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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5 p.m.

Daily

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m.

Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m.
and 4p.m.

Holydays

8:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m.,
7 p.m.

Confessions

Sunday
2:30 -3:45 p.m.. & by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.& by appointment
Closed for lunch: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday: By appointment only
Sunday: By appointment only

***A mail slot is located in the
front door of the rectory.***

Sun., Mar. 17, 2024

*The hour has come
for the Son of Man
to be glorified*

5th Sunday of Lent

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Frances Luthy, Principal

Parish Activities for the Week

Tuesday, Mar. 19: Walking With Purpose at 9am: RMR; SVDP at 6:30pm: RMR

Wednesday, Mar. 20: Legion of Mary at 10 a.m., RMR; Prayer Group at 3:30 p.m., RMR, Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., C, Cub Scouts at 6 p.m., PC; Nourish at 1:30, C

Thursday, Mar. 21: Walking with Purpose 7p.m. PC, Boy Scouts at 7 p.m. UFCW Hall (3031 Walton Rd.)

Friday, Mar. 22 : Stations of the Cross 6:30: C

Location Key

C=Church S=School PC=Parish Center GH=Grady Hall
RMR=Rectory Meeting Room L=Parking Lot/Fields

Upcoming Parish Activities & Events

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for Easter Flowers. Next weekend's second collection is for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Prayer Group

For the winter months, the Prayer Group will now meet in the Rectory Meeting Room on **Wednesdays** from 3:30—5:00 p.m.

Blood Drive



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Monday, Mar. 18**, 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. in Grady Hall.

St. Vincent DePaul Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts, our March meeting has been rescheduled for **March 19** (3rd Tue.) We will still meeting in the Rectory Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m.

Nourish For Caregivers

The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 20** from 1:30-2:45 p.m. in the church narthex. The topic for this meeting is "A Season for Everything; The Ebbs and Flows."

Poor Boxes

A time for almsgiving... Contributions made to the Poor Boxes located at the church entrances are given to the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** and directly help those in need in our community of Plymouth Meeting.

Thank you for your support!



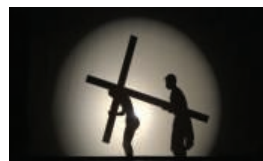
St. Patrick's Day Carnation Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be offering carnations after Masses this weekend. Help the Knights and celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Fridays during Lent
Feb. 16– Mar. 29, 6:30 p.m.



Silhouette Stations of the Cross

Students of our Religious Education Program will present Silhouette Stations of the Cross **Monday, Mar. 18** at 7p.m in the Church.

Living Stations of the Cross

Presented by Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School 8th grade students on **Tuesday, Mar. 19** at 7 p.m. in the church. All are invited to witness the presentation of our Lord's Last moments.

Cleaning the Church for Easter

We will be cleaning the church for Easter on **Saturday, Mar. 23** at 10 a.m. It should only take about an hour. All are welcome to help out!

Lenten Confessions

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

in addition to **Sundays**, 2:30- 3:45 p.m.

Metanoia Young Adults Group

Metanoia will be attending our **Holy Thursday, March 29** service at 7 p.m. They will then be taking a bus to neighboring parishes and then coming back here for a social gathering around 9 p.m. in the rectory meeting room.

Church Decorating for Easter

We are decorating the Church for Easter from 9:00 a.m. until noon on **Holy Saturday, March 30**. All are welcome to help out. We'll be placing lilies around the alter and setting up the garden in front of the Pieta.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Sunday, March 24

(Palm will be distributed at all Masses)

Saturday, March 23, at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24, at 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

(with outdoor blessing) & 4 p.m.

Confessions March 24, 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26 Confessions 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 28 No Morning Mass

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
with

transferral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
and Adoration until 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29 No Morning Mass

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the
Lord's Passion

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30

12:00 noon - Blessing of Food Baskets
for Easter

(No 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass)

7:00 p.m. - **The Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon
(Note: no 4 p.m. Mass & no confessions)



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your
back. May the sun shine warm
upon your face; the rains fall
soft upon your fields and until
we meet again, may God hold
you in the palm of His hand.

An Irish Blessing

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Holy Rosary CYO's March Madness Fundraiser is ready to go!

This year, the funds raised from our block pool
will support **Holy Rosary CYO** and two caus-
es near and dear to our CYO family;

Sloane's Roses

Honoring the life of 7-year old Sloane Kwartnik
who played in our Instructional Basketball pro-
gram before her tragic passing in 2023.

Sloane's Roses is a non-profit providing assis-
tance to family members that have suffered or
been affected by a child-related death, injury,
loss, or tragedy.

Luke Winterbottom

A CYO basketball alum and currently a senior
at Plymouth Whitemarsh HS is battling Stage 3
Hodgkin's Lymphoma Cancer.

*Please consider your own personal donation
to these two causes beyond our fundraiser. All
the details for this fun activity and fundraiser
(reserving boxes, how to pay) can be found
at: <https://www.hrcyo.com/>

*Thank you for supporting Holy Rosary CYO,
Sloane's Roses, and Luke Winterbottom
through this initiative.*

You can direct any questions to Stephen Rupprecht at
holynosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com



Parish Grief Support Group

Have you suffered the loss of
a loved one? Do you need a
safe place to talk about the loss
and work through your grief.

We are here to listen, comfort and assist you
on your journey of healing. For more infor-
mation call 610-291-3829.



Confirmation Class of 2024

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez met with our Confirmation candidates before Mass in the choir loft. He gave them words of encouragement, told them he will pray for them, and jokingly told them he would let them off the hook and not ask them any Sacramental preparation questions.

In total, 59 young men and women from our parish were Confirmed.

Thank you to the many people who made this special day possible including students, parents, sponsors, volunteers and our Religious Education staff led by Linda DiCampli.

May God bless you all!





Another Wonderful Lenten Soup and Song!

Great songs by Jill Baldassari, tasty soups by Chefs Tom and Oscar, fun raffles by our St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), and exceptional hosting/organizing by our Parish Life Committee!



The PLC is grateful for the volunteers who helped with the set-up and serving, for the outstanding job by facilities manager Tony Mashaintonio, for Fr Tom's continuous support, and for those who attended or made a donation.

This simple Lenten supper raised more than \$1,500 for our SVDP. Next weekend's second collection will be for our SVDP to support the great work they do.



March 9 Movie Outing was a Success!

More than 80 parishioners, friends and family enjoyed our 2nd parish trip to the movies to see Cabrini! This time we got almost half of us in the photo!

Our amateur critic opinions are that we highly recommend it— all ages in our outing enjoyed it. Thanks to all who joined us at his latest "Join Father O'Donald at the movies!"

From Father:

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent: Embracing Our Journey to Resurrection

As we gather this 5th Sunday of Lent, also known traditionally as Passion Sunday, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment in our Lenten journey. This sacred time invites us to deepen our contemplation of Jesus Christ's Passion — His suffering, death, and the ultimate triumph of His Resurrection. It is a period that calls us to introspection, transformation, and renewal as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

In this season of Lent, we are invited to walk with Jesus on His path to Calvary. This journey is not merely a commemoration of past events but a lived experience of our own paths of suffering, sacrifice, and ultimately, resurrection. We are called to let go of our sins, and anything that distances us from God and from one another. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we seek to purify our hearts and to share in the love and mercy of Christ.

Passion Sunday beckons us to reflect deeply on the significance of the cross. The cross is not a symbol of defeat but a glorious beacon of hope, a testament to the depth of God's love for us. It reminds us that through suffering and death, there is resurrection; through darkness, there is light; and in times of despair, there is always hope. This message is at the heart of our faith and our reason for hope.

Let us embrace the remaining days of Lent as an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. May we commit ourselves more fully to prayer, seek reconciliation, and extend love and service to those in need. In doing so, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ but also experience our own resurrection, emerging from this season transformed and renewed in Christ's image.

**Oremus pro invicem,
Fr. O'Donald**

Please Pray for the Sick

Parishioners listed in bold.

Carol Campolongo

John Cogan

Marie DiDomizio

Donna Jenkins

Harry Morrione

Anoniettt Pendlton

Joseph Spanier

Gary Wareckiy

Frank Campolongo

Michael Cross

Paul Donovan

Fr. James Kelly

Palma Panichello

Albert Sinopoli

Joe Subbio

Contact the Parish Office to update the list.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Mar. 18

8:30 a.m.

Joseph Lamina Sr.

Tuesday, Mar. 19

8:30 a.m.

The McDougall Family

Wednesday, Mar. 20

8:30 a.m.

Robert Griffith

Thursday, Mar. 21

8:30 a.m.

Julia McGrath

Friday, Mar. 22

8:30 a.m.

Wendi Boyd



Adoration Chapel Votive Candles are Dedicated for:

Anthony Vigna

Kate Marie Kelly

Weekly Tithing Report—March 3, 2024

Sunday In-Pew Collections: \$7,350

Sunday Mailed in Envelopes: \$3,383

Sunday E-Giving: \$6,537

TOTAL: \$17,270

Rice Bowl: \$1,294



Please Remember in Prayer

Elizabeth Zappala who passed

February 27, 2024

Wife of Fred

Mother of Mike, Fred Jr. & Paul



The Respect Life Rose

This week is for

Mary Morrow

*The rose is placed on the Altar in front of
The Blessed Mother.*



The Respect Life Rose

This week is for

Deceased Relative of the Clinton Family

*The rose is placed on the Altar in front of
The Blessed Mother.*



The Respect Life Rose

This week is for

Beatriz Aquino

*The rose is placed on the Altar in front of
The Blessed Mother.*



Need Assistance?

Are you, or is someone you know in our community, in need of assistance? The St. Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help! We encourage you to call or email us. All requests are kept in the strictest of confidence. Phone: 267- 627-4436 Email: eolsvdp@gmail.com

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Our Policy is to keep you safe when the weather causes hazardous conditions for travel. Your safety is our concern.

Our clergy, staff and members will work with you to reschedule important meetings.

CLOSING INFORMATION

- Our parish follows the lead of the Colonial School District with regard to weekday Mass and the delayed opening/closing of the parish office due to inclement weather.
- When Colonial has a two-hour delay, or closes, our 8:30 a.m. weekday Mass will be cancelled, and the Mass intention will be celebrated privately by the priest.
- In the event of a Colonial School District two-hour delay, the parish office and chapel will open two hours late.
- If Colonial is closed, the parish office and chapel are closed. Scheduled meetings will be canceled unless otherwise notified.
- If you have questions or need help rescheduling appointments or meetings you can call the parish office when we return. Or if it's an emergency, please call Father O'Donald.

Parish Office Requests

To register in the parish, arrange for a baptism, or request a Certificate of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office during office hours at eol@epiphanyofourlord.com.

Also, please advise our office staff of any change of address, telephone number or family status.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick is by request. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible when any parishioner becomes seriously ill or is admitted to the hospital.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays upon request. Both first-time parents need to attend a Pre-Jordan class, which is held the first Wednesday of every month.

Pre-Registration for the class is required by contacting the Parish Office. Sponsors not from Epiphany are required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish two weeks prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony

Notify the Parish Office of your intention to marry at least six months before the date of the wedding to assure sufficient preparation and to arrange for Pre-Cana sessions.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Call the Parish Office at (610) 828-8634 to provide the office staff with the name, address and phone number of the sick or homebound parishioner.

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