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**SUNDAY  
MARCH 24  
2024**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm  
Friday—Closed

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 4 pm  
Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday: 9:00 am  
Thursday: 9:00 am  
Friday: 9:00 am  
Saturday: 9:00 am  
Saturday 3:00 pm - Confession

**~ PARISH STAFF ~**

**Pastor**

Fr. Richard Allen

**Deacon**

Dcn. Frank Hannah

**Director of Faith Formation**

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

**Director of Adult Education**

Ms. Kathy Higgins

**Liturgy/Music Coordinator**

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

**Parish Secretary**

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

**Religious Education Secretary**

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

**Business Manager**

Mrs. Ann Miller

**St. Rose / St. Mary Cemetery**  
<https://www.strovestmaryscemeteries.com/>

**Contact information:**

St. Joseph Parish  
79 Case Ave.  
Sharon, PA 16146  
724-346-3711

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

**REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:



VIDEO MASS 3/24 +

MON 3/25 NO MASS

TUES 3/26 9AM +James McGill [Kim O'Brien]

WED 3/27 NO MASS

Thursday of Holy Week [Holy Thursday]

THU 3/28 6:30PM +William & Mary Jane Chavara [Family]

Friday of the Passion of the Lord [Good Friday]

FRI 3/29 2AM

Holy Saturday

SAT 3/30 1PM Food Blessing

SAT 3/30 \* 3-3:30PM \* NO Confessions

**NO EASTER VIGIL [St. Bartholomew Only 8:30 PM]**

Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

SUN 3/31 8AM \*Mass for the People

SUN 3/31 11AM +McGinty & Stawaisz Families [Stawaisz Family]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **TOILET PAPER**. The upcoming item will be sandwich, quart, & gallon size storage bags.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

## MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org/holy-week](http://crsricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Today is Palm Sunday. Tell your children the story of how the people praised Jesus by waving palms. Of course just a few days later we remember Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. Copy the attached link and place it in your web browser learn how to make a palm cross with your child. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmtg7m7lon8>)

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

From the ecstasy of Palm Sunday to the crucifixion on Good Friday; it all seems so incompatible and surreal. Is your life ever like this roller coaster? How do you calm each other in the midst of joy and tragedy?



SAT 3/30 1PM

FOOD BLESSING

SUN 3/31 8AM

LECTOR

Volunteers Needed

EUCH. MIN.

Volunteers Needed

ALTAR SVR

Volunteers Needed

SUN 3/31 11AM

LECTOR

K. Wagner

EUCH. MIN.

Volunteers Needed

ALTAR SVR

Volunteers Needed

\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass

**EASTER VIGIL  
8:30 PM  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW ONLY**

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY :

MON, WED, FRI  
7:30 AM

TUES

6:00 PM / \*6:30 PM Confessions

WEEKEND:

SAT 5:30 PM

SUN 9:30 AM



*In The Name Of The Father And Of The Son  
And Of The Holy Spirit*

**Patrick Sean Kelly**

**March 17, 2024**

**Son of  
Ian and Alissa Kelly**

**PRAYER Line**

Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

**Prayer Line,**

**Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858**

## ADORATION

Tuesday 9:30 AM—11:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM—11:00 PM

For more information call:

Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665

Join us for an hour of *Prayer*, Wednesdays  
during Adoration at 7pm



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

### Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

### Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and  
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and  
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday:

*Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps  
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

### Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,  
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1—19:42

### Saturday:

*Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps  
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps  
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18  
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11  
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18  
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar  
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn  
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,  
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

### Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9  
or Mk 16:1-7

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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

**Lenten challenge:** This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

# Second Annual Faithful to the Finish



## 5K Race & 1 Mile Walk Sponsored by the Church of Notre Dame Proceeds will benefit the Prince of Peace Center



*The Prince of Peace Center provides services to strengthen families, build community, and reduce poverty throughout the Mercer County area.*

When: Saturday, May 4, 2024 Time: Registration: 9 am, Race Starts at 10:00 am

Registration: Online at <http://smileymiles.com/> or print and mail/email (see below)

Course: begins and ends at Linden Pointe, 3580 Innovation Way Hermitage, PA 16148

Race Day Registration and Packet Pick up: Linden Pointe beginning at 9:00 am

### Awards:

- Men's and Women's Overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Age Group Awards: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 0-13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & older



**Entry Fee:** includes race, snacks, and shirt- please register by April 20, 2024

\_\_\_ In person 5K \_\_\_ Virtual 5K \_\_\_ In person 1 mile walk \_\_\_ Virtual 1 mile walk

\_\_\_ \$35 light blue wicking t-shirt \_\_\_ \$40 light blue long sleeve wicking t-shirt

\$ \_\_\_ Additional Optional Donation to Prince of Peace Center

\*Shirts are guaranteed to all runners pre-registered by April 20, 2024. 10% of all t-shirt proceeds will be donated to Prince of Peace by Molly Kapusta Designs

\*Please join us for snacks and fellowship following the race. If anyone would like to donate snack items, please contact Jessica Logue at (724) 977-0750.

*The proceeds from this race will be used by the Prince of Peace Center to provide services to strengthen families, build community, and reduce poverty throughout the Mercer County area.*

### If registering by mail:

- **Make checks payable to:** Church of Notre Dame
- **Mail form & check to:** Church of Notre Dame, 2325 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA 16148
- or email form to [jessica.logue@yahoo.com](mailto:jessica.logue@yahoo.com)
- **If you are unable to race and would like to donate instead, you may send it to the Church of Notre Dame**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age on Race Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size Please circle: Youth: XS, S, M, L, Adult: XS, S, M, L, XL

### Race Waiver for Special Event (release)

In consideration of the acceptance, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Church of Notre Dame, and all other sponsors of claims, damages, demands, and actions whatsoever in any manner arising out of my participation in said athletic event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event. I understand that the race officials reserve the right to disqualify and remove any entrant from the race whom they deem a potential hazard to themselves or others.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023 - 2024 Religious Ed FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

\*Mass schedule: Saturday 4:00PM / Sunday 8:00 & 11:00AM  
 \*Grades: **PreK-10<sup>th</sup>** / Sunday Mornings **9:15-10:45AM**  
 \*Grades: **11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** / First Sunday of every month / **9:15-10:45AM**  
 Facilitator: Deacon Frank Hannah  
 \*Director: Joe Ranelli / Secretary: Mary Lou Hornyak  
 Email: Religiouised@notredame-pa.org / Phone: 724-981-5566

### March

**24** Class [Palm/Passion Sunday]  
**31** **NO** Class [Easter Sunday]

### April

**7** Class  
**14** Class  
**21** Class  
**25** *Sacrament of Confirmation Mass - Bishop Persico / 7pm / Notre Dame*  
**28** Last Class

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER BREAD SALE!

Bread purchases and pickup will be available throughout Saturday at the John Paul School Kitchen and also before & after the March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> masses @ Our Lady of Fatima, St Barts, & Notre Dame.

**Traditional, Raisin, and Tri-Color**  
**\$10 or any 3 for \$25**

## Be There When God Moves

Join the Diocese of Erie on a pilgrimage to the  
National Eucharistic Congress

**Deadline to register is April 17th**

July 17-21, 2024, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. This historic moment is called the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Catholics from every corner of the U.S. will be in Indianapolis for this transformative gathering, and YOU are invited to represent our diocese at this pivotal moment!

You'll enjoy world-class teaching from some of the most trusted Catholic voices in the United States. Come encounter and worship Jesus in a new way, and be anointed to share those graces with our community when you return home. More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the Church in America.

Any questions, email [erieedeac@gmail.com](mailto:erieedeac@gmail.com) or call Jo @ 724.699.3340



Scan this code to learn more about the Congress, the schedule, speakers, etc.



Scan this code to register for the Diocesan pilgrimage!

The pilgrimage includes:  
 ~ NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)  
 ~ 4 nights' accommodations in Indianapolis  
 ~ Continental Breakfast (pending final hotel assignment)  
 ~ Roundtrip transportation from Erie PA/Warren PA/West Middlesex to Indianapolis via deluxe motorcoach  
 ~ Daily transportation to the Congress  
 ~ Gratuities payable to motorcoach driver

Adult Pricing\*  
 \$1,129 Triple/Quad  
 \$1,329 Double  
 \$1,829 Single

## NOTRE DAME EVENTS CALENDAR

### March

**29** Good Friday Soup & Salad following 2PM Service

**Please plan to join us for a simple meal.**

Soup, salad, bread & beverages will be served.

**There will be sign up sheets in the church vestibule today, for attendance, volunteer to help serve or volunteer to make a pot of soup to share.**

**We are not asking that everyone make a soup, but if you have a special meatless soup that you enjoy making and think others would enjoy eating, we would love to have it and you can drop it off in the kitchen on Good Friday before the 2pm service.**

**Any questions, call Jeanne at 724-854-6206**

### March

**31** Easter Egg Hunt / following 11AM Mass

### April

**20** Wine & Cheese following 4PM Mass

### May

**4** Women's Tea & Flower Arranging / All ages welcome

### June

**TBD** Men's Night / Hot dogs & Beer

### August

**24 & 25** Rita's Italian Ice / following 4PM & 11AM Mass  
 Coffee & Donuts / following 8AM Mass

### September

**8** Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration

### October

**19** Wine & Cheese following 4PM Mass

### November

**23** Family Advent Wreath Activity

### December

**7** Women's Advent Breakfast

**The "Easter Bunny"**  
**is coming soon ...**



Can you help make our Easter Egg Hunt special?

Egg filler (candy, stickers, etc) donations will be accepted today in the large basket in the church vestibule.