

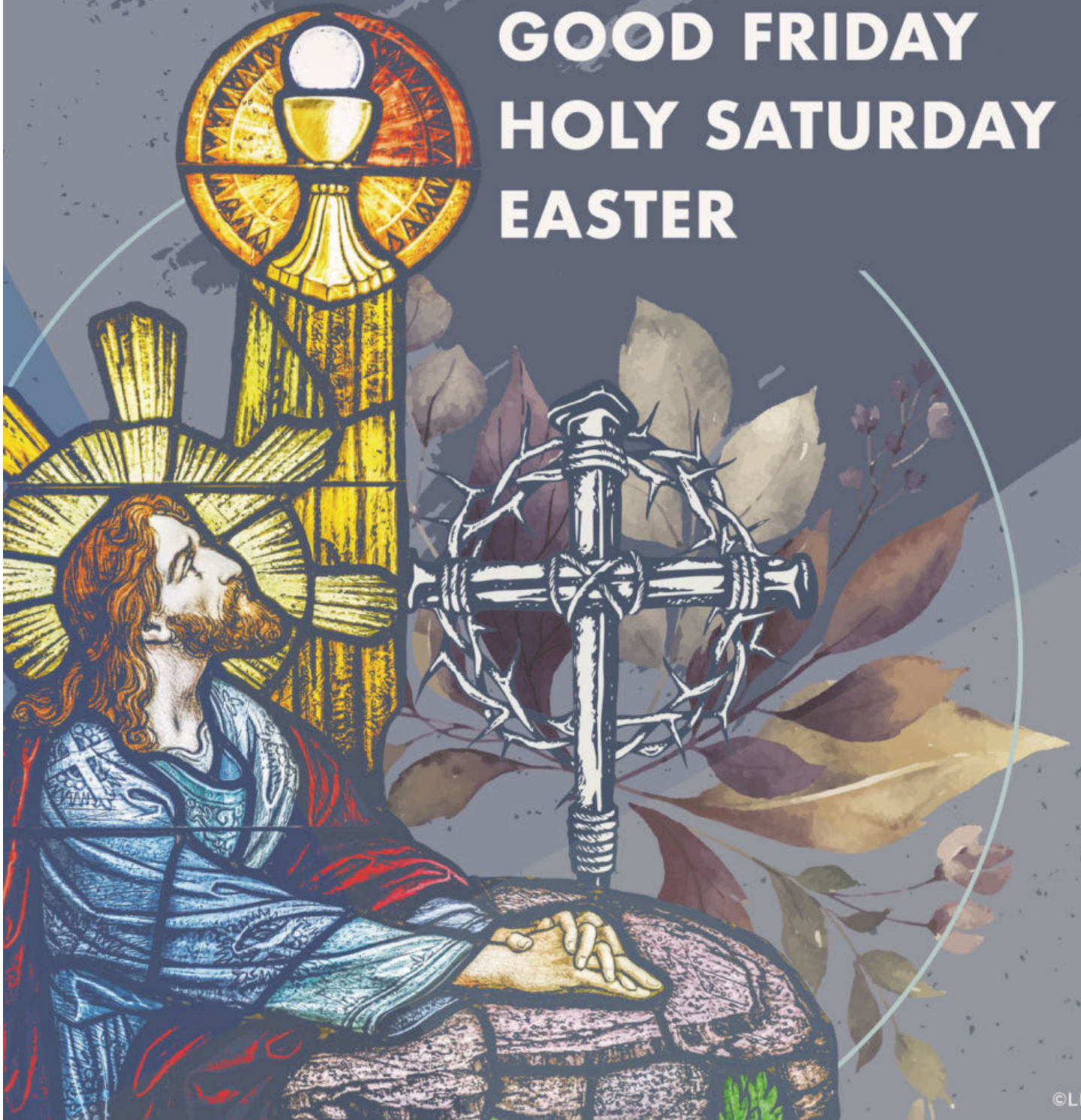
HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER



Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 04/06/25 not available
 Weekly budget goal \$3,425.00
 Difference **-\$0.00**
 CSA 2025 Assessment Goal \$30,504.00
 CSA Pledges to date \$27,515.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL For The Use of New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.
 Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

April 30th	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

FAITH FORMATION -- Students in Grades K-5 and Edge will meet in the Faith Formation building for class. Students in Grades 3-8 are encouraged to attend our Penance Service at 2 pm Sunday, April 13th. It is the last Penance Service before Easter.

LENT PENANCE SERVICES: (last service before Easter)
Sunday, April 13 2:00 pm St. Joseph Church, Force
 *Everyone is encouraged to attend.

There is a letter from the Bishop included with this weekend's bulletin regarding the **Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land**. This collection will take place between Palm Sunday (April 13) and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27). Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage Moment #1142 As Spring weather brings blooms into the northern hemisphere, consider what might bring some spring into your marriage – a flower, a treat, a nice surprise?



Parenting Pointer #1136 The average U.S. child is exposed to approximately 8½ hours of media a day. Sure, some of that is at school and some is multitasking, but it's still way too much. Do you know how much time your child watches a screen or has something in their ear? Try counting the hours for one day.

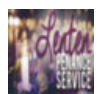
Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA
 Website: <https://www.anawiministries.com>
Upcoming Retreats in 2025:
 Stations of the Cross - April 18 @ 10am - no charge
 Drumming - April 25 @ 9:45 am - \$50 includes lunch
 Poetry - May 15-18 @ 5:30 pm on Thursday - \$475
 Directed Silent Retreat - May 27-June 3 @ 5:30 pm - \$875

The Meaning of Holy Week

It is important to begin with this basic thought that the necessary meaning of Holy Week is to hear again, the Gospel account of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Our active participation at these special Masses and Good Friday Service can help make us holy and to appreciate, even more, our Catholic celebrations in recalling what Jesus did for us.



Palm Sunday At Mass, we hear the account of Jesus entering Jerusalem five days before He would suffer His Passion and Death. Palm branches were being waived by the people as they shouted **Hosanna to the King!** During the Mass, we also hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Our annual Lenten Penance Service, held at 2:00 pm on Palm Sunday, is another opportunity to receive God's Forgiveness in order to prepare for Easter.



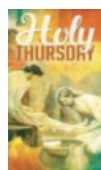
The Chrism Mass, held each year at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, is when Bishop Persico blesses the Three Oils: *Oil of the Infirm*, *Oil of Salvation* (used at Baptisms), and the *Sacred Chrism Oil* (used at Baptisms, Confirmations, and Ordinations).



Stations of the Cross on Wednesday at 6:30 pm is a unique opportunity to walk with our Lord as we listen to the moments leading up to His Death and prayerfully responding in words and singing.



THE SACRED TRIDUUM is meant to be prayed as one continuous Rite which involves the following:



Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm. Here we celebrate and commemorate Jesus giving us the Holy Eucharistic (the Mass) and for instituting the Holy Priesthood. The Blessed Oils are also presented to the altar in procession. The foot washing ceremony also takes place after the homily.



Good Friday Service at 1:00 pm. At this Sacred Service, we commemorate our Lord's Passion and Death by the reading of the Passion, the Solemn Intercessory Prayers, the Procession and Adoration of the Cross, and the Receiving of Holy Communion. We leave this service in absolute awe for what our Good Lord went through for our salvation.




Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm. This is the most Holy Mass of the liturgical year. We begin with the Blessing of the Easter fire and preparation of the Easter Candle. The Paschal Candle is lit and we process to the altar. After this, the Easter Proclamation (Exultet) takes place. The Liturgy of the Word follows with several Readings from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament Epistle and the Gospel. The Baptismal Liturgy occurs now if there are any candidates. Following is the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Sprinkling Rite, and Universal Prayers.

Mass continues. May we be Easter people!

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 14, 2025 No Mass			Monday of Holy Week	Is 42: 1-7 Jn 12: 1-11 (257)
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Frank Michelini birthday	Barry Yacabucci	Tuesday of Holy Week	Is 49: 1-6 Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 (258)
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 No Mass			Wednesday of Holy Week	Is 50: 4-9a Mt 26: 14-25 (259)
Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00 p.m. Mass HOLY THURSDAY	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Thursday of Holy Week Mass of the Lord's Supper	Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15 (39)
Friday, April 18, 2025 1:00 p.m. Service GOOD FRIDAY			Friday of the Passion Of the Lord	Is 52: 13--53: 12 Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9 Jn 18: 1--19: 42 (40)
Saturday, April 19, 2025 No Mass			Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil: Gn 1: 1--2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14: 15--15: 1 Is 54: 5-14 Is 55: 1-11 Bar 3: 9-15, 32--4: 4 Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6: 3-11 Lk 24: 1-12 (41)
Saturday, April 19, 2025 8:30 p.m. Mass Easter Vigil	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, April 20, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	 Leo Calliari	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8 Jn 20: 1-9 (42) or Lk 24: 1-12 (41)

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025

Father Mark will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 pm in the Church. Following the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Dr. Janet Satterlee will be conducting an afternoon mini-retreat on prayer in the Faith Formation Center.

On the following Mondays, during the month of May, the 5th, 12th, and 19th, Dr. Janet Satterlee will be leading an Adult Faith Formation class on The Blessed Mother, Mary, and the Rosary, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center. (All are welcome)

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