

## Schedule of Divine Liturgies

Sunday	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	+David Lupu (Andrea Vigue)
Wednesday	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Presanctified Liturgy (6 PM)	Parishioners of St Mary
Thursday	April 01 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Thursday (6 PM) Liturgy of St Basil followed by Reading of 12 Gospels	Parishioners of St Mary
Friday	April 02 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday Burial Service (5 PM)	Parishioners of St Mary
Saturday	April 03 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Vigil Liturgy (5 PM)	Parishioners of St Mary
Sunday	April 04 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday (8 AM)	+Edward Kastriba (Donna and David Pandullo)

### ***For the month of March***

Our Eternal Candle burns for + Warhola / Pandullo Families (Donna and David Pandullo)  
Our Garden Candle burns for Parishioners of St Mary  
Our Altar Candles burn for Parishioners of St Mary

### **Parish Announcements:**

**Last Weeks Collection: \$ 253.00**

**The Church is cleaned and disinfected after each Liturgy to do our part in keeping our parishioners safe while at St. Mary.**

**Liturgy Intentions:** If you have intentions to remember or honor a loved one, please contact Donna Pandullo at (412) 973-0151 or see Samantha. Open dates remaining for 2021 are Oct 24 & 31 Nov 07

**Candle Intentions:** We are offering intentions for the Eternal Candle, the Garden Candle and the Tall Altar Candles. Each will be \$20.00 per month. The intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please see Donna if you would like to add an intention.

**There was an anonymous donation to St Mary of a case of Copy paper. It was a much needed donation and St Mary Thanks the Donor for such a generous gift.**

**Another anonymous generous gift to St Mary as the monies to make additional signage. There is a sign at corner of Walnut and 26 th ST along with new sign on building along with smaller sign showing where to make deliveries. The signs add to the beauty of St Mary and helps those around us know where we are.**

There will be no Adult Education Class on Easter Sunday. Will Resume April 08 at 9 AM

During most of the year, we are to refrain from eating meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. However, fasting rules change when we move towards Holy Week. Good Friday is a day of Strict Fast. In our tradition, we are to sacrifice a quantity of food and certain types of food. We are asked to eat only one meal and to avoid meat, dairy, wine and olive oil. During Holy Week, we are also asked to avoid dairy, wine meat and olive oil. We can, however, enjoy vegetables of all kinds, bread, fish, non-dairy desserts and soy products. There may be those who cannot follow these rules due to age or for dietary reasons. Please see Father George if you have any questions. If exceptions regarding food are needed, there are other ways to abstain. A person can give up a favorite program, a fun board game, or alter one's daily schedule. The important thing is that we all participate in some way. This sacrifice prepares us to reject temptations to sin and to be prepared to welcome Christ at Easter and live a holy life.

### PASTOR'S PULPIT OF THE GOSPEL

On Palm Sunday as presented in St. John's Gospel (12:1-18), Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey while many from the city praise Him shouting, "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord." Why are they praising Him on this occasion? The Gospel text reveals to us that the crowd knew that Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, so they were aware of this life-giving miracle. Their enthusiasm was directed at Jesus, a man with great power. In other words, Jesus spoke to their inner longings. They saw Him as the hope of all of the ages and the cry of every heart. The people understood that Christ had the power over life and death, and they could benefit from Him in their own lives. He was One Who might provide inner peace through the hope of eternal life. With all of this in mind, we should listen to the words of St. Paul in today's first reading. He tells us the following: "Have no anxiety about anything." It is true that this world presents us with many reasons to be anxious. Our financial, health, family and spiritual problems can create great distress. Will the mortgage payment be made on time? Will the cancer be treatable? Will the adult child overcome his irresponsibility? Can the besetting sin be conquered? Our anxiety is understandable, but also a bit misplaced. God loves us and has charge of us in all situations and we possess the power of prayer to aid us. We need to set all of our worries aside by giving them to our Lord. After we have offered our prayers to Him, we have done our best and can be tranquilly confident in His will. Once again, St. Paul, in Philippians (4:4-9) encourages this approach with these words: "...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. The Lord is at hand! He walks with us wherever we are, and the Holy Spirit is our comforter in all situations. So, let us be peaceful and grateful. We should be at peace and we should rejoice, because we welcome the Lord, Who rides into our lives this day, the same Jesus Who uplifts our souls! Blessings, Father George

**Next week's Scripture: Acts 1:1-18; Gospel of St. John 1:1-17**

**Your fervent and continuing prayers are requested for:** Calvin Cramer, Rosemary Gerondites, Teresa Maglicco, Alan Medved, Laurie DuVal, Fr. Matthew Elanjileth, Helen Dragos, Kathleen Gibbs, Andrea Vigue, Joseph O'Gurkis, Jennifer Wolf and Children, Ron Willard, Jason Kritkos Sr. Caritas Wendt All those serving in Armed Forces and Civil Authorities, along with All First Responders, and all those Affected by the Coronavirus.

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## **Church Committees:**

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**Stewardship Committee:** President: Donna Pandullo, Secretary: Andrea Vigue

Members: John Gibbs, Kathleen Gibbs, Ben Kastriba, Sam Kastriba

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