

# April 2023

**Family Faith Sessions: Sun 4/16, 10-11:30a @SMA; Mon 4/17, 6-7:30p @SC; Sun 4/23, 9:15-10:45a @SV**

Faith Formation Families (K-7) are expected to attend one of the Family Faith gatherings every month, choose 3 other educational or spiritual experiences each month, and attend weekend Mass regularly. You can choose any combination of in-person or at home experiences from this playlist that appeals to your family the most.

**Holy Week:** The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the Passion of Christ — his crucifixion, death and resurrection — through Masses and services. Our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for this week so we can empathize with Jesus. The Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus' death from his resurrection, that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days. Each day has its unique qualities and different focuses. You are encouraged to participate in as many of the Holy Week services and practices you can.

**Holy Thursday Mass: Thur 4/6, 7p at St. Vincent**

This Mass is focused on the Last Supper- when Jesus instituted the Eucharist- and ends silently with Adoration.

**Adoration: Thur 4/6, 8-9p at St. Vincent**

Our faith has a tradition to engage in the devotion of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday. Many people like to make a pilgrimage to other churches for adoration. It is customary to pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be at each stop. Some churches with Adoration: St. Christopher, N. Chili after 8:30; St. Monica, Genesee St 8-9p; St. Boniface, Gregory St. 8-10p; St. John, Spencerport. 8p-12a; Sacred Heart Cathedral 8p-12a

**Good Friday Service: Fri 4/7, 3p at St. Columba**

Good Friday is not a Mass. It is a somber remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin.

**Easter Vigil: Sat 4/8, 8p at St. Mary**

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the liturgical year and is the great celebration of adult baptism and confirmation. The vigil begins in darkness (usually outside) and the long procession of candlelight that enlivens the church reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered all darkness and death. This Mass includes 3-7 readings to teach and remind us about our faith and its history.

**Easter Sunday Mass: Sun 4/9, 9a at St. Columba  
11a at St. Vincent**

**Holy Angels Cemetery Clean-up: Saturday, 4/29, 9a-12p  
1 Caledonia Ave, Scottsville, NY 14546**

Bring a rake and gloves if you have them to help with the spring clean-up! All ages are welcome to help (all kids must be with an adult). Caring for the cemetery is an excellent way to practice the Work of Mercy "Burying the Dead" as we honor the bodily resting place of our brothers and sisters. Make sure you dress for the weather!

**Palm Crosses: Anytime after Palm Sunday (4/2)**

It is best to make the palm crosses when the palms are fresh, but if you want to do this later on in the month you can create them with paper strips! Read Gospel. Mt 21:1-11 to remember why we have palms & place your cross in a special place in your room. Instructions & Info:

<https://cmaadigital.net/2021/03/23/easy-palm-cross-activity-to-do-with-kids-this-easter/>

**Divine Mercy Chaplet: 4/16, Anytime**

This chaplet prayer uses the rosary to help you count, but has shorter & different prayers. Watch this video to learn about St. Faustina & Divine Mercy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQPLAAQowmE&t=27s>

Instructions for Chaplet can be found here:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy> You can pray for people who need God's mercy, or for mercy for yourself.

**Resurrection Rolls: At Home** This is a fun way to talk about Jesus' resurrection and have a snack at the same time! Check out the instructions and talking points from CatholicCing here: <https://www.catholiccing.com/how-to-make-resurrection-rolls-aka/>

**Pflaum Gospel Weekly: At Home, Weekly** Work through the packet as a family and complete online Quiz from Pflaum (QR Code at back of packet) & send to [Jennifer.Hughes@dor.org](mailto:Jennifer.Hughes@dor.org)

**Daily Mass: Wed evenings, 6p** at St. Columba. Attend Mass and complete the Google Form as a reflection on Mass.

Completed an activity and took an awesome picture while doing it? Send it to [Jennifer.Hughes@dor.org](mailto:Jennifer.Hughes@dor.org)

**Did you complete an activity at home or go to Daily Mass? Excellent! Use this QR code to link directly to the Google Form or find it on our website at [StMartinRochester.org](http://StMartinRochester.org)**

