

Holy Family Parish

Est. February 14, 2010



PO Box 405 - 5 Main Street
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April 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF
THE LORD

Our Faith in Action

MASS Intentions

April 12 to April 20, 2025

Saturday, April 12 VIGIL

5:00 p.m.	Louis Luchini, Jr., offered by brother Stephen and Pegg Dragon
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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, April 13

8:15 am	James Sullivan offered by wife Lucia
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11:00 am	For Those Who Are Suffering
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Collections:

April 13	1 st for parish support
April 17	Rice Bowl donations
April 18	<u>Good Friday:</u> Collection for the Holy Land
April 20	1 st for parish support (Please place envelope for Maintenance in the 1 st collection)
	2 nd for EASTER
April 27	1 st for parish support 2 nd for choices on envelope

Monday of Holy Week, April 14

8:00 am	Return to your Spiritual Roots
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HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

6 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Transfer of the Eucharist (Please bring any type of bell—all bells will be rung during the Gloria).

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

6 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Readings, Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Liturgy with Service of Light, Procession, Proclamation, Readings, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Eucharist (Please bring a bell – all bells will be rung during the Gloria). For Albert Murphy (31st anniversary) offered by daughter Barbara and family



April 20

8:15 am	Nicholas Dalesandro, Sr., (23 rd anniversary) offered by Sr. Judith
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11:00 am	For Peace in our Hearts
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Palm/Passion Readers

Saturday Vigil: April 12

5 pm Mass: Lector: Carol Lucardi
 Narrator: Diane DeMoss
 Voice: Ginny Hardie

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 13

8:15 am Mass Lector: Bill Lucardi
 Narrator: Chris Lindberg
 Voice: Barbara Leja

11 am Mass Lector: Lisa Edinger
 Narrator: Jo-Anne Auclair
 Voice:

Holy Thursday: April 17

6 pm Mass Lector: Pegg Dragon

Good Friday: April 18

6 pm Service Lector: Chris Lindberg
 Narrator: Jo-Anne Auclair
 Voice: Ginny Hardie
 Solemn Intercessions: Deb Bogoff

Easter Vigil: April 19

7:30 pm Mass Lector: Diane DeMoss
 Lector: Ellen Vidal

EASTER SUNDAY: April 20

8:15 am Mass Lector: Chris Lindberg

11:00 am Mass Lector: Jan Smith

Thank you to all Our Readers!

Pastor: Fr. Ron Sadlowski
413-862-4418

Faith Formation Director:
Deb Bogoff 413-888-7412

St. Thomas Cemetery
Please contact the Parish Office

Office Hours
No Set Times
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Holy Family Parish Contact Info
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Baptisms and Marriages:

Please call the office at 413-862-4418 to schedule.

To request a Mass Intention, please call or email the parish office.

New Parishioners: Welcome!

Please see Fr. Ron or contact the Parish office to register.

WEEKEND Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:15 am and 11:00 am

Daily MORNING Mass on DAYS LISTED
If a holiday occurs on either day, no Mass
that day

Monday and Friday: 8 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm
Sunday 7:30 am to 8:00 am

Appointments made be made for confession if the above times are not convenient. Please call.

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Each of us is drawn into the story of the Passion, particularly if the 3 parish lectors present it with clarity and realism in their voices. I believe this narrative does this like no other, because the Jesus story is ours as well. We know and believe that we are the indirect cause of Jesus' pain. It was our sins, big and little, that drove in the nails and made Him hang there on that cross of shame.

We find ourselves almost exactly 2 months from February 14. Valentine's day, when our attention

was focused on warm romantic love, even as snow lay on the ground and may have canceled many a romantic dinner. The story of Our Lord's Passion drives home the facts about real love of neighbor. "Greater love than this no man has: that he lay down his life for his friend." That is the famous caption for the picture. That is what Jesus did for us even though we were and are still to a large extent: sinners.

Add to this the fact that Jesus is God, and the whole story heard on a higher level. How dare we say that God does not love us? Check out the nearest crucifix for the opposite truth.

Imagine, if you will, what you would do if someone were to harm you physically. Or hurt you with malicious untrue gossip. You would certainly have righteous indignation. And perhaps a handy fist. How different is our loving God!

What we blandly call "the Passion Narrative" is really a chronicle of the worst injustice ever done by man to a Man. A man who is also God Himself. Don't be too quick to insert yourself in the adoring crowd laying down palm for Jesus on a donkey to walk over. Instead, see yourself among those who picked up the nails for the soldiers to use. The confessional is the place for reconciliation with the Man on the donkey.

How better to end these thoughts than by praying together the traditional Act of Contrition which still says it best:

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins; do penance; and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

God love you, and have a meaningful Holy Week.



On Saturday, April 26th, I am asking for volunteers to pick up, trim and to beautify St. Thomas Cemetery, Huntington. You are asked to be at the cemetery by 9 am. Please bring wheel barrels, rakes, bags for trash, saw and other necessary equipment. We are continuing to keep our cemetery presentable to all who enter. It is my hope that those who come to visit the cemetery will give the care and respect that all buried in our cemetery deserve. If rain keeps us from doing the work on April 26th, then we gather together on Saturday, May 3rd at 9 am.



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