

March 25, 2018 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SECURING OUR FUTURE – St. Joseph Capital Campaign

Total pledged \$249,305.00
Received as of 03/21/18 \$235,514.00



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to his Father, in much emotional distress. He knows he can save himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make

his way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to his Father and waits for his persecutors. As Saint Paul puts it in the second reading, Jesus is "obedient to the point of death." Jesus' obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will.

Question of the Week. As we enter the final days of this Lenten journey, am I ready to respond to the Christ in others with loyalty, courage, and love in whatever condition I find them, through whatever difficulties they may have undergone?

Parish Council Meeting-Tuesday, March 27th @ 6:30 PM

Church Cleaning – Wednesday, March 28th @ 6pm

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY MASS – Thursday, March 29th @ 7PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS-Friday, March 30th @ NOON (12:05 PM)

GOOD FRIDAY Celebration -Friday, March 30th @ 7PM

EASTER VIGIL -Saturday, March 31st @8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 1st Mass @ 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM



**We extend a warm welcome to
all who attend our church!**

Parish Information

P.O. Box 606, 400 S. Lane,
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Office Hours Monday – Thursday,

8 am - Noon and 1:00 - 4:00pm

Office 769-3270

**For marriage preparation, contact
Father at least six months in advance**

**For Baptism preparation, if you are expecting or
need information about Baptism. Classes will be
offered only once a quarter. Please contact
Father or office ASAP**

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Elizabeth Bradley, Altar Society President

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David Hastings, Knights of Columbus Grand

Knight (660) 679-1276



Mass Intentions for March 26th - April 1st

Tue	8:00 a.m.	Priest Intentions
Wed	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Ray
Thur	7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Joseph
Fri	7:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat	8:30 p.m.	RCIA Candidates & Catechumens
Sun	7:30 a.m.	Rocky Akright
Sun	10:30 a.m.	Marion Slates

**No Confessions during
Holy Week and Easter
Sunday**

**There will be no Mass on
Monday, March 26th**

**Parish Support Loose Cash \$240.00; Weekly Envelopes \$5101.25;
Children's Collection \$1.50; Overseas relief \$230.00;**

CSA 2018 As of 3/16/18 St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra has raised \$13,536 of your parish goal of \$15,000, with a total of 68 parishioners participating. Thank you to all who have donated!

Donations for the Easter Flowers and decorations are now being accepted. Please have your memorial donations in the office by Monday, March 26th.

Church Cleaning Wednesday, March 28th at 6pm. Please bring your cleaning supplies, buckets and rags. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated. It would be nice to have a few men to help with the heavy lifting and high jobs.

Assumptions (Catholic Store in Quincy at St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall located at 715 Chestnut Street) April 14th will be selling gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Mother's Day from 10:00 AM-1 PM

BEGINNING ON April 2nd WEEKDAY Mass Times will change There will be no Mass on Mondays (this will be Father Basil's day off). BEGINNING ON April 2nd the weekday Mass schedule will be **Tuesday Night Mass @ 6PM** (reception following as usual), Wednesday Mass @ 8AM, Thursday Mass @ 8 AM, Friday Mass @ 10 AM at Maple Lawn

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Come and celebrate Holy Week with us.

Palm (Passion) Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. On this Sunday, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people, who were mostly pilgrims, picked up palm branches and followed Jesus as he rode on an ass. As they went they sang "Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

Within this week also we have the "Triduum" which could be designated as the most sacred three days within Holy Week, and in fact the whole year of the Church. "The Triduum is the highest point of the Church's liturgical year." These three days are *Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.*

Holy Thursday commemorates the Passover meal that Jesus had with his Apostles. It was within this ancient Passover meal (which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from the Egyptians) that Jesus chose to institute the all-important sacrament of the Eucharist, as well as the Priesthood. It is called "the Last Supper" because it was the last supper before his journey to the cross.

Good Friday sounds like something that you may not want to use to designate a day of death, but how very appropriate to designate as "Good" the day our Lord and Savior died on the cross. His death is the only reason we have access to God. He opened for us the way to the Father. Jesus is the grain of wheat that falls to the ground that more fruit may be produced from him. The cross is the center of attention on this day.

Holy Saturday is the night of Christ's resurrection. On this holy night the one that was "defeated and silenced" that was betrayed and ridiculed surprisingly rose from the tomb. The shame and disappointments will be no more, for the simple reason that He rose. Not even his apostles expected him to rise. Alleluia! We are more than conquerors through and in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

May I personally invite everyone to come and celebrate the Triduum with us. You cannot afford to miss those 3 days, through your participation within the three days, you can make sense of everything we do within the Catholic Church. Come and be enriched all the more.

Shalom

Rev. Basil Dilichukwu Eruo



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- CCD Pre-K/8th Grade- 9-10:15AM

† Confirmation Class 8:45-10:15 AM

Classes March 25th, April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, & May 6th (May Crowning)

NO Class on Easter Sunday

2nd Grade Classes will receive the sacrament of Eucharist/Holy Communion at 10:30 AM Mass.

Youth Mass will be held on April 15th at 10:30 AM Mass

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP- March 25th from 5:30-8 PM (Time Change)

APRIL 15th From 5:30 pm-7:00 PM (Time Change)

Dinner Provided and Fellowship



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP- APRIL 4th-Early Out Day from 1:15-3:30 p.m.

APRIL 22nd From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

High School Seniors-Breakfast and Senior Day with St. Joseph will be held on May 20th Please save the date. Check out the scholarships online at www.stjoepalmyra.org or contact the office at (573)769-3270 for further information



Janet Schwartz, Florence Fohey, Bonnie Slates, Joe Slates, Dwayne Goodwin, Martha & Herman Hudson, Beverly Buntin, Barb Merkel, Troy Disselhorst, Jim and Arlene Veit, John Ragar, Robert Hirner, Louise & John Gottman, Rhonda Dodd, Gerry Foust, Hayden Pegas, Dale Carroll, Jason Lage, Judy Kirby, Josh Edwards, Cameron DeGraff, Pat & Rob Murphy, Randy & Deva Echternacht, Mary Lawson, Jeanette Rupp, Ed Bevil, and Michelle Richardson

Please continue to pray for RCIA Candidates: Leslie Bemis, Matt Gottman, Jason Wisheart, Allen Pruet, & Andy Bryan

Please keep John Stanley Fohey in your prayers as he prepares for a Mission Trip with FOCUS Ministries to Haiti March 22nd thru April 2nd

Bishop McKnights intention for March:

"For the healing of all racial divisions in our communities."

Formation in Spiritual Discernment that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Please pray for those with birthdays this week:

Parker Murphy March 25

Anthony Hudson March 26

Bethaney Wisheart March 26

Mason Hudson March 27

Linda Corey March 28

Joe McElvain March 29

Richard Jones March 29

Janet Barnes March 30

Jeff Massman March 31