

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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April 14, 2019—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, by Harry Anderson, © IRI

Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor

Reverend William H. Bowles

Reverend John Callan, Sch.P.

Office Hours: Monday 12pm—4:00pm,

Tuesday—Friday 8:30am—4:00pm

Confession: Saturdays from 4-5pm

† Mass Schedule †

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 7am, 8:45am & Noon

Saturday: 8:45am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 13

8:45am ✠ Elba & Julio Sotomayor and Enrique Zapata
 5:00pm ✠ Joan & Brad Winningham and
 Int./✠ Counihan & Purcell Families

Sunday, April 14

7:30am ✠ Charlotte Dissette and
 Int. Tobey Murphy Family
 9:00am ✠ Florence E. Norton and
 Dorothy & John Cooney, Sr.
 10:30am Int. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ McDermott & Culkin Families
 12:00pm ✠ Joseph Doyle and Robert Broderick
 5:00pm ✠ Florence E. Norton and
 Bill & Andrea Lenzner

Monday, April 15

7:00am ✠ Marco Murillo
 8:45am Int. Sandy Blaikie and ✠ Jose A. Lobon
 12:00pm ✠ Susan Johnson and Int. Albert Rode

Tuesday, April 16

7:00am ✠ Catherine Yardley
 8:45am ✠ Kathleen Flynn and Miriam Rosa
 12:00pm Int. Dean McGrady and
 ✠ Paul & Barbara Dehring

Wednesday, April 17

7:00am ✠ Catherine Yardley and Jack Cooney
 8:45am ✠ Michael Bienes and Jack Fady
 12:00pm Int./✠ Counihan & Purcell Families

Thursday, April 18 (Holy Thursday)

8:45am ✠ Deceased Priests of the Parish
 5:00pm ✠ Deceased Priests of the Parish

Friday, April 19 (Good Friday)

12:00pm ✠ Passion of the Crucifixion
 3:00pm ✠ Stations of the Cross, Homily

Saturday, April 20 (Holy Saturday)

Vigil Mass ✠ Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, April 21

7:30am ✠ Barbara & Roland Faria and
 Int. Br. Larry Stewart
 9:00am ✠ Eugene Hudak and
 William & Michelina Williams
 10:30am Int. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✠ Bernadette Merrigan
 12:00pm ✠ Genevieve Caron and Carl Jennings
 5:00pm ✠ Mafalda Lamarca and
 Int. Nancy Chieffo (Birthday)

Religious Education Upcoming Events:

April 21st, Easter– No Religious Ed class

April 28th– 1st Communion Acceptance Sunday

April 20 & 21	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. Vigil	Fr. Kelly	Louise McDonough	John Lindsey Rosemary Lindsey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	Greg Coican	Frank Finlon Leah Finlon
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Naughton	Richard Zaden	Rebecca Poljak Bev Green
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Wiesmann	Dave Corey	Bertha Martos Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Thomas Gavigan	DeeDee Stewart Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Mike Duval	

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the U.S. participate in **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil this month. Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Hotline Numbers

Statewide (DCF) Abuse Hotline

1-800-96-ABUSE

Archdiocesan Abuse Hotline

1-866-80-ABUSE

Why I Love Being Catholic

Our gift to you *Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th*, is the book, *Why I Love Being Catholic*.

This book celebrates the best of the Catholic faith, highlights the everyday miracles taking place all around us, and reminds us that there are thousands of everyday heroes out there who dare to have big dreams for the Church. Even amidst the challenges of our times, holiness is possible, grace abounds, and there is every reason to live our lives with hope! Divine Mercy Sunday is a time in which we prayerfully reflect on the unlimited mercy of God being offered to each one of us.



“Fair Weather Friends”

We have all heard, and likely used, the expression, “fair weather friends.” Likely, we have all had people in our lives (or we in theirs) who are most happy to be by our side during celebration and when we are meeting their needs. However, when times are challenging and the view is bleak, we know those to whom we are able to turn. It is at these trying times that some friendships are challenged and motives are questioned.

Instinctively we all want to be a part of a success story and share the good times. Positive desires exist in each of us to share them and share in them. Hence we identify with those who think or act like we do and support us as we support them. The real test comes when difficult times arise and we stay the course of friendship.

On the original Palm Sunday most in Jerusalem wanted to be a part of a celebration. Here was the promised Messiah bringing great hope and joy to all. A new era was about to begin with benefits for all. “Let’s get in the parade.” No apparent negatives surface so we should sign on to the celebration.

The celebration was short lived. Envy, jealousy, deceit surface and the acclaimed Messiah is now a threat to the security of the establishment. He must be removed!! How fickle people are and how they change sides so quickly. Instead of continuing the celebrations, they now were participants or witnesses to a crucifixion.

Is our relationship with the Lord that of a “fair weather friend?” Do we relate to him only on our terms or do we see the journey with Him as sharing joy and sadness, success and failure, health and suffering, ease and pressure? To be counted a Christian who will celebrate an eternity of happiness, we must experience the challenge that Jesus himself had. All we do or suffer, if in union with Him, is enormously meritorious. May we share the joys of the Palm Sundays of life but may we also endure the agony days, all meaningful because they are in union with Christ.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. We invite you to accept a piece of palm as an invitation to join in the Celebration of Christ’s joyous entry into Jerusalem. We share the joy of all who believed in Jesus as the Messiah and pray that His message of hope will extend to all people. Please place the palm in an appropriate place in your home as a sign of the continuing message of salvation to all of us.



Easter is Coming!
As we look forward to Easter Sunday and celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, may we rejoice in our own hope of eventual resurrection. We invite your most gracious giving to your parish on this occasion, sharing your spiritual joy and your resources with the Lord. Thank you for your kindness.



Fasting and abstinence from meat is obligated to all over the age of 14 on Good Friday.



GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection. Through this special collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support!

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower remembrance envelopes are on the tables by the doors. Consider offering a donation in remembrance of your deceased loved ones. Envelopes will be placed on the altar for Easter Sunday and will remain on the altar throughout the Easter season as we pray for our loved ones.



2019 Holy Week Schedule

Monday– Wednesday, April 15th–April 17th

Masses—7:00am, 8:45am, and 12:00pm
 Confessions on Wednesday from 4-5pm

Holy Thursday, April 18th

Mass of the Holy Eucharist—8:45am
 Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Supper—5:00pm
 Confessions—9:00am and 5:45pm

Good Friday, April 19th

Solemn Commemoration of the Passion - 12noon,
 Stations of the Cross and Homily 3:00pm,
 Confessions will follow both services
 Collection for Maintenance of Holy Land Shrines

Holy Saturday, April 20th

Confessions—10:00-11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm
 Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, April 21st

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord—
 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon, and 5:00pm