

Pulpit Announcements

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passiontide

March 17, 2024

- In observance of Passiontide, Mother Church suggests that we veil our statues and holy images, and that the bells – which are symbols of joy – be suspended.
- Our charitable tithes this weekend will go to [HOPE in Lancaster](#), which is our local social outreach center. We're happy to support its important work among those in need.
- There are no flowers in the sanctuary due to the penitential nature of Lent.
- Regrettably, we didn't receive enough sign-ups to sustain the Student-Athlete Day of Recollection this afternoon (March 17). Instead, we've asked Dr. Acquaviva to speak during our Wednesday Faith Formation on April 10.
- The US Bishops recently revised several aspects of the RCIA, which is the process by which a person prepares for baptism or full entrance into the Church. These changes included a name change. The process is now called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). You will now hear us refer to the OCIA program.
- My apologies to any household that received their March Liturgy of the Hours late. Word on Fire, who supplies the Liturgy of the Hours for us, had some administrative problems, but we're told it has all been worked out. Everyone should receive their April book on time.
- Next Sunday, March 24, our 11:00 AM Mass will begin with the Solemn Procession of Palms. The procession will begin at Our Lady's statue at the entrance of our campus. *Parishioners are asked to arrive at 10:45 AM, park their cars, and join us at the entrance of our campus.* The procession will have a donkey, drums, and bagpipers. During the Mass, we'll have a children's homily. After the Mass, we'll have our Spring Fest with food, a petting zoo, and pony rides for children! All are welcome!
- Due to the diocesan Eucharistic Congress, there will be no First Saturday observances on Saturday, April 6.
- Due also to the diocesan Eucharistic Congress, there is no 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM Saturday evening Masses on Saturday, April 6.
- As previously announced, starting Saturday, April 13, we're going to merge the two Masses into one Mass at 5:00 PM.