

Q
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At church, they keep inviting us to celebrate the Easter Triduum. What is this?

Triduum means "three days," usually referring to Christ's resurrection from the dead "on the third day." The Easter Triduum refers to the three days beginning with sundown on Holy Thursday and ending with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Reckoning days from sundown to sundown is still evident in both Jewish and Christian practice.

The Easter Triduum celebrates one continuous feast spread over three days. That feast centers on the commemoration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

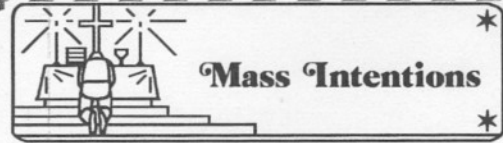
The Holy Thursday liturgy flows into a vigil experience with Christ in the Garden. The vigil continues to follow Christ through the Good Friday events of his arrest, trial, scourging and nailing to the cross, leading to his death. Good Friday ends with a veneration of the cross on which Jesus died, as we commemorate his death and burial.

Holy Saturday is spent in quiet reflection on Christ entombed as we anticipate the resurrection joy fully celebrated at sundown during the Easter Vigil. Nine Scripture readings recount God's constant love from the beginning of time, culminating in the person of Jesus. During the Vigil, the elect are fully initiated by being baptized into Christ and fully welcomed at the community's eucharistic table.

The Triduum Easter feast culminates with the Resurrection joy of Easter Sunday. The one continuous feast comes to a close with Easter Sunday's evening prayer.

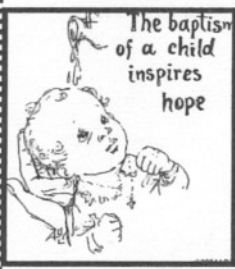
Make an effort this year to enter fully into the one continuous feast of the Easter Triduum.

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- MON., April 6, Monday of Holy Week**
10:00 AM Gene West-Neff (Leo & Jean West)
- TUES., April 7, Tuesday of Holy Week**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Joseph
- WED., April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week**
8:00 AM St. Irenaeus
9:00 AM St. Gerard Majella, St. Susanna
7:00 PM **No Holy Hour**
- THURS., April 9, Holy Thursday**
6:30 PM Mass of The Lord's Supper
- FRI., April 10, Good Friday**
12:30 PM Seven Last Words
1:30 PM Good Friday Service
- SAT., April 11, Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil**
1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
7:00 PM People of the Parish
- SUN., April 12, Easter Sunday**
8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM People of the parish

Please remember in your prayers the sick, shut-ins, and hospitalized members of the Parish.
Please remember in your prayers the departed members of our parish family especially,
Lawrence Krotec
&
Annette Gliatta



*On Sunday March 29, we welcomed into Baptism
Tanner Joseph Schroeck
&
Sabrina Taylor Stein
May God Bless you and your families.*

PTG MEETING

Please join the PTG on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria to accommodate the Pie Shoppe Pick Up. All parents/guardians of children in the school are encouraged to attend.



Pie Shoppe Pick Up

Pie pick up will be in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, April 7th from 6 to 8 pm. Please remember to pick up your pies if you placed an order.



PRAYER
SERVICE

Please join Mrs. Jedinak and the 5th graders for an Easter Prayer Service on Wednesday, April 8th at 9 am. The students have worked very hard to prepare for this prayer service.

No School

There will be no school on Thursday, April 9th, Friday, April 10th and Monday, April 13th. Extended care will NOT be offered on these days.

Fish Fry

Just a reminder there will be NO fish fry on Good Friday. The PTG would like to thank all of our parishioners for their support of this fund raiser. Our students will benefit from one of the most successful fish fry's in recent years.



On behalf of the teachers, staff and students of St. Bart's School, we wish everyone a Blessed Easter.

EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES

ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, BISHOPS ZUBIK, BRADLEY AND WINTER WILL WELCOME FAMILIES OF THE DIOCESE TO THEIR ANNUAL BLESSING OF FAMILIES AT ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL, BEGINNING AT 3:00 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN

April 18, 2009

A. J. Palumbo Center
@ Duquesne University
"Be Transformed"

Contact Larry Lucas at 412-823-5570 for additional information or to purchase tickets. Deadline is April 18th!!



Tickets for the Spring Fling card party will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Tickets are \$8.00.

RESTING IN GOD

The Diocesan Department for Persons with Disabilities invites Parents and Caregivers of Children and Adults with Disabilities to pause, rest and be renewed in God, Saturday, April 25, 2009 at St. Thomas More Church, 126 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park, PA 15241. The morning of prayer and fellowship begins at 9:30 AM and ends with Mass at 11:30. Deacon Tim Killmeyer will offer his reflections on "Striving for Holiness" and guide the group to consider: "Can those of us who live normal, everyday lives, be called to holiness?" And, as caregivers, "What does it mean to be holy?" to walk in the footsteps of Jesus who says, "Be holy as I am holy." For more information and to register for this event, please contact Sue Sunderland at 412-456-319 x1 or email ssunderland@diopitt.org. Registration deadline is April 17, 2009.

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2009



REFLECTION

The Passion in Mark's Gospel is the saddest of the four, unrelenting in its portrayal of abuse and abandonment. Everyone leaves Jesus, even God. Or so it seems: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" are Jesus' last and only words on the cross, according to Mark. Yet even here, hope seeps through in surprising ways. That is why we wave the palms on a day when we listen to the Passion.

As we begin to enter this most holy week of our Church year, it is important to take the opportunity to spend some additional time in prayer with God and with our parish community. There are many opportunities this coming week, including Holy Thursday where we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30, which flows into Eucharistic Adoration. Our Church will remain open until 10 PM. On Good Friday we begin our services at 12:30 when our Lifeteen Group will lead us through the Seven Last Words of Jesus. At 1:30 we will enter into the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday we begin our Easter Vigil at 7 PM with the blessing of the Easter fire outside of church and we enter into procession with the light of Christ being our guide. I hope to see you.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Until 10 PM



GOOD FRIDAY

Seven Last Words

12:30 PM

Lord's Passion

1:30 PM



BLESSING OF BASKETS

1 PM

EASTER VIGIL

7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

8 AM

10:30 AM



*Have a Blessed Week.
Sister Dorothy*