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Special Easter Issue

Saint John XXIII Parish Newsletter



Message from our Pastor

Please enjoy this special Easter edition of our Parish Newsletter. You will find the schedule of Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter. Additionally, you will find information about additional times to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

As we enter this most holy season of the Church year, please be assured of my prayers for you and for your families. This is the season of joy, the reason for our faith, the reason we are called disciples. If your schedule permits, celebrating the Holy Week Liturgies, especially Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday — the Easter Triduum, provides the best experience of the richness of our Catholic Faith.

Finally, because of the larger numbers of people who attend Mass for Easter, anyone who will be willing to help one of our ministry teams please sign-up in the back of Church.

Peace & Blessing
Fr. John

Liturgical Schedule for the Celebration of Holy Week, The Easter Triduum and The Resurrection of our Lord.

Palm Sunday

- Saturday, March 19th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 4:30 PM in St. John XXIII Church
- Sunday, March 20th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 8:00 AM in SS. Peter & Paul Church
- Sunday, March 20th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 9:30 AM in SS. Peter & Paul Church
- Sunday, March 20th: Mass with Blessing of Palm at 11:00 AM in St. John XXIII Church

The Days of Holy Week

- Monday, March 21st: Mass at 7:00 PM at St. John XXIII Church
- Tuesday, March 22nd: Mass at 8:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Church
- Wednesday, March 23rd: Mass at 9:00 AM at St. John XXIII Church; followed by Eucharist Adoration; 6:30 PM Holy Hour prayers, 7:15 PM Stations of the Cross

The Easter Triduum

- Holy Thursday, March 24th: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM at SS. Peter & Paul Church; Night Prayer and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10 PM.
- Good Friday, March 25th: The Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM at St. John XXIII Church
- Holy Saturday, March 26th: The Blessing of food for the first Easter Meal at 12:00 PM (noon) at SS. Peter & Paul Church
- Holy Saturday, March 26th: The Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM at St. John XXIII Church

The Resurrection of Our Lord

- Sunday, March 27th: Mass at 8:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Church
- Sunday, March 27th: Mass at 10:00 AM at Tamaqua Area Middle School Auditorium**

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- Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div., Pastor
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- Mrs. Kristin Osenbach, Director of Parish Ministries
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