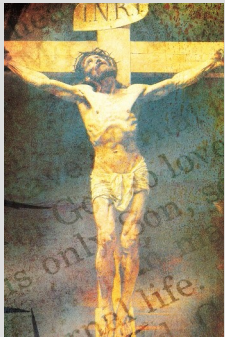


GOOD FRIDAY April 19



Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. (Mary's Chapel)

Outdoor Stations
of the Cross
1:00 p.m.

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

We begin the day
"when Christ became our Paschal sacrifice"
by gathering at Morning Prayer
with scripture, prayer, and song.

We gather for liturgy on Friday afternoon
to listen to scripture,
and we pray at length for the world's needs.

Then there is another once-a-year event:
the Holy Cross is held up in our midst
and we come forward to give reverence
to the instrument of our salvation.

After receiving Holy Communion,
our food for the journey,
we continue in fasting, prayer and vigil,
in rest and in quiet.

Holy Saturday April 20

Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. (Mary's Chapel)

We begin this quiet day with communal prayer.
Today recalls the Lord's repose in the tomb.

Blessing of Easter Foods
11:30 a.m. (Sperry Hall)

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL April 20 9:00 p.m.

This sacred night is the most anticipated
night of the year. It is the night of all nights.

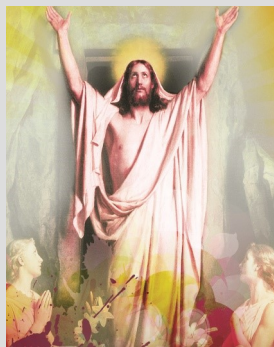
Barely able to contain our excitement, the
church gathers in the darkness and lights a
new fire. We light the Paschal Candle, the
light of Christ, to make this night radiant.

We listen to some of the most powerful
scriptures in the story of our salvation,
then we make our way to the font
and bless the baptismal waters.

Then we joyfully welcome our candidate,
John, into full communion with the Church.

These are moments when death and life
meet, when we reject evil
and give our promises to God.

**Together we rejoice at the Altar
and celebrate the Easter Eucharist!**



EASTER SUNDAY April 21

Morning Masses
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Easter has begun
and we are ready
for fifty great days
of rejoicing!

**We are an Easter people,
and Alleluia is our song!**

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

2019 Schedule

Our Lady of Mercy Church
Harborcreek, Pennsylvania



Beginning on Palm Sunday,
we enter into Holy Week—
the most solemn week of the year—
the final, intense days of Lent
and the great days of the Triduum.

This is the center of our year
and the heart of our faith.

Please take a few moments to read this
pamphlet and make plans to take part
in the liturgies and gatherings
of these sacred days.

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 13 – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 14 – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

When Jesus entered into Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him with royal and joyous acclamations, waving palm branches and shouting **“Hosanna to the Son of David.”**

In this moment, they were able to recognize in the humble figure riding on a donkey, their promised King: God in their midst.

But within a few days, those same crowds would call for his death, and even those closest to him would scatter.

The Mass of Palm Sunday brings both the welcome and the rejection of Jesus before our eyes in a ringing challenge.

Seder Meal

Monday, April 15 – 7:00 p.m.

The Seder Meal connects the Old Testament remembrance of Passover with the New Testament celebration of Eucharist.

Journey through the Symbols of Holy Week

Wednesday, April 17 – 7:00 p.m.

Prayerfully walk through the sights, sounds, and signs of the sacred celebration of the Paschal Mystery. This evening of prayerful pilgrimage will open your heart to, renew your desire for, and deepen your understanding of the great Mystery that we will celebrate. Please bring a wine glass.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Three Days to Save

Triduum means “three days.” The Paschal Triduum is a three-day season that begins with the evening Mass on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes Easter Sunday night.

Consider this: everything that takes place from sundown on Holy Thursday through sundown on Easter Sunday is part of one celebration played out in three movements.

On these Three Days, we assemble to proclaim the essence of our faith: the Paschal Mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Our participation in that Mystery defines what it means to be Christian and what it means for this community to be church.

The death and resurrection we celebrate is not just a historical event in the past, but our dying and rising in Christ today.

Each year, the Paschal Triduum summons us to re-enter this mystery: to die more fully to our self and rise in the Lord.

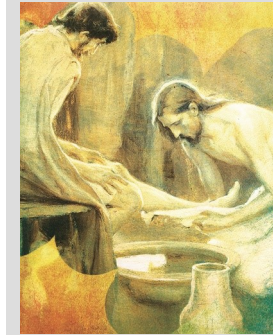


We are called to make these Three Days different from all other days of the year.

Please invite your relatives, neighbors, and friends to come and worship.

All are welcome and belong here at Our Lady of Mercy, because all of us belong to Christ Jesus.

HOLY THURSDAY April 18



Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30–9:00 p.m.

Night Prayer
9:00 p.m.

Tonight’s entrance hymn sets the tone for the entire Triduum:

“We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.”

After listening to sacred scripture, we do something peculiar: we wash feet. Jesus gave us this image of what the Church is supposed to look like, feel like, and act like.

Then we celebrate the Eucharist and recall the evening Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples.

Then we process the Blessed Sacrament, our food for Good Friday, to the Chapel of Repose.

Please stay to keep watch with the Lord and take leave with **Night Prayer**, a brief and simple service of song, prayer, and scripture.

This evening has no ending. We are now in the quiet, peace and glory of the Triduum.