



## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (Palm/Passion Sunday)**

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Chrism Mass at Cathedral, 4:00PM

### **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

Adoration until 9:00PM (Children's Chapel)

### **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Stations of the Cross, 12Noon

Confessions, 12:30-1:30PM

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00PM

### **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Church Decorating, 8:00AM

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00-9:30 PM

### **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (Easter Sunday)**

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

No CCD

## From the Pastor's Desk:



Palms were symbols of life among the nomadic tribes, who, when crossing the desert, rejoiced at seeing the palm tree as it indicated an oasis with life-giving water was near. Palms have long been a sign of victory, success and glory. Victorious armies or leaders returning from the battlefield or a long military campaign were welcomed by the populace jubilantly waving palm branches. Despite Jesus' peaceful manner, when the Jews waved the palms at Him and spread their clothing over which He rode, they were affording Him the honors of a conquering hero and simultaneously defying the Roman occupiers.

On Palm Sunday, we still go out to meet Him, carry the blessed palms, joyfully sing out our

hosanna and join in His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. But soon our joy turns to somberness as, clutching our palm, we hear the narrative of Christ's passion. We realize, once again, that His triumph, His true victory, will come through the cross. We know, as Jesus did, how Holy Week will end. We know that joy will turn to sorrow and back to joy. We know that through the horror of His suffering, followed by the glory of His resurrection, good will trump evil and life will trump death.

The palms we take home and put in a special place serve to remind us that Palm Sunday is not lost to the ages but that by Christ's victory we, too, can achieve everlasting life. "For us too, they [palms] must be symbols of triumph, indicative of the victory to be won in our battle against the evil in ourselves and against the evil which roams about us. As we receive the blessed palm, let us renew our pledge to conquer with Jesus, but let us not forget that it was on the cross that He conquered.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike Brennan, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Linda Toomey, Samantha Strazisar, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com).

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website ([www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

**Lenten Confessions** will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:45AM. Confessions on Saturday begin at 4:00PM until 4:45PM. Sunday morning confessions are available from 7:00AM to 7:40AM and from 9:45 to 10:10AM.

**Diocesan Men's Conference** is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 7:30AM – 3:30PM at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. The theme for this year's conference is "Saint Joseph: the

Capenter's Table." Featured keynote speaker is Jon Leonetti, a Catholic Best-selling author, and Radio Host. You can register for the conference at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men).

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross:** Come and walk the way of the Cross with Jesus on Good Friday at 12 Noon. This beautiful devotion can help us spiritually meditate on the passion and death of Christ and the Paschal Mystery of His life, death, and resurrection. Stations of the Cross will be followed by confession from 12:30 to 1:30PM.



**The Fran Hannon Educational Grant** is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any high school senior graduating in the spring of 2024 that plan to continue their education. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words



or less on the theme *“What My Catholic Faith Means to Me.”* Application deadline is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Deacon's Requested Prayer:** Deacon Robinson, in one of his homilies, asked that this prayer be printed in the bulletin: *“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love thee.”*

**Church Decorating for Easter:** On Saturday morning, March 30<sup>th</sup> we will gather at 8:00AM to decorate the Church for our Easter Masses. If you can assist us, please sign up at the bulletin board.

**Diocesan Chrism Mass:** All are invited to join Bishop Senior as he celebrates the Chrism Mass at 4:00PM on Monday, March 25, in the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg. The Chrism Mass offers a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration



of the sacraments throughout the coming year. During this Mass, the priests of the Diocese will also renew their commitment to priestly service, which they made on the day of their ordination. Free parking and shuttle service from City Island Northern Lot (closest to ballpark). Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism) for more details.

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Lourdeshouse on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15AM. There will be a guest speaker from Catholic Charities. CCD Students in 6th grade or higher are invited to attend at no cost with a signed parental permission slip.



Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and drinks. The requested adult donation for breakfast is \$10.00. We will also be collecting specific items for Lourdeshouse. A sign-up for breakfast and a list of needed items are posted on the bulletin board.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY**  
**(MARCH 26/27TH)**  
Morning Mass at 8:00AM

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00PM  
Adoration until 9:00PM

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