

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the *Triduum* (Latin word for “three days”) opens with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, reaching its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday. During these days, we gather a number of times and we hear some of the Church’s most beautiful prayers and Scripture readings. There are two important points to keep in mind regarding the Triduum:

. First, it is the highpoint of the liturgical year, an event which, though it spans three days, is really **one** major unified celebration.

. Secondly, the focus from start to finish is on “the glory of the Cross”. This defining theme, inherent throughout the Triduum, is first expressed in the entrance antiphon of Holy Thursday’s Mass: “We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.” These words set the tone for the whole Triduum event—we gather “to glory in the Cross of Christ”.

Day 1 (Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening): The church celebrates “Christ as Sacrifice” as Christ offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday and then on the Cross of Calvary on Good Friday.

Day 2 (Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening): The church is united with “Christ in the Tomb”. There is no principal liturgical celebration. On this day the Lord sleeps; on this day we wait at the Lord’s tomb and make every effort to enter into God’s rest. Prayer, fasting, and silence are the order of the day.

Day 3 (Holy Saturday evening to Easter Sunday evening): The Church celebrates “Christ Being Raised Up”. “Alleluia” ring out in welcome to our Risen Saviour. There is joy in Christ’s journey from death to life, a journey we hope to share with him.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD:

The beginning of today’s Mass recalls the messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete his Paschal Mystery. In the Passion Narrative we see the model for all love – the sacrificial love of Jesus which continues to be available for each of us. This love is made manifest as Jesus, the Suffering Servant, heals the injured slave in the Garden of Gethsamene, comforts the weeping women, forgives his executioners, and welcomes the repentant thief. Jesus’ love culminates in his death on the cross for our salvation. Such great love ought to guide our personal and communal life as Christians and as Church.

Weekday Mass Schedule: April 15th – 19th

Mon -	11:00 a.m.	-----	Parish Chapel	-----	Dave and Kate Collier
Tues.-	11:00 a.m.	-----	Parish Chapel	-----	Michael Walsh
Wed.-	11:00 a.m.	-----	Parish Chapel	-----	George and Pearl Collier
Thurs -	7:00 p.m.	-----	St. Ignatius Church	-----	Holy Thursday
Fri. -	3:00 p.m.	-----	St. Ignatius Church	-----	Good Friday

Weekend Liturgy: Holy Saturday, April 20th and Easter Sunday, April 21st

St. Alban’s- Sat. ---	7:00 p.m.	-St. Ignatius Church	-----	John and Winnifred Willcott
St. Alban’s- Sun.---	10:30 a.m.	-St. Ignatius Church	-----	Parish Family
Conne River- Sun. --	2:00 p.m.	-St. Anne’s Church	-----	Damien and Melva Benoit

Stations of the Cross: During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
April 13	Ann Theresa	As per Holy Week sheet at back of Church	Charlie Mayo Anthony W. Kevin Organ	Edith Organ	Patsy Edith	Folk Group
April 14	Mary Patsy	As per Holy week sheet at back of Church	Helena T. Necia D. George Davis	Calvin Collier	Mary S Jean G	Folk Group
Holy Thurs 18	Mary Patsy	As per Holy Week sheet at Back of church	Knights of Columbus	Genevieve Jessica Mary	Maggie Pat	Julie Ann Chris F Lenora L
Good Fri 19	Mary Patsy	As per Holy Week sheet at back of church	Knights of Columbus	Ralph Blake	Jenny Mary	Julie Ann Chris F Lenora L
Holy Sat 20	Jenny Maggie	As per Holy Week sheet at back of church	Charlie M Anthony W Kevin O	Margaret Ann Elizabeth	Maggie Pat	Easter Choir
Easter Sun 21	Jenny Maggie	As per Holy Week sheet at back of church	Helena T Necia D George D	Valerie Hoskins	Brenda D Kevin O	Easter Choir T.P.

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church-----	\$759.00	St. Anne's Church-----	\$214.55
Certificates: -----	\$10.00	Chase The Ace Proceeds:-	\$152.50
Funeral Stipend: -----	\$200.00	Donations: -----	\$230.00
Mass Stipends: -----	\$10.00	for "new items"	

Chase The Ace: Held every Friday 7:00 pm at the RC Legion. Tickets are \$5.00 each. This fundraiser is open to all persons 19 years and older. Jackpot \$1107.00
PLEASE NOTE CHASE THE ACE WILL BE CANCELLED ON GOOD FRIDAY!

Lenten Folders are available on the tables at back of Church.

Seeking Volunteers for Holy Thursday:

To Adore at the Blessed Sacrament: The feast of Holy Thursday is almost upon us. What a beautiful feast! What a holy night! On that night, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. On that holy night, the Lord Jesus washed the disciple's feet, and then, taking bread, He changed it into His own Body. We will celebrate this beautiful Mass on April 18th. In the meantime, a sign up sheet will be placed at the back of the Church. If you could, would you please take half an hour to watch and pray in the presence of Jesus. From the conclusion of the Mass, until midnight, in half hour time periods, you are invited to put your name on the sheet so that people will constantly be adoring through this Holy Night.

Good Friday (schedule of events):

Walk for Life: 10:15 am

Stations of the Cross –11:00 am

Church Mass – 3:00 pm

New Items for our Church: The liturgy committee is in the process of ordering a few new items for our church. The new items include: 2 large green banners to hang on each side of the crucifix on the altar ; the second item needed is a censor and boat which is the items used at funerals to burn the incense.

The items will cost approximately \$1500.00-\$2000.00. **If anyone would like to donate 'In Memory of their loved one(s)', their names will be placed on the items.** You can please call the parish office or place your donation in the collection basket with a note clearly stating which item you would like to donate towards and the name of your loved one. You can also drop it off at the office or by mail. An income tax receipt will be issued for any and all donations.

Easter Flowers: Parish members wishing to donate towards the purchase of the Easter flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

Easter Choir: There will be practice at the Church on Tuesday April 16th @ 3:00pm and Saturday April 20th @ 1:00pm. T.P.

Washing of the feet: seeking volunteers for washing of the feet on Holy Thursday during Mass. Please use the sign up sheet at the back of the church, or call Parish office 538-3106.

HOLY WEEK: Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. The week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, includes the last days of Lent, and ends on Holy Saturday with the beginning of the Easter Vigil. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem and culminating with his Passion and Death on the Cross. Though Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it anticipates the Easter joy of Christ's resurrection which brings new life to all who believe.

WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

GIVE UP COMPLAINING - FOCUS ON GRATITUDE
GIVE UP PESSIMISM - BECOME AN OPTIMIST
GIVE UP HARSH JUDGEMENTS - THINK KIND THOUGHTS
GIVE UP WORRY - TRUST DIVINE PROVIDENCE
GIVE UP DISCOURAGEMENT - BE FULL OF HOPE
GIVE UP BITTERNESS - TURN TO FORGIVENESS
GIVE UP HATRED - RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL
GIVE UP NEGATIVISM - BE POSITIVE
GIVE UP ANGER - BE MORE PATIENT
GIVE UP PETTINESS - BECOME MATURE
GIVE UP GLOOM - ENJOY THE BEAUTY THAT IS ALL AROUND YOU
GIVE UP JEALOUSY - PRAY FOR TRUST
GIVE UP GOSSIPING - CONTROL YOUR TONGUE
GIVE UP SIN - TURN TO VIRTUE

Steubenville Atlantic registration is now open! As we move closer to the the Steubenville Atlantic Conference, we have set a registration deadline date for March 30,2019 as there are other preparations that have to be put in place. If you need any help with registration or have any questions please feel free to contact Father Brian Colbert at 709-427-6075 or ocybrian@gmail.com or Ann Marie Young at annmariey@hotmail.com or 486-5851 after 3:00 p.m.
Please pray for the young people that are considering going to Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax in July.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from Anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen