

***“This cup is the  
new covenant.”***

**– LUKE 22:20**



**April 12/13, 2025**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH**

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

11:30 am at St. Catherine

Confession

3:00 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph

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Elio Carocci

Sandy Mason & Family

### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am at St. James

Ann & Andrew Semko

Lyn & Dave Sonnenlitter

### Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Danny Price

Richard & Mary Price

### Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am at St. James

No Mass or Scripture Study

10:30 am at St. Columba Cathedral

Chrism Mass

### Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Parish Families

*Followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

### Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

### Holy Thursday

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Agape Meal

Lent Ends

The Sacred Triduum Begins

7:45 pm at St. Catherine Mass of the Lord's Supper

Dennis Oblinger

Lynn Oblinger

*Procession to the Altar of Repose Followed by personal time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm*

### Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

### Good Friday

Noon-3:00 pm at St. Catherine

Repose Chapel open for Personal Prayer & Reflection

3:00 pm at St. Catherine

Stations in the Woods

7:00 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Jean Gintert

Frances Frantz

### Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

### Easter Vigil Mass

8:30 pm at St. Catherine

Jim & Olive Haight

Ben & Patty Melnykovich

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am at St. James

Deceased Members of OLoL Women's Guild

OLoL Women's Guild

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Paul & Marion Bobbey

Jim & Linda Bobbey

**Holy Thurs 7:45pm St. Cath SSMJ    Good Friday 7:00pm SSMJ    Easter Vigil 8:30 St. Cath.    9:00 am St. James    11:00am SSMJ**

**Lectors:**    Joe Thiry                      Sandy Mason                      **Reader 1 & 2:** Dave Bailey    Pat Kichton <**Lector**> Mike Albrecht

                    Lyn Sonnenlitter    Pat Benetis                      **Reader 3 & 4:** Rich Patnode                      **Lector**> Pat Benetis

**EM:**            Lynn Oblinger            Lisa Kellner                      **Reader 5 & 6:** Lyn Sonnenlitter

**Server:**    Michael Klodt            Joe Thiry                      **Reader 7 & Epistle:** Joe Thiry            Lorraine Confoey <**EM**> Fran Frantz

**Server:**    Vickie Takacs            Michael Klodt                      **EM:** Nancy Patnode            Gary Lippert <**Server**> Nathan Kren

**Server:**    Gary Lippert            **Narrator:** Rachel Hrbolich            **EM:** Nancy Cowan

**Offertory:** Lynn Oblinger    **Pilate:** Logan Clonch                      **Server:** Michael Klodt

**Procession:** Nancy Patnode    **Peter:** Mike Albrecht                      **Server:** Vickie Takacs

                    Rich Patnode            **Guard:** Nathan Kren

**Servant Girl:** Charlene Brandt

# ***Our Lady of the Lakes***

## **Stewardship Reflection:**

*"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."* (Luke 22:34) How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so as not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

**Church support record for the weekend of April 5/6, 2025:** Offertory: \$2,852.00, Easter flowers: \$325.00, Easter Sunday: \$130.00, Good Friday: \$5.00. Offertory goal needed each week to meet operating costs: \$3,760.00

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Rylie Anthony, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation student, as she receives the Gift of the Holy Spirit, at the Celebration of Confirmation on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Help is Needed for St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall:** Please call or text Mary Adams at 330-547-8418 if you can help on any of the following days from 10:15 to 12:30: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and /or May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES**

**Hot Cross Buns:** Served after 10:00 Mass at St. James, Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. **All are welcome!**

**Tuesday Lenten Discussions:** Tuesday, April 15 at St. Catherine at 7:00 pm.

**Agape Meal:** Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Holy Thursday beginning with the Agape Meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:45 p.m. A light dinner is provided by the Women's Guild. Additional items appreciated. Please use the sign-up sheets to indicate the number of people attending so we may prepare enough food! **All are welcome!**

**Blessing of Easter Food at all Easter Masses:** Bring your Easter Food Basket to be put before the altar at whichever Easter Mass you attend so Father can bless it.

**Circumstances can change in an instant.** Our "secure" position at work can be eliminated. One blood test at a routine physical can reveal an unexpected illness. An unexpected storm can take the roof off our home. Jesus knew this. He entered Jerusalem to great fanfare on Palm Sunday. Huge crowds gathered to welcome Him, waving palm fronds, calling, *"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel"* (John 12:13). Days later, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His apostles before spending an agonizing night of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane where He was betrayed and abandoned. Five days later, He'd die a torturous death alongside criminals. When a reversal in fortune rattles us, we can remind ourselves that Jesus understands our anxiety. He is there for us; we can rely on Him and draw strength from His peace. And if we are experiencing a period of calm and plenty, we can help those whose circumstances are not so blessed through a gift to the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**.

**Easter Sunday Readings:** **First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34a, 37-43 (42ABC)** **Responsorial Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22- 23** **Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8** **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

# ***St. Mary & St. Joseph***

**Called To Share Bread For Life:** Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus's gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org/holy-week](http://crsricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

**Church Support Record: Sunday, April 6, 2025**      Weekly: \$2,037.00

Candles: \$65.00    Easter Flowers: \$45.00    Initial Offering: \$4.00    Winter Utilities: \$10.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00      Food Pantry in Memory of Jane Harnichar: \$100.00

**The Saint Mary & Joseph Ladies Guild is accepting applications for their scholarship award.** Entries of 500 words or less must be received by June 29, 2025, outlining work experience, volunteerism/community service, honors, GPA, and goals. **Applicants must be active members of St. Mary and Joseph Parish. Graduating seniors only.** Please submit applications to the parish office at 120 Maple Drive, Newton Falls, OH, Attention Ladies Guild and include contact information.

**Sign-up sheets** can be found near each door for the *Agape Meal at 6:30pm* on Holy Thursday at St. Catherine.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR BOTH PARISHES**

**Chrism Mass:** *The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Holy Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.*

*at St. Columba Cathedral.* The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar will be the principal celebrant.

**The Holy Thursday Collection** goes to our local **St. Vincent de Paul.**

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps **Christians in the Holy Land.** Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**"I would like to thank the beautiful group of people that came out to pray the stations of the cross with me this Lenten season.** Leading the stations has always been a special Lenten practice for me, and what makes it extra special, is being surrounded by a lot of smiling faces to pray along with me, and I was very Blessed to have that happen this year. I pray that by your commitment to this prayer, your Easter and Easter season will be a very joyful one." *Joe Thiry*

***Happy Easter!***

***He is Risen!***

***Alleluia!***