



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."*

- Mt 21:5

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection 03/22/26	\$2,177.00
Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Difference	\$1,248.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$25,020.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH
For Disarmament and Peace**

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

April 29 6:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

The Church office will be closed on Wednesday and Holy Thursday this week.

FISH DINNERS Our final fish dinner will be served on Good Friday, from 2:30 until 6:30 pm (or until sold out). Fish or Shrimp dinners cost \$16. Pastor's Platter cost \$19. Join us for a delicious meal!



Adoration...Sunday evening @ 6:00 pm
Rosary...Tuesday evening @ 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross...Wednesday evening @ 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Church Lenten Penance Service is on Sunday, March 29th, at 2:00 pm. THIS IS THE LAST PENANCE SERVICE BEFORE EASTER. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

St. Leo Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. @ St. Leo Church in Ridgway. **Tenebrae** (meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is part of the Divine Office or Prayer of the Universal Church preceding Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. It involves extinguishing candles, one by one, as Christ goes through His Passion. This simple, yet solemn and provoking liturgy, includes special Scriptural Readings and hymns, as to prepare oneself for the holiest days of the Church year that are about to unfold in the three days to come.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday Mass @ 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service @ 1:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday Vigil @ 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass @ 9:15 a.m.



A Family Perspective: The cruel death of Jesus shows us that bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also reassures us that God is present during our suffering. While bad things happen, God never abandons us.

Are you ready for Holy Week?

It does not matter if you are ready. There is STILL TIME to do some spiritual preparation for Easter as we enter Holy Week. Some very practical things to do are the following:

1. Attend our Penance Service this Sunday at 2:00 pm
2. When scheduled, attend Adult Faith Formation classes.
3. Attend Stations of the Cross Wednesday at 6:00 pm
4. Plan to attend the Mass of The Lord's Supper on Thursday at 7:00 pm
5. **Definitely** attend Good Friday Service at 1:00 pm
6. **Most definitely** attend either the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm or Easter Sunday Mass at 9:15 am.

Most importantly, pray to Jesus our Lord this week with the following words: ***Lord Jesus, please give me the Grace to walk with You during this time, as we recall Your Passion and Death. May we have the courage to walk with others out of compassion during their passion and death.***

Reverence and Silence during Holy Week

With a profound sense of reverence, we need to remind ourselves of the importance of silence at specific times during Holy Week. At every Mass, but more importantly during Holy Week, we must enter the body of the church **in silence**. Why? Because our Lord is present in the Tabernacle.

On **Holy Thursday**, the Tabernacle will be empty until the consecration and after the communion prayer; then, it will be carried throughout the Church by Father to the altar of repose for adoration by the congregation. People are welcome to stay for adoration. At that point, everyone will leave **in silence**.

On **Good Friday**, there is to be **complete silence upon entering the Church**. We must remember that this is a very holy time, as we recall our Lord's Passion and Death, by the reading of The Passion of Christ, the Universal Prayers, the Veneration of the Cross, and the distribution of Communion. After the final prayer, please **genuflect to the Cross**, or **do a profound bow**. Everyone is to depart in total silence.

Finally, I appreciate your attention to these directives. I hope and pray that these final days of Lent and Holy Week will be filled with heavenly blessings for you and your family.

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, March 30, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leno Zambanini 98th birthday	daughter Rita and Family	Monday of the Holy Week	Is 42: 1-7 Jn 12: 1-11 (257)
Tuesday, March 31, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	sisters: Ange, Mary, Lena, and Irene	nieces & nephews	Tuesday of the Holy Week	Is 49: 1-6 Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 (258)
Wednesday, April 01, 2026 No Mass			Wednesday of the Holy Week	Is 50: 4-9a Mt 26: 14-25 (259)
Thursday, April 02, 2026 7:00 p.m. Mass HOLY THURSDAY	All living and deceased priests of St. Joseph Church		Thursday of Holy Week Mass of The Lord's Supper	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15 (39)
Friday, April 03, 2026 1:00 p.m. Service GOOD FRIDAY			Friday of the Passion of the Lord	Is 52: 13-53: 12 Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 Jn 18: 1-19: 42 (40)
Saturday, April 04, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil: Gn 1: 1-2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14: 15-15: 1 Is 54: 5-14 Is 55: 1-11 Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4 Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6: 3-11 Mt 28: 1-10 (41)
Saturday, April 04, 2026 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Resurrection of The Lord	(see below)
Sunday, April 05, 2026 9:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass	Saba & Maria Betta and deceased family members	Walter & Christine Gavazzi	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8 Jn 20: 1-9 (42) or Mt 28: 1-10 (41)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

The Blessing of Easter Baskets

The Blessing of our food in our Easter baskets is a wonderful tradition that we celebrate in the Church during the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday! This blessing of our Catholic tradition has been popular over the past many centuries, particularly in Poland and Eastern Europe. This blessing has been traditionally called the Swieconko, which means; "The Blessing of the Easter Baskets." (Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org>)

I ask that your Easter baskets, filled with your favorite food and Easter eggs, be brought to the Saturday Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass. We will have a blanket laid on the floor in front of the Holy Family statue in the Sanctuary. Simply place your Easter basket on the blanket, and I will bless all of the baskets during Mass. This is a special blessing tradition we can all look forward to each year!



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