# Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 26, 2023



# Masses for the Week

Sunday, March 26, 9:00 AM

- + Eleanor Koproski (Birthday Memorial)
- + Jack Troutman (Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday, March 28, 8:00 AM

+ Mary Yoder

Thursday, March 30, 8:00 AM

+ Mary Louise Menko

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 AM (Palm Sunday)

- + Anthony (Doc) Sieklicki
- + Irene & Francis Sager, Sr. (Birthday Memorial)

The Parish Office is open

Monday – Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Masks are encouraged when visiting the

Parish Office.

#### **TITHING REPORT**

Collection: 3/19/2023: \$1852.00

Bulletin Ads, \$150.00

Defray Heating Costs, \$25.00

Memorial Fund: Mary Louise Menko, \$600.00

Individual Contribution, \$50.00

St. Patrick Day Offering, \$101.00

Easter Flower Offering, \$525.00

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 AM Lector: Jaden Myers

Extraordinary Minister: Deacon Bob Wislock

Server: Ray Bednar

A Blessed Mother Candle burns in loving memory of Eleanor Koproski (Birthday Memorial) from Barbara Miller.

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9:00 AM Liturgy

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today is the Catholic Relief Services Offering.

Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal service to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless.

Easter Wreath & Cross pick-up after Mass.

Food and Bake Sale in the Parish Hall.

9:45 – 10:45 AM Religious Education Classes at OLOH

### 2023 Diocesan Campaign (DAC)

Thank you to all who have already donated. As of March 20 we have 27 donors for a total of \$4,220.00.

Our goal this year is \$15,024.00. We can do this again this year!

#### **Chrism Mass**

Monday, April 3.....4:00 PM Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, Harrisburg Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant. All are invited to attend.

Decoration of the church for the Easter season will take place on Wednesday, April 5 at 3:30 PM.

All help will be appreciated.

## Announcements

Tuesday, March 28

4 - 6 PM Food Bank and Clothing Closet

Wednesday, March 29
5:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, March 31
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

11:00 AM Confirmation at Mother Cabrini with Bishop Gainer as celebrant

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

Blessing and distribution of palms

Ham Raffle Tickets.....

Please return ASAP via the collection basket or bring to the parish office. Drawing is Sunday, April 2.

#### Please note:

There will be no Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick or OLOH on Good Friday. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Liturgy Service at Our Lady of Hope at 7:00 PM on this day.

#### **Spring Cemetery Clean-up**

Spring clean-up will be starting soon.
Please remove any items that you wish to keep.

#### **Easter Schedule**

Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00 PM at OLOH Good Friday Liturgy – 7:00 PM at OLOH <u>Easter Basket Blessing</u> Holy Saturday -10:30 AM at St. Patrick 12 noon at OLOH 8:00 PM Easter Vigil at OLOH Easter Sunday: 9:00 AM St. Patrick 10:30 AM Our Lady of Hope

### Deacon's Lorner

#### **Eternal Salvation**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead in the village of Bethany. This miracle is a sign of Christ's power over death. As a result of this sign, many people who had "seen what He had done, began to believe in Him" (John 11:45). In these Scriptural passages, Jesus tells Martha and each of us, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Then Jesus asks her, "Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" (John 11:25-27). Our Lord comes into our world to love and to save us "so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Through His Passion, Death, and Glorious Resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death. By loving God and our neighbors, Christ will bring us into eternal happiness. He assures us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:2-3). Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

#### St. Patrick Cash Bingo

Saturday, May 13.....2:00 PM \$30/Ticket...Advanced Ticket Sales only Call or text for tickets: Deb - 570-274-0264 or Parish Office - 570-797-8251

#### **OLOH Baked Haddock Dinner**

Friday, March 31 4 – 6 PM
The cost is \$12....Take-out only
Haddock filet, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes,
roll and dessert

The Knights of Columbus, Shamokin, will be holding its annual Easter Dinner on Sunday, April 9 from 11 AM to 2 PM for deserving individuals and families. To support this charitable event, a monetary donation will help provide these meals. Place your donation in an envelope marked K of C Easter Dinner and place it in the collection basket.