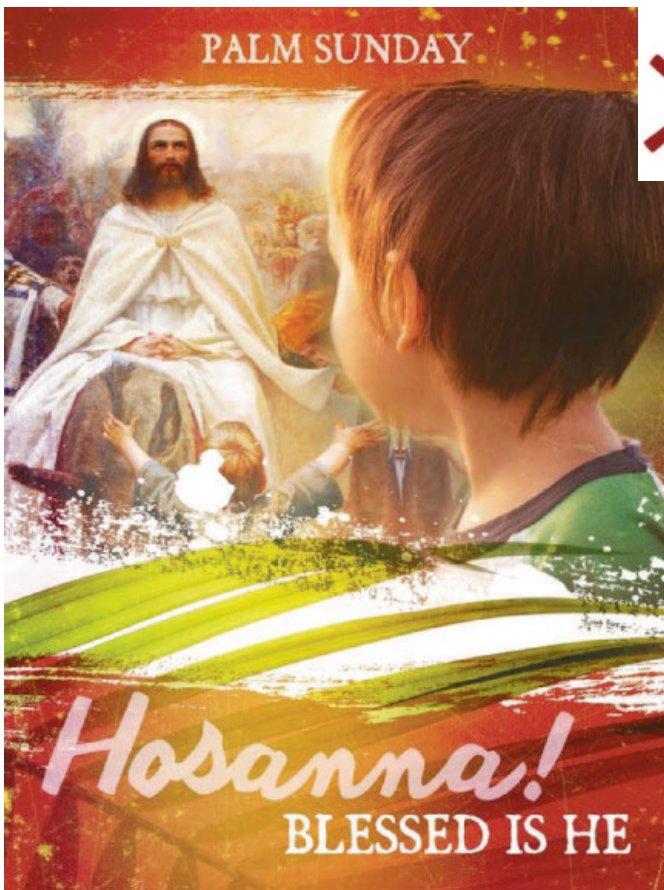


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:30 pm St. Mary
5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday

Saint Mary

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 4:30 pm

Saint Agnes

7:30 am & 10:30 am.

DAILY MASSES

8:00 am St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Benediction and Rosary
Monday @ 7:30 pm St. Mary Church

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
7:00 pm St. Mary

April 2, 2023



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



DAILY HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 3	Novena 7:30 pm <i>Saint Mary Church</i>
	St. Joseph Society 5:30 pm <i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>
Tuesday, April 4	Legion of Mary 10:30 am <i>Rectory Basement</i>
	Knitting Group 10:00 am <i>St. Agnes classroom</i>
Wed, April 5	Legion of Mary 6:30 pm <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>
	Tenebrae 7:30 pm <i>St. Mary Church</i>
Thursday, April 6	Evening Mass 7:30 pm <i>St. Agnes Church</i>
Friday, April 7	Passion Mass 3:00 pm <i>St. Mary Church</i>
	Nocturnal Adoration 7:00 pm <i>St. Mary Church</i>
Saturday, April 8	Blessing of Easter Food 12 pm <i>St. Mary Church</i>



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM at St. Mary
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes

Good Friday, April 7

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM at St. Mary
 The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM at St. Mary

Holy Saturday, April 8

Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM at St. Mary
 Blessing of Easter Food at 12:00 Noon at St. Mary
 The Great Vigil of Easter at 8:00 PM at St. Mary

Easter Sunday, April 9

Mass at St. Mary at 8:30 AM,
 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM
 Mass at St. Agnes at 7:30 AM
 & 10:30 AM



Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.



Scholarships

Applications for the Ladies Guild scholarship (awarded to an eight grade girl entering a Catholic HS in the fall) or a grant for girls already attending a Catholic HS are available at the rectory during office hours. Deadline to submit the completed application is April 21st and must be returned to the rectory in a sealed envelope. The scholarship and grants are based on available guild funds. Any questions about the application process can be directed to Suzanne Beliveau, Scholarship Chair at subelive@me.com




Precious Blood Sock Hop Tickets will be on sale beginning Saturday April 1 after all masses. Ticket sales will be weekends only (Saturday April 1, Sunday April 2, Saturday April 8, and Sunday April 9) at both Saint Agnes and Saint Mary's churches. Tickets are \$5 each. **You can reserve a table of 6 or more, but must pay for the entire table upfront. ***Tickets are limited and no tickets will be sold at the door. Do not hesitate, purchase tickets early.



Collection Report

3/26 \$ 13,086

Two collections next Week (April 9)
 Easter & Monthly



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More for Lent ??**

The Legion of Mary has made many rosaries along with finger rosaries. These items can be found on the Legion Table at the entrances of both St. Mary & St. Agnes Churches. Please help yourself.





From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends:

We have just about completed our Lenten observance, and how quickly these weeks have passed! We now come to the high point of the liturgical year, the week we call "Holy." It begins with our remembrance of the Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, as Jesus was acclaimed by the throngs that day as "the Son of David" and "the Messiah." Their acclaim would be short-lived, very short-lived indeed. In a matter of days, many if not most of those who acclaimed Jesus as king and Messiah would be calling for his condemnation and death by crucifixion. How fickle they were! But lest we be too harsh and judgmental, we, too, can be fickle, lukewarm, indifferent, and even traitorous in the way we live, the choices we make. That's the bad news.

But there is good news. The Lord loves us nonetheless, and God knows us better than we know ourselves. God looks at every single human person and the first thing he notices is not our sins and failings. He sees the image of himself reflected back at him. Yes, because of our sinfulness, our weakness and our failures, we can "muddy up" that image. We can cloud it over or even hide it. But the image is there nonetheless, waiting to be brought out from the shadows in which we often hide it. That is possible only through repentance, recognizing our failures, confessing our sins, but most of all, trusting in God's boundless goodness, mercy and love. As Easter approaches, there is still an opportunity for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have three hours of confessions scheduled this week. The usual hour on Monday evening from 6:00-7:00 at St. Mary's and two hours on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at St. Agnes.

Please take a copy of the bulletin with you and plan to come and participate at one or more of the various services that mark Holy Week. We begin with *Tenebrae* on Wednesday evening at St. Mary's, a service of light, praying psalms, and hearing the almost

mystical chanting of the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah. *Tenebrae* is a beautifully moving service that closes our parish observance of Lent. As there will be no morning Masses on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, we will be instead offering Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM at St. Mary's. The solemn services of Holy Week will be celebrated beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Agnes on Thursday at 7:30 PM, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Friday at St. Mary's at 3:00 PM, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday at 8:00 PM at St. Mary's.

Please note that there is no 4:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Mary's or 5:00 PM Vigil Mass at St. Agnes next Saturday. The only Mass will be the Easter Vigil at St. Mary's at 8:00 PM. The Easter Sunday schedule will be the usual Sunday schedule, with one exception. There will be no 4:30 PM Sunday afternoon Mass at St. Mary's.

I wish all of you a blessed Holy Week as we enter into the most profound mysteries of our faith.

Rev. Edward J. Xmaline



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Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

April 3, Monday of Holy Week
9:00 Irene Penha by Irene Ramos & family

April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week
9:00 Josephine Guidice by family

April 5, Wednesday of Holy Week
9:00 Dan Jansen by Jack & Karen Fowler

April 6, Thursday of Holy Week
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Super

Friday, April 7
Passion of the Lord
NO Mass at St. Agnes

April 8 Holy Saturday
NO Mass at St. Agnes

Sunday, April 9
Resurrection of the Lord
7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish
10:30 Paolo Menta by family

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Easter Sunday
(April 9, 2023)
Acts of the Apostles: 10: 34a, 37-43
Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

St. Mary Church

April 3, Monday of Holy Week
8:00 Jennifer Cannon by family

April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week
8:00 Robert & Sara Broderick by son Robert

April 5, Wednesday of Holy Week
8:00 Bob Selkis by Joseph Banas

April 6, Thursday of Holy Week
8:00 Morning Prayer

April 7, Passion of the Lord
8:00 Morning Prayer
3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion

April 8, Holy Saturday
8:00 Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 9
Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 Mary Ann Messina
by Tony & Eligia Tartaglia
10:00 Thomas F. Delaney
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bonanno
11:30 Veronica, Richard & Donna Sokolowski
by family



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