

**MARCH 24, 2024**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**WELCOME**

**Church Staff**

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*  
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*  
 Jennifer Abriatis, *Faith Formation Facilitator*  
 Joseph DeSio, *Financial Council Moderator*  
 Dan Martuccio, *Pastoral Council President*  
 Don Fapore, *St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119*  
 Kimberly McFall, *Office Manager*

**Contact Information**

Rectory Office: 814-486-0569  
 Monday through Thurs. 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.  
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Faith Formation Center: 814-486-0784  
 St. Mark Community Day Care Center:  
 814-486-2399

**Sacrament of the Reconciliation**

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:15 pm  
 Anytime by appointment

**Baptisms**

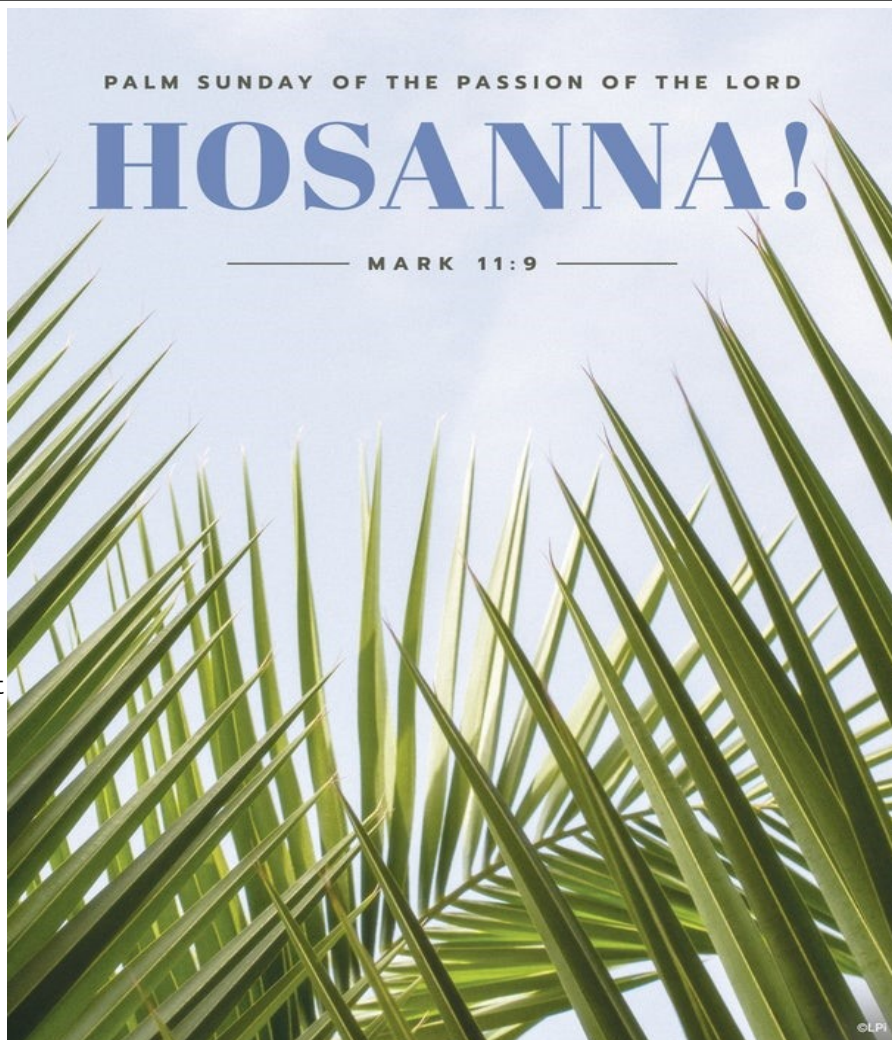
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass  
 after 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must  
 attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the  
 rectory for arrangements.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please call the rectory for arrangements six  
 months prior to the wedding.

**Prayer Requests**

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @  
[www.stmarkemporium.org](http://www.stmarkemporium.org) or  
[oursmprayers@gmail.com](mailto:oursmprayers@gmail.com)



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**

**8:15 AM MARGARET SIMON**  
 (Anne DeMatz)  
 (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

**No Mass**  
 (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

**8:15 AM ROSE WILK**  
 (The Family)  
 (Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25)

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

**6:30 PM SCOTT JOHNSON**  
 (Jim & Mary Laughlin)  
 (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15)

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**9:00 AM - PRAYER SERVICE**  
**2:00 PM - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
 (Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42)

**EASTER VIGIL**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

**9:00 AM - PRAYER SERVICE**  
**8:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL**  
**PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES**  
 (The Pastor)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**9:00 AM - EASTER SUNDAY**  
**FRANK & Nanci FRAGALE**  
 (Aletha, Christine & Families)  
 (Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)



**EXTRAORDINARY****LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****MINISTERS:****HOLY THURSDAY ~ MARCH 28 6:30 PM**

C. Malize, A. DeMatz & T. Dresser	Dave Summerson	V. Fragale, M. Stuart, C. Clark & B. Dixon
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**GOOD FRIDAY ~ MARCH 29 2:00 PM**

Laura Zoschg	John English Denny Fapore	T. Dresser & A. DeLucia
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**EASTER VIGIL ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 30 8:30 PM**

C. Dankesreiter, A. Slottje & J. Abriatis	M. Dixon, D. Malize & M. Stuart	Vince Fragale, Beau & Kamden Fragale & Maggie Abriatis
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 9 9:00 AM ~ EASTER SUNDAY**

L. Purcell, A. DeLucia & L. Zoschg	Don Fapore	Hailey & Addison McAulay
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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY	(24th)	9:00 AM - <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 10:00-11:30 - EDGE SESSION Grades 6-8
WEDNESDAY	(27th)	No Faith Formation Class—Easter Break
THURSDAY	(28th)	6:30 PM - <i>HOLY THURSDAY MASS of the LAST SUPPER</i>
FRIDAY	(29th)	9:00 AM - Prayer Service 2:00 PM - <i>THE PASSION OF THE LORD</i>
SATURDAY	(30th)	9:00 AM - Prayer Service 8:30 PM - <i>EASTER VIGIL</i>
SUNDAY	(31st)	9:00 AM - <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> No Edge or Confirmation Sessions—EASTER BREAK

**GOSPEL: MARK 14:1–15:47****THE PASSION OF JESUS****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

**Adult:** When have you found it hardest to accept God's will? What enabled you to accept it?

**Youth:** When is it hardest for you to obey?

**COMING SOON!  
ST. MARK****—FREE CLOTHING—**

drive beginning the weekend of

**APRIL 6, 2024 THRU  
APRIL 14, 2024.**

Clean, gently used clothes  
(*no undergarments please*)  
can be dropped off in O'Connell  
Hall beginning April 1st.

**ATTENTION 4TH****DEGREE  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS:**

Fr. Paul is requesting that the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree keep our tradition going of standing guard at the cross on Good Friday. There will be practice with 4th Degree on

**Friday, March 29th @ 10:00 AM.**  
**The Good Friday service will be at 2:00 PM.**

Hopefully you all can participate, if so, the following dress is: The 4th Degree dark suit coat, White Shirt, and Social Baldrick should be worn.

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church calendar, please consider participating. It's a wonderful experience.

Please contact Art May or Dan Martuccio if you have any questions.

**The NINTH Annual  
1:38 WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE**

**Saturday,  
April 20, 2024**

**AND SHE SAID YES!**

**8:00 AM — 12:30 PM**

**Speaker: Lisa Cotter**

Virtual meeting via **Zoom** at St. Mark Parish, O'Connell Hall. For more information, or to register call Jen Abriatis at 814-486-0784.

**COMING  
SOON TO A  
CHURCH  
PARKING  
LOT NEAR YOU...**

St. Mark Rosary Society Annual Yard Sale will take place in July, 2024.

When you start your spring cleaning, hang on to your 'good' stuff to donate. Keep an eye on future bulletins for more information.

**SEND MARGIE 100 BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Margie Tauses will be celebrating her 100th birthday on April 1st.

If you'd like to send her a card, her address is:  
Margie Tauses

C/O Guy & Mary Felt Manor 110 E. 4th St., Emporium, PA



## PALM SUNDAY

Gospel:  
Mark 14:1-15:47

Who reveals the identity of Jesus? Ironically, it is from enemies and foreigners that we come to understand who Jesus is. The religious leaders ask Jesus if he is "the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One." Pilate condemns him because he is the "King of the Jews." But the Roman centurion confesses this man to be "the Son of God." As we stand this day at the foot of the cross, what do we come to understand about who Jesus is?



## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

Community Lenten Service will take place **FRIDAY, MARCH 29th @ 12:00 PM,**

at the *Endless Mountain Methodist Church.*

Guest Speaker: Pastor Lionel Owen.

All are welcome to attend.

*Thank You*

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way with our Mission with Msgr. Kaza! Thanks also to our visiting priests; Carole Dankesreiter, Laura Zoschg, and Helen Newton for the priests meals; to the Parish Council, Knights of Columbus and Cursillo for the receptions; our Music Ministry; Kim McFall; Ushers, Altar Servers, Liturgy Committee and all in attendance. Many hands make it work, as does the Holy Spirit of course! Thanks to Everyone. We indeed had an experience of Healing and Sacraments!

*Fr. Paul*



## OPENING FOR THE SEASON...

**ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD**  
**SAT. APRIL 6th**  
**@ 5:30 PM**  
**Spread the word....**

## Catholic Church regulations for fasting and abstinence for Good Friday.

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Good Friday.
- On Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



**Invite Someone to join you for Holy Week Services or Easter Sunday Mass**



Last Penance Service today, Palm Sunday, is at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Church in Force, PA.

At St. Mark, please call Fr. Paul (486-0569) if you're in need of the sacrament.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**Lectors & Altar Servers, please remember to check times for practices for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil.**

## EASTER VIGIL MARCH 30th @ 8:30 PM

### COME TO THE EASTER VIGIL, THE MOST HOLY NIGHT!

The most important Liturgy of the year! We support in prayer all those to be baptized, as well as candidates for the Easter Sacraments, throughout the whole world! At our own parish, we will offer all our love and support at the confirmation of

PATRICK CATALANO!

A great celebration, indeed! Your presence makes it even better!

**BRING YOUR BELLS FOR THE GLORIA!**

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28th @ 6:30 PM**

**EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**WANTED:** volunteers for the washing of the feet! Considered a privilege and a new experience! Please come forward when Father asks. Also bring you bells for the opening hymn, the *Gloria!*



## GOOD FRIDAY:

Our Lord gave his very life to save us. Let's set aside the special time of prayer, fasting and reflection on this saving event, especially between 12 and 3:00 PM. If it has been a few years, since you've been to the Passion of the Lord, please join us at 2:00 PM!



Due to upcoming Holy Week preparations, there will be no Stations of the Cross, Confessions or Holy Hour on Wed. March 27th.

**Please call the rectory @ 814-486-0569 for an appointment for Confession.**