

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



APRIL 13, 2025

WELCOME!

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

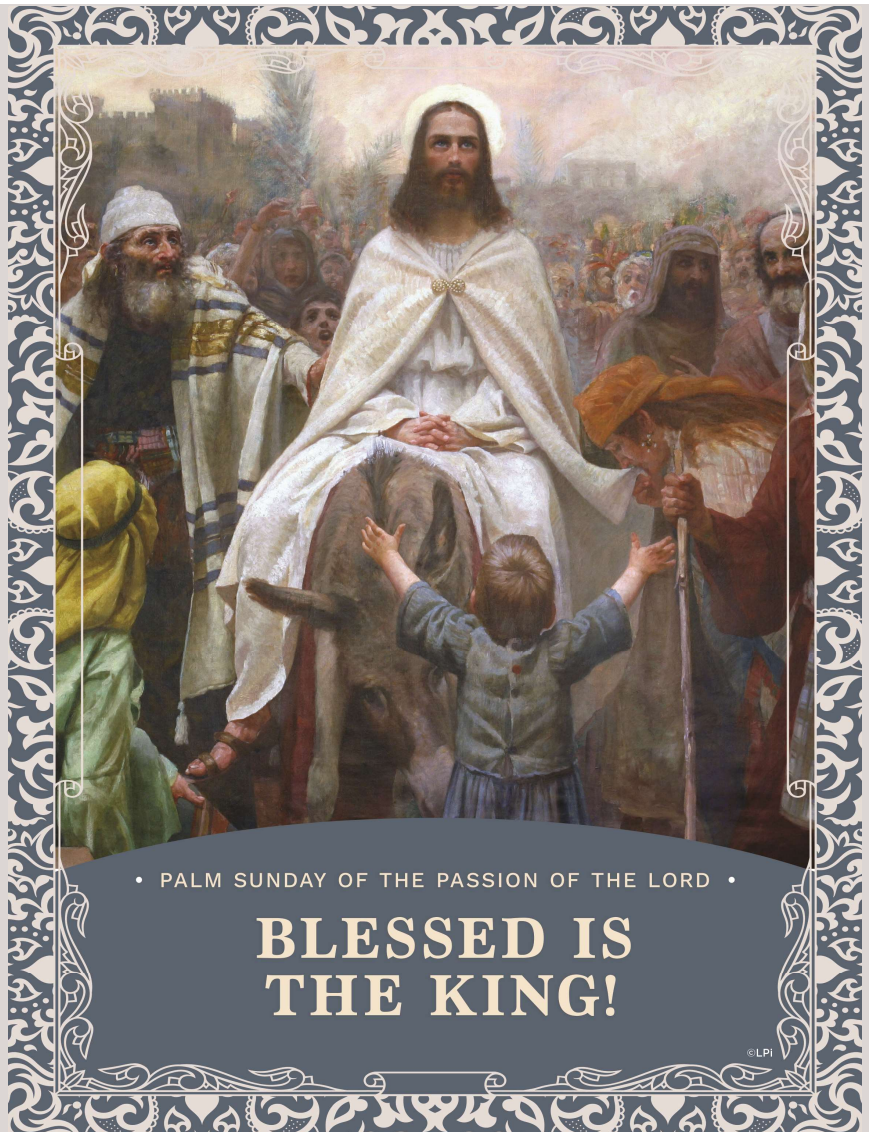
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Dominic

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day (Vigil): 6:00 p.m.
Reconciliation: 8 a.m. Sunday

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (IC),
also by appointment



• PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •

BLESSED IS THE KING!

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MORE PARISH INFORMATION...

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment. A six-month preparation period is required.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Please call the rectory for information.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the rectory if anyone in your family is hospitalized or is a shut-in.

Parish Membership

Membership in the parish is required to be a sponsor for a Sacrament, to be married in the parish, or to have a child baptized. Please notify the rectory office of a change of address or phone number.

Religious Education Classes

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (*All Grades*)

***Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 9:00 a.m.**

THE CHURCHES OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. DOMINIC

MASS INTENTIONS

Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 AM Donna Spinazzola by her Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 AM Tom Haines by George and Joyce Haines

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Daniel Laska

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, GOOD FRIDAY

NOON The Passion of our Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM Josie Bonfito

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30 AM (St. Dominic) Parish Family of Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic

10:30 AM Fr. Richard Lynch

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy. We read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Matthew's Gospel also shows Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28).

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—APRIL 17-20

Altar Servers

April 17, 7:00 PM, **Holy Thursday** | All Servers

April 18, Noon, **Good Friday** | Andrew Bazylak, Emelia Gow

April 19, 8:00 PM, **Holy Saturday**, | Ethan Lauer, Oliver Butcher

April 20, 10:30 AM, **Easter Sunday**, | Andrew Bazylak

Lectors

April 17, 7:00 PM, **Holy Thursday** | Denny Kinol

April 18, Noon, **Good Friday** | Rosemary Wolbert, Suzy Walker

April 19, 8:00 PM, **Holy Saturday** | Michele Confer, Steve French, Ashley Thorpe

April 20, **Easter Sunday**, 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Chestnut St. Dominic, 8:30 AM | Rosalee Steele

STEWARDSHIP - APRIL 5 & 6

Immaculate Conception & St. Dominic

Envelopes	\$2,813.00
Loose	\$1,202.00
Flower Offering.....	\$240.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$20.00
Catholic Services Appeal—Assessment	\$42,385.00
Pledged.....	\$64,004.00
Paid.....	\$37,963.00
Weekly Goal to meet Operating Budget.....	\$4,806.00
Accumulated goal since July 1, 2023	\$163,558.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Week #38).....	(\$19,070)

Thank you for supporting your parish.

USHERS SCHEDULE

- April 17 Please volunteer if you attend Holy Thursday Mass at 7 PM
 April 18 Please volunteer if you attend Good Friday Service at Noon
 April 19 Patrick Nosker, Steve Koladish at 8 PM
 April 20 John Palmer, Jonathan Hoak at 10:30 AM

PENANCE SERVICE

The final Penance Service for our area will be held this afternoon at St. Tobias, Brockway at 3 pm.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

In Slavic countries the blessing of Easter foods was an important tradition. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual, and is a wonderful practice. Father Bill will bless Easter Baskets of food at the Holy Saturday Night Mass and again at the Easter Sunday Masses. Please place your baskets of food at the Blessed Mother's altar before Mass.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2023 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0313 (anytime 24/7).*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

As we enter into Holy Week, we are reminded of the extra services that will be offered.

The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening, April 17th at 7 PM. Good Friday Service begins at Noon on April 18th. Holy Saturday Night Mass, April 19th, begins at 8 PM.

Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:30 AM at St. Dominic and at 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Al Lefevre. Requested by Bonnie, Scott and Doug Lefevre.

FREEZE DRIED SNACK SALE

Remember to pick-up your Freeze Dried Snacks today following Mass. Orders can be picked up in the Church Hall until 1 pm.



PALM
Sunday

SUFFERING . . .

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

... AND INTIMACY

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.