



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(Office closed for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM)

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

PASTOR: REV. CHARLES C. DILLINGHAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. David F. Murphy

Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith

Deacons: John Giacci, Larry Brecht

Joseph W. Jackson, Larry R. Morris

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Janet Aluise, Receptionist	ext. 10
Daniel M. DiGiacobbe, Business Manager	ext. 11
Annette Fad, Parish Secretary	ext. 33
Sandy Fiscella, PREP Coordinator	ext. 18
Flora Giacci, Receptionist	ext. 10
Deacon John Giacci, Director of Liturgy	ext. 32
Pablo Gonzalez, Facility Manager	ext. 41
Matthew Jewell, Director of Music	ext. 16
Cindy Krebs, Director of Religious Ed.	ext. 17
Elizabeth Perry, Communications Coordinator	
Karen Rombach, Director of Preschool	ext. 34
Denise Troise, Bookkeeper	ext. 14

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

PREP: Grades 1 through 8

Confirmation: Grade 9

Mrs. Cindy Krebs, DRE (302) 239-7100, ext. 17.

ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL

Ages 2 through Pre-K.

Mrs. Karen Rombach, Director (302) 239-7100, ext. 34.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are a sponsoring parish. For further information,

contact Mary Elizabeth Muir, Ed.D., Principal

(302) 995-2231, www.ascsd.org.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISM

During a Mass or Sunday afternoon
at 1:00 PM.

Baptisms are scheduled the second
and fourth Sundays of the month.

Baptism classes are every other month.

Please call Parish Secretary for details

(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.

The diocese requires one year of preparation.

ANointing OF THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Each weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of

Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion

to those unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.

Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for this ministry.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

For information, contact Parish Office (302) 239-7100.

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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April 5, 2020**

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*



Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday April 6, 2020

6:30 am Grace Larotonda

8:30 am Elaine Hebert

Tuesday April 7, 2020

6:30 am Peter John Orlik, Jr.

8:30 am Vincent Carpio

Wednesday April 8, 2020

6:30 am Ryan Haggerty

8:30 am Teresa Mattera

Thursday April 9, 2020

8:30 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Priest Intentions

Friday April 10, 2020

8:30 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Passion Service

Saturday April 11, 2020

8:30 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil (Priest Intentions)

Sunday April 12, 2020

7:30 am Parishioners

9:30 am Raymond Radulski

9:30 am Mary Kisielewski

11:30 am Thomas Rajioppi

11:30 am Easter Novena

The Rosary is said Monday-Saturday
in the Chapel, before the 8:30 am Mass



St. Mary of the Assumption

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Smith, Fr. Murphy, the Deacons and I really miss seeing you at daily and Sunday Masses. Please be assured that you and your families are constantly in our prayers and are with us at the altar when we celebrate our private Masses.

I am reluctant to mention parish finances at this very challenging time, yet I feel that I must address this issue. The parish is facing a financial challenge due to your inability to make a weekly/monthly contribution through the envelopes collected at Sunday Masses. Your weekly contributions are still essential for the good of the parish. While we are cutting back on our expenses including the reduction of staff hours, we are still responsible for fixed costs such as utilities, insurance and other essential operating expenses.

Please know that I am very much aware that some of you are experiencing a loss or a reduction in your income at this moment.

Bearing all of this in mind, I would respectfully request your help at this difficult time. I would be extremely grateful if you would continue your offertory contributions to the best of your ability. Your contribution can either be mailed to the parish using the enclosed envelope or dropped off at the office.

Your clergy are profoundly saddened that we are not able to celebrate Masses and Sacraments with you as a parish community. Please continue to be aware that Christ and his Blessed Mother are with us at all times, most especially at times of worry and anxiety such as these. We pray for all of you, most especially for those who are suffering and have died from the virus, medical personnel, military, first responders and for all who are risking their health for our sake.

With prayers, blessings and much concern,

Father Dillingham

Pastor



**In your charity, please pray for all who have gone
before us and all the deceased of
St. Mary of the Assumption.**

+Paul Joseph Laskowski

+Rose Paloni

+Helen Harkness, parishioner

The Parish Easter Collection is
budgeted for \$30,000.
May God richly bless you for your

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Flocknotes

Looking for a great way to stay connected to St. Mary of the Assumption and to receive up to date information?...Join Flocknotes

Please visit our website: www.smachurch.com

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

By a rescript of November 24, 1922. The Sacred Congregation of Indulgences approved the following formula for a spiritual communion:

O Jesus, I love You. O my God. I cannot receive You in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.



*Prayer to End Coronavirus
Pandemic Pope Francis*

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross

your participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
To confirm ourselves to the Father's will
And to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas-we who are put to the test-and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

The following reflection and prayer for the nation was issued by the USCCB President, Archbishop José Gomez. In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

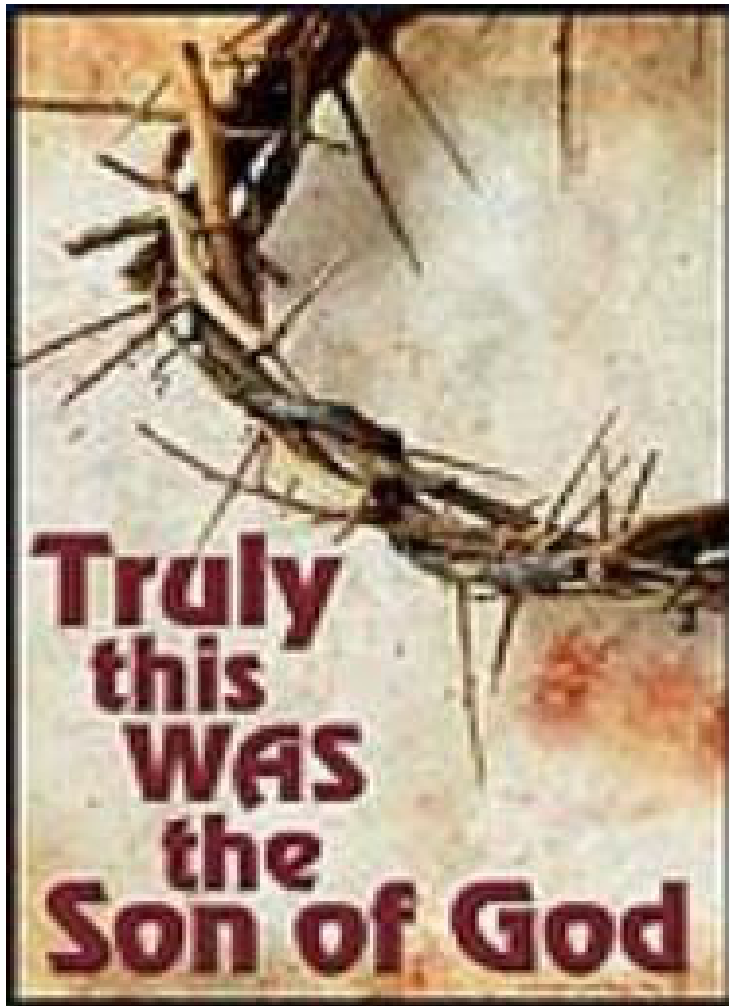
In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday:	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday:	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday:	Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday:	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
Saturday:	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday



HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

Did you Know?

Part 16 - Ways to Boost the Belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in The Holy Eucharist

6. Read a Eucharistic novel.

Do you have a book club? Sneak in *Brideshead Revisited*, *The Power and the Glory*, or anything by Flannery O'Connor.

7. Invite someone to Mass.

Back when we lived in a bigger city, we used to invite someone to Mass once a month. You would be surprised how many people say yes. Go to breakfast afterwards to talk about what just happened.

8. Personally recommit to the Eucharist.

The first person to convince about the Eucharist is yourself.

A. Read up on the Real Presence.

Try Brant Pitre's book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, Scott Hahn's *The Fourth Cup or The Lamb's Supper*, or try the great Vinny Flynn's *7 Secrets of the Eucharist and 21 Ways to Worship*.

Tom Hoopes

The Gregorian Institute

Submitted by the Legion of Mary

Listen to The Legion of Mary

Immaculate Conception Praesidium weekly broadcast of their Internet radio programs every Friday at 3 p.m., in cooperation with Oremus Communications (OC). Simply visit www.oremuscomms.com and click on "Listen Live". The Divine Mercy Chaplet is the main focus of the broadcast but every week various topics and prayers are included in the hour broadcast. Also if you missed any broadcast, you can still access them in the archives file using www.oremuscomms.com/archives-lom



Children's Catholic Corner

May 4, 2020 Golf Tournament at Hartefeld National Golf Course

Gather your golfing buddies and head out to beautiful Hartefeld National Golf Course in Avondale, PA to enjoy a beautiful day of golf! Dinner and auction to follow! For more information and to register to play in the tournament, please go to <https://birdease.com/ascs>

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM Sunday, March 28 - Sunday, April 4, 2010

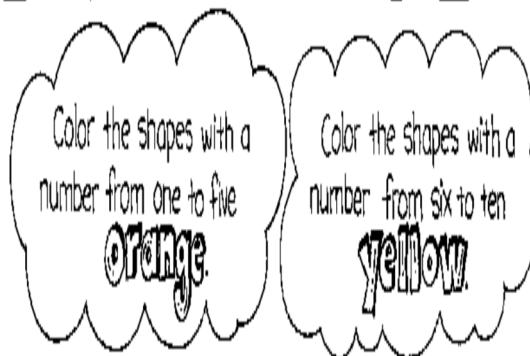
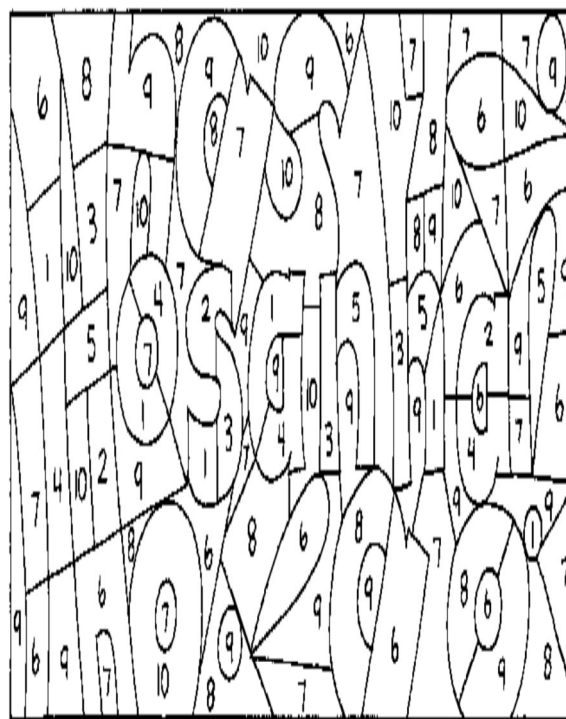
"The days of Jesus' life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption" (Preface of the Lord's Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as "Holy." Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday's palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: "Christ reigns here," they proclaim; "all are welcome!" During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent's final meal before the Lord's Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other's feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday's Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of "holy anticipation" that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Read the instructions below to see what people shouted as Jesus rode through the city of Jerusalem.

It meant they adored him!

They even laid their coats down so Jesus would ride over them.



St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Ministry Contact list for phone numbers please call our parish office

Adult Faith Formation, **Joan Fortugno**
 Athletic Association, **Mike Pietlock**
 All Saints Catholic School Liaison, **Dennis Fish**
 Bulletin, **Annette Fad**
 Church Camp, **Cindy Krebs**
 Communications, **Elizabeth Perry**
 Cornerstone, **Mike McDonnell**
 Divine Will Prayer Group, **Linda Riofski**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms S.E., **Bunny Stike**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms East, **Mary Ellen Long**
 Sojourners, House of Joseph, **Suzanne Barba**
 Finance Council, **Bill Foley**
 GIFT, **Eileen Gaus**
 Holy Spirit Prayer Group, **Rich Deegan**
 Knights of Columbus, **Mike Bailey**
 Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, **Judy Safranski**
 Knights of Columbus Ride Program, **Steve Haller**
 Ladies' Guild, **Janet Kook & Rosemarie Morris**
 Lazarus Ministry, **Rita Willis**
 Legion of Mary, **Jane Aniceto**
 Mary Mother of Hope, **Kate Morris**
 Meals on Wheels, **Kathy di Girolamo**
 Men's Small Group, **Jim Robinson**
 Mother's Prayer Group, **Sandra Cleary**
 Pastoral Council, **Bill Raiford**
 Prayer Line, **Parish Office**
 Pro-Life Committee, **Ann Courtney**
 RCIA, **Deacon John Giacci**
 Refresh Group, **Deacon Larry Brecht, Mike Bailey**
 St. Patrick's Cemetery, **Dan DiGiacobbe**
 Safety Committee, **Bernie McKay**
 Sages (50+ Group), **Nick Mastrocinque**
 Scouts (Boy & Cub), **Greg Weaver**
 St. Vincent de Paul Society, **Mercedes Diaz**
 Visitors for Christ, **Mary Lloyd**
 WilCYA, **Elise Maloney**
 Women's Faith Sharing, **Mary Tigani**
 Youth Athletic Dance Coordinator **Heather Green**

Weekly Scheduled Events

Please note: The parish calendar schedule is subject to change during the week, please check with your Ministry if you have any questions, or concerns of scheduled events.

Monday April 6, 2020

Tuesday April 7, 2020

Wednesday April 8, 2020

Thursday April 9, 2020

Friday April 10, 2020

Saturday April 11, 2020

Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

(CF) = Coffee Run, (J) = St. Johns,

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 Providing the convenience of online giving and helping St. Mary's save money on printed envelopes.
 Questions? giving@smachurch.com

(M) = St. Mary, (CP) = Chapel, (C) = Church,
 (GS) = Gathering Space (H) = Hall



Please submit all bulletin articles (2) weeks in advance to office@smachurch.com.



Do you consider yourself a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person? If so, come and share your gifts with people in need by joining the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. Last year we made over 200 visits and served almost 500 persons. "Do you consider yourself...", contact **Mercedes Diaz**,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference President, 302-239-7100 ext. 15. Thank you for your generosity!

Need a Ride???

Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. Contact **Steve Haller**, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at: 302-690-6164 or email: govmuler@hotmail.com

Palms

