Harrington
9:00 a.m. Vincent Buono, Sr.
11:00 a.m. Killian Marie Nack

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,200.50
Church Maintenance: 30.00
CNY: 10.00
Parish Pay Sunday Coll.: 415.00
Bishop's Overseas Appeal: 21.00
Last Year's Collection: \$ 3,869.53

THANK YOU!

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun Palm Sunday
11:00 a.m. process with blessed palm from hall to church
11:00 a.m. Seeds
12:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon 6:45 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Masses
3:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music practice
Tue 9:30 a.m. Pray Rosary at Ivy Lodge
Wed No Religious Education classes
7:15 p.m. R/M Prayers
Thu Holy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Process to Chapel/Adoration to 12 a.m.
Fri 3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion
7:30 p.m. Stations of Cross
Sat 7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sun Happy Easter
No Seeds
No Adoration

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

If you missed the opportunity to attend the Parish Penance Service, you will have an additional chance to make confession for Easter. Fr. Chris will be available on Monday, March 30th, in the parish center from 4 to 8 p.m. Enter the waiting room and ring the bell on the counter.

20-WEEK FUEL FUND CLUB

Thanks to all who participate in the 20-Week Club twice a year to help defray the cost of fuel for our church. For those who may not be familiar with how the Club works it is as follows: Each member pays \$100 for that 20-week period. A number is drawn every week for 20 weeks, & that member wins \$100. After 20 weeks, a dinner is planned for the members and 1 guest at no charge. At that dinner, seven cash prizes are drawn for the following amounts: \$1,000, \$500, and five \$100. Also, raffle tickets are sold and prizes are gifts donated by area businesses which we ask you to patronize.

HOLY THURSDAY/VISIT SEVEN CHURCHES

A pamphlet guide is available on Palm Sunday for those who wish to participate in the venerable custom of "visiting seven churches" on Holy Thursday, April 2nd. Church Mass time, location of Altar of Repose, and church closing time are listed in the pamphlet. Participants normally set out after attending the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in their home parish; they continue on the self-directed pilgrimage to six more churches to visit their specially decorated Altar of Repose.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2 – 7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Following Mass process to the Chapel in the parish center where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration until Midnight.
Good Friday, April 3 – 8 a.m. Tenebrae (in church)
2:00 p.m. Choral music/sacred silence
3:00 p.m. - The Lord's Passion (the choir will have prelude at 2:00 p.m.)
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 4 – 8 a.m. Tenebrae (in church)
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 5 – Happy Easter - 7, 9, & 11 a.m. Masses

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join at the Ivy Lodge (Main St.) with the residents on Thursday, March 31st at 9:30 a.m. to pray the Rosary led by Deacon Don Trees. Pray for an increase in vocations and world peace.

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TRIDUUM – OUR WALK WITH JESUS

Picture yourself in the upper room with Jesus and his disciples on that first Holy Thursday. For the next three days you will share the Passover meal, make the torturous journey to Calvary and be with Jesus on Easter Sunday, witnessing his triumph over death. Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, the summit of the Church's liturgical year, is called the Triduum. It is our time to remember Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, his supreme sacrifice, his gift to us of eternal life.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, we commemorate Christ's washing of the disciples' feet with the instruction, "*I have given you a model to follow so that as I have done for you, you should also do.*" At that same time, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, giving his body and blood to his disciples: "*This is my body, which will be given for you, do this in memory of me.*"

On Good Friday, we gather to read from Scripture and to pray in intercession for the whole world. Veneration of the Cross is a common custom at this time and is usually done with a simple touch or a kiss. It is also our time to mourn the death of Jesus and to remember his sacrifice on the cross and his gift of eternal life.

Our mourning and silence on Good Friday and Holy Saturday are followed by the joy-filled return of the bells during the Gloria of the Easter Vigil Mass. The Vigil Mass will typically include the Liturgy of Baptism, as we welcome our catechumens into the Church, while the rest of the congregation publicly renews its baptismal vows.

R.C.I.A. NEWS

This week we celebrated the third scrutiny of the Elect at the 11:00 o'clock Mass. We heard that the voice of the Lord is our escape. Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer we ask God to "*deliver us from evil.*" Although we do not think about it, this is technically an exorcism, an invocation against the spirit of evil in the world. The three scrutinies of the Elect are not simply opportunities for a long, searching examination of the heart in preparation for Easter, but are also meant to strengthen those who are new in faith against the lure of sin, described as a "horror" and a "shackle." Like Lazarus, we all need to "come out" of that darkness and into a saving grace. So Jesus said to them, "untie him and let him go." Pray for all the Elect as they "untie" themselves and prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

SECOND COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY

The collection will be taken for the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 3rd.

ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE DRAWING RESULTS

The drawing was held and the following are this year's winners of \$100 each: Walter Hackett, Dave Thornton, June Jasienowski, Bill Freer and Tom Rea. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who supported the Holy Name Society through participation in this raffle.

SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM

St. Mary of the Snow will host a **Before School and After School Child Care program** in September 2015. The hours will be from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the former school building. Registration is required. The registration fee of \$35 will hold a space for your child. Children ages 5-12 are eligible. The hourly fee is \$6.00 per hour, per child. Children must be up to date on immunization. A copy of a recent physician's exam is required. To obtain a registration form and to schedule an interview with Miss Molinelli, please call 246-6381 or contact our web page at stmaryofthesnow.org

20-WEEK FUEL FUND WINNERS

The 20-Week Fuel Fund dinner was held on Sunday, March 22nd. The results of the drawing is: Warren Swarhout - \$1,000; Peter/Sue Gage - \$500; Marion Vail, Frank/Bernice Palumbo, Madeleine Melick, Louis Oliver, and Vincent/Ruthann Buono - \$100 each. Congratulations to Club #64 winners. Thank you to all who participate. There are a few openings for the next club which will begin in April. Call Karen at 246-4155 to join.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken. The other two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catherine Ott, Bill Bair, Rose & Charles Meiswinkel, Jan van der Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Jeanette Fuoco, Neil Gallagher, Judy Fiero, Pastor Dick Webber, John Mulligan, Angelina Lemyre, Adrian Lepe, Leslie Zarccone, Michael E. Donlon, Ruth Lowe, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, George Woerthmann, Melanie Hagan, Chris Morrissey, Darryl Caldwell, James Dargan, Herman Wilcox, Anthony Konopka, Ed Norton, Patty Williams, Robyn Daugherty, SherryAnn Kenjersky, Michael Greco, Jr., Gloria Sauer, George Dale, Michelina Cornell, Fr. Marc Oliver, Greg Mulstay, Diane Yetter, Clare Miller

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