

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

From the Gullet—Our Desert Path

Lent is a time when our **trust** in God is readily “**leaned on**” by the **pressures** of life. See, we think that we are going to move directly from “**slavery to our sins**” into “**freedom to love God**.” We know we are **sinners**, and since we don’t want to **sin**; but rather, to **love** God – we step into the elevator on **the ground floor** of a building, push the button of **the upper most floor** of the building, and expect that the next time the doors open – that we will be at the



top! But things don’t work that way in **the spiritual world**. Because, we have gotten so used to **sinning** – our **sins** have become automatic – maybe even to the point of **an addiction**; and so, we cannot move directly from **slavery to freedom**, but we wind up moving from **slavery to uncertainty**, from **uncertainty to fear**, from **fear to despondence** – and if we are lucky (if we are **grace-filled**) then we arrive at **freedom**. The same thing happened to the Israelites, remember? They were freed from **slavery** in Egypt, but they didn’t immediately enter into **the Promised Land**. No, they entered into **the desert**! See, there it is! When we try to move from what enslaves us in life to **freedom to love** God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strengthen – we think we can go directly from **slavery to freedom**; but no, it is rather from **slavery to uncertainty**. **The desert of Lent** becomes a place of trial, where we encounter God – who uses these 40 days to heal, renew, and **feed** us! Jesus is trying to teach us once again (because when we **sin** – we forget!) that we must live our lives in **complete dependence** on God. **Sin** is what happens when we take matters into our own hands – we commit **sin**, when we take matters into our own hands, and try to **satisfy** our **desires**, because it appears to us that God is not going to **satisfy** us. Jesus has been trying for 40 days to get us **to trust** His Dad again. We must **trust** God (the One who **loves** us) rather than the **world**, **sin**, or **Satan** (*those who don’t even know we exist, those who don’t know who God made us to be, and the one who hates us*). One of the first things God did to get the Israelites to **trust** Him in **the desert** – was the Almighty fed them. Did you notice (if you came to **Mass** every Sunday during **Lent**) that Jesus never stopped feeding you His flesh and Blood – **the Eucharist** – during our days in **the desert**, since **Ash Wednesday**?!! Even with the **uncertainty**, the **fear**, and the **depression** of **Lent leaning** on us for 40 days, Jesus

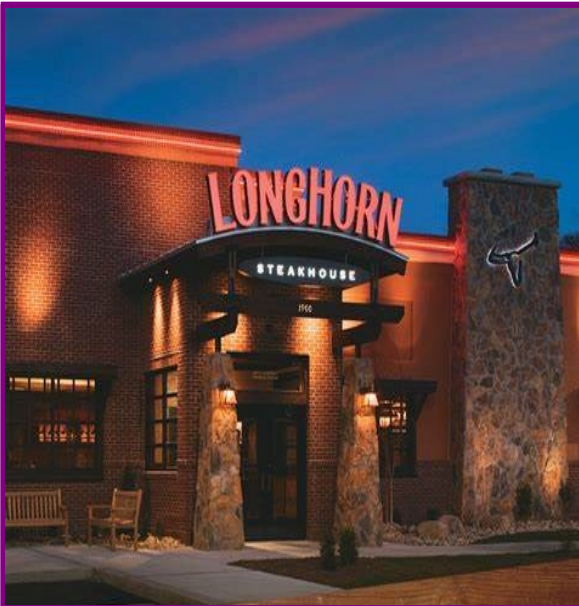


has been right there **to feed** us and **to encourage** us to **trust** His Heavenly Father that **Easter** is coming! And what is **Easter**? **Easter** is the **freedom**, we have been seeking – the **freedom to love** God as we ought – the **freedom to experience the love** God has always had for us!

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy

Holy Thursday—CHRISM MASS

Every year, **Fr. Randy** must renew his **priestly vows** to **the Bishop of Rockford** and receive the **Bishop's blessing** to minister to **his** people in **West Brooklyn, Sublette, and Maytown**. If you would like to hear this **solemn vow** and pick up **the holy oils** for your **parish** at the same time—please let **Fr. Randy** know that you are interested in praying **the Chrism Mass** with **him**. **Mass** starts at **11:00am** on **Thursday, April 17th** at **St. Peter's Cathedral** in Rockford. Lunch at **the Longhorn** will be how we celebrate this **Solemnity**, before returning for **the Mass** of **the Last Supper** in **West Brooklyn**.



TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday, April 17th Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm SMA in West Brooklyn

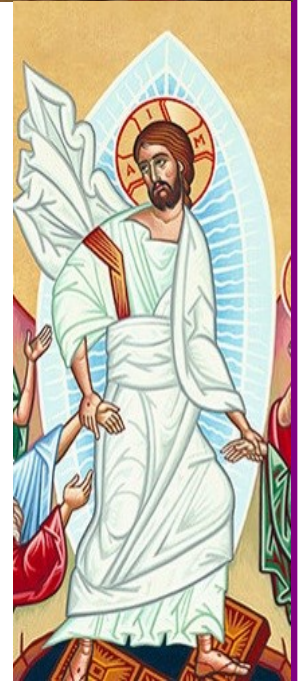
- witness the mandatum: 12 men from the parish having their feet washed as Jesus washed the feet of the 12 disciples
- Presentation of the Holy Oils
- Spend an hour with Jesus in the Garden before His capture & passion

Good Friday, April 18th Veneration of the Cross 1:00pm St. Patrick's in Maytown

- Participate in the Passion of St. John's Gospel and venerate the Cross

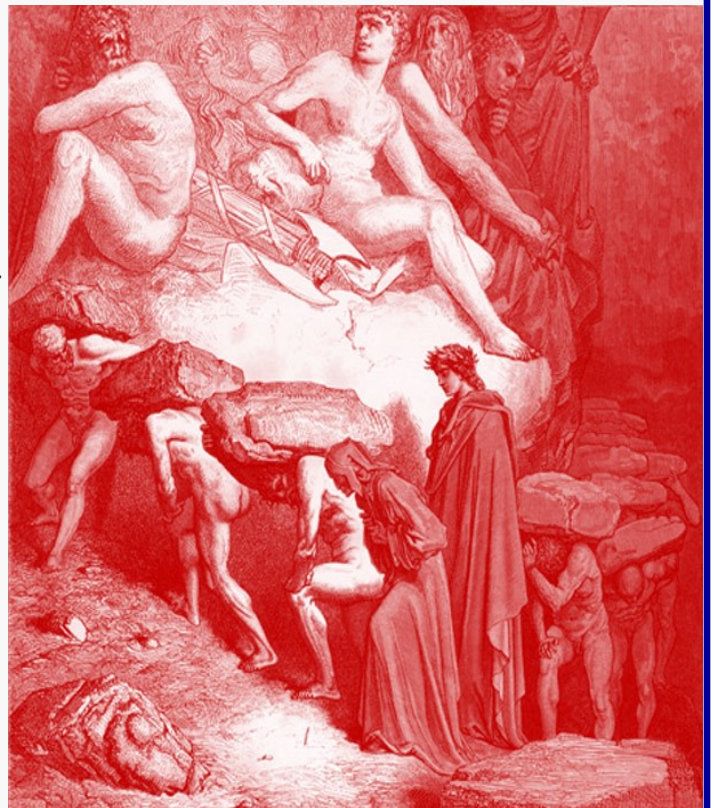
Holy Saturday, April 19th Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sublette

- The Solemnity of all Solemnities
- Conclude your vigil with Mary and celebrate the greatest event in Salvation History



THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

St. Albert the Great calls the final (the seventh) petition of the **Our Father Prayer** – the greatest petition: *lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*. We are weak and afraid of **sin**, and so we should be! When God would have brought **the Israelites** directly from **the Red Sea** into the **Promise Land** – **Moses** had scouts go and **reconnoiter** the land to find out, if **the Chosen People** could move right in (God’s original plan!); yet, the scouts (save two) said there is ‘*no, way – we could conquer these people – they are like giants!*’ Even though God had just reduced **the Egyptians** (the Super Power of the day) to rubble – **the Israelites** are weak and afraid. The Dominican priest, **Amalarius**, thought that the **Lord’s Prayer** was recited on the seventh day, when Christ rested in **the tomb**. That **the Apostles** were traveling in grief from fear of the Jews; and so, they prayed to be *delivered from evil*. Perhaps, we will keep this in mind on **Holy Saturday** this year: to pray the **Our Father Prayer** often on **April 19th**. **Dante** has **the Proud souls** in **Purgatory** praying a little bit different version of the **Our Father Prayer**: *Our Father, You who dwell in heaven above... praise be Your name... let the peace of Your Kingdom come to us, for should it not, with all our inborn powers we never will attain It on our own. And as Your angels make a sacrifice of their wills unto You, singing hosanna, so may we men make sacrifice of ours. Give us this day our Daily Bread... and as we pardon everyone from whom we suffer wrong, be kind to pardon us, and never look upon what we deserve. Put not our strength, so easily cast down, to the test with the ancient adversary, but free us from the one who goads us on. Dear Lord, we do not make this final prayer for ourselves here, for here there is no need, but for the ones behind us yet to come.* In other words, the souls in **Purgatory** are not praying the final petition for themselves – as they can no longer commit any **sins** or be subjected to any **temptations** from the evil one – no, they pray the final petition for we, **the living**, here on **earth**. See how **the Body of Christ** looks after all of its members—as we work **Plenary Indulgences** for them—they are praying the **Our Father** for us! Yet, I find it **fascinating** that after we pray asking God *not to deliver us into temptation* – that Jesus – in the Prayer of **the priest** (called the **Embolism Prayer**, which directly follows the **Our Father**) also prays that we not be subjected to the testing of **the Devil**. Remember, if it is asked for twice – it must be **extremely important**. Another time in **the Mass** that we ask for something and then Jesus asks His Father again on our behalf – is that **the Eucharist** would be an **acceptable sacrifice** to God the Father for the remission of our **sins**! Perhaps **the Mass** is teaching us to ask for these two things over and over and over again: that we be given our **Daily Bread (the Eucharist)** and that we *not be lead into temptation!*



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Saturday, April 12th

(+) Pauline Gillhaus & (+) Yvonne Koepke/ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mixa

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Thomas Berry/ Neal Vaessen

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Quin & Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

Sunday, April 13th Palm Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Mildred Schneider/ Larry Schneider

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, April 14th

(+) Larry Schryver/ Mary Schreiner & Rosemary Wasilewski/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, April 15th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Mike Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Ron Straw

Wednesday, April 16th

7:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Theresa Wilson

Thursday, April 17th

11:00 am, **St. Peter's Cathedral** **Chrism Mass** (+) Msgr. Mahowald/ Fr. Randy

7:00 pm, **SMA** (+) John Gehant/ Ron, Sharon, & Janice Haefner

Friday, April 18th Good Friday

1:00 pm, **St. Patrick** Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th Easter Vigil

8:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wilson

Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

10:30 am, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. James Halbmaier



Living Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick: Joseph & Marci Hebert

OLPH: Steve & Kathy Leurck, Judy Henkel

**SMA: Charles Torri, Susan Waters,
Sister Cornelia, Celia Haub**



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