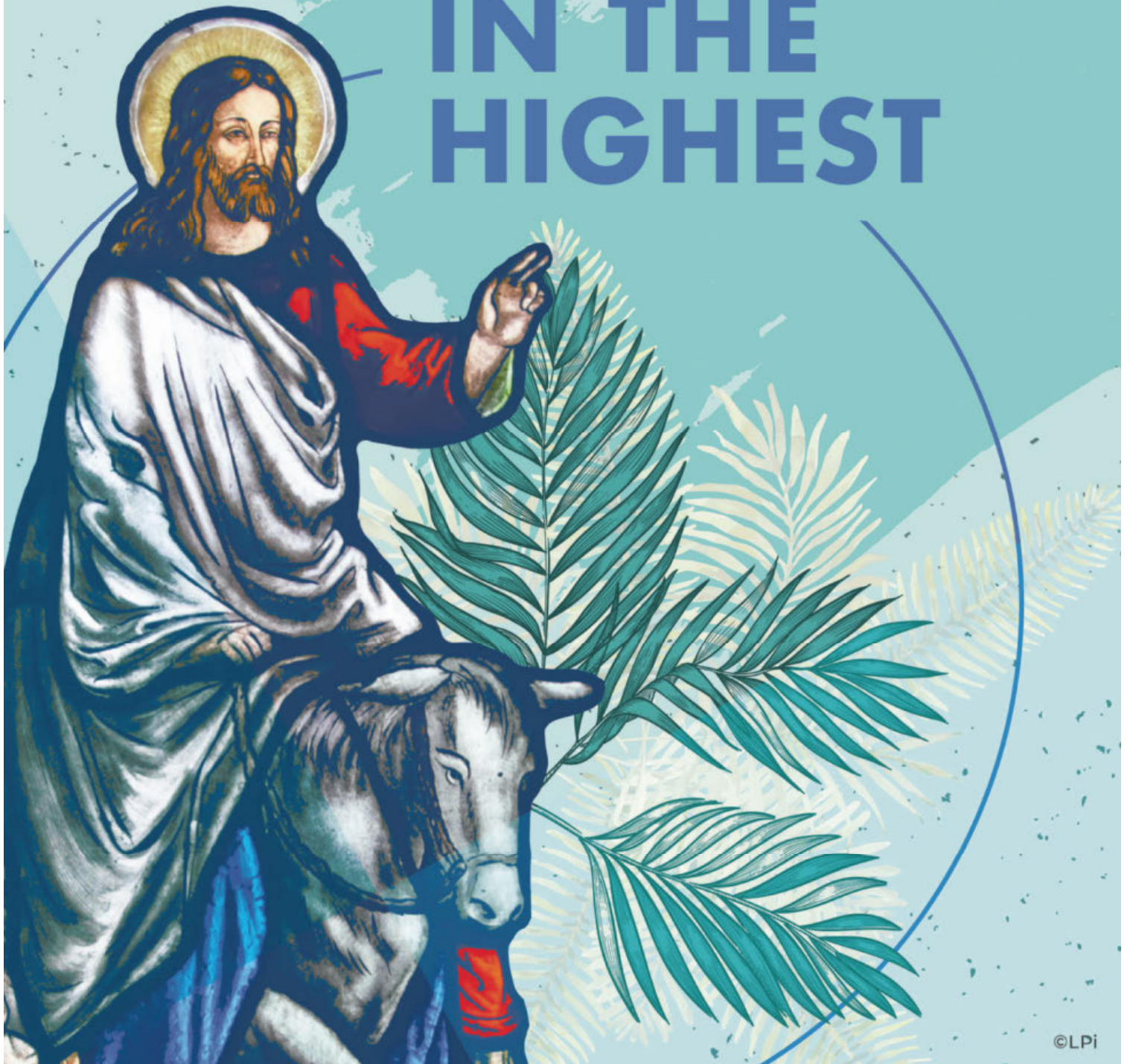


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**PALM SUNDAY OF
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 Weekly amount budgeted for 2021-2022 \$3,365.00
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 CSA 2022 Campaign Parish Goal. \$32,404.00
 CSA pledges to date \$21,135.00

Fish/Shrimp Dinners were a great success this past week!
 Thank you for your support!

For Our Holy Father Pope Francis and His Intentions:
 We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 pm



**Lenten Penance Service .
 this Palm Sunday 2:00 pm**



Stations of the Cross will be 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 13!

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 13	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
April 14	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	6:30 pm
April 15	Good Friday The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	1:00 pm
April 16	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	8:30 pm
April 17	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	9:15 am

Baptismal Training Sessions for April, May, June

April 19	7 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135
May 19	7 pm	St. Mary's, St. Marys	781-1019
June 7	7 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	772-3135

The 150th Anniversary of the Catholic Church's presence in Bennetts Valley Bringing Eucharistic Life since 1872.

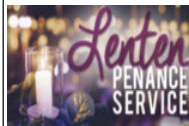
This is the theme of our 150th Anniversary that all of us are looking forward to as we prepare to celebrate with our bishop, Lawrence Persico on Sunday, October 9th. We are starting to collect pictures from the past of each of our four churches: St. Cecilia, St. Stanislaus, Our Lady of Help of Christians and St. Joseph. At this time if you have any pictures that can be used for our anniversary, we would greatly appreciate borrowing them. Please label each picture with your information. A box will be provided in the church office for your pictures. We thank you in advance as we prepare to celebrate this grand and glorious event!

The Meaning of Holy Week

It is important to begin with this basic thought that the necessary meaning of Holy Week is to hear again as we celebrate in our Sacred Liturgies, the Gospel account of Christ's Passion and Death. Our active participation at these special Masses and Good Friday Service can help make us holy because these Sacred Liturgical celebrations are holy in and of themselves.



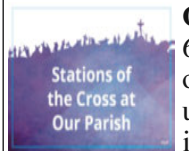
Palm Sunday: At Mass we hear the account of Jesus entering Jerusalem five days before He would suffer His Passion and Death. Palm branches are being waved by the people as they shouted **Hosanna to the King!** During the Mass we also hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Our Annual Lenten Penance Service held at 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday is another opportunity to receive God's Forgiveness in order to prepare for Easter.

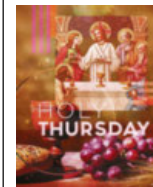


The Chrism Mass held each year at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie at 4 p.m. is when our Bishop Persico blesses the *Three Oils: Oil of the Infirm, Oil of Salvation* used at Baptism and the *Sacred Chrism Oil* used at Baptisms, Confirmations and Ordinations.

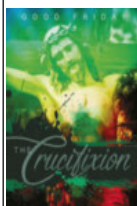


Our Wednesday Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. is the unique opportunity to walk with our Lord as we listen to the moments leading up to His Death and prayerfully responding in words and singing.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM is meant to be prayed as one continuous rite.



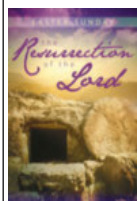
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 p.m. Here we celebrate and commemorate Jesus giving us the Holy Eucharistic (the Mass) and for instituting the Holy Priesthood. The Blessed Oils are also presented to the altar in procession. The foot-washing ceremony also takes place after the homily.



Good Friday: At this Sacred Service we commemorate our Lord's Passion and Death by the reading of the Passion, the Solemn Intercessory Prayers, and the Procession and Adoration of the Cross and the Receiving of Holy Communion. We leave this service in absolute awe for what our Good Lord went through for our salvation.



Easter Vigil: This is the most Holy Mass of the liturgical year. We begin with the Blessing of the Easter fire and preparation of the Easter Candle. The Pascal Candle is lit and we process to the altar. After this, the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) takes place. The Liturgy of the Word follows with several Readings from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament Epistle and the Gospel. The Baptismal Liturgy occurs now if there are any candidates. Following is the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Sprinkling Rite and Universal Prayers.



Mass continues. May we be Easter people!

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 11, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	The Deceased Members of the Azzato and Allegretto Families	Jim	Monday of Holy Week	Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Tuesday of Holy Week	Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 No Mass			Wednesday of Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:30 p.m. Mass	All Priests Living and Deceased		Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday, April 15, 2022 1:00 p.m. Service			Good Friday of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday, April 16, 2022 No a.m. Mass			Holy Saturday	
Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:30 p.m. Mass	Terry Asalone (birthday)	Aunt Pauline	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Gn: 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15—15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12
Sunday, April 17, 2022 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 Lk 24:1-12

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

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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. & 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 11th 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 HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill. 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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