

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 4th- St. Isadore
5:00 P.M. JOHN & MARIA OROS—Joe Oros & Family

Sunday, April 5th-PALM SUNDAY
7:30 A.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
9:30 A.M. JOSEPH & MARIA FARINA—The Farina Family

11:15 A.M. PATRICIA ANN ROBERTSON—Dr. John Robertson

Monday, April 6th
8:00 A.M. PAUL & MARY KOS—Scott & Susie Kos

Tuesday, April 7th
8:00 A.M. GERTRUDE S. LUDWIKOWSKI—Janet Ludwikowski

Wednesday, April 8th
8:00 A.M. HELEN LIMPUS—Mary Ann & Jerry Razzano

THE TRIDUUM

(Without Presence of the People)

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
LIVING & DECEASED PRIESTS

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M. COMMEMORATION OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

8:00 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
EASTER SUNDAY, RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 A.M. PRIEST'S INTENTION

9:30 A.M. PRIEST'S INTENTION

11:15 A.M. PRIEST'S INTENTION

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Today's dramatic reading plunges us into the events of the Paschal Mystery. We undergo with Jesus betrayal, suffering, and eventual death. Like Jesus, we are called to remain faithful to God, ever trusting in His wisdom and providential care. To be God's Son, Jesus demonstrates filial obedience and dedication to His mission to the point of death. Rather than

shy away from the culmination of His ministry, Jesus faces it straightforwardly, knowing that it will result in a violent death. He places His confidence and trust in God himself, who will be true to His word, even when Jesus is on the cross.

The example of Jesus on this Palm Sunday inspires us to be true to God's will in our own lives. We are open to what God has in store, a resurrection from the dead that is new life. Such is the Paschal Mystery.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 10:46-34a; Colossians 3:1-4; John 2:-1-9

LET US PRAY

In your charity, please pray for the priests of our diocese, and in particular this week, remember:

- ✠ 6 April—Rev. Frank T. Natale
- ✠ 7 April—Rev. Msgr. Edward J. O'Connor
- ✠ 8 April—Rev. Edward F. Ogden
- ✠ 9 April—Rev. Richard O. O'Nyamwaro
- ✠ 10 April—Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Orsulak
- ✠ 11 April—Rev. Luigi Palmieri
- ✠ 12 April—Very Rev. John J. Paul

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Blessed Virgin Mary

Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family
Special Intention

St. Joseph

The Sanctity of Fatherhood
Special Intention for our parents and family—The O'Rourke Family

Special Intention Peter Tice—Mom
Special Intention Robert Stricek—Grandma

CONFESSIONS

Will be heard from 6:30 to 8 PM
on Tuesday, April 7th.

Join Bishop Schlert for Mass
in his private chapel

Monday through Saturday at 8 AM
and Sunday at 10 AM.

Go to www.allentowndiocese.org and join the Mass there!

OTHER LIVE STREAM MASS SITES:

- ◆ St. Benedict, Mohnton will stream Mass live 9 AM Sunday. The link to the Mass is available on the parish's website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com/mass
- ◆ EWTN, the network with Catholic-themed programming, televises two live Masses each Sunday at 8 AM and 12 NOON. Xfinity in Berks County: Channel 52
- ◆ EWTN streams the 8 a.m. Mass live online at ewtn.com/tv/watch-live. You can listen to the Mass live on SIRIUS/XM, or at ewtn.com/radio/listen-live.

QUESTIONS???

Can't get to Church and want to see the bulletin and know what's going on?

Questions about school?

Here are your resources:

Parish Website: shrcparish.org
School Website: sacredheartreading.com
Diocesan Website: allentowndiocese.org

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



THE PARISHES OF

HOLY ROSARY

SACRED HEART



The Annunciation of the LORD – 25 March 2020

My dear People of Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary Parishes,

People have asked me if I were to write a book about my priesthood, what would I entitle it? My answer always is: *Who Would Have Ever Thought...* Innumerable people and events have shaped my life as a priest in ways I never would have thought possible. In truth, my priesthood has unfolded in ways never thought of on my ordination day in 1975. Never in my wildest imaginings would I ever have dreamt that the world and nation in which we live would be gripped in such fear and trembling, held as virtual prisoners in our own homes by a virus!

And so it is in this milieu, this time of uncertainty and ennui that I come to you as your pastor before celebrating Holy Week and the Resurrection of our LORD, to pledge the prayers of your parish clergy, especially for you and your loved ones near and far – for health, safety and peace of mind and soul, as well as for our communities, our nation and all those beset by COVID 19, fear of it, or any other affliction or losses. Also, be assured that we continue to keep our parishes "operating" to take care of, if we are able, any spiritual or material emergencies that may arise.

Office Hours: *Mon–Thu: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM; Fri: 9:00 AM–2:00 PM.*

Regarding spiritual activities/events available for you, the Body of Christ:

- Until Bishop Schlert opens the churches again for the public celebration of Mass, *ONLY Sacred Heart Church* will be open for: *(Please be aware that there will be NO ACCESS to the restrooms.)*
 - **Personal prayer:**
 - Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM;
 - Fridays: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - **Confessions:**
 - Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 PM.
 - Saturdays: 4:00 -4:45 PM
 - **Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**, with no celebration of Benediction:
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
 - Sundays: 8:00 AM to NOON.
- In so far as priests are permitted to celebrate Mass only privately, all scheduled Masses are being duly celebrated on the day requested, or on the day before or after the requested date.
- Since there are no Sunday Masses, the number of printed bulletins is reduced; also, Holy Rosary bulletins are available in the narthex of Sacred Heart next to the main doors, at the rectory and *online*
- *Please*, when in the church, if other people are present, *MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE*, i.e. 6 feet.
- Anointing of the Sick will be administered only in danger of death. There are no Communion Calls.
- For the latest updates on information from the Diocese, regularly check the parishes' websites or go to the Diocesan website: www.AD-Today.com.

These are most difficult times for all of us. Indeed, they are equally grim and hard for our parishes as we struggle and suffer under tremendous financial uncertainty. Our only hope of income is your consistent, ongoing generosity. Even though we are not functioning as usual, we, like you, must meet our financial obligations: utility bills, payrolls and assistance to those in need, which now are growing. There is no vacation from bills. Those in need deserve more than our well wishes and a prayer. Unlike others, I can't tell our financial obligations to *"...stay at home!"*

Most humbly and earnestly, I implore you: Please continue your regular financial support of your parish. Drop off your envelopes at the office, or through the mail slot at the door, or send them via the mail. As best as you are able, please make up any missed weeks. And perhaps, if you do not use Online Giving, please consider doing so now.

- the Sacred Heart OnlineGiving link: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/150>
- the Holy Rosary OnlineGiving link: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4815>

Last but not least, make the words of St Paul your own: *We urge you, ... cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all ... do not ... return evil for evil, ... but seek what is good for each other and ... Rejoice always. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.* And I remain

Yours in Jesus, our Suffering Servant,

Monsignor DeSantis