

The Sacred Paschal Triduum



3/29 Holy Thursday 6:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Presentation of the Holy Oils, Washing of Feet, and Adoration until midnight.

7:45 pm - Seven Church Visit

Please call Annette at the rectory(412) 672-0765 X4 to reserve a seat on the bus.

3/30 Good Friday

12 noon - Rosary & Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm - "The Seven Last Words"

2:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

The reading of the Passion, General Intercessions, Collection for the Holy Land, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. **Confessions available after the liturgy.**

6:30 pm Service of Tenebrae

Latin for "shadows" or "darkness", it is usually a way to mark Jesus' dark journey to Golgotha thru Scripture reading and extinguishing of candles/light.



*****Decorating the church for Easter follows. Many hands make light work!**

3/31 Holy Saturday 12:00 noon - Blessing of Baskets

Traditional to the eastern European cultures may contain:



Ham/Kielbasa/Smoked Bacon Symbolic of God's favor and generosity.

Bread (with a cross or fish) Symbolic of Jesus the Bread of Life

Butter (lamb or cross shape) Reminds us of the Good will of Christ toward all things

Eggs/Pisanki Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb

Horseradish Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds

Cheese Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times

Salt Symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us to be the salt of the earth

Candle Represents - CHRIST AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

*****Easter Egg Hunt following beginning up front in church**

3/31 Holy Saturday 7:00 pm Easter Vigil

Blessing of the fire, the Exsultet, Vigil Readings, Blessing of the Water, Baptism & Confirmation, Renewal of Baptism Promises, and the Celebration of the Eucharist

