

# Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - St. Anthony of Padua Parish

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026



# *Palm Sunday*

## OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

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## WEEKEND MASSES - Youngstown City Collaborative

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Anthony of Padua Church</b> St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W Wood St.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	St. Edward Church, 240 Tod Lane St. Angela Merici Parish, 397 S Jackson St.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica</b> St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W Wood St.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	St. Patrick Parish, 1420 Oak Hill Ave
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W Wood St.

## WEEKDAY MASSES - Youngstown City Collaborative

<b>Mondays</b>	8:30 AM 12:10 PM	St. Patrick Parish St. Columba Cathedral
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 12:10 PM	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica</b> St. Columba Cathedral
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8:30 AM 12:10 PM	St. Angela Merici Parish St. Columba Cathedral
<b>Thursdays</b>	8:30 AM 12:10 PM	St. Edward Church St. Columba Cathedral
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> 12:10 PM	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica</b> St. Columba Cathedral
<b>Saturdays</b>	8:30 AM	St. Edward Church
<b>1st Saturdays</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica</b>

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

<b>1st Saturdays</b>	8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Basilica
<b>2nd &amp; 4th Saturdays</b>	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	St. Anthony of Padua Church
<b>3rd &amp; 5th Saturdays</b>	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Basilica

*Or call the parish office to book an appointment.*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at the Basilica

Sundays 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wednesdays 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Mondays 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Thursdays 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Fridays 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

## Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators:

Maria Panozzo 330-372-5141    Jean Talley 330-758-3335

*With the exception of Fridays, the doors of the Basilica remain locked during the day for the safety and security of our Adorers.*

## VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If a member of your family would like to receive visits and have Holy Communion brought to them, please call the Parish Office at 330-743-4144 to make arrangements. Please let us know if you or a family member is in the hospital as hospitals no longer inform us.

## NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome! We invite you to register with our parish. Forms are available in the Vestibule and online at:

[olmcsta.com/our-parish/become-a-parishioner/](http://olmcsta.com/our-parish/become-a-parishioner/)



## FROM CONTROL TO THE CROSS



This week, all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's love for us. "Greater love no one has than to lay down one's life for a friend." This week Christ lived out the truth of these words. He took on himself our sins and the sins of all the world.

For three years Jesus had gone from village to village doing good, teaching and healing. Everywhere he went he was surrounded by crowds of people who listened to him and sought things from him. It had been an incredibly full and active three years. Yet during all that time he had been in control. He came and went as he pleased.

But when he was handed over to his enemies in the Garden of Gethsemane all this came to an end. It represented a turning point in his ministry. From then on, he began to undergo suffering. And that's when his passion began. From that moment on he was no longer in control of what was happening. Things were now done to him rather than by him.

He was arrested, put into prison, led before Caiaphas, Herod and Pilate, interrogated, scourged, crowned with thorns, given a cross to carry, stripped of his clothes, nailed to a cross, mocked and finally he died. Jesus fulfilled his mission not only by what he did, but also and more especially by what was done to him. We must be very clear about one thing, God the Father didn't throw him to the wolves, Jesus died voluntarily. He gave his life.

Much of our lives are determined more by what is done to us than by what we do. It is important to realize the extent to which we are acted upon. As children we are at the direction of adults. As we move through life there is fate, betrayal, bad luck, illness of one kind or another, loss of friendship, failure in relationships, disappointments with spouses and children, the death of a loved one, the drudgery of the workplace and so on.

Of course, there are happy times and periods of peace. But the reality is there are many things which are outside our control. They are all part of what it means to be human. We do, however, have a choice in how we respond to what life throws at us. It can make or break us.

The Passion Story which we hear today shows us how Jesus responded to what was done to him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. This is the victory of love over all the power and destruction. There was nothing but love in him. Even when they nailed his hands and feet, he was loving. It helps to think about that when we are going through hard times. May we together walk with Jesus during these solemn days and nights, remembering how he emptied himself in his life and death, and lives resurrected in our midst.

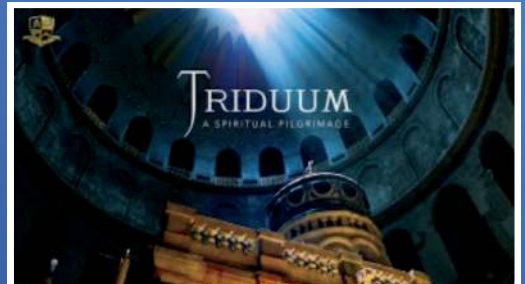
The Lord was obedient even unto death. May we be obedient to the responsibilities we were given at baptism.

*Msgr. Zuan*

Available today on [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org):

### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This beautiful contemplative documentary walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history, drawing the pilgrim faithful tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. [watch.formed.org/triduum-a-spiritual-pilgrimage](https://www.formed.org/triduum-a-spiritual-pilgrimage)



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## This Week's Daily Mass Readings

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

Is 42:1-7 | Jn 12:1-11

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Is 49:1-6 | Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Is 50:4-9a | Mt 26:14-25

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

**Passion of the Lord**

Is 52:13—53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1—19:42

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

**Easter Vigil**

Gn 1:1—2:2 | Gn 22:1-18

Ex 14:15—15:1 | Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11 | Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 | Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

### INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

#### FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

#### For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS

We pray for the Church, that Christ's sacrifice may strengthen priests and religious in selfless service.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

4:00 PM St. Anthony Frank Novello by Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel For the deceased members of our parish

10:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Rita Varacalli by Bernie & Dana Nicholson  


### TUESDAY, MARCH 31: 3RD WEEK OF THE ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

12:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Joel Sams (A) by Gary & Ana Sams

5:30 PM St. Anthony Fr. Nicholas Mancini by Mary Kay Davis

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2: HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
1. Vincenza DiTommaso (A) by Daughter, Maria Leone & Family  
2. Carmel Lucarell (A) by Cafaro Family

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3:00 PM St. Anthony Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel No intention

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4: HOLY SATURDAY

12:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Holy Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Joseph Nuzzo by Vince & Jean Julian

9:00 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Paul & Louise Chiarello by daughter Paulette

10:30 AM St. Anthony Deceased Parishioners of St. Anthony's

12:00 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Bambina & Antonio Sylvestri by daughter, Lisa Orlando  


"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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**Candles, Lights and Eternal  
Flames for the Week of Mar 29  
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL BASILICA**

**SACRED HEART LIGHT**

In memory of Rose Ciolli  
by Jack & Jen Palermo

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LIGHT**

In memory of Carmel Beronja (B)  
by Daughters

**ST. ANTHONY LIGHT**

In memory of Patsy M. Trell  
by Judy Hatchner

**GUARDIAN ANGEL LIGHT**

In memory of Helen Pugliese (B)  
by Bob, Bonnie, Cindy, Nicole, Zack, Dena,  
Matt & Caleb

**INFANT JESUS LIGHT**

In memory of Mario Pesa by wife Mary

**Garden of St. Anthony Shrine**

**MARCH 22, 2026**

In memory of Anthony Matash  
by Mrs. Louise Matash

In loving memory of Dan Owens (B)  
by Mr. & Mrs. John R. Johnston

In loving memory of Mary Ann Pellegrini  
by Cleto

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rimedio

In memory of Florence G. Ciccone  
by Mr. & Mrs. Michael P. Ciccone

Ms. Ramona DiSchiavo

Keep my Family Safe & Healthy,  
by Tina A. Bianco

Donations of \$10 or more made to the Garden of St.  
Anthony Shrine are printed in the bulletin, along  
with any intentions written on the envelope.

**Please remember in your  
prayers our parishioners  
who are ill, homebound, or  
in nursing homes:**

- Sandra Ambrose
- Justine Antol
- Arlene Avdey
- Stephen Bada
- Tina Batcha
- Lorenzo Bianco
- Virginia "Gigi" Cannone
- Giovanna Cipriano
- Phil Conti
- Patricia Dawson
- Anthony DeAscentis
- Phyllis DeChurch
- Anna DeLuco
- Michelina DiVito
- Bill Duffy
- Roberta Elmo
- Dolores Fusillo
- Bob Giampetro
- Frank Heri
- Betsy Johnquest
- Robert Julius
- Joann Knuth
- John Kopnisky
- Jacob LaLama
- Jennie Marinelli
- John Mascardine
- Louise Matash
- A. J. Napoli
- Tony Parish
- Bonnie Pesce
- Edward Pesce
- Ronald Pesa
- Frank Righetti
- Bob Rimedio
- Maria Valley
- Robert Wallis
- Priscilla Weaver
- Rose Wydick
- Eleanor Ziobert



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**  
for our Holy Week & Easter Celebrations

Phone 330-743-4144 to volunteer for a position  
or check your email and sign up on Ministry Scheduler Pro.

**Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers - Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday**

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	FINANCIAL CLERKS
<b>HOLY THURSDAY 6:00 PM</b>	Debra DiTullio Gary DiTullio Leanna Pipala	Dan Rossi (1) Scott Schulick (2)	Lauren Klanica John Paul Pipala Callista Whorten <b>SERVERS NEEDED</b>	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 6:00 PM</b>	Leanna Pipala Jacquelyn Sadosky	Dan Rossi (1) Scott Schulick (2)	John Paul Pipala <b>SERVERS NEEDED</b>	
<b>EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM</b>	Lori Litrenta Christopher Litrenta Dan Rossi	Michele Berardi (odd) Scott Schulick (even)	Lauren Klanica <b>SERVERS NEEDED</b>	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 AM</b>	Robert Giampetro <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED (1)</b> Darlene Sabo (2)	<b>SERVERS NEEDED</b>	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM</b>	Debra DiTullio Gary DiTullio Chelsey Santucci	Dan Rossi (1) <b>NOT FILLED (2)</b>	<b>SERVERS NEEDED</b>	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 AM</b>	Deborah Duffy Diane Laudo Kim Pontuti Jacquelyn Sadosky	<b>NOT FILLED (1)</b> Denise Villanueva (2)	<b>SERVERS NEEDED</b>	Sam Frasco Diane Laudo
<b>EASTER SUNDAY 12:00 PM</b>	Tiffany Chimento <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED (1)</b> <b>NOT FILLED (2)</b>	<b>SERVERS NEEDED</b>	Mike & Norma Baca Frank Mazzocca Troy & Christine Rhoades Phil Pillin

**Names will be listed in the  
bulletin for three months unless  
otherwise requested.**

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## Safety Committee

The parish is looking for volunteers to serve on our Safety Committee. If you are passionate about safety-related issues, such as First Aid/CPR, fire, personal safety, coordinating quick and effective evacuations, etc., and are able to commit to a monthly evening meeting, we invite you to put your name forward by contacting the parish office at 330-743-4144 or office@olmcsta.com.

## Funeral Altar Servers

Our parish is looking for volunteers willing to serve Christ at the Altar, especially for Funeral Masses. If you are able to commit one or two mornings a month (needs fluctuate), please contact the parish office at 330-743-4144 or email office@olmcsta.com. Both men and women can serve and past experience is not necessary. Training will be provided.

## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Volunteers are needed at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (7392 Market St, Boardman). Consider giving an hour or two of your time as a gift of love and sacrifice. The Store is open 7 days a week, Monday through Saturday, 10am-8pm, Sundays Noon-5pm. Call 330-781-5181 for more information.

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We may feel like God is far away, but He isn't. God reminds us: "When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12). Relying on God during difficult times draws us closer to Him. And if, during times of trial, we open ourselves up to God, we can be instruments of His love and grace, just as Christ was to those witnessing his passion.

As we enter this holiest time of the liturgical year, please consider ways you can pick up the cross and follow Jesus into greater intimacy with God. Please pray for the continued success of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, and consider supporting the appeal to help lighten the crosses others are bearing.

Make your gift online by scanning this QR Code or visiting [DOY.org/Appeal](http://DOY.org/Appeal)



## Faithful Stewardship

MARCH 21 &amp; 22, 2026

Attendance	4pm: 135   10:30am: 279
Total Sunday Collection	\$7,407.00
St. Anthony Shrine & Novena	\$1,475.00

## BUON COMPLEANNO!

Roberta Elmo, Gregory Hall, Nicholas Kana, Anthony Kobak, Rosemary Muccillo, Marla Peachock, Phyllis Prato, Michael Bane II, Frank Carbon, Santino Cocca, Christine Cordy, Connie Gagliano, Joseph Maro, Patsy Maxin, Leonard Perry, Anthony Pizzuto, Scott Schulick, Maria Batcha, Matthew Caldwell, Anastasia Hall, Nicolette Pizzuto, Deborah Sammarone, James Wolf, Sandra Ciminero, Roberta Crowe, Theresa Dellick, Bonnie Katzman, Dominic Mordocco, Anthony Napoli, Chelsey Santucci, Donna Campana, James DiCioccio, Josephine Homsey, Gino Minniti, Frank Orzechowski, John Hammond, Sandra Kopnisky, Anastasia Lapikas, Catherine Maxim, Paula Vannest, Judy Anzevino, David Bitonte, Jamie Jones, Samantha Ritter, Joseph Swogger, Alliecy Tocco



## CALLED TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIFE

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' 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 resurrection to the world.

It's time to return your Rice Bowl! Or scan the QR code to make a donation today.



# UNDERSTANDING THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THE THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the Church's liturgical year—the sacred three days that draw us into the very mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. From the evening of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, we do not simply recall events of long ago; we enter into them. These days form one continuous celebration of Christ's saving work, the center of our faith and the summit of our worship.

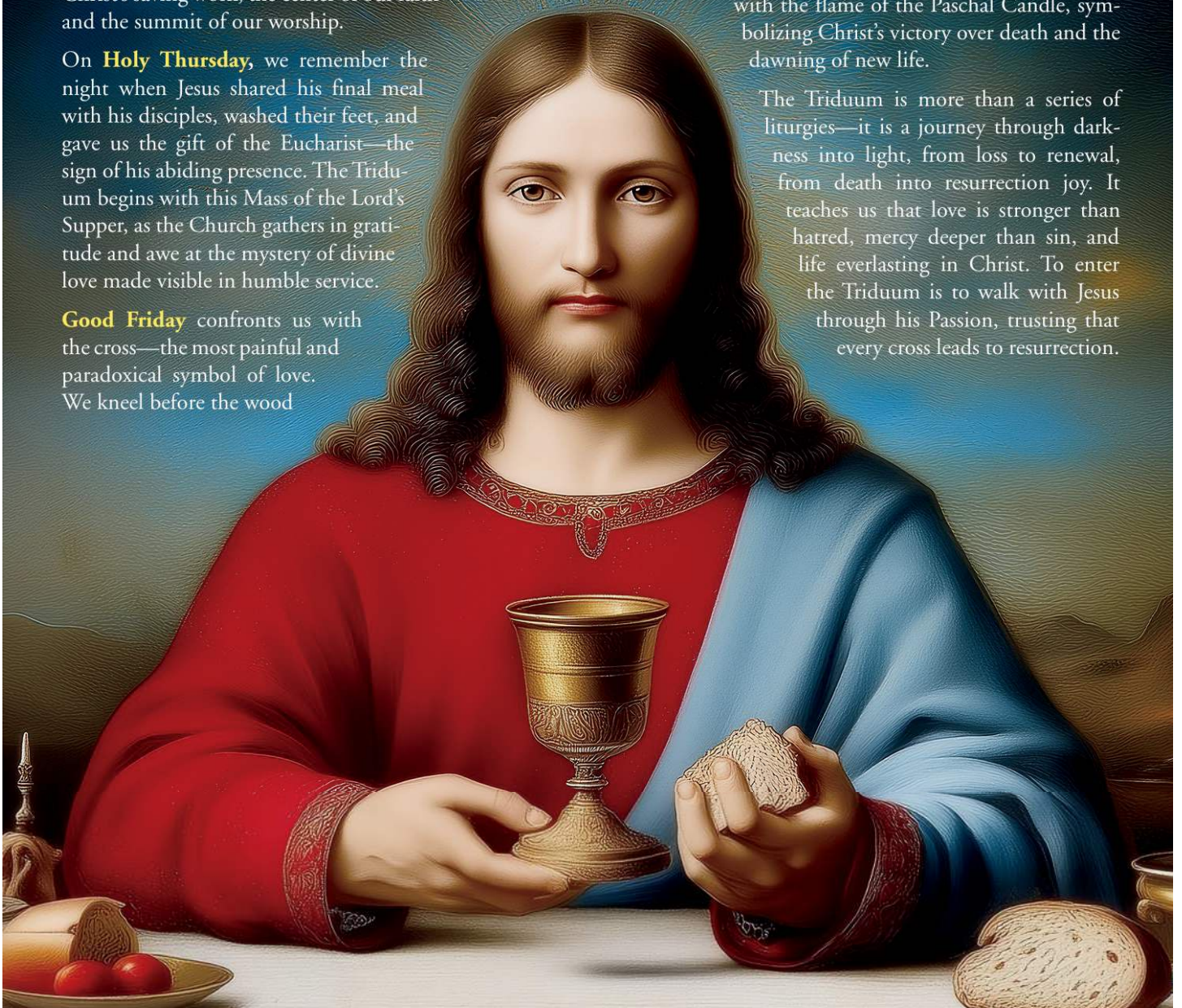
On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the night when Jesus shared his final meal with his disciples, washed their feet, and gave us the gift of the Eucharist—the sign of his abiding presence. The Triduum begins with this Mass of the Lord's Supper, as the Church gathers in gratitude and awe at the mystery of divine love made visible in humble service.

**Good Friday** confronts us with the cross—the most painful and paradoxical symbol of love. We kneel before the wood

that bore our salvation, knowing that through Christ's suffering and death, sin and death themselves are conquered. This is not a day of despair, but of solemn hope.

Then, in the deep silence of **Holy Saturday**, the Church waits in vigil, keeping watch beside the tomb. As night falls, light pierces the darkness. The Easter Vigil begins with the flame of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing Christ's victory over death and the dawning of new life.

The Triduum is more than a series of liturgies—it is a journey through darkness into light, from loss to renewal, from death into resurrection joy. It teaches us that love is stronger than hatred, mercy deeper than sin, and life everlasting in Christ. To enter the Triduum is to walk with Jesus through his Passion, trusting that every cross leads to resurrection.



## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM: MEANING AND SYMBOLS

The *Paschal Triduum*—from the Latin for “three days”—is the summit of the Church’s liturgical year. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and concludes with Easter Sunday. Though it spans parts of four calendar days, it is one continuous celebration of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection—the central mystery of our faith.

Each day reveals a different facet of that mystery. On Holy Thursday, the **washing of feet** and the **Eucharist** express love in humble service. On Good Friday, **the cross** becomes a sign not of defeat but of victory, as Christ’s sacrifice conquers sin and death. On Holy Saturday, the Church waits in silence until the **Easter Vigil**, when light pierces the darkness and the **Paschal Candle**—symbol of the Risen Christ—is lit.

Throughout the Triduum, the Church’s symbols speak deeply: fire and water, bread and wine, darkness and light. Together they proclaim that the journey from death to life is at the heart of Christian faith. The Triduum invites us to walk with Christ through these sacred days and to share in the joy of his Resurrection.

## THE LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

The Triduum is unique in that its liturgies flow seamlessly into one another, forming one great act of worship.



The **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** on Holy Thursday recalls the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of feet, symbols of Christ’s humility and love. The altar is stripped afterward, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to a place of repose for silent prayer.



On **Good Friday**, the Church celebrates no Mass. The faithful gather for the **Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**, which includes the reading of the Passion, the solemn intercessions, and veneration of the Cross. Holy Communion, consecrated the evening before, may then be distributed, linking this day to the unity of the Triduum.



**Holy Saturday** is a day of quiet reflection until the **Easter Vigil**, the “mother of all vigils.” The Vigil begins in darkness, then the Paschal Candle is lit, and the *Exsultet* is sung. Scripture readings recount salvation history, new members are baptized, and the Resurrection is proclaimed in joy.

Together, these liturgies form one act of worship, leading us from the table of the Last Supper to the Cross and the empty tomb—through death into new life, the heart of the Church’s faith and joy.

## THE HISTORY OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum has ancient roots in the earliest centuries of Christianity. From the beginning, the Church gathered yearly to celebrate the Lord’s Pasch—the mystery of his death and resurrection, the central mystery of faith. By the second century, Christians were observing a solemn remembrance of Christ’s Passion on Friday and rejoicing in his Resurrection on Sunday, often preceded by a night-long vigil of prayer.

By the fourth century, the celebration of these sacred days had developed into a distinct liturgical structure in Jerusalem and spread throughout the Christian world. Pilgrims such as the Spanish nun **Egeria**, who recorded her travels around A.D. 380, described in detail the early Holy Week and Easter observances in Jerusalem—the washing of feet on Thursday, veneration of the Cross on Friday, and the solemn Easter Vigil beginning at nightfall on Saturday.

In the Middle Ages, the Triduum’s rich symbolism deepened, though its structure varied between regions. The modern form took shape after **the liturgical reforms of Pope Pius XII in the 1950s**, which restored the Easter Vigil to its rightful nighttime setting and emphasized the unity of the three days as one continuous celebration.

Today, the Triduum stands as the high point of the Church’s year—the summit of the liturgical calendar and the foundation of all Christian worship. These ancient days, preserved and renewed through centuries, invite us to enter again into the saving mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection.



**HOLY WEEK  
AND  
EASTER**

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**HOLY THURSDAY, April 2**  
6 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Adoration until 10 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3**  
3 PM Stations of the Cross  
at St. Anthony

6 PM Passion Service  
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 4**  
12 PM Blessing of the Easter Baskets  
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8 PM Easter Vigil (Blessing of Fire)  
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
*After the Vigil - Easter Celebratory Meal  
in the Lower Church Hall*

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5**  
7:30 AM • 9 AM • 12 PM  
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
10:30 AM at St. Anthony



Day of  
Fasting &  
Abstinence

*The Seven Churches Pilgrimage*

The tradition of visiting seven Basilicas in Rome on Holy Thursday is an ancient practice. This year, Our Lady of Mount Carmel - St. Anthony of Padua Parish will have its own Seven Church Visitation, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of the Repose at each site after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. All the faithful are welcome to join in the pilgrimage.

6:00pm	Holy Thursday Mass at the Basilica
7:15pm	Begin prayer at the Basilica
7:30pm	Board the private Motor Coach Bus at the Basilica
11:00pm	Return back to the Basilica

Seats on the Motor Coach are limited

**RSVP is REQUIRED**

There is no cost, but a FREE WILL OFFERING will be accepted.

**To RSVP contact Leanna Pipala  
(330) 743-3508  
or email: [religioused@olmcsta.com](mailto:religioused@olmcsta.com)**

PREPARING AN  
**EASTER BASKET**  
TO BE BLESSED

**Traditional Basket Contents:**

**Easter Bread** - representing Jesus as the Bread of Life

**Colored Hard-boiled Eggs** - representing the tomb and new life

**Keilbasa/Sausage** - links are symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead

**Ham, Lamb or Veal** - symbolic of great joy and abundance in Christ's resurrection

**Butter** - dairy reminds us of the richness of our salvation

**Salt** - symbolic of purification, prosperity, justice

**Cheese** - reminds us of the peace promised by Christ

**Sweets** - fruits, candy, poppy seed and nut rolls, pastries, remind us of the promise of eternal life and good things to come

Adapted from [www.catholicwitness.org/the-blessing-of-easter-baskets-a-cherished-catholic-tradition/](http://www.catholicwitness.org/the-blessing-of-easter-baskets-a-cherished-catholic-tradition/)



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**BLESSING OF THE  
EASTER BASKETS**

WILL TAKE PLACE  
ON HOLY SATURDAY  
**APRIL 4 - 12PM**  
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL



## THIS WEEK'S SNAPSHOT

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

**Young Adult Lenten Study**  
11:30 AM | OLMC, John Paul II

**Mothers of the Crucifix  
Bingo & Card Party**  
2 PM | OLMC, Social Hall

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

**Choir Practice**  
6 PM | OLMC Basilica

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

**3rd Week of St. Anthony Novena**  
12 PM | OLMC Basilica  
5:30 PM | St. Anthony Church

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

**Vestibule Club**  
6 PM | OLMC, St. Joseph Hall

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

*Parish Office Closed*

**Stations of the Cross**  
3 PM | St. Anthony Church

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

*No Brier Hill Pizza*

**Blessing of the Easter Baskets**  
12 PM | OLMC Basilica

**Easter Collation**  
After the Vigil Mass  
OLMC, St. Joseph Hall

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

*Parish Office Closed*

## Unfailing Novena to St. Anthony of Padua Continues

**12pm Mass & Novena | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica**

**5:30pm Mass & Novena | St. Anthony of Padua Church**

The Thirteen Tuesdays Novena to St. Anthony of Padua is a powerful devotion that honors the "Saint of Miracles" and leads up to his feast day on June 13.

## Mothers of the Crucifix Bingo & Card Party

**Sunday, March 29 | 2pm | \$7/person | Lunch included**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall**

Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and friendly competition. Contact Cathy Zack 330-398-6395 for more information.

## St. Anthony Brier Hill Pizza - No pizza April 4

**\$9 - Pizza | To order call 330-360-7663**

Order pizza Wednesday-Friday, pick up Saturdays, 9am - Noon. There will be no pizza on Saturday, April 4.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Monthly Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, April 12 | 11am to 4pm | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall**

Adults \$10 | Children 6-10 \$6 | Kids 5 & under are free | Live Music | Take out  
For more information or to volunteer contact Tony at 330-718-7237.

## St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

**Sunday, April 12 | 11am to 4pm | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parking Lot**

Help those in need by donating a bag of non-perishables. For every bag donated, you will receive a couple for \$1.00 redeemable at the Spaghetti Dinner. Thank you for your generosity!

## Vestibule Club Night at the Races

**Saturday, April 18 | 5pm | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall**

The Vestibule Club invites you to a fun-filled evening on Saturday, April 18. Doors open at 5pm, the first race begins at 6pm. Admission is free, and there will be plenty of food and beverages to enjoy as we cheer on the horses and support our parish!

## Women's Cursillo Weekend

**Thursday, April 23 - Sunday, April 26 | Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall**

Seeking an enriched relationship with God? This three-day weekend helps you experience your Catholic Faith and offers a two part method to sustain and nurture you. Cursillo focuses on the meaning of grace and the sacraments, the importance of prayer and the study of God. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, call Peg Elston at 330-502-5846 or email [YoungstownCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:YoungstownCursillo@gmail.com).

## St. Anthony's Spring Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, April 26 | 11am to 3pm | \$10/adult, \$5/child**

**St. Anthony of Padua Church**

Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our parish's mission and community programs. Whether you volunteer your time or bring your family to eat, your presence helps make this seasonal fundraiser a success! For more information call 330-743-4144.



### Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

October 25 - November 3, 2026

Embark on a spiritual journey of a lifetime with Msgr. Cariglio and Collette! Join fellow parishioners as we travel through the sacred sites of Portugal, France, and Spain. Experience the serenity of Fatima, follow the footsteps of St. Bernadette in Lourdes, and marvel at the architectural wonders of Barcelona. For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1410365> or contact Leanna Pipala at 330-758-4828. Book by April 26 and save!

### *Save these Dates!*

#### St. Anthony's Feast Day Celebration

Saturday, June 13, 4pm Mass  
St. Anthony of Padua Church

#### Italian Culture Camp

Tuesday, June 23 - Thursday, June 25  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall

#### 26th Annual Italian Festival

Thursday, July 23 - Sunday, July 26  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica



### *Novena to St. Anthony*

EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL JUNE 13

12PM MASS -  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA

5:30PM MASS -  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Saint Anthony, we turn to thee / When troubles dore distress,  
Sure of thy love, for thou didst know / The Christ Child's soft caress

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