

Easter at St. Paul the Apostle Parish 2019

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Beginning the weekend of April 13/14 until Sunday, April 21st we come to the pivotal week in our Christian Calendar. The week is known as Holy Week and leads up to the celebration of Easter where we rejoice in the conquering of sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. During the season of Lent we let go of the alleluia chants and hopefully spent some time in reflection and acting upon ways of getting closer to Christ. At Easter, the Alleluia chants are restored and there is a sense of being uplifted by the salvation that God offers us through the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ.

On Passion Sunday (April 13/14), we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and we hear the Passion of Christ from the Gospel of St. Luke this year. On Holy Thursday April 18, we begin the Triduum. This is a Mass that is spread over three days. You will notice that there is no ending on Holy Thursday. Good Friday begins and ends with silence and on Holy Saturday after sun down we'll begin outside and the Mass concludes with a special blessing. Each of the three days has its own character. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the giving of the Eucharist, the priesthood and the mandate to spread the gospel by living as Christ taught us. On Good Friday, we celebrate the Lord's Passion by hearing the narrative of Christ's crucifixion according to St. John. At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday we light the Paschal Candle, we hear our salvation history as is found in the scriptures, we renew our Baptismal Promises and celebrate the Eucharist.

I hope that you will participate in these liturgies so that you may enter into the saving action of Christ. My prayer is that you will be blessed at this time of the year. Our schedule at St. Paul the Apostle Parish is as follows:

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Wednesday, April 3, 1pm to 3pm (3 priests will be present) and from **6:30pm to 8:00pm** (4 priests will be present).

Passion (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 13 at 5pm. Sunday, April 14 at 9am, 11am & 7pm.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm -- *Mass of the Lord's Supper* (it will be followed by a time of adoration in Room C in the Hall);

Good Friday, April 19 *Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 12:30pm & 3:00pm*

Holy Saturday, April 20 *The Easter Vigil: 8:30pm*

Easter Sunday, April 21 *The Resurrection of the Lord: 9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm.*

We at St. Paul the Apostle, invite you to join together as we celebrate the pinnacle of the celebration of our faith. For more information see our website, <http://stpaulkingston.com/> or phone 613-389-8222.

God bless you during this special time!

Fr. Sebastian Amato, Pastor