



**Fr. Tony Sulkowski**  
Pastor  
Ext. 102

### FR. T'S TIDBITS: ON HOLY WEEK

It is difficult for me to believe that Holy Week is upon us. Holy week has a great significance in my life. When I was a seminarian at St. John's Provincial Seminary we had the opportunity to study in Israel for 11 weeks. We lived in Ein Karem, the birth place of St. John the Baptist, and we studied in Jerusalem.

We made many day trips to various areas in and around Jerusalem. From travelling to the Sea of Galilee to climbing Mt. Sinai to see the little town of Bethlehem it is a trip I will always remember. As a side note I made a second trip to Israel ten years after I was ordained and celebrated Masses at the places important in the life and ministry of Jesus.

During that time we travelled all over Israel and walked in the footsteps of Jesus. The most memorable week of that trip was Holy Week. We celebrated Mass in the upper room on Holy Thursday, walked the Via Dolorosa on Good Friday, slept in the garden of Gethsemane, and visited the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. It was a trip that I will never forget.

For those who have been to Israel, once you have been to the places Jesus walked and taught, the Holy Scriptures take on a deeper and richer meaning for you. You will never read or hear the Word of God proclaimed the same again. The Word of God becomes more meaningful because you visited the very spot where it happened.

I invite you to take part in the Holy Week liturgies from Passion Sunday to Easter morning. The liturgies are rich in tradition and each liturgy has its own distinction within Holy Week as they point us to the great feast of Easter. Again, I invite you to take part in all or some of the liturgies of Holy Week as we prepare for Easter.

Have a joyous and wonderful Holy Week.

**Bon mot: A good reputation is more valuable than money. - Pubilius Syrus**

Carpe Diem,  
Fr. Tony

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE:

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 29 (HOLY THURSDAY):**

7:00pm Mass for the Lord's Supper  
8:30pm - 11:00pm Adoration in the Chapel  
11:00pm Night Prayer in the Church

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 30 (GOOD FRIDAY):**

Noon - 1:00pm Stations of the Cross  
1:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 31 (HOLY SATURDAY):**

12:00pm Blessing of Baskets  
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (EASTER SUNDAY):**

9:00am Mass  
11:30am Mass

**ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL  
PARISH COMMUNITY**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday	8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses</b>	As Announced

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday**  
8:30am - 8:30pm  
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)

**Friday: Closed**

**Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:00pm**  
**Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm**

**MINISTRIES**

- Knights of Columbus #13340**  
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- St. Vincent de Paul**  
Tom Harris 586-977-8080
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Brian Brennan 586-264-1087

**SACRAMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S BAPTISM**

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm (or by appt.)

**MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to make arrangements and start your preparations. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and should be read before your initial appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? We are thrilled to have you! Contact our Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator, Laurie Hall, to begin the process by calling the Parish Office. Welcome home!

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY**

We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes and taking part in parish activities.

**Visits to the Homebound for  
Communion / Anointing**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

*This Week in Our Parish*

**MONDAY, MARCH 26**

- 3:00pm Lectio Divina
- 4:00pm Holy Thursday Server Practice
- 5:00pm Easter Vigil Server Practice
- 6:00pm Holy Thurs Oils & Offertory Practice
- 6:00pm K-6 Faith Formation
- 6:30pm Good Friday Practice
- 7:00pm Intercessory Prayer Mtg.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

- 4:30pm K-6 Faith Formation
- 5:30pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Rosary
- 6:30pm Jr. High/Confirmation Prep
- 7:00pm Mass w/Anointing

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

- 8:00am Mass
- 9:30am Needle Crafters
- 6:00pm Needle Crafters
- 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Lectio Divina

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29 (HOLY THURSDAY)**

- 1:00pm Swiffers, Team 1
- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:00pm Adoration in Chapel
- 11:00pm Night Prayer in Church

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30 (GOOD FRIDAY)**

- Office Hours 11:30am - 4:00pm*
- Noon Personal Reflections on Stations
  - 1:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
  - 4:00pm Decorate Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 (EASTER VIGIL)**

- Office Hours 5:00pm—8:05pm*
- 12:00pm Blessing of Baskets
  - 8:00pm Easter Vigil w/Adult Choir

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1 (EASTER)**

- 9:00am Mass
- 11:30am Mass

**FIND US ONLINE!**

Visit the parish website to stay up to date on what is happening, to sign up to our parish news blasts, & to view the bulletin in full color!

[sjfp parish.org](http://sjfp parish.org)

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAMILY? BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER!**

You may register at the Parish Office at anytime after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you here!

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Laurie Hall  
Pastoral Associate  
& Worship Coord.  
Ext. 104

## NO EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION THIS YEAR

Traditionally, the reception following Easter Vigil is to celebrate and welcome the newly initiated – those who have prepared to receive the Sacraments through the RCIA program. Unfortunately, we do not have any souls to initiate this year, therefore, there will be no Easter Vigil reception.

It is not too soon to begin praying for God to send us seekers – people looking to form a relationship with Jesus through the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. We will be forming an RCIA team during the summer months and, God willing, will begin preparing people for reception of the Sacraments at Easter Vigil in 2019. I ask you to please include prayers for a Spirit-filled group of people to come forward to form the RCIA team, but, most importantly, for our evangelization efforts to be increased so that we bring in those seeking initiation.

## PLACING PALM BRANCHES IN THE HOME



*After dinner, or at another time on Palm Sunday, the household gathers in prayer. All make the sign of the cross.*

**Leader:** Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

**Leader:** We have come to the last days of Lent. Today, we heard the reading of the Passion. That story will remain with us as we enter into the Three Days when we celebrate the mystery of Christ passing through suffering and death to life at God's right hand. "We are always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh." The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*After a time of silence, members of the household join in prayers of intercession:*

**Leader:** For an evening that is perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin; let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

The Little White Books for the Easter Season are available again this year in the Gathering Space. This year the book covers passages from the Acts of the Apostles with suggested reflections that are an excellent resource for daily prayer. It's important to take time each day to be mindful of God's presence in our lives and the great gift of the Risen Christ. A \$1 donation for each book would be appreciated.



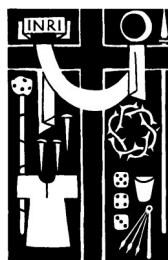
## HELP NEEDED: DECORATE THE WORSHIP SPACE FOR EASTER!

We will be preparing the Worship Space to celebrate the joy of Easter on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Good Friday liturgy, approximately 3:00pm. If you can stay and help for an hour, we would be very grateful! No special skills or sign-up is needed, simply stay and we will put you to work!

## TRIDUUM RITUALS

*Lent comes to an end before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. That liturgy begins the Triduum, the great Three Days that celebrate the central mystery of our faith. Triduum rituals invite us all to baptismal renewal. Here are some examples.*

**Washing of Feet:** After the homily on Holy Thursday, we echo our master in the washing of feet. This ritual reminds us that our baptismal commitment means we are to be servants of one another. In the time of St. Ambrose in Milan, those who were baptized also had their feet washed, because of Jesus' words to Peter: "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed" (Jn 13:10). Many scholars have seen a baptismal reference in those words.



**Veneration of the Cross:** As part of our observance of Good Friday, we venerate the cross on which Christ died. The veneration challenges us to be willing to accept the cross, too, for it is the only way to resurrection. Through Baptism, we shared in Christ's death that we might come to new life. Every year we are called to deepen our identification with His cross and resurrection.

**Waters of Baptism:** The core of our celebrations of the Easter Vigil is the Baptism of the elect. As we share in their joy on this holy night, we are all called to renew our own baptismal promises, to live in the joy of life in the Risen One. Lent comes to its fulfillment around the waters of the font.





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### THANK YOU

We'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped make our bake sale a success from the St. Jane Frances de Chantal St. Vincent de Paul Conference!

Thanks to all who donated baked goods, to those who purchased them, and the many volunteers who helped at the table.

We'd also like to extend a special thanks to the various groups that hosted the Fish Frys for letting us participate!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

Have you considered joining the Knights of Columbus? Well now is the time! The purpose of this fraternal order of laymen is to support the Church and country by means of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The order works tirelessly to reach out to widows and orphans, defend the unborn and aged, provide assistance to the hungry, homeless, physically intellectually challenged, and support vocations to ministry within the Church.

Membership is open to men 18 years or older who are practicing Catholics. Come learn more about the Knights of Columbus in the Gathering Space before and after all Masses on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.



### LEGISLATIVE DAY

Right to Life of Michigan  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Special Guest Speaker,  
Jason Negri, J.D.  
Radisson Hotel, Lansing MI

Register online at [www.RTL.org](http://www.RTL.org)

## Life Transformed



Abigayle Ministries Annual Banquet  
Thursday, April 12, 2018

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17*

Please join us for an evening of celebration including an elegant dinner, ministry updates and testimonies from women whose lives have been changed through our residential program.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018**  
**THE PALAZZO GRANDE**  
54660 VAN DYKE AVE.  
SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI 48316

### DINNER IS COMPLIMENTARY

Registration begins at 6:00pm  
Dinner & Program 6:45pm - 9:00pm  
Adults only please as seating is limited.  
Sunday attire.

**Pre-registration required by March 26 to reserve your complimentary ticket.**

**Please call Linda Brennan to join others from St. Jane Frances de Chantal at 586-264-1087.**



PAX CHRISTI MICHIGAN  
37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

**PEOPLE, POVERTY, PLANET:  
OUR PROPHETIC  
MISSION**

**Focusing on Human Dignity &  
Environmental Justice**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018  
Sts. Simon & Jude Church in Westland**

**featuring renowned peacemakers  
Fr. Tom Lumpkin & Ms. Maureen Taylor**

To register, visit [www.paxchristimi.org](http://www.paxchristimi.org).

For more information contact Debbie at 586-977-8080 ext. 107 or email [dmazursjparish@gmail.com](mailto:dmazursjparish@gmail.com).



**DISCERNMENT OVERNIGHT  
APRIL 13-14, 2018**

A Discernment Overnight offers a young high school man (Freshman-Junior in high school) a unique opportunity to experience the seminary and learn about the priesthood. There's no better way to learn about life in the seminary than from a current seminarian! You'll hear presentations, pray, eat and recreate with them. There is also time for quiet reflection. Take the "leap of faith" and consider an overnight visit at Sacred Heart Seminary so you can better discern your vocation. For more information or to register visit [detroitpriest.com](http://detroitpriest.com)

THE CATHEDRAL CULTURAL SERIES  
PRESENTS

**THE TALLIS SCHOLARS  
WAR AND PEACE**

ENGLAND'S WORLD-RENOWNED EARLY MUSIC CHOIR COMMEMORATES  
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018  
8:00 PM**

**CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT  
9844 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan**

**\$30 general admission  
\$100 select seating and afterglow**

The program will be preceded by a memorial commemoration of the departed

For online ticketing and more information,  
visit [detcathedral.org](http://detcathedral.org) or scan the code at right.



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**YOUNG CATHOLIC  
PROFESSIONALS**

**Harry Kemp  
Vice President and Divisional Counsel for  
Lear Corporations Seating Division**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> | 7:00pm-8:30pm  
St. Stephen/Mary Mother of God Church | Detroit

A free, monthly event open to the public in which executives share their professional and faith journeys with young professionals, challenging them to "Work in Witness for Christ!" Come meet other young pros in their 20's and 30's over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers before and after the evening's speaker.

**NEEDLE CRAFTERS**

Do you like to sew, knit, or crochet? Whether you're new to the craft or a seasoned veteran, please join us at any of our gatherings to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours!)

In March and April, the focus of our projects will be for those in hospice, nursing homes and hospitals. We need **lap blankets and prayer shawls**. These generally are rectangular and can be from 30"W up to 48"L (these measurements are approximate and can be smaller for some wheelchairs.)

Please join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am or Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm-8:15pm. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at 586-977-8080, ext. 107 or [dmazursjparish@gmail.com](mailto:dmazursjparish@gmail.com).



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**ABOUT THE GOSPEL:**

When we participate in the reading of the Passion, it is hard to say the words, "Crucify him." It reminds us that we all choose to sin and that Jesus loves us anyway. He loves us so much that he died and rose for us and our salvation.

**IN CHURCH:**

Focus on the Passion of Jesus during Mass. Follow along carefully and say the crowd responses strongly. Consider what it would have been like to be there when Jesus was crucified.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

- ◆ When have you gone along with the crowd, even when you knew it was not the right thing to do?
- ◆ Who walks with you in your life journey? Have you spoken with a Godparent or a Godchild lately? Give them a call this week.
- ◆ How do you welcome new people at school or at work? Do you treat them special or like a stranger? How can you welcome new people differently?
- ◆ What are some ways that you show Jesus respect in your home? Do you have the same respect for Him in public?

**FAMILY PRAYER:**

We want to choose you, Jesus! Show us how to do what is right, even when others want us to do what is wrong.

**QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK**

**IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:**

- ◆ How are you preparing for the Risen Lord?
- ◆ What have you changed in your life this Lenten season, that you will continue to work on for the rest of the year?
- ◆ When was the last time you heard the story of Salvation? Look on page #8 and prepare for Easter Sunday by reading some of the story!

Not everyone is called to proselytization. What does this mean? Merriam-Webster.com defines it as:

*to induce (to move by persuasion or influence) someone to convert to one's faith.*

But, what each of us is called to, is Evangelization:

*to preach the gospel to ... One another.*

None of us is immune, the last time I checked, I am just as imperfect as the person next to me. I am not the "best" at preaching the Gospel at all times, but I have a great role model. He spent much of his life in obscurity, until he was challenged by his mother. His name... Jesus.

"Of course, Ben, you work at the Church, you're supposed to say that." But you see, through years of living, personal research, and speaking with others, I have given thought to and weighed out many different ways to live my life. None are perfect, as a matter of fact, all of them have pros and cons associated with them. The life of the world tends to say, "Enjoy now! Treat yourself, and live your life to it's fullest." Sounds good right? Unfortunately, there is a very limited definition of "life" in this example. It's often seen through biological life, breathing air, blood pumping through our veins, electrical impulses firing through our brains and nervous system. So long as these three criteria are met, we are living. But is that really "Living"?

Jesus shows us, through word *and* action, a different way of life. Living as The Creator designed us to live. Humanity chose the more painful path of life, so since we are descended from those first humans who chose the painful "more" of life as we know it, we continue on this same path, BUT we still get to choose HOW to react to different stimuli that affects us, and how we proceed with our lives. No more poignant of an example is given than that of Adam and Eve.

Two humans given free will, allowed the choice to follow a single rule or to not follow that rule. Live in perfect freedom and stay away from one temptation, or go to that temptation (with no practice to resist temptation). We know the story, we know the consequences, we know the choice made.

Jesus, in his public life, was tempted quite often. He was given choices, He chose the counter cultural path of true faith, of true obedience to God. He followed the spirit of the law and truly loved God, first and foremost, and He treated his neighbor as He wanted to be treated, even when we betrayed Him, over and over, even giving Him up to be put to death. Still He prayed for me, He prayed for them, He prayed for you, NOT for Himself.

First Jesus entered Jerusalem (like a VIP), riding in on a carpet of cloaks and palms. He was pushed and tempted to act and behave like royalty, special, set aside from others, but He still chose a servants path. To follow this path He had to pray for the strength to continue on that right path laid out before Him, but He could have turned around and left us hanging out to dry, still not washed clean, just wet from the stuff we find ourselves swimming in each day. But He CHOSE to be there for us, and He showed us a more perfect path in life.

He also showed us a life after our earthly life. A life with God, a state of perfection unattainable be ourselves, the next life only available through God's grace, mercy and forgiveness.

As we enter Holy Week, why don't we enter into the story together? Hear, witness and participate in the story ourselves and share it with the next generation. See Jesus wash the feet of His disciples, celebrate a Last Supper, take part in our own prayer in the garden, walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus, hear again (with new ears) the story of The Anointed One (Christ), and read and hear of our Salvation History, through our celebration of the Ultimate Passover. The Angel who once visited Egypt will once again come and exact an earthly decree of death on everyone, but if we really hear and believe, that same angel passes over our spiritual nature and when those last moments of time come, and our Earthly Bodies are reunited with our Heavenly Souls, it will be in (with) the perfection that IS. The I AM. God, Three-in-One, Almighty, Creator, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Alpha, Omega, Beginning, End, Savior, Redeemer, Yahweh, the UN-Namable...



## EUCHRE NIGHT

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> | 6:15pm until 11:00pm.  
**WHERE:** In the Fr. Page Activity Center  
**WHO:** Whether you're a pro or beginner, join us for a fun night of Euchre!  
**WHAT:** We'll be playing Euchre & having a fun evening together! Games will be played using rotating partners.  
**HOW:** Sign-up in the Parish Office.

The cost is \$10 per player (to be paid in advance) to cover the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages & prizes . The deadline to register is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Contact Linda Smith at [Lsmithsjfparish@gmail.com](mailto:Lsmithsjfparish@gmail.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 113 if you have any questions or would like more information. We hope to see you there!



## THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU

A special thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this year's Fish Fry such a huge success. Whether you were a guest who enjoyed a meal, a volunteer who helped serve the meals, or someone responsible for cleaning up after each of the events, we could not have done it without each and every one of you. If you are curious about the numbers, we served over 1,980 dinners. In addition, we had over 180 volunteers making sure that everything ran smoothly. Because of everyone's generosity, each of the ministries who sponsored the events will share in the proceeds. In addition, St. Vincent de Paul also benefited from the sale of all the wonderful desserts that were so graciously donated.

Thank you again for all of your support. See you next year!

The Fish Fry Committee



*With Deepest  
Sympathy*

The community of

### St. Jane Frances de Chantal

expresses support & prayers to the family of

*Kyle  
Brittich*

Beloved son of Sharon (Daniel) Bral & Scott (Amy) Brittich.

Loving brother of Glen (Abby) Brittich, Scott Brittich, Jr., Jacob Brittich, Jason (Darcy) Brittich, and Christopher Bral.

Cherished grandson of Anthony (Geraldine) Nowicki and James (the late Patricia) Brittich.

*May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
Amen.*

*Louis  
Knapp*

Beloved husband of Jean.  
Loving father of Larry (Jan) Knapp, Laura (Tom) Montgomery, Louie (Debra) Knapp, Patty (Don) DeCorte, Theresa (Jim) Honeycutt, and Jeanne (Mike) Westermann;

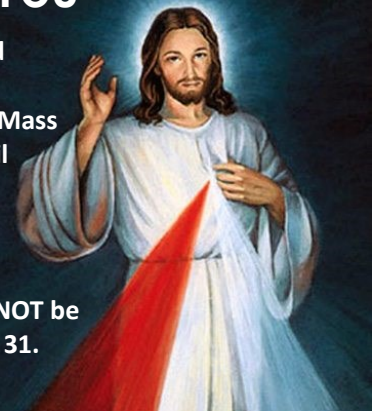
Dear grandfather of 11 grandchildren & 5 great-grandchildren.

*May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## Jesus I Trust In You

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers will take place in the Chapel following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us.

The Chaplet and Prayers will NOT be said on Holy Saturday, March 31.



The following is an excerpt taken from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski* pg.24:47.

*"I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord: my soul was struck with awe, but also with great Joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel and then throughout the world."*

Pope St. John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

*Please join us for prayers in the chapel.*

**ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 38900 Dodge Park | Sterling Heights  
 Phone: 586-264-1230 | Fax: 586-264-2757  
**Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday** 4:30pm  
**Sunday** 9:00am & 11:00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**  
 9:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**  
 8:30am  
**Saturday** 12:15pm



**TRAVELING CHALICE:  
 A PROGRAM OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

Parishioners are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor. We ask them to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week our parish gratefully acknowledges the

*Cecchini Family*

for hosting our Traveling Chalice. If you would like to participate in the Traveling Chalice Program please contact Ray Sroka at 586-979-7879.



Sponsored by the St. Jane Frances Knights of Columbus.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7;  
 Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;  
 Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34;  
 Mt 26:14-25

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;  
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)**

Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 & 22; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3,4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at afternoon / evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

*Mass Intentions*

**MONDAY, MARCH 26**

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

7:00pm Dec. Severino Valencia (Family)  
 Dec. Karen Zawada (Mary Reo)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

8:00am Dec. Pauline Slowinski (Fr. Jerry)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29**

Mass of the Lord's Supper

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

**9:00am** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Memorial Association Members  
 Dec. Joseph & Harriet Florek (Jerry & Sylvia Soblatek)  
 Dec. Richard Schriedel (Daughter)  
 Dec. Arnold Jarboe (Family)  
**11:30am** Dec. Antonio Angco (Marina Angco & Family)  
 Dec. Leonard Welk (Paul & Georgia Osak)  
 Dec. Bernard Markaity (Wife)  
 Liv. Tom Taylor (Eileen Pease)

**WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY, 3/27: Mary Anne Barczak**  
**WEDNESDAY, 3/28: Judy Taylor**

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> & MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**

	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	9:00am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Lynn & Dave Burley	Brian Finn	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Ray Knapp	Mike Burley
<b>Lector 1</b>	Robert Skwara	Jolynn Friedmann	Jolynn Friedmann (1) Robert Skwara (2)	Geri Miles	Ronald Mobley
<b>Lector 2</b>	Geri Miles	Brian Brennan	Eileen Clase (3) Keith Morris (4)	John Martin	Annette Mobley
<b>Reader 2</b>	n/a	Ben Klassen	Denise Dara (Universal Prayers)	n/a	n/a
<b>Reader 3</b>	n/a	Jan Machusak	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Tim Wainz Mary Burley	Maggie Friedmann Sarah Friedmann	Maggie Friedmann Sarah Friedmann	Jasmine Abuel	Amanda Dufoor
	Lucas Jeffrey Raymond Benvenuti	Elizabeth Galadik	Mary Burley Tim Wainz	Samantha Abuel	Nancy Dufoor
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Team 3	Assigned	Team 1



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March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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 Actual Average Weekly Collection: \$11,996.00  
 Registered Families: 1439  
 Envelopes Returned: 325  
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