

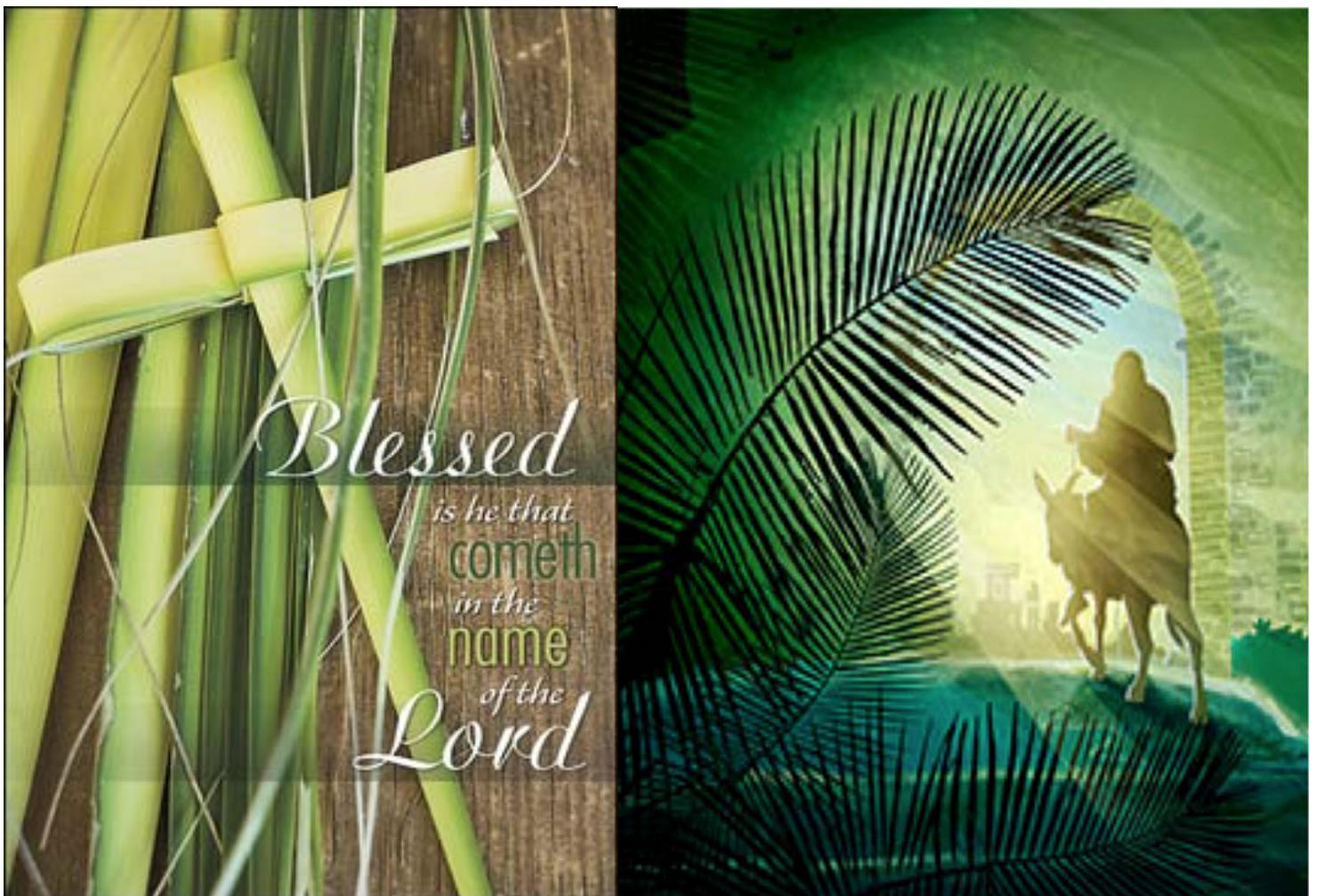
March 24 & 25, 2018

Immaculate Conception Church



4671 Townline Road, Ransomville New York 14131 Telephone 716-731-4822 www.icransomville.org

Palm Sunday



Blessed
is he that
cometh
in the
name
of the
Lord

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Immaculate Conception parish is a warm and caring Roman Catholic faith community where all of God's people are welcome. We strive to bring Christ to all people through spiritually vibrant and uplifting liturgies, ministry, service and outreach."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March	24	4:00 pm	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Cindy Antoncich
Sunday	March	25	8:30 am	In memory of Charles & Jennie Ruggirello req. by daughter Maryann Mahar
			11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
Monday	March	26	9:00 am	In memory of Mothers Living and Deceased req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	March	27	9:00 am	Prayer and Communion Service
Wednesday	March	28	6:30pm	No Mass
Thursday	March	29	7:00 pm	Grandchildren of Bruce & Diane Pivetz req. by Bruce & Diane
Friday	March	30	12-3pm	Silent Prayer and Reflection in Church
			3:00pm	Passion of the Lord
Saturday-Vigil	March	31	8:00 pm	In memory of Wayne Gillingham req. by daughter Judy Kirkpatrick
Sunday-Easter	April	1	8:30 am	In memory of Edward (Ned) Johnson req. by Johnson Family
			11:00 am	In memory of Mary Jane & Walter Kelsch req. by daughter Donna

Parish Staff:

Rev. James Bastian (ext. 102)
 Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz, Deacon Emeritus
 Dcn. Mike Canzoneri, Deacon
 Mrs. Mary Zastrow (ext. 101), Secretary
 Mrs. Laurie Muth (ext. 103), Pastoral Associate

Safe Environment Coordinator:
 Miss Cynthia Curione

RCIA Coordinator: Donna Kelsch

Trustee: Kiersten Ryndak

Disability Advocate: Amy McQuay

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Monday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in Church

Adoration:

Adoration in Chapel every Friday
 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Service Schedule:

Tuesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
 Wednesday 6:00 - 6:25 p.m.

Ministry to the Sick:

Home visitations are available for all parishioners who are confined to their homes because of any illness or other infirmity. Call 731-4822 to make arrangements.

Outreach Program - Primary Contacts:

Mr. Michael Shaw 481-9001
 Mr. Howard Morgan 417-7584

AL anon:

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha room

DIGGING DEEPER

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
 ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
 OF SCRIPTURE**

March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days - even hours - Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying? This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!" Liturgical Publications

Its not too late to oppose the Abortion Expansion Bill! **Take Action Now!** Visit our website and click on the link or go to nyscatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Saint Clare, pray for us.

This is our parish's 3rd and final week of our Catholic Charities Appeal for 2018. Now is the perfect time to show love for your neighbors in our community and donate if you haven't done so already. EVERY dollar is a much-needed gift, there is no amount too small. Each day, Catholic Charities is helping those most in need and your donation continues that reality for so many across the Buffalo Diocese. The services of Catholic Charities protected, strengthened and empowered the lives of nearly 153,000 people in 2017. Your gift makes that power of love known.

MASS ON EWTN



EWTN Network brings you great Holy Week, and Easter programming on TV, Radio, and internet!

Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and Live Easter Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC, and much more. Find your local TV by going to ewtn.com/channelfinder/

CROSS WALK TO BE HELD ON GOOD FRIDAY



Ecumenical Gathering for Carrying of the Cross

Come join the carrying of the cross through the village of Ransomville as a public witness to Christ's passion and death. A bus will arrive at 5:45pm on Good Friday at the Free Methodist Church at 3924 Ransomville Road to take us to the one (1) mile site starting point, with stations of the cross leading us to the United Methodist Church at 2573 Youngstown-Lockport Road for a 7pm service. Any questions, call Kathy Z at 940-3452.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Jeff Antoncich, Christine Blagus, Jason Busey, Francis Barone, Cheryl Cicero, Mark Corrairie, Janice DePlato, Lauren Devin, Jennette DiLorenzo, Diane Fallgotter, Faye Finley, Mary Gross, Lisa Harris, Haven Hiller, David Hestand, Ron & Judy Hicks, Norbert Kaleta, Cathy Kean, Donna Keener, Happy Klan, Judy Kirkpatrick, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Christopher McGillion, Charles McQuay, Peter Modaffari, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, Debbie Nolan, Heather Nugent, Wendy Osucha, Luke Pogram, Dennis Shaw, Noah Shelvay, Linsey Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Andrew Stack, Aileen Siuta, Bruce Stauff, Diane Taylor, Janice Turnbull, Kim Vallaincourt, Janice Ventimiglia, Florence Walker, Charlotte Wimett, Roberta & Clarence Walker, Mark Zastrow, and Jeannine Ziolek

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- SAT/SUN 24/25– Blood Pressure Screenings**
- SUN. March 25—Bible Study 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. March 25—Religious Ed 9:45-10:45am**
- SUN. March 25—Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts and games— noon**
- MON. March 26—Mario's Pet Food Pantry 10:00am-noon**
- TUE. March 27—Caritas Bowling 10am Lewiston Event Center**
- WED. March 28—I.C. Impact Teen Youth Group 6:30pm**
- THU. March 29—Knitting Group 1:00 pm**
- THU. March 29—No Life in the Spirit**
- FRI. March 30—Prayer & Silent Reflection 12-3pm.**
- FRI. March 30—The Passion of the Lord 3pm**
- SAT. March 31—Blessing of Easter Baskets 3pm.**
- SUN. April 1—Happy Easter! He is Risen!**
- MON. April 2— Office Closed**

Martha's Movers– Women's Exercise Fitness Room Hours

- Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, & Fri: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 3:15-5:00
- Zumba** _Mon, Wed: 10:00 AM \$6/class or \$10/wk

If you would like to have a name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please call the parish office at 731- 4822.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat. March	24- Ezekiel 37:21-28;Jerimiah 31:10, 11-12, 13 ; John 11:45-56
Sun. March	25- Mark 11:1-10 ; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47
Mon. March	26- Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tue. March	27- Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed. March	28- Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
Thu. March	29- Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri. March	30-Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Sat. March Easter Vigil	31- Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
Sun. April Easter Sunday	1- Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7or Lk 24:13-35

CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Sanctuary Candle Chapel:

In loving memory of **Jacqueline Kennedy**
req. by Suzanne Treichler

St. Joseph Candle:

In loving memory of **Christopher Beasock**
req. by McQuay Family



Sanctuary Candle Church:

In loving memory of **Glenn Marin**
req. by Marin Family

Blessed Mother Candle:

In loving memory of **Paul Conti**
req. by mother Nancy Conti



2018 Candles Available: **Sanctuary Chapel:** July & December; **Blessed Mother:** August; **St. Joseph:** June, July, August

A Message from Fr. Jim about Holy Week



Holy Week is fast approaching, beginning with Palm Sunday, which commemorates the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. During Holy Week, Christians commemorate the Passion of Jesus Christ who died on Good Friday in reparation for our sins and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday to give the promise of new and eternal life to all who believe.

It is my hope that you will participate in the liturgies of Holy Week. I also encourage you to invite family members and friends to join you who may have been away from God and the Church for any reason. It is a beautiful time to return to God and the Church through the grace of the Sacraments. Please note the schedule of Masses and services for Holy Week in this bulletin.

Father Jim

ALTAR PREPARATIONS

We will prepare for the Triduum and Easter on Wednesday March 28 at 9:00. We will finalize preparations for Easter on Saturday March 31 at 9:00. Please consider helping. The more help the lighter the load.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR MARCH 17 & 18, 2018

Offertory Collection.....	\$3,502.73
On-line Giving.....	\$337.00
Easter flowers (Add'l).....	\$196.00
Children.....	\$ 2.00
Renovation.....	.\$ 145.00

Should you require 2018 Contribution Statements for tax purposes, please contact the Parish office.

Schedule of Masses and Services for Holy Week



Holy Thursday:

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday:

12:00-3 pm Quiet Prayer in Church

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

5:45 pm Cross Walk in Ransomville

Holy Saturday:

3:00 pm Blessing of the Easter baskets

8:00 pm Vigil Mass

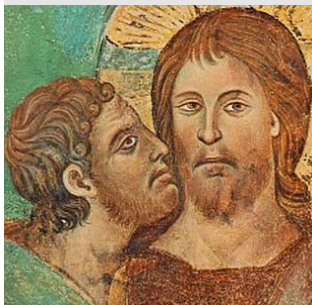
Easter Sunday: Regular Mass Times

Your Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday Palm Sunday marks the moment when Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph riding on the back of a donkey while crowds, who would later call for him to be killed, paid homage to him by laying down Palm branches.

Monday Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"



Tuesday Judas bargains with the Sanhedrin to betray Jesus. Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. They passed the withered fig tree on their way, and Jesus taught them about faith. Jesus goes out to the Mount of Olives. Here he foretold the apostles the events of the next several days, including His impending death.

Wednesday Judas receives 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus.

Holy Thursday The Last Supper / Agony in the garden / Jesus is arrested.

Jesus offers His body and blood in the Last Supper. Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.

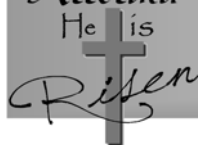


Good Friday Jesus is tried and sentenced to death. He is forced to carry His cross. He is flogged and tormented and crucified between two thieves. God accepts His sacrifice.

Holy Saturday Saturday is the seventh day of the week, the day Jesus rested in the tomb.

In the first three synoptic Gospel accounts this was the Jewish Sabbath which provided appropriate symbolism of the seventh day of rest. Holy Saturday is also a day of solemn vigil, meditation and prayer.

Alleluia **Resurrection Sunday**



Jesus is risen. God gives us eternal life through Jesus.

Novena to The Divine Mercy: Begin on Good Friday

The Divine Mercy Chaplet can be said anytime but the Lord specifically asked Saint Faustina that it be recited as a novena especially on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (starting on Good Friday). And He promised, "By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls"

We can pray this Novena of Chaplets for our own personal intentions or we can offer it together with the Novena to the Divine Mercy for the daily intentions below:

- DAY 1 (Good Friday) - All mankind, especially sinners .
- DAY 2 (Holy Saturday) - The souls of priests and religious
- DAY 3 (Easter Sunday) - All devout and faithful souls
- DAY 4 (Easter Monday) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
- DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday) - The souls of separated brethren
- DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday) - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
- DAY 7 (Easter Thursday) - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
- DAY 8 (Easter Friday) - The souls who are detained in purgatory;
- DAY 9 (Easter Saturday) - The souls who have become lukewarm.

You may begin the Novena at home or you are invited to join us in the church at 2:30pm on Good Friday to pray Day 1 together as a family of faith.

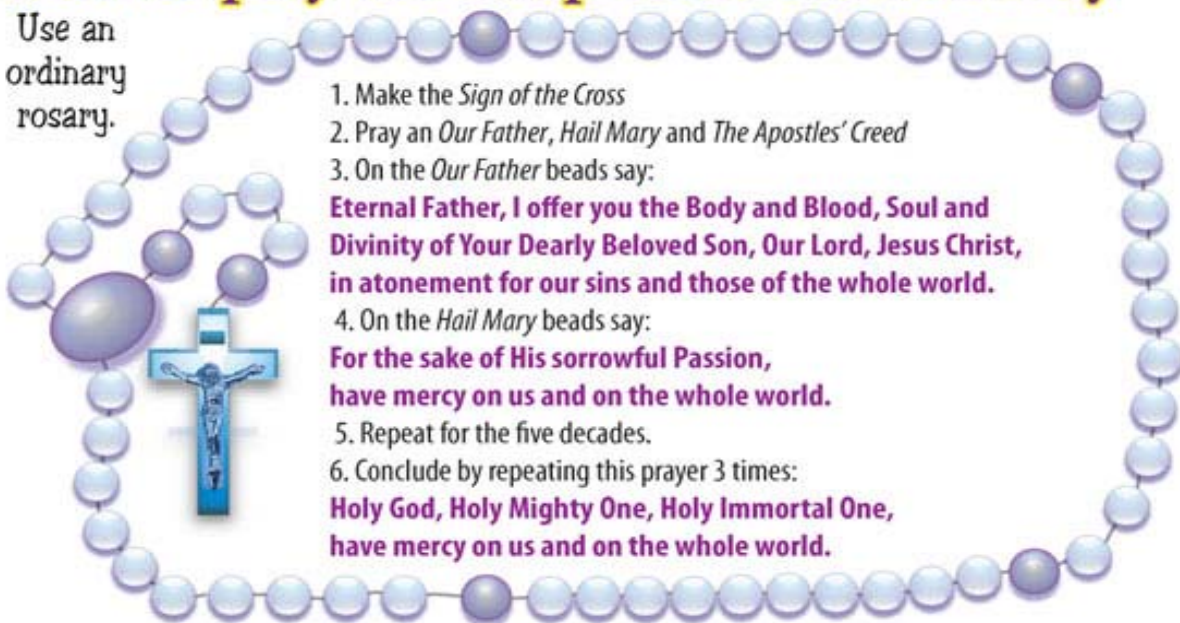
Prayers for the Dying

A Divine Mercy Cenacle with the Association of Marian Helpers, Stockbridge, MA has been formed in our area. They provide personal visits or they will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for dying persons. If you should need their prayers, call (716) 297-6687 or (716) 297-2738

Experience the grace and blessing received through 9 days of prayer and contemplation.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Immaculate Conception Church

April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1. Easter Sunday 8:30 AM Sunday Mass 11:00 AM Sunday Mass</p> <p>Happy Easter! He is Risen!</p>	<p>2. Monday within the Octave of Easter Office Closed</p>	<p>3. Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 AM Comm. Service 9:00 AM Caritas Bowling</p>	<p>4. Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 6:00-6:25 PM Confession 6:30 PM Mass in Church 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>5. Thursday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM Knitting Group 7:00 PM AI-Anon 6:30 PM Life in the Spirit Theme: Release of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>6. Friday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 AM Comm. Service 10:00 AM Adoration (all day) 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Benediction</p>	<p>7. Saturday within the Octave of Easter 3:15-3:45 PM Confession 4:00 PM Sun. Mass</p> <p>Anointings After Mass</p>
<p>8. Divine Mercy Sunday 8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:45-10:45AM Relig. Ed 9:45-10:45AM Bible Study for RE parents 11:00 AM Sunday Mass</p> <p>Anointings After Mass</p>	<p>9. The Annunciation of the Lord 9:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>10. 9:00 AM Comm. Service 9:00 AM Caritas Bowling 6:30 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Rosary Altar Mtg</p>	<p>11. St. Stanislaus 6:00-6:25 PM Confession 6:30 PM Mass in Church 7:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>12. 9:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM Knitting Group 7:00 PM AI-Anon 6:30 PM Life in the Spirit Theme: Growth</p>	<p>13. St. Martin 9:00 AM Comm. Service 10:00 AM Adoration (all day) 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Benediction 6:30 PM Presentation on Spiritual Warfare presented by Norris Plasance</p>	<p>14. 9:30-5:00PM Confirmation Retreat at St. Raphael's Parish 3:15-3:45 PM Confession 4:00 PM Sun Mass</p>
<p>15. 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:45-10:45AM Relig. Ed 11:00 AM Sunday Mass 12:00 PM Baptism</p>	<p>16. 9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>17. 9:00 AM Comm. Service 9:00 AM Caritas Bowling</p> <p>Death & Taxes</p>	<p>18. 6:00-6:25 PM Confession 6:30 PM Mass in Church 7:00 PM Finance Council mtg.</p>	<p>19. 9:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM Knitting Group 6:30 PM Life in the Spirit Theme: Transformation in Christ</p>	<p>20. 9:00 AM Comm. Service 10:00 AM Adoration (all day) 4:00 PM Benediction 6:00PM Catholicism Un-Corked 6-8:30pm Time Out</p>	<p>21. St. Anselm 3:15-3:45 PM Confession 4:00 PM Sun Mass 2-3:15 and 5:15-6:30pm: Confirmation Interviews w/ Fr. Jim</p>
<p>22. 4th Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:45-10:45AM Relig. Ed 11:00 AM Sunday Mass 11:00 AM First Communion/First Reconciliation retreat begins with Mass 3-4PM World Day of Prayer For Vocations With Adoration</p>	<p>23. St. George 9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Liturgy Mtg</p>	<p>24. St. Fidelis 9:00 AM Comm. Service 9:00 AM Caritas Bowling</p>	<p>25. St. Mark 6:00-6:25 PM Confession 6:30 PM Mass</p>	<p>26. 9:00 AM Mass in Church 1:00 PM Knitting Group</p>	<p>27. 9:00 AM Comm. Service 10:00 AM Adoration (all day) 4:00 PM Benediction</p> <p>Arbor Day</p>	<p>28. St. Louis Grignon 10:00 AM Funeral for Bob Bridgeman 3:15-3:45 PM Confession 4:00 PM Sun. Mass</p>
<p>29. 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:45-10:45AM First Communion Rehearsal in Church 9:45-10:45AM Relig. Ed 12:00 PM Baptism</p>	<p>30. St. Pius V 9:00 AM Mass 10-11AM Pet Food Pantry</p>	<p>JESUS said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me...will never die." -John 11:25-26</p>				
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS: First Communion May 6 Confirm. Rehearsal May 7 Confirmation May 8</p>					<p><u>Martha's Movers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, & Fri: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM • Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 3:15-5:00 	<p><u>Zumba</u> Mon, Wed: 10:00 AM \$6/class or \$10/wk</p>