

APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

6TH SUNDAY IN LENT

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"Hosanna, to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF TROY

St. Jude the Apostle		Sacred Heart		St. Michael the Archangel	
Saturday, 4/1 4pm - Fr. Yanas	Sunday, 4/2 8am - Fr. Rice 10:30 - No Mass	Saturday, 4/1 4pm - No Mass	Sunday, 4/2 8am - Fr. Yanas 10:30am - Fr. Yanas	Saturday, 4/1 4pm - Fr. Rice	Sunday, 4/2 8am - No Mass 10:30am - Fr. Rice
Saturday, 4/8 Easter Vigil No Mass	Sunday, 4/9 Easter Sunday 8am - Fr. Rice	Saturday, 4/8 Easter Vigil 8:15pm	Sunday, 4/9 Easter Sunday 8am - Fr. Yanas 10:30am - Fr. Yanas	Saturday, 4/8 Easter Vigil 8:00pm	Sunday, 4/9 Easter Sunday 10:30am - Fr. Rice

Sacraments Available PARISH OFFICE (518) 283-1162



BAPTISM Please call the Parish Office or email Deacon Warren @ warrensafford@gmail.com



RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION Saturday 3:00-3:30pm. Individual Confessions: arranged by calling the Parish Office.



MARRIAGE

Couples please call the Office six months in advance and prior to making reception plans.



PASTORAL CARE Please call the Parish Officefor visitation and Communion for the homebound.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Never been Baptized, Baptized in another faith tradition or maybe Baptized Catholic but never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Please call the Parish Officefor information.



This Sunday as we enter into the most Holy of weeks, the Palm Sunday readings give us a lot to think about. As I considered the readings, I thought about putting myself in the shoes of the disciples, especially Peter. Thinking back over the last few weeks we have witnessed a great deal in our travels with Jesus to build us up in our faith.

We had the experience of Jesus' transfiguration where we were given a glimpse of the divinity of Jesus. We watched as he healed the man who had been blind from birth. Then, He even was able to raise His friend Lazarus from the dead right before our eyes. Wow! How could we have been any more convinced of His identity as the Son of God. We must have been absolutely certain of His ability to save us. We begin this week witnessing His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, being heralded by throngs of people as the great savior king and prophet coming in the Name of the Lord. "Hosanna in the Highest, Blessed is He".

Yet this great high point of faith we have been experiencing was about to change. Even as we celebrate the Passover meal, we are confused by what Jesus is doing, lowering Himself to a simple servant to wash our feet and urging us to serve each other. Then Jesus revealed that he would soon be betrayed by one of us and we all become suspicious of who this might be.

Some of us follow Jesus out to the garden to pray. Jesus tells us of His sadness but we are still confused and so tired we can hardly stay awake. Even though Jesus had told us of His coming passion, none of us had come to realize yet what was about to happen.

Then came the arrest of our Lord and all the events that would shake our faith to the core. I followed him to the courtyard of the high priest as they took Him for trial. My faith began to falter as my savior was submitting to this harsh treatment and being condemned. I was full of fear. I had to blend it while I warmed with others at the fire.

Then, when my faith in Jesus was challenged, I denied him totally, three times. When I caught sight of Him and realized he had predicted my denial, I fell apart. I was despondent, lost and filled with doubt. After His crucifixion, all we could do is gather together in the upper room trying to make sense of it all.

Now, I tried to imagine what those disciples felt because lately it seems as though our church is falling apart. The future of our parishes continues to be challenged with the lack of young people entering the priesthood. We are watching the diocese suffer through having to reorganize under chapter eleven. We cannot seem to attract enough of our younger people to Mass to carry our parishes into the future.

Yet with so many reasons to doubt, we have already been shown the future. We know how the story ends, we need only to continue to trust. We have to remember who we are, sons and daughters of the God who will not fail or forsake us, Just like Jesus, we are humbled only to be exalted.

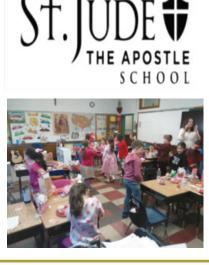
So as we enter into this holiest of weeks, let us hold fast to our faith until the day we come into His kingdom.







SACRED HEART	ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE	ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL	
HOLY THURSDAY	HOLY THURSDAY	HOLY THURSDAY	
April 6	April 6	April 6	
5:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper		5:30PM Service	
Parish Dinner to follow the Liturgy Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00PM Ending with Night Prayers	No Adoration or Night Prayers	Adoration until 10:00PM Followed by Night Prayers	
Good Friday	Good Friday	Good Friday	
April 7	April 7	April 7	
12:00 Noon – 3:00PM	3:00PM - Stations of the Cross	No Stations of the Cross	
3 Hours of Agony Devotions Reflections on the Seven Last Words	7:00PM – Passion of the Lord	No Stations of the Cross	
3:00PM - Stations of the Cross			
5:30PM – Passion of Our Lord			
Holy Saturday	Holy Saturday	Holy Saturday	
Easter Vigil	Easter Vigil	Easter Vigil	
April 8	April 8	April 8	
8:15PM - Mass	No Mass	8:00PM - Mass	
Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday	
April 9	April 9	April 9	
8:00AM – Mass, Fr. Yanas 10:30AM – Mass, Fr. Yanas	8:00AM Mass, Fr. Rice	10:30AM – Mass, Fr. Rice	



Grade 2 with Sister Ann

The children received their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 2. They know that Jesus is their Good Shepherd and He is always ready to forgive us when we turn back to Him. They made Good Shepherd ornaments as a reminder of Jesus' forgiveness. We have had many discussions about Lent and what it means to sacrifice. We spend quiet time in the church each week to develop our prayer relationship with God. The students are also enjoying learning about the Stations of the Cross and taking part when the school prays this devotion together.

In March, we spent a wonderful week sharing Dr. Seuss books. Students have been working hard to develop their reading and writing skills and learning about time and money. Many Grade 2 students are involved in the upcoming school musical, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory". The Grade 2 class is also busily preparing to receive Jesus in their First Holy Communion in May.

MINISTRIES

CHANTED EVENING PRAYER Sacred Heart Church April 5, Wednesday, @ 5:30pm The evening is offered for All the Church





First Annual Art Night Out April 21, 2023

Do you love art? Do you create art in your free time? Please consider donating a piece of artwork to the

Silent Auction Art Gallery

Hosted at St. Jude the Apostle School Artwork and Class Baskets will be auctioned! Tickets being sold in advance

Art to be submitted by April 18

All proceeds will go directly to updating the School Media Lab Questions: contact Analise @ aagy@stjudetheapostleschool.org

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

St. Michael's Church is having a **<u>BLOOD DRIVE</u>** on **Saturday, April 15, 8:00am - 1:00pm**. The American Red Cross reports that the number of Blood donations continues to be lower than the need. Did you know that very two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation.



Please consider donating at the Blood Drve <u>St. Michael's Church</u>

Our annual blood drive will be June 24 so <u>you can donate at both</u>! Only 56 days are needed in between donations! +

THANK YOU To all who attended And All who participated in THE NURSES WAY OF THE CROSS



Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving March 25-26:

STEWARDSHIP

OUR YEAR-TO-DATE (7/1/22-6/30/23)

\$4,056.00 (Offertory) <u>\$665.00 (E-Giving)</u> **\$4,721.00 TOTAL**

To cover our expenses for the week, we need \$4,808.00 We are UNDER budget (\$87.00)



\$161,156.26 (*Offertory*) <u>\$35,290.25 (E-Giving)</u> **\$196,4416.51 TOTAL**

To cover our YTD we need \$187,512.00 We are OVER budget \$8,934.51

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1, 4pm Joseph Frost, Al and Patti Mugrace Joan Vooris, Mary McDade Mary Heckelman, Don & Nicole Heckelman Thomas & Johanna Higgins, Mary McDade

<u>Sunday, April 2, 8am</u> For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Wednesday, April 5, 8am

David A. Keohan, Brother

Holy Saturday, April 8 Mass will be at St. Michael the Archangel at 8pm

<u>Easter Sunday April 9, 8am</u> For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Jude

Sanctuary Votive Light James Kern, by Ernest & Shiela Kern and Son

Saturday, April 15, 4pm David J. Castle, Dorothea Castle Karen Anne Parrotta, Linda and Marilyn Signorelli Claire Garcia, Hannigan Family Don Mihalko, Family John Hardie, Anne and David Cannon

<u>Sunday, April 16, 8am</u> Joan Prock, Phibbs Family Bianca Razzano, Martino and Maria Rosaria Tedesco

MASSES - LIVE STREAM Via Facebook Pages

St. Jude & St. Michael Masses

St. Jude's Masses 4pm on Saturday & 10:30am on Sunday 8am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

St. Michael the Archangel 12:10pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Rosary for Respect For Life Last Saturday and Sunday of the month Preceding Mass Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY for Vocations Wednesday, 7:30am

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT. St. Jude, Fridays with Benediction 5:30-6:30pm St. Michael the Archangel Tuesdays / 5:30-6:30pm



THERE IS NO ADORATION GOOD FRIDAY.

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