

## PALM SUNDAY



We must sacrifice ourselves to God, each day and in everything we do...

If you are a Simon of Cyrene; take up your cross and follow Christ.

If you are crucified beside him like one of the thieves, now, like the good thief, acknowledge your God. For your sake, and because of your sin, Christ himself was regarded as a sinner; for his sake, therefore, you must cease to sin.

Worship him who was hung on the cross because of you, even if you are hanging there yourself. Derive some benefit from the very shame; purchase salvation with your death. Enter paradise with Jesus, and discover how

far you have fallen. Contemplate the glories there...

If you are a Joseph of Arimathea, go to the one who ordered his crucifixion, and ask for Christ's body. Make your own the expiation for the sins of the whole world.

If you are a Nicodemus, like the man who worshiped God by night, bring spices and prepare Christ's body for burial. If you are one of the Marys, or Salome, or Joanna, weep in the early morning. Be the first to see the stone rolled back, and even the angels perhaps, and Jesus himself.

—*Saint Gregory Nazianzen*

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

This Friday — Good Friday — is the day that the annual novena of the Divine Mercy begins. You'll find the pamphlet with the novena prayers inside this bulletin or in the back of the Church.

*Celebrate the most holy season of the year*

## HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 24 at 7pm.  
Good Friday, March 25 3pm (new time).  
Easter Vigil on the 26th begins at 8:30pm.  
Mass of the Resurrection,  
Easter Morning the 27th: 8am and 10:30am

# OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

## Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM  
Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; don't hesitate to call for an appointment!  
Additionally First Saturday of the Month 9:00AM

## Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 8:30AM & 4:00PM  
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

## Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

ACADEMIC YEAR (AFTER LABOR DAY UNTIL EARLY MAY):  
Tues. 7:00PM; Wed, Thurs, Fri. 8:15AM;  
SUMMER SCHEDULE (MAY-AUGUST):  
M, W, F 6:30AM; Tues. 7:00PM  
Thurs. 8:30AM, Sat. 8:30AM

## Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tues. 5:30PM - 6:45PM  
First Friday 7:00PM-8:00AM

## Baptisms

Baptism Preparation classes as required by the Diocese of Lansing may be scheduled to accommodate your family's needs. Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjpapp@umich.edu to arrange date, time and location. Godparents are encouraged to attend. There is no fee for the class.

## Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

## Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

## Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

## Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

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## Contributions:

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# ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, March 20

8:30am Men's Lenten Group  
No Religious Education  
6:00pm Youth Group

## MONDAY, March 21

6:00pm Fish Fry Clean up

## TUESDAY, March 22

7pm Men's Lenten Group

## WEDNESDAY, March 23

7pm RCIA

## HOLY THURSDAY, March 24

7pm Mass

## GOOD FRIDAY, March 25

Confessions Begins at 1pm

Liturgy Begins at 3pm

## SATURDAY, March 26

9:30am Morning Prayer &

Blessing of Food

## ALTAR SERVERS

### SATURDAY 8:30/MAR 26

J. Parcha A. Russell  
T. Perrydore J. Hayes  
N. Perrydore D. Galbraith  
S. Holody L. DeLellis  
N. Holody B. Cesar  
J. Restuccia G. Carter  
J.P. Boudreaux

### SUNDAY 8AM/MAR 27

No Servers

### SUNDAY 10:30/MAR 27

M. Lizzio  
M. Lizzio  
P. Schloss  
J. Schloss

In order to keep our parish going, we need everyone to pitch in. I know I write this in the bulletin with some frequency. But I want you to know that I am grateful and I notice, I think, most of what goes on. I am really appreciative of the generosity of your heart in service to God and to each other. I do thank you and pray for you from my heart.

Thanks for all of you who do so much in support of our parish and the work God does through it. Have a good Holy Week everyone. Pray.

— Father Gerald



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

### Join the Knights

Become a better Catholic, husband, father, brother and man by joining the Knights of Columbus to serve our Church. Please contact Grand Knight, Matt Wierzgac at 734-323-5888 or matt.wierzgac@ospknights.com.

Knights are encouraged to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

### General Meeting

Our next general meeting is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 to 10:15am in the basement of the Church. All Knights are asked to please attend.

### Adoration

First Friday Adoration is Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All

# A HUGE THANKS!

Thank you to John LaRock, Cathie Bays, Shirley Dreffs and everyone who worked so hard on the Fish Fries this year! Many other stalwart volunteers sacrificed to make this a huge success. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our parish!

## Kitchen Clean-Up: Please Help!

This Friday is our final Lenten Fish Fry for this year. Thank you to everyone who helped! **But, we need help one last time!** We have to clean the kitchen and restore order to our supply rooms on March 21st at 6pm. We will provide some food for dinner. Thx!

## New Good Friday Schedule

According to the Roman Missal, the Good Friday service is supposed to begin around 3pm. **This year we will have confession available at 1pm and Stations of the Cross at 2pm. Then our Good Friday Liturgy will begin at 3pm.** This will be followed by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the beginning of that novena. Hope you can join us!

## More “Thank You”s!

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and others who helped make the breakfast we all had last weekend in honor of St. Patrick, our patron. We passed out prayer cards, ate custom omelets, enjoyed Irish dancing and had a great time. Special thanks to Gene Wierzgac, Michael and Robin Blaszak, and Joe Grech.

Thanks to everyone who help make our special seasons work in so many ways. For the priests’ dinner, decorating the Church, organizing liturgies and other initiatives, thanks to the Eriksens, the Perrydores, the Blaszaks, Stacey Campbell, Jeanine Jahant, Cathie Bays and our parish staff among many others.

## What to Put in Easter Basket?

### Some tips on what ought to be blessed and what not

**S**top by the church on Holy Saturday, March 26th, at 9:30 am for a traditional blessing of Easter Food Baskets.

Some ideas, for a family's basket, include bread symbolizing how “Christ was made known in the breaking of the bread” on the road to Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke. Meat is a sign of abundance, and ham in particular shows that we are living in a new dispensation apart from the old law. Dairy products symbolizing prosperity and peace, and eggs particularly are a symbol of new life through the Resurrection.

Some people obtain butter that is molded into the shape of a lamb, an obvious reference to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And many include wine — a symbol of Christ’s blood.

Traditionally, for the Holy Saturday Easter Food Basket Blessing, Christians would gather these items into a basket. The faithful would bring the baskets to the priest who would bless them, thus helping the faithful remember to enjoy these good things with the proper mindset.

The Easter basket also has another very practical purpose:

allowing Christians to prepare food ahead of time for Easter Sunday so that there will be food for all without significant preparation.

Since the food in the baskets is indeed blessed, one ought to be careful to consume everything. Only the number of eggs that one will be sure to consume should be blessed. Jelly beans and other kinds of things that could be cast aside by a child probably ought to be left out of the basket, thereby respecting the meaning of the blessing.

Office of Reading and Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of Hours will be prayed beginning at 9:30am, followed by the blessing of the food for the Easter meal.

## Info you need to Know! How to Be You; a Talk on the Laity & Laser Tag!

Join us tonight from 6:30-8:30pm. We'll conclude our Lenten prayer journey with a presentation on the apostolate of the laity to which young people are especially called to answer with open hearts! Our youth group will also be revealing a unique avenue for evangelization and study to which all the high schoolers from our parish are encouraged to participate. Creative games, snacks, and time with friends are all part of the plan for the evening.

youth  
group

**No youth group** March 27 and April 3 for Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Laser Tag!** Sunday, April 10 6:45-8:45 pm: Join us at Zap Zone and put your tactical skills to the test with all your friends from youth group. We'll meet at

6:45pm at 4177 Carpenter Road in Ypsilanti. For \$15 you'll be able to play 3 games of laser tag. We'll conclude by 8:45 pm. Contact Mr. Pratt to reserve your spot, qualify for group rates, and fill out a permission form.

### Youth Group

**Service Trip**, Saturday, April 23: We're going to Flint to help at the Catholic Charities Soup Kitchen once again. Meet at OSP for departure by 8:30 am. Serve at Catholic Charities from 9:30am-1:00pm. Contact Mr. Pratt to RSVP and fill out permission forms. Parents and even the whole family are invited to join the youth group for this service trip!



Our youth group really enjoyed visiting the Dominican Sisters!

## Thank You For Your Mercy to Those In Need!

Thank you to all those who have given to the **DSA**. We have reached **89% of our goal**. If you haven't given yet, please prayerfully consider your contribution. Even if you put an empty



DSA envelope in with the promise of prayers for our diocese and parish, that will be



well appreciated. The goal is for everyone to respond in some way. *Thanks and God bless you!*

## Easter Flowers Last week to donate!

There are special envelopes in your donation-packet to donate for flowers. If you put the donation in the name of someone living or dead **there is a special Mass by which they may receive the graces** from that infinite sacrifice.

If you do not have a donation packet with the special envelope, just

place your donation in an envelope and mention the name of the person you want remembered. The special Mass for the intentions of all these folks will be at the Mass for the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 3rd at 10:30 am.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**MON:**

**TUE 700: Deceased Members of the Saylor Family**

**WED 815: Ollie Wiitala**

**THU 700: For Holy Priests**

**FRI:**

**SAT 830: For New Catholics**

**SUN 800: Parishioners (Living & Dead)**

**1030: Parishioners (Living & Dead)**

• **Please pray for the infirm, including:** Carl Krebs, Patricia Fuller, Lisa Ann Kozakowski, John Marshall, John LaRock Sr., Michael Cooper, Phil & Donna Rutledge, Sharon Stoddard, Kathy Cooley, Robin Fahmie, Val Dreffs, Karen Prins, Sandra Adams, Richard Pelkey, Tom Dawson, Pete Siebertz, Nicole Brcic, Angela DiLaura, John Dziuban, Jim Ste-

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phensen, Mason Rutledge, Georgiana Bruen, Wayne DeForest, Floyd Dreffs, Ron Fuller, Mike Breslin, Tom Master-son, Tom Boyle, Noah Kranz

• **Please pray for those in the military, including:** Adam Draves, Nathan Baker, Garette Moore, Larry Workman, Daniel Scott Brown, Mark Richard, Philip Maxwell, Tony

Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Tony DeLellis, Ian and Joe Spurr, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Alan Fletcher, Brandon Fletcher, Noah Kranz, Chas Carter

• **Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

*"...I shall rejoice. For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, this will turn out for my deliverance... with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body..."* — Philippians 1:19, 20

## Receive Divine Mercy



Join parishioners of Old St. Patrick, St. Thomas, and St. Francis on Sunday, April 3rd to celebrate a special afternoon for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Every year we alternate locations; this year we are at **St. Thomas**.

Confessions will be held beginning at 2:00pm until finished, and Eucharistic Exposition will also begin at 2:00pm. We will pray the Chaplet of

Divine Mercy and close with Benediction.

**Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.**

## Save those Books



The Old St. Patrick's library is looking to renew its children's section, add a junior section and expand its movie collection with more films on saints. If you are getting rid of Catholic books or films in any of these categories, please consider donating them to the library. Items can be dropped off in

## Meet Mark Westhoven!



Mark is our new property and maintenance manager. He is a local man who is taking the place of Bob Calleja. Mark has four kids and he and his wife attend Trinity Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor.

He has experience in managing properties and built his own house in Northfield Township. Welcome aboard Mark!



## Pray for T.D.

T.D. Baker has been preparing to enter the Church for two years! Please pray for him as he completes his spiritual journey to full Catholic communion. Join us this

week in RCIA for a talk on Mary, the Mother of God on Wednesday night at 7.

## Alleluia Eats!

It is our custom to have an "Alleluia Breakfast" in the parish center after the Easter Vigil. The sign-up sheets for set-up and clean-up are at the back of the Church. Please bring a "Breakfast Food" to share! If you have any questions please contact Stacey Campbell at 248-721-1799.

## Religious Ed. Dates

No religious education March 20 and March 27. We'll see everyone back for class on Sun. April 3.

## Confirmation Requirement

Our Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, April 9. This retreat is required for all those preparing to receive Confirmation at Old St. Patrick on Wednesday, April 27 with Bishop Boyea. Please turn in registration forms/payment by Sunday, March 20. Contact John Pratt for more details.

## Help Greet the Bishop

Help our parish celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and welcome Holy Spirit Catholic

Church and Bishop Boyea with heartfelt hospitality. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve at our reception following the 7:00 pm Confirmation on Wednesday, April 27. Contact John Pratt at the parish office if interested.

## Young Adults Games

All young adults are invited to join in celebrating the Easter Octave with an Easter Tuesday Euchre Tournament following 7:00pm Mass and dinner. The progressive euchre tournament will begin at 8:15 pm. We'll have a large assortment of Easter foods and desserts. Bring your own beverages and a festive spirit. Contact [jpratt@stpatricka2.org](mailto:jpratt@stpatricka2.org) for more information.

## JOB OPENING AT OLD ST. PATRICK

## Organist/Music Director Job Opening

Meghan Pope will be leaving us, sadly. She is going to be teaching voice in private lessons exclusively. We ought to be grateful we had her here.

We are seeking a Director of Music Ministry. A knowledge and understanding of traditional Catholic music and liturgy, Gregorian chant notation and practice, liturgical Latin, and the Extraordinary Form of the Mass is required. This is a part-time salaried position (based on education/experience). Applicants must be willing to work evenings and weekends. Additional work time will be required around Christmas and Triduum. Please send a cover letter and resume to [info@stpatricka2.org](mailto:info@stpatricka2.org)