

April 5, 2009

Palm Sunday of the Lord's



Passion

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 4

5:00 p.m. **Jim Karpinski**
r/o Jeanne Szamreta & Philip Kinney

PALM SUNDAY, April 5

8:00 a.m. **Dominick J. Di Emedio**
Karl & Rose Strohmaier

10:30 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

Monday, April 6- No Mass at St. Theodore

Chrism Mass at St. Francis Cathedral

Tuesday, April 7

8:30 a.m. **Cynthia Mendez**
r/o Sandi Richman

Wednesday, April 8

8:30 a.m. **Jim Karpinski**
r/o Charlene Cote

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9

7 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10

NO MASS

EASTER VIGIL/HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

7:30 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore**

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12

7:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore**

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore**

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, April 7

- 7 p.m. Penance Service

Holy Thursday, April 9

- 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion and Procession
- Prayer and Visits to Repository until 11 p.m.
- 9 p.m. Evening Prayer

Good Friday, April 10

- 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Holy Communion
- 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food
- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Services, Mass

Easter Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Procession and Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Dear Parishioners,

As a Catholic of Polish origin, Holy Saturday is a day when we go to church for the traditional blessing of Easter food. We bring baskets containing samples of the Easter food, Swienconka, decorated in various ways. The blessing of the Easter food is an old and lovely tradition that I was raised with. I don't think that the tradition is common for all Catholics, mostly for Eastern European Catholics. People put great effort in decorating the baskets and it's nice to look at the beautiful baskets at church.

The content of the Easter basket varies from family to family. Here are the most important contents and their meanings: **Pisanki**: Colored boiled eggs symbolize life and rebirth, and especially Christ's Resurrection from the Tomb.

A peeled boiled egg: The same meaning as above, the egg is shared with the family at Easter Dinner.

Kielbasa: Sausage indicates God's favor and generosity. In the old days, all types of pork were forbidden until the coming of Christ when it became acceptable.

Baranek Wielkanocny: A sugar lamb, representing Christ Resurrected. It's a typical Polish Easter symbol.

Pepper and Horseradish: Symbolize the bitter herbs of the Passover and the Exodus.

Salt: "You are the salt of the earth."

Vinegar: Symbolizes the gall given to Christ at the crucifixion.

Wine: Symbolizes the blood of sacrifice spilt by Christ at the crucifixion.

Greenery, usually in the form of boxwood or branches of pussy willow represents the awakening of the earth.

Bread is always in the basket, both a symbol of communion, the bread of the last supper, and the traditional sweet breads or Babe.

The blessing of Easter food baskets will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Holy Saturday, after morning prayer.

I invite you to come and participate in the liturgy of the Church during the Easter

Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday—the Events that took place on these days are at the very heart of Christian belief. Partaking in the Triduum can deepen your understanding of these Events in the history of Salvation. Please join me.

Fr. Zenek, SDS

Holy Thursday is the most complex and profound of all religious observances, saving only the Easter Vigil. It celebrates both the institution by Christ Himself of the Eucharist and of the institution of the sacerdotal priesthood for in this, His last supper with the disciples, a celebration of Passover, He is the self-offered Passover Victim, and every ordained priest to this day presents this same sacrifice, by Christ's authority and command, in exactly the same way. The Last Supper was also Christ's farewell to His assembled disciples, some of whom would betray, desert or deny Him before the sun rose again.

On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the 'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Savior, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord.

The Church -- stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open -- is as if in mourning. In the fourth century the Apostolic Constitutions described this day as a "day of mourning, not a day of festive joy", and this day was called the "Pasch (passage) of the Crucifixion".

The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death evidently has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church. No Mass is celebrated on this day, but the service of Good Friday is called the Mass of the Presanctified because Communion (in the species of bread), which had already been consecrated on Holy Thursday, is given to the people.

Holy Saturday (in Latin, *Sabbatum Sanctum*), the 'day of the entombed Christ,' is the Lord's day of rest, for on that day Christ's body lay in His tomb. We

recall the Apostle's Creed which says "He descended unto the dead." It is a day of suspense between two worlds, that of darkness, sin and death, and that of the Resurrection and the restoration of the Light of the World. This day between Good Friday and Easter Day makes present to us the end of one world and the complete newness of the era of salvation inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ.

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week	\$3,092.50
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 657.10
Last Year	\$4,240.28



Tabernacle Candle in Loving Memory of
Sister Ancilla Maria Durnin, S.S.J.
by Mary Rupell

Religious Education Corner

Rel. Ed. Easter Break: April 6 & 13.

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

ALTAR SERVERS

April 9 Holy Thursday- Mackenzie & Robert Mason, Melody Haag, Sean Flaherty

April 10 Good Friday- Mackenzie & Robert Mason, Christopher Pollack

April 11 Easter Vigil- Walter & William Gonsiewski, Luke & Grace Gleba

April 12 Easter Sunday, 7:30- Robert & Juliette Capaldo;
10:30- Angelica Jackson, Melissa Cairo, Philip Koskoff

LECTORS

April 9 Holy Thursday- Fran Licciardiello

April 10 Good Friday- Mary Rupell & Dan Zeiss

April 11 Easter Vigil- Nancy Guerriere, Mary Rupell, Jeanine Gleba, Theresa Lucas

April 12 Easter Sunday, 7:30- Joan Capaldo; **10:30-** Helene Picht

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 9 Holy Thursday- R. Strohmaier-C & K Strohmaier-E, Joy Haag C

April 11 Easter Vigil- R. Strohmaier-C & K Strohmaier-C, Ray Vonderheide E

April 12 Easter Sunday, 7:30- Nadie Hill C, Diane Keggan C, Emily Cirone E; **10:30-** M. Koskoff E, P. Koskoff C, T. Jackson E

Thank you Knights of Columbus for giving of your time and effort for the cleaning of the Parish Center—a job well done!

Fr. Zenek

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