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PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.

Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.

Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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Sat. Mar. 28 4:00 pm +John & Helen Kachur req. by Chip & Mary Ann Kissell

Sun. Mar. 29 8:00 am MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 am +Veronica Novak req. by Joe, Michelle & Angela

Mon. Mar. 30 8:00 am +Rose Graham req. by Ruth Ann Long

Tues. Mar. 31 8:00 am +Bernadine Scoran req. by Sacred Heart Ushers Club

Weds. Apr. 1 8:00 am +Agnes Zock req. by Mary Zdunczyk

Thurs. Apr. 2 8:00 am +NO MASS

7:00 pm +John Borlie req. by Tom & Hilda Sossong

ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS UNTIL 9:30 PM

Fri. Apr. 3 8:00 am NO MASS

3:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – PASSION

Sat. Apr. 4 8:00 pm MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sun. Apr. 5 8:00 am MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 am MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Veronica Novak** req. by Joe, Michelle and Angie.

The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Bertha Strasser** requested by Family.

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VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE OFTEN FOR THE LATEST UPDATES. www.holyfamilyportage.org

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The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive. During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – And one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year’s theme, **Sent To Serve**, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been Sent To Serve, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).

EASER EGG HUNT – Saturday, April 4th on the Parish Grounds and the Parish Social Hall starting at 10:00 AM. For children up to and including Grade 3. Get your picture with the Easter Bunny!!

GOB SALE – The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is sponsoring a Gob Sale to benefit the Scholarship Fund, Saturday April 18th and Saturday April 25th. Order forms are on the credenzas in the back of the church and the children in religious education will also have order forms. Please be sure to PRINT your name and phone number, how many dozen, and a pick-up date Apr. 18 or Apr. 25, 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please be careful not to double order. Cost is \$15 a dozen.

SYMPATHY – Our Parish Family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to the family of Bernice Bryja who passed away this past week. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

2025 Palms - There are baskets on the credenzas in the vestibule of the church for last year’s palms. Remember they are blessed and of course must be burned or buried.

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 03/22/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$ 5,345.40
Children	28.50
Loose	157.00
Missals/Bulletin	200.00
Ash Wednesday	30.00
Initial	10.00
Lenten	20.00
Catholic Relief	<u>95.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,885.90

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026	
Mar. 29	– Movie King of Kings Noon to 2:00 PM
Mar. 29	– Bible Miniseries 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Apr. 2	– Holy Thursday Mass 7 PM Adoration until 9:30 PM
Apr. 3	– Good Friday Services begin at 3:00 PM Bible Series Passion following Good Friday Services 4:30-5:30
Apr. 4	– Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM (up to & including Grade 3) Blessing of Easter Baskets – 1:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 PM
Apr. 5	– Easter Sunday – Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Apr. 12	– SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
Apr. 19	– K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
Apr. 26	– Pinochle 1:00 – 4:00 PM Parish Hall NOTE: Change of Date!

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 2ND, 3RD, & 6TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER. HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON**

Religious Education

- **Service hours:** Grades 1-8 are due on Sunday: April 12, 2026
- **First Eucharist Retreat:** Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 9:00-11:30am
- **Confirmation Meeting with Parents and Sponsors:** Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 9:00 am in the Church Hall
- **Confirmation Practice:** Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 7:00pm. Required for Students and their Sponsors or Proxy person.

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every FIVE years. Stop by the rectory office or Call Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 ext. 104 to check what clearance you need to update. Sr. Vivian will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

To further the implementation of our Parish Vision to bring the church family closer together, our parish purchased licensures to show some inspirational movies in the months ahead. We are in the 4th week of the miniseries, The Bible, with episode 7 (of 10) showing this Sunday. The full schedule is posted on our bulletin boards, the parish website and our Facebook page. The Bible is rated PG-14 and recommended for ages 14+. The second movie is an all-Parish family event to watch the movie, The King of Kings, (Rated PG) on Sunday, March 29 after Palm Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

FISH FRY – April 3, Good Friday---New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill, PA Time is 4 pm – 6:30 pm. Cost is \$15.00 per meal, children 6-11 cost is \$7.50. Take out (Drive thru only) is available and is also \$15.00.

LENTEN FISH DINNER – April 3 from 4 to 7pm Queen of Peace Parish Center, 500 Palmer Ave, Patton. Price adults \$15 Children 5-12 years, \$7. Pierogies available \$12/baker’s dozen. Pre-order pierogies by calling 814-674-8983 or online at <https://queenofpeacepatton.org>.

Please support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Formed - A program series “Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told,” will be presented in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Wednesdays. There will be FIVE sessions, concluding on April 8th. The brilliant cinematic artistry of this video series shows the vast panorama of God’s work of mercy in the world – from St. Faustina, Fatima, Maximillian Kolbe to Pope St. John Paul II, this is a story to be experienced. The objective is to educate and prepare parishioners to participate in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after weekend Masses for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026. Please join us this week, even if you weren’t able to attend the first session.

The Faith Center in State College, PA is currently seeking applicants for a part-time Administrative Assistant. If you or someone you know may be interested in working in a faith-filled environment, please visit <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org> or contact Human Resources at 814-695-5579."