

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

### APRIL 5—PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

- 4:30 pm **Sat** (Anniv) Mildred Sethman—Angie, Dara & Donnie Rinchuse  
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 11:00 am *Choir* (Birth) Jay Stark—John & Lucille Micenko

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

- 8:00 am (Anniv) Dorothy Winn—Don Bergamasco & Lynette Carpenter  
 After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary  
 6:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

*No Morning Mass Today*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 9:30 am *School* Rose Niccolai—Gene & Marie Pasterick  
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9—MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 7:00 pm *Choir* Deceased of the Salvino & Aloisi Families—Lou & Nancy Keller & Family

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- 1:30 pm *Choir* Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

*No Sacrament of Penance Today*

- 1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets  
 3:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

### CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER VIGIL

- 8:30 pm *Choir* Intention of the Celebrant

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:00 am Intention of the Celebrant  
 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish  
 Intention of the Celebrant  
 11:00 am *Choir* Intention of the Celebrant

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

- Weekdays, April 6 8:00 am J. & S. Pokol  
 Wednesday Apr. 8 9:30 pm *School Mass*  
*Evening Prayer* 6:30 pm J. Pokol  
**Holy Thursday, April 9** 7:00 pm D. & J. Columbus, B. Antal, J. Rabe  
 G. McLaughlin, C. Iacoboni  
 (MC) M. Couser  
**Good Friday, Apr. 10** 1:30 pm M. Bury—Volunteer Needed  
 (MC) G. McLaughlin & Volunteer  
**Holy Saturday, Apr. 11** 8:30 pm G. McLaughlin—D. Kossol  
 S. Anderson—A. Iacoboni  
 (MC) M. Couser—B. Antal  
**Easter Sunday, Apr. 12** 7:00 am *Volunteers Needed*  
 (MC) *Volunteer Needed*  
 9:00 am D. & J. Columbus—J. Rabe  
 (MC) *Volunteer Needed*  
 11:00 am S., J. & K. Pokol—Volunteer  
 (MC) E. Pokol

### SUNDAY COUNTERS

- April 5—T. Rodriguez, M. & D. Free, S. Mavrakis  
 April 13—Counters, call T. Rodriguez to volunteer.  
 April 19—J. Ciccarelli, D. & J. Kerestan, S. & B. Monro

Please visit our parish web site at [www.saintsebastianchurch.org](http://www.saintsebastianchurch.org) for the complete schedule of liturgies during Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter along with other information about the happenings in our parish.

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: ALAN MURO of Belle Vernon; and EUGENE MELVIN, former parishioner. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday - Rel. Ed., Grades 1—5, School, 6:15 pm  
 - Valley of Hope, Hall, 8:00 pm  
 Tuesday - Girl Scouts, Parish Center, 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday - Choir, Church, 7:00 pm  
 - RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm

## Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Mar. 28/29	\$8,211.13	\$9,200.00	-\$988.87
Fiscal Year to Date	\$360,631.13	\$358,800.00	+1,831.13\$

CATHOLIC ACCENT—\$1,000.75

### DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Week #3

	This Week	To Date
No. Families	45	190
Pledged	\$6,005	\$27,650

### LECTORS COORDINATOR MINISTERS

#### Wednesday, Apr. 6

6:30 S. Raymond

#### Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00 J. Frederick M. Druciak J. Krossoff, L. Aul, D. Koury  
 J. Moody, R. Couser, J. Stringhill

#### Good Friday, April 10

1:30 B. Moskovitz  
 C. Gorski S. Raymond E. Studnicki—D. Koury

#### Holy Saturday, Apr. 11

8:30 S. Wawro  
 T. Verin D. Seman R. Couser, S. & K. Rygiel  
 M. Moody, J. Barger, J. Stringhill

#### Easter Sunday, Apr. 12

7:00 *Volunteer* *Volunteer* **6 Volunteers Needed**  
 9:00 M. Pesi S. Raymond P. Morigi, G. Rush, T. Gardner  
 J. Krossoff, E. Niehaus, C. Peterson  
 11:00 C. Rhodes L. Forbeck M. Blevins, M. Nogy, J. Morris  
 C. Farrier, M. Strickland, *Volunteer*

### SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**Holy Thursday** for the Saint Vincent dePaul Society to assist those in need.

**Good Friday** for the support of Churches and Shrines in the Holy Land.

**EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** The regular Sunday envelope is for your weekly support of our Parish and the Easter envelope is for your Easter Gift to our Parish.

**LENTEN FOLDERS:** You may place your Lenten Folder in the baskets at the church entrances.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially** Leda Arrigoni, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Peter Carrozza, Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Neil Cope, Alex Danyi, Edward Drotos, Darlene Engle, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Stanley Gates, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Philomena Iacovangelo, Barbara Kubik, Debbie Kurtis, Mary Ann Lenio, Ann Krossoff, Fr. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Mendicino, Janet Misenko, William Molnar, Sr., Mary B. Nagy, Joseph Naylor, Karen O'Neil, Eleanor Pidanich, Stella Povlick, Jemma Premus, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Virginia Salko, Barbara Sedlak, Joseph Semancik, Steve Semancik, Loretta Senich, Guido Simboli, Afton Smereczniak, Joseph Smith, Patti Smith, Mary B. Snyder, Darla Staff, Chuckie Stringhill, Joseph Turcheck, Jim Webb. Lord, we ask that you bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# HOLY WEEK, TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY

## Living Stations of the Cross, April 6

Saint Sebastian School students will present the Living Stations of the Cross tomorrow, **Monday of Holy Week, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.** The Religious Education students will be in attendance. Families are asked to sit behind the reserved signs that will be displayed.



## Lenten Evening Prayer, April 8



**EVENING PRAYER** with special intercession for the persons and intentions you wish to remember on Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. Come join in part of the daily prayer of the Church. Evening Prayer consists of psalms, scripture and prayer. In the prayers of intercession we lift up to God the needs, sorrows and failures of the world. Simply write a name or an intention on a piece of paper and place it in the large basket in front of Mary's shrine in Church

## Holy Thursday, April 9—10:00 A.M. - THE CHRISM MASS

At this Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral the priests gather with the Bishop to bless the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick; the priests also renew their commitment to priestly service. We will sponsor a bus, free of charge, for those who wish to participate in the Mass. Call the Parish Office to reserve a seat or fill out and drop off the form in this bulletin.



# THE TRIDUUM

## Holy Thursday, April 9

### 7:00 P.M. - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



We commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and of the Priesthood, and Jesus' command to serve.

### 8:15 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Adoration/Personal Prayer

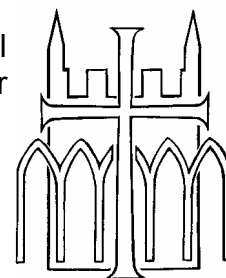
The Church will be open until 11:00 P.M. for adoration and prayer.

## FOLLOWING MASS: PILGRIMAGE TO AREA CHURCHES

Parishioners are invited to make this pilgrimage to churches near our area. We will sponsor a bus, free of charge. Contact the Parish Office if interested in participating or fill out the form in this bulletin.

### 10:45 P.M. - NIGHT PRAYER IN CHURCH

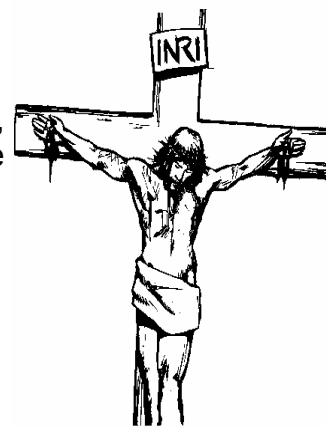
Join us in prayer at the end of this day.



## Good Friday, April 10

**12:00 P.M.—COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

This service, at the First Methodist Church located at State and Market Streets, is sponsored by the Belle Vernon Area Ministerium. Father Lawrence will be speaking at this service.



## COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**1:30 P.M. at Saint Sebastian Church**

This is the main liturgical service today and the only time that Communion may be distributed.

**GOOD FRIDAY, 7:00 P.M. TENEBRAE**, First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon

Sponsored by the Belle Vernon Area Ministerium

## Holy Saturday, April 11

**9:00 A.M. - CHURCH DECORATING FOR EASTER**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**1:00 P.M. - BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**

**3:00 P.M. - BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD**

*The Sacrament of Penance is not scheduled today.*

*No Mass at 4:30 p.m.*

## Easter Vigil, April 11, 8:30 P.M.

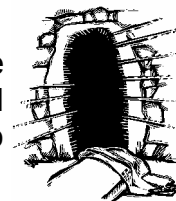


This is the first Mass for Easter as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. At this Mass, our catecumens, VANESSA DiCIANNA, JILL HARTMAN and AMBER POWELL, will receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist; and our candidates, AMANDA NESPOLI, MICHAEL SVEDA and HOPE ANGEL WILLIAMS, who have already been baptized, will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Please remember Vanessa, Jill, Amber, Amanda, Michael and Hope Angel, and their families in your prayers.

We will gather outdoors between the Church and the School to begin the Vigil with the blessing of the new fire and then we will process into Church. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow this Mass.

## Easter Sunday, April 12

At all Masses today we will renew our baptismal promises and then be sprinkled with the water blessed at the Easter Vigil; this will remind us of our Baptism into the Death and Resurrection of Christ. This is what we have been preparing for throughout Lent, to celebrate the risen Lord and our life in Him.



## SCHEDULE of MASSES for EASTER SUNDAY

**7:00 A.M.**

**9:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**



**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**



Today, Sunday, April 5, marks the beginning of Holy Week. We will commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at all Masses this weekend. We are asking all to gather outside the main doors of the Church on Broad Avenue to process into the Church together. Palm will be blessed at all Masses. (In case of bad weather, we will gather in the church for the Solemn Entrance).

**At all Masses:** Take your palm before you gather outside; you are to hold the palm as we bless it and commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE**

There will be NO Pre-K/Kindergarten CCD or Liturgy of the Word for Children today, Palm Sunday, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass or next Sunday, April 12, which is Easter Sunday, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**PARKING FOR DEVOTIONS**

If you are attending Lenten devotions held during the afternoon and evening hours, **we ask you refrain from using the parking lots of our neighbors.** Parking spaces across from the Parish on Broad Avenue are for the patients attending physical therapy and patrons of local businesses. We have plenty of parking available in the 3 lots adjacent to Henry Street. Please be considerate of our neighbors and those who patronize their establishments.

**HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGES—April 9, 2009**

**CHRISM MASS** On Holy Thursday, April 9, we will continue the tradition of parishioners participating in the Chrism Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. The Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments and the priests renew their commitment to priestly service. A bus will be provided, at no charge, for those who would like to attend this Mass. The bus will leave at 8:45 a.m. and return around 12:00 Noon. If interested please fill out and return the form below.

**CHRISM MASS PILGRIMAGE**

**I will ride the bus to the Cathedral:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by tomorrow, Monday, April 6.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO AREA CHURCHES** On Holy Thursday evening, after the Mass of the Last Supper, Catholics are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. That night we will visit area Catholic Churches for prayer. Locally, this pilgrimage was started by the Knights of Columbus and now we are involved as a Parish. We will leave at 8:30 p.m. from our parking lot and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. to our Church. Our Parish will provide a bus free of charge. Please fill out and return the form below.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AREA CHURCHES**

**I will ride the bus on this pilgrimage:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by tomorrow, Monday, April 6.**

**Triduum**

**A Sense of the Season**



The word Triduum comes from the Latin and means "three days." It is commonly pronounced "TRIH-doo-uhm" and is usually used in reference to the Easter Triduum, the three most sacred days in the church year. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Often there is confusion about how that block of time can be counted as three days. The traditional Jewish practice of counting days from sunset to sunset is used during the Triduum. Thus, Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening is the first day, Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday evening is the second day and Holy Saturday evening to Sunday evening is the third day. After centuries of neglect, Pope Pius XII in 1955 restored the Triduum liturgies to their rightful place as the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Although we talk of the three days, our Triduum prayer is best understood as one liturgy in three interlocking movements. The death and resurrection of the Lord cannot be separated. The meaning of these days is distorted when we imagine that the liturgy re-enacts the final events in the life of Jesus in a sort of historical review. We miss the point in that case. The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection is a present reality; the boundaries of time, and the boundaries of death, have no power here.

Our past, present and future are irrevocably marked by our own immersion into this mystery through baptism. We wash one another's feet, reverence the cross, light fires in the night and proclaim the stories of our salvation with an awed awareness that this is what it means to be baptized. The Easter Vigil then is the premier time to welcome new members into the church through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

Ideally, no other parish events are scheduled on these three days; the presence, time and energy of every person in the community are needed for what we do here. Yes, this may be inconvenient, but birth and death are rarely convenient! Our forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum—beyond its history, into its mystery.

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**COMMUNITY DAY FOR SHERRILL GRUNSKY** On Thursday, April 9, between 11 am & 9 pm, Hoss's Restaurant, Belle Vernon, is holding a fundraiser for their longtime employee and our parishioner, Sherrill Grunsky. Sherrill was diagnosed with Wegener's Granulomatosis, a rare condition. To help with medical expenses Hoss's is offering a ticket that will give 20% of your dinner check to her medical fund. Stop in Hoss's and ask for a ticket then come to dinner. Also monetary donations will be accepted. Thank you for your support.

**PIRATES OF PENZANCE, JR.** Aquinas Academy in Greensburg presents "The Pirates of Penzance, Jr." on Friday, April 24 at 7 pm and Saturday, April 25 at 3 pm and 7 pm at the Greensburg Garden and Civic Center. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the door.

**BELLE VERNON LIBRARY** will hold a used book and bake sale on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Donated books may be dropped off at the Library (505 Speer Street) during library hours or call 724-929-6642.