

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

The past week has been difficult for our parish community as we mourn the loss of Fr. Tom Crowley. He was laid to rest on Tuesday, April 4th in Susquehanna, PA. At SFX, the 11 a.m. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd, will be a **Memorial Mass for Fr. Crowley** with Cardinal Wuerl presiding and Fr. Tom's family attending. In the evening of April 23rd is our annual **John Polka Polish Dinner**, 4-7 p.m. where we can come together for some fellowship. More details to come.

I hope many of you will join us for the Triduum as we prepare for Easter. **Holy Week and Easter services** will be as follows:

Confessions, April 12th – 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Holy Thursday Mass, April 13th – 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, April 14th – 3:00 pm.
Good Friday Service, April 14th – 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass, April 15th – 8:00 p.m.
Easter Masses, April 16th – 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
May this final week of preparation towards Easter bring many blessings to all of you.

God bless, Fr. Dan

New Principal @ FAW School

Message from Fr. David Beaubien:

Following Mrs. Maloney's decision to retire at the end of this school year, I am delighted to announce that Ms. Heather Francisco has accepted my offer to be the next principal of Father Andrew White School. In the meantime, we are filled with gratitude for Mrs. Maloney's many years of leadership and will have a chance to honor her next month.


Having served at FAWS for a number of years as teacher and assistant to Mrs. Maloney, Ms. Francisco knows our school and community well. Please join me in welcoming her back now as our principal beginning in July.

Attention 7th graders!

If you are considering attending St. Mary's Ryken, it is not too early to think about the High School Placement Test (HSPT - the entrance exam). SMR is offering current 7th graders the opportunity to take the Pre-HSPT to familiarize students with the content and structure of the exam, while providing parents with early information on strengths and areas for improvement. Test date is Saturday, April 29th. Go to www.smrhs.org/prehspt to learn more or call 301-373-4183.

CRS Rice Bowls Collection

It is time to turn in your Lenten Rice Bowls that helps Catholic Relief Services. Bring in your donation from April 10th to 16th. You can turn it in before or after Mass, turn it into the office after daily Mass, or if you are in CCD bring it to class on April 12th. Thank you!!



Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. is a Holy Hour with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for prayer, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. For opportunities to go to Confession at all Catholic Churches in St. Mary's County, find the day, time and place at this web address: www.thelightison.org/st-marys.

RCIA Candidates

Do you know of someone interested in coming into the Catholic Church? Or, are you an adult that still needs to receive your first Holy Communion and/or to be Confirmed? SFX will be starting later this year the classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Fr. Dan at dcarson@adwparish.org if you or someone you know is interested as a candidate, sponsor, to help with the instruction, or if you are a Confirmed Catholic adult and just want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Vocations Discernment Dinner

For young men, college age and up, interested in an evening of Mass, dinner and to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians. Sunday, May 14th, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. John Paul II Seminary, 145 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, DC. RSVP to oneillt@adw.org. For more information contact Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday – April 8th

Confessions at 3:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – Father Tom Crowley+

Sunday – April 9th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m. – Fr. Thomas F. Kehoe+
Chaplet of Divine Mercy @ 3:00 p.m. (Hall)

Monday – April 10th

9:00 a.m. – Fr. Thomas F. Kehoe+

Tuesday – April 11th

No Mass

Wednesday – April 12th

9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour & Confessions @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – April 13th

Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Friday – April 14th

Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion
(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Saturday – April 15th

Holy Saturday
8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
(No Confessions; No 4 p.m. Mass)

Sunday – April 16th

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners
11:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Crowley+

Please note: During Easter week, there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, April 17th, but there will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, April 18th.



Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Fr. Robert Kosty, Senior Priest at St. Jude in Rockville, will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross, St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, MD at 12 p.m. on Good Friday, April 14th. All are welcome. For more info, please contact Catholic Cemeteries at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766 or e-mail at gop@ccaw.org.