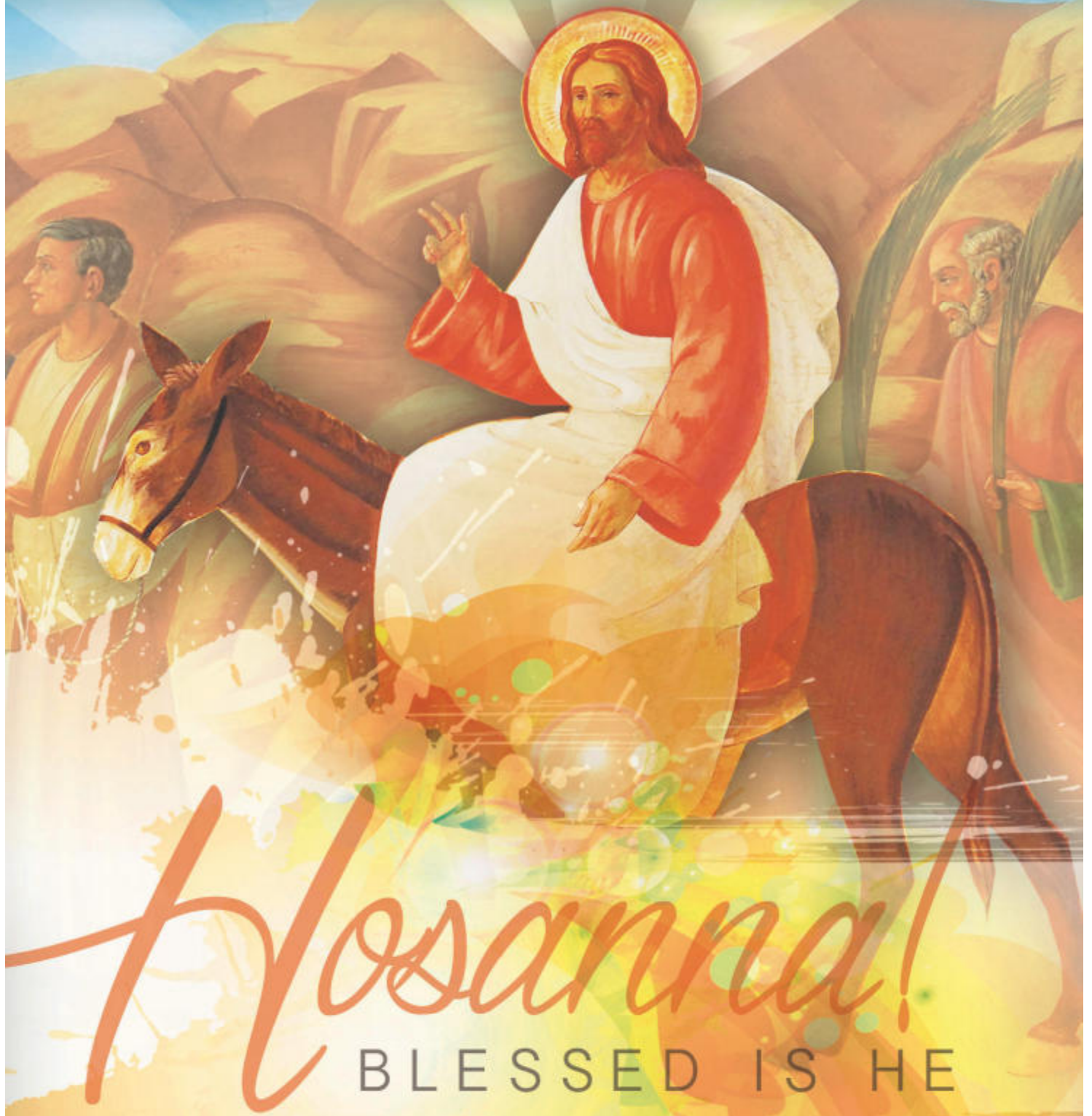


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CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal . . . . . \$33,199.00

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**Please always remember your prayers for the unborn !**Easter Penance Service - Palm Sunday  
3:00 pm**Holy Week Schedule**April 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 pmApril 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday Service — 1:00 pmApril 3<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Vigil — 9:00 pmApril 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday Mass — 9:15 am**Baptismal Training Session Schedule:**

April 20 7:00 p.m. St. Leo Ridgway 772-3135

May 20 7:00 P.M. St. Marys St. Marys 781-1019



“Pray the Rosary  
everyday to obtain  
peace for the world.”  
Join us at St. Joseph  
Church each Tues-  
day at 6 p.m.

The Church Office will  
be closed from Holy  
Thursday thru Monday,  
April 5. The Office  
will reopen Easter  
Tuesday at 9 a.m.



Thank you for your continued generosity.  
Total taken to the Food Bank was 174 pounds!

**April 11th — Confirmation Classes** will be held in the social hall from 10:30-12:30. Lesson 21: “Do I have What it Takes?” & Lesson 22: “Why Wait?” will be discussed.

**Faith Formation Classes:** Our next in-person class will be March 28. Reminder: Soon it will be the time to turn in your Rice bowl donations. If you need one, Rice bowls can be found in the vestibule or at the church office.



**The Lenten Season will be over on Easter** and so will the Lenten Dinners. **Good Friday** will be the final order date for the Haddock Fillet or Fantail Shrimp dinner. **On Good Friday** the ordering will be from 9 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and again after 2:30 p.m. following Good Friday Services. Take-outs will begin following Good Friday Services.

**Reminder:** The dinners can be **ordered in advance** at 814-787-4151 #6 on the day of the dinner or if you forgot to order by phone, **just stop by and order** at the parking lot booth between the hours given. **All dinners are \$12.00.**

Good Friday will have an **additional side on the menu — clam chowder or potato soup!**  
Be sure to stop by!

St. Joseph Website Saturday and Sunday Masses at our church have resumed. Recorded Mass at this time will not be available until Holy Week Services due to technical adjustment. Please refer to the website for updates and the bulletin.

**The Meaning of Holy Week**

This week we celebrate the holiest week of the year — **Holy Week**. But, what makes it holy and special? We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday when we celebrate Jesus's solemn entrance into Jerusalem. The crowds cried out, “Hosanna to the King” because of His past three-year track record of preaching the Kingdom of God, His healings, and other miracles. *The Passion of our Lord* is read.

On Monday of Holy Week, many of us priests celebrate the Chrism Mass with Bishop Persico at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie. At this Mass the Sacred Oils that will be used throughout the year are blest by our Bishop. The oils are the *Oil of Salvation* for Baptism, the *Oil of the Infirm* to anoint those who are sick and others near death and the *Chrism Oil* which is used to anoint those being confirmed and also to anoint on the hands of the priests during their Ordination.

The Holy Thursday Mass which is properly referred to as the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** is celebrated during the early evening hours. At this Mass the Holy Oils are processed individually to the Altar and an explanation of the Oil is read. The foot-washing ceremony traditionally occurs at this Mass. This Mass is to celebrate in a special way the meaning of the Holy Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. This Mass is also the start of the **Holy Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord** and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday we celebrate our **Lord's Passion and Death** on the cross for the sins of the world. This meaning is brought out as we listen to the *Reading of the Passion of Our Lord*.

Next is the Solemn Intercession Prayers when we pray for the Church and for all of God's people. After this is the **Adoration of the Holy Cross**. This year because of Covid-19 protocol, we will process to the Cross and simply bow or genuflect in front of the Cross. In conclusion, we pray *the Lord's Prayer* and receive **Holy Communion**.

The meaning of the **Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday** is the celebration of **Christ's Resurrection** and the promise of eternal life in Heaven. Briefly, the steps are the following:

- The Blessing of the fire and preparation of the candle
- The Procession of the Easter Candle and the lighting of the tapers the people hold
- The Easter Proclamation proclaimed by Deacon Paul
- The Liturgy of the Word
- The Baptismal Liturgy if one is occurring
- If no Baptisms, there is the Blessing of the water and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Sprinkling Rite
- Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist





# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 29, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Father Stephen A. Anderson	Father Mark	Monday of Holy Week	Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leno Zambanini (93rd birthday)	Rachel and daughter Rita	Tuesday of Holy Week	Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday, March 31, 2021 No Mass			Wednesday of Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, April 1, 2021 6:30 p.m. Mass Holy Thursday	All Priests Living and Deceased		MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	Ex 12:1-8, 11:14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday, April 2, 2021 No Mass Service at 1:00 pm Good Friday			FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday, April 3, 2021 No Morning Mass			Holy Saturday	
Saturday, April 3, 2021 9:00 p.m. Mass	Paulette Winkler Wallace	Mary Jo Ulishney	EASTER VIGIL	Gn: 1:1—2:2 Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4 Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Sunday, April 4, 2021 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD	Acts:10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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HOURS

St. Joseph Church will be open Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. &amp; 7:00 p.m.; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

## BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

## SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

**Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

## SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** – Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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