



# Church of the Good Shepherd

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## April 13, 2025— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest.”  
- Lk 19:38

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### This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

<b>Wednesday:</b>	Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Assumption
<b>Thursday:</b>	Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm Adoration, 8:00-11:00 pm
<b>Friday:</b>	Stations of the Cross, 8:30 am Passion of the Lord, 3:00 pm, Ss Simon & Jude
<b>Holy Saturday:</b>	Blessings of the Basket, 12 pm Passion of the Lord, 8:30 pm
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Children’s Easter Egg Hunt, after 11:00 am Mass.

### Knight at the Races



The Knights of Columbus are having their Annual Fundraiser, Knight at the Races #5 on April 26, 2025 at the Graceton-Coral Sportsman's Club. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Includes buffet meal and refreshments- available from any Brother Knight. The Knights are seeking donations of Baskets for the raffle. This is an evening of great food, and great fun!!! Contact Norb Rayko 724.422.1533 or [Nmrayk@hotmail.com](mailto:Nmrayk@hotmail.com), or the Church office for more information.

#### Mass Schedule:

**Good Shepherd, Kent:**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday

8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday  
(unless otherwise noted)

**Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:**

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

#### Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri: 8 AM—2 PM

Wednesday-closed

#### Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during  
Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or  
Weddings, please contact  
the Parish Office.

#### Staff & Directory

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**Masses and Candles — Week of 4/13/25**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Mass: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49*

**Saturday, April 12**

6:00 PM | Lillian Somonick by John J Somonick

**Sunday, April 13**

11:00 AM | Marty Doyle by Jim & Denise Pencola

**Monday, April 14, Monday of Holy Week**

*Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11*

5:00 PM | Holy Hour, Adoration

6:00 PM | Ronald Toldi by Walter & Kathy Swalga

**Tuesday, April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week**

*Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

8:30 AM | Walter Bryja by Don & Sharon Squillario

**Wednesday, April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week**

*Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25*

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday**

*Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21*

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26*

10:00 AM | Chrism Mass—Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

7:00 PM | Lord's Supper—Good Shepherd

**Friday, April 18, Passion of the Lord**

*Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42*

8:30 AM | Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM | Passion of the Lord's Supper—SS Simon & Jude

**Saturday, April 19**

12:00 PM | Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Holy Saturday)**

*Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104 ; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b); Is 54:5-14; Ps 30; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3); Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 51; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12*

8:30 PM | George & Sophia Gdovichin by Daughter Gloria Gdovichin

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12*

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

12:15 PM | Children's Easter Egg Hunt

**From Fr. Dino's Desk**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Reflection**

April 13. Texts: Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49.

**Loving Life Enough to Give It Away**

When we hear the proclamation of the Passion, we are most mindful of all the suffering Jesus endured. Luke reminds us that the passion also proclaims Jesus' ultimate self-giving ministry for others.

Isaiah's prophecy, in the first reading, finds its fulfillment in Jesus: it not only describes his suffering but also his concern for others, "speaking to the weary a word" of comfort.

Luke's Passion account highlights how much Jesus loved life. His struggle to say yes to His Father's will ("take this cup away from me") was so intense that He sweat blood. He also intensely loved others and their lives: He healed the man with the severed ear, comforted the women of Jerusalem, forgave His executioners, promised Paradise to the repentant thief. For the sake of others' life, He was willing to give over His own life ("not my will but yours be done"). Jesus' struggle and self-giving is to be ours. While intensely loving the Life given us, we also are to give it over for others.



**Knights of Columbus** meeting will be April 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Assumption Lucernemines site in church basement. Rosary at 7:00, followed by meeting and refreshments after.



**Sanctuary Candle** is lit in **memory of Enrico Agosti** by Family

**Good Shepherd Candle** is lit in **memory of Edward Batistig** by Children & Grandchildren

**Around the Diocese**

**LENTE DINNER REPORT**

**Dinner #5– April 4, 2025**

**Dine In: 501      Drive Thru: 362**  
 The winning 50/50 number was *for \$ 70.00*  
 The winner has been notified .

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2025 LENTEN DINNERS!!!**

**CHRISM MASS APRIL 17 AT CATHEDRAL**


On Holy Thursday, the clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg will continue the tradition of the Chrism Mass. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick, will begin at 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. At the Mass, priests will renew their priestly commitments and promises and Bishop Kulick will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils used for the sacraments throughout the year.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is looking for caring volunteers interested in being matched with older adult clients. Volunteers provide supportive and regular visits, telephone calls, greeting cards and other mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation and brighten a person’s day. Volunteers interested in delivering food boxes to clients are also welcome. For information, contact Deborah Klinvex at 724-837-1840 or [dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

**Parish Stewardship—Weekend of 4/6/25**

Weekly:	\$ 2,536.00
Monthly	\$ 1,190.00
Loose:	\$ 100.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 45.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 35.00
Easter:	\$ 140.00
Parish Improvements:	\$ 35.00
Good Friday:	\$ 60.00
Mother’s Day:	\$ 70.00
Online Giving:	\$ 268.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$4,479.00</b>
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	\$ 236.17
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date:</b>	
Collected:	<b>\$ 125,887.60</b>
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 169,713.21
Variance Over or (Under):	<b>(\$43,825.61)</b>

**RECEIVE AND Share**  **Diocesan Lenten Appeal**  
*As of April 1, 2025*

**2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal**

Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 7,328.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$ 23,606.00):	31.0%
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,006.00):	17.9%
Participating Households - 2 (290):	8.5%
Average 2024 Parish Gift:	\$ 449.71
Average 2024 Parish Gift:	\$ 295.71



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## Three Trees and their Dreams

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally, the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter" ...and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one", and he cut it down."

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

"Better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in mortals." (NABRE) - Psalm 118:8

# Easter Mass Schedule

## April 17: Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM—Good Shepherd

Adoration after Mass until 11:00 PM

## April 18: Good Friday Liturgy

Service of the Lord's Passion

3:00 PM—SS Simon & Jude

## April 19: Holy Saturday

Blessings of Easter Baskets

12:00 Noon—Good Shepherd      2:00 PM—SS Simon & Jude

Easter Vigil Mass—8:30 PM—Good Shepherd

## April 20: Easter Sunday

9:00 AM—SS Simon & Jude

11:00 AM—Good Shepherd

(Children's Easter Egg Hunt—Follows Both Parish Masses)

