

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 25, 2018

March Stewardship

Special Olympics of MI
and
CAER

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,100.00

March 17 and 18
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$8,869.35
Youth: \$1.00
Total:\$8,870.35
EFT \$960.00
Total: \$9,830.35

Sunday Contributions YTD \$270,200.00
Actual YTD \$264,626.87

Thank You

Stewardship: Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod.

The church is open until 3 pm daily for anyone who would like to pray.



This Week's Events

Sunday, March 25
Palm Sunday
8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)
Tuesday, March 27
Parish Office closed
Wednesday, March 28
9:30 am Adult Choir
Saturday, March 31
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, April 1
Easter
8:00 am Rosary



Faith Formation

Thank you to all of the parents that faithfully brought their children to Faith Formation this year. Thank you to all of our catechists who worked so hard every week to teach their faith to our children. We look forward to seeing our Faith Formation families at weekend liturgies. Doris

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry goes all year long! Our next event is the Spring Fling Bingo Concessions on Sunday, April 15th. We will be having a Cardboard City for all youth in grades 5-12 on April 21st-22nd. The next Youth Group for all those in grades 5-12 will be on Sunday, April 29th from 4-5:30 pm. More info for all Youth Ministry events will be coming soon. Katie

Cemeteries Clean-Up: Please remove any items that you would like to keep from the Mt. Calvary and Resurrection cemeteries by **Sunday, March 25th**, weather permitting. After that date the remaining items will be removed. New decorations may be placed after Sunday, April 1st.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 25
Palm Sunday
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, March 28
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Paschal Triduum Our Holiest Days
Holy Thursday, March 29
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Adoration to follow (Chesaning)
Good Friday, March 30
1:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Passion (Bannister)
Easter Vigil, March 31
8:30 pm Mass (Chesaning)
Lectors:
TBA
Eucharist Ministers:
Gloria Sutter, Doris Mahoney, Sarah Mahoney, Dan Stasa, Ron Sutter
Altar Servers:
Ron Sutter
Sunday, April 1
Easter Sunday
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
TBA
Eucharist Ministers:
TBA
Altar Servers:
Karen Hoover and Nicole Neumann

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2/Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Jn 20:1-9

Sponsor of the Week

Line Street
Family Dentistry
Jeanne Hopfensperger, D.D.S.

Office Hours By Appointment 989-845-7655
371 S. Line St., Ches

2018-19 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): The new year of CSA has begun. After 3 weeks we are at 36% toward our goal. Pledges already contributed are \$25,920.00. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, please return your pledge card marked "zero". This counts as contributing.

Catholic Women's Fellowship: "The Dignity and Vocation of Woman", presented by Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM on Thursday, April 5th at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw from 6-8:15 pm. Free will offering. All women from the diocese are welcome.

Rice Bowls: There is a box for you to turn in your rice bowls in the gathering area of church. Please turn them by Easter weekend. Thanks!



Spring 5K Run/Walk: St. Peter Parish is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, April 22nd starting at 10:00 am. There is no registration fee; please bring a non-perishable item for the CAER Center. For more information please text Lisa Lewis at 445-0261.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Mel Austin, Joan Richardson, Patrick Borsenik, Ron Kulhanek, Debbie Meder, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, Clayton Meder, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Arnold Schultz, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Jim Pitt, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Rose Bonkowski, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, Bessie McSwain, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, and Jacob Albers



Spring Fling Bingo: Save the date for St. Peter's Spring Fling Bingo on Sunday, April 15th, 6-8 pm in the parish hall located at 803 Church St. Doors open at 5:30 pm. There are 20 games played with money prizes. All proceeds to the CAER Center. See you there!

New Musical Experience "Cross & Light":

Don't miss the international, critically-acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. At Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant. Dates of the performances are: Friday, April 6th at 7 pm; Saturday, April 7th at 1:00 pm; Sunday, April 8th at 2 & 7 pm; Monday, April 9th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available now. For more information please call (989) 264-5029 or CrossAndLight.org/SacredHeart.html

St. Michael Church Oakley: "St. Peter Parish has come forward and is seeking your input for possibly placing for sale the St. Michael Church site. The Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils considered this matter and have indicated their support to pursue sale opportunities. The Parish is in the process of obtaining an independent appraisal of the properties in question. By virtue of this announcement, we wish to inform you, the parishioners, of the potential opportunity to place, for sale, the property at St. Michael Church site in Oakley. If you have any comment or questions, you are asked to present them, in writing and signed, to Fr. Bill Gruden, the Parish Pastoral Council or the Parish Finance Council."

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: How quickly praise can turn to derision. We see it in business, politics, even with friends and family. One minute somebody is singing praises, the next it's insults and scorn. The gospel readings display that very juxtaposition today. We come into church singing "Hosanna!" and fifteen minutes later we cry, "Crucify him!"

We are fickle human beings, often in search of entertainment. We are designed by eons of evolution to look toward the future rather than the past. Palm Sunday is our conscious effort to root ourselves in our past, the very foundation of our faith, the paschal mystery. This week we celebrate the most ancient and fundamental mysteries of faith. Without this effort to reach our touchstone we would likely be fleeting from one moment to the next, seeking to fulfill various desires and cravings. Being in touch with the paschal mystery reminds us that this life has meaning beyond the here and now. We have a future that is eternal. The love, relationships, and bonds we create in this life will endure. The passion and death of Jesus necessarily result in his resurrection, which gives us a promise and foretaste of that eternal life. Rather than seek the next best thing, upon entering this Holy Week we recall the our faith is rooted in the past, and our destiny is eternal.