

St. Michael's Parish Bee



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Palm Sunday, April 25, 2021

Antiphons, Tropars and Kondak, Prokimen and Alleluia verses from Palm Sunday proper's.

Schedule for Holy Week

- Palm Sunday:** *Bridegroom Matins, 7 PM
- Holy Monday:** *Bridegroom Matins, 7 PM
- Holy Tuesday:** *Bridegroom Matins, 7 PM
- Holy Wednesday:** *Sacrament of Holy Anointing, 7 PM
Confessions, 6:30 PM
- Holy Thursday:** *Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, 8 AM
*The 12 Passion Gospels, 7 PM
- Good Friday:** *Royal Hours, 8 AM
*Vespers of Good Friday, 7 PM
- Holy Saturday:** *Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, 8 AM
*Adoration at Tomb, 9AM-8 PM
*First Confessions Class, 11-12 Noon
- *Easter Confessions, 2-4 PM
*Blessing of Paschal Foods, 4 PM
- *Resurrection Matins, 8 PM
*Blessing of Paschal Foods
- Easter Sunday:** *Pascal Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
*Blessing of Paschal Foods



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom!
Join us for these beautiful services
On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 PM

3rd Attempt at Hosting our Annual Parish Meeting Following Today's Liturgy

Because of limited attendance during the COVID winter, it was impossible to have a quorum of 50 people for our annual parish meeting scheduled the last Sunday of February and then of March. Please be sure to stop at the hall after Liturgy today, enjoy a cup of coffee and share in a brief review of the year for our annual meeting. God Bless!

Pussywillows and Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday Celebration

We are grateful to Deacon Charlie, Jerry Campbell and Dave Dervay for harvesting the pussy willows early in the spring for today's Palm Sunday celebration. Special thanks to Kevin and Linda Petrosky for preparing Palm Crosses for everyone today! God Bless!

Condolences!

Our condolences are extended this morning to the members of the Petras family on the falling asleep in the Lord of +*Michael Petras*. He passed following a brief illness at Wilson Hospital before dawn on Wednesday morning. May Our Lord ease the sorrow of all who mourn and may He grant rest to His departed servant, +*Michael*, in a place of light, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning, but everlasting life. Eternal Memory!

Scripture Readings for the days of this Holy Week!

Sunday:	Philippians 4: 4-9		St. John 12: 1-18
Monday:	Exodus 1: 1-20	Job 1: 1-12	St. Matthew 24: 3-35
Tuesday:	Exodus 2: 5-10	Job 1: 13-22	St. Matthew 24: 36-26:2
Wednesday:	Exodus 2: 11-22	Job 2: 1-10	St. Matthew 26:6-16
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 11: 23-32		St. Matthew 26: 1-27:2
Friday:	1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2		St. Matthew 27: 1-61
Saturday:	Romans 6: 3-11		St. Matthew 28: 1-20
Sunday:	Acts 1: 1-8		St. John 1: 1-17

The daily readings of the Scripture can be found at www.acrod.org

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy; meditate on these things.

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,
"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

Then Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

"For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

Then a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

But the chief priests took counsel that they might also put Lazarus to death, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

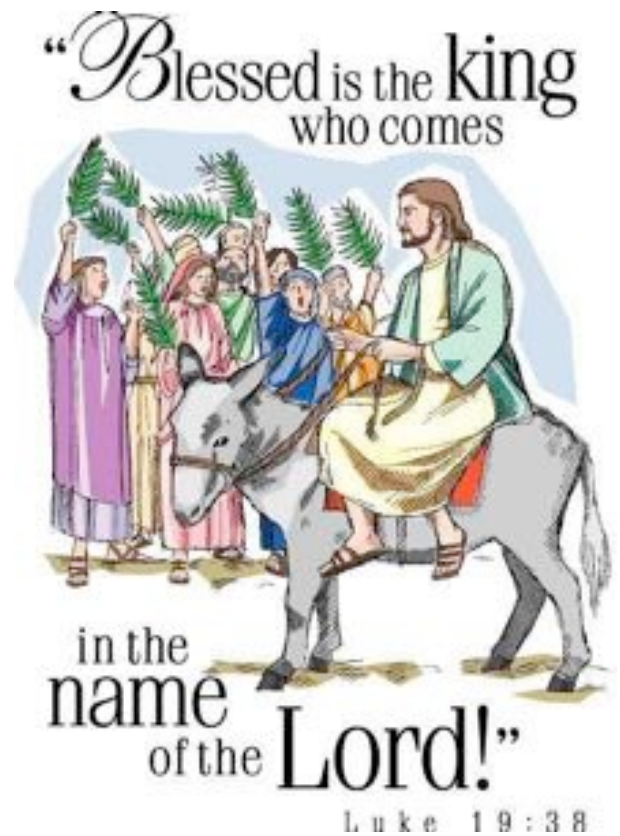
The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:
"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.



Our Paschal Sunshine List

Elizabeth Church Manor
863 Front Street
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Hilltop Retirement
286 Deyo Hill Road
Johnson City, NY 13790
James Gabak

Willow Point Nursing Hm
Old Vestal Road
Vestal, NY
John Petras

Vestal Nursing Home
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Barbar Havtur

NY State Veterans' Home
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Suzanna Dougherty

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Phoenixville, PA 19460

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Syracuse, NY 1321

Marie Kibler
(in Ohio)

Vilma Byrne
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Nazareth, PA 18064



An Invitation to Parents and Children of our Parish Family

It is no secret that our COVID year has been difficult for all of you with months of being 'home-bound' and in many cases, being students of ZOOM School, not only during the week, but also here at St. Michael's. Know that we have prayed for you and have missed you over all of these months.

We are thankful to the Lord that after more than a year of isolation, you remain well and in good health and spirit! May it continue to be so!

With the increase of the vaccinations of many of our parishioners, we look forward to welcoming all of you back, face to face here at St. Michael's.

We still are maintaining our Social Distancing requirements with pews marked appropriately, temps being taken, and of course, the wearing of masks.

During this Holy Week, we would be honored to have children participate in the Processions of Good Friday and the service of the Resurrection Matins on Saturday evening.

On Good Friday we will have the instruments of the passion at the end of Vespers to distribute to children to carry. On Saturday evening, children can walk with their parents and peers in the Paschal procession to and from the Empty Tomb as we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection from the Tomb!

Easter foods will be blessed three times as has been the case in past years: at 4 PM on Saturday afternoon, on Saturday evening after the Resurrection Matins service, and on Sunday morning following at Paschal Divine Liturgy. If the weather is warm and the ground dry, we will try and bless foods outdoors on Sunday morning after our Paschal Divine Liturgy.

Please know that the church will be open on Holy Saturday to come and pray at the Tomb of the Lord from 9 AM-8 PM. There are not many people who come during the day but this might be a good time to come together with your families to pray at the Tomb of the Lord.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me, 725-3672. Thank you, Fr. Jim

Diocesan Summer Camp 2021-Important Deadlines!

1. For 2021 Online Registration will take place in 2 steps. The 1st step will be a Registration period that will run from Sat April 10 (6 pm EST) – Friday April 30 (12pm EST). Anyone interested in attending Camp MUST Register DURING this time period. However, due to State limits on gathering in numbers, the total number of campers each week will be 72. This means that Registration for Camp will be on a First-Come First-Serve

Basis!! Again, the Registration for our 2021 Camp will be on a First-Come First-Serve

Basis!! Register at the following link: <http://www.campnazareth.org/summercamp/register-for-camp/>

1. The Camp Weeks for 2021 are as follows:

1. Week 1: July 18-23 New England, NY, NJ, and Florida Deaneries

2. Week 2: July 25- 30 Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, Chicago Deaneries

3. Week 3: Aug 1- 6 Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

2. Once you register, and you are one of the first 72 to register for your Deanery's Week, Camp will email you instructions, including instructions for further online registration.

If you are planning on registering or if you have any questions you need answered immediately, please contact our parish Camp coordinator, Valerie Augenstern. Her phone is (607) 341-3946 and her e-mail is:

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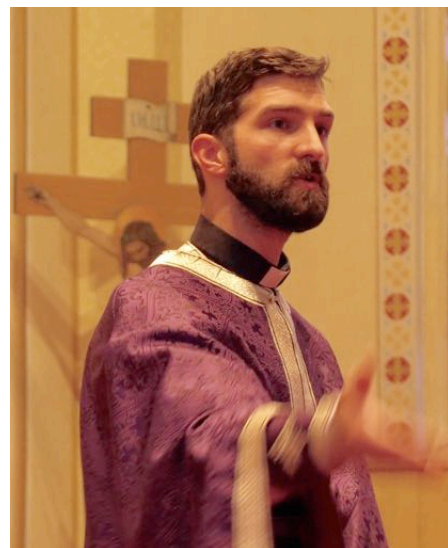


"It's a place where you can find God everywhere!"

Click to access parent's page: www.campnazareth.org/summercamp/for-parents

Memories of our Parish Lenten Mission on April 21!

We are very grateful to our Deanery Clergy for participating in Wednesday's Lenten Mission here at St. Michael's this past Wednesday: Fr. Dan Mahler of St. Mary's in Corning/Painted Post, NY; Fr. Nathaniel Choma of St. Mary's in Endicott, and our Deacon Charles Ellis of St. Michaels. We are also grateful to Barbara Knighton, Patricia Gay and Leslie Lance for preparing and serving the wonderful Lenten meal which followed. This was our first official 'sit-down' communal dinner in more than a year! And finally, many thanks to our faithful from our neighboring parishes and to those of you where were able to share in the special Lenten joys of this encounter. God grant you Many Blessed Years!



Flowers for Our Good Friday and Easter Sunday Celebrations

Weeks ago, we placed an order for Easter flowers to beautify our church and sanctuary for Good Friday on April 30 and Easter Sunday on May 2. These flowers will be delivered and will be placed as they have been over the years on the Altar, in front of the Icons and of course, on the Tomb of the Lord. We would be grateful in you would consider giving an offering to help cover the expenses of these flowers. Donations for Easter flowers can be sent to:

St. Michael's Church Office, 296 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY 13905.



On Wednesday evening, after an absence of seven months, Pani Kathy returned to St. Michael's Church and knelt down to pray right here before the start of the Pre-Sanctified Lenten Liturgy and Mission.

Her entrance followed months of surgery, COVID, rehab, surgery, and rehab. Her response to being back after so long was clear: tear of joy! The grace of God led her back home to His house where she added her voice once again to those already here in giving glory to God.

If you have been away, pray for strength to come home!

And there is a time in every season to Bake Paska!



After months of absence, Pani Kathy has reclaimed our kitchen just in time to start baking Paska for next Sunday's Easter celebration. Here is her recipe for Paska! It appeared in our *Harvest 2000 Cookbook* and the *ACRY Cookbook* from Johnstown.

3 cups milk, scalded
½ tsp. salt
6 eggs, beaten
½ cup warm water

½ cup sugar
1 cup melted butter
½ large cake yeast
12-14 cups flour

In a large bowl, combine milk, sugar, salt, butter and cook to lukewarm. Save 2 tbsps of the eggs and add the rest to the milk mixture. Crumble yeast in water and let stand 10 minutes. Add to above mixture. Add flour, about 2 cups at a time, until the dough can be handled. Knead on floured board for 15 minutes.

Place ball in greased bowl, grease top and let rise for 90 minutes. Knead again and let rise a second time for 45 minutes. After second rising, shape into 4 loaves. Place in greased pans (two quart size). Brush with 2 tbsps. Egg. Bake at 325 degrees for 60 minutes. Yields 4 paska breads.

Blessing of Easter Foods!

Just a reminder that we will have three blessings of Paschal foods: Saturday afternoon at 4 PM in the Recreation Center; Saturday evening after Resurrection Matins in the Center, and Easter Sunday after Liturgy, weather permitting, on the Atrium lawn between the Church & Center. If the ground is wet or it rains, the Sunday Blessings will be in the Center!