



St. Padre Pio Parish

Roman Catholic Parish

Celebrating Eucharist:

6:00 PM Elba site Monday: Tuesday: 8:00 AM Elba site

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Oakfield site

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM Oakfield site

Saturday: 4:30 PM Oakfield site 8:00 AM Elba site Sunday:

10:00 AM Oakfield site

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Attendance at a pre-marriage sacramental program is required.

<u>Baptism:</u> Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class before having their child baptized. Please call the parish office for more information. Baptisms in Elba will be held after 8am Mass only.

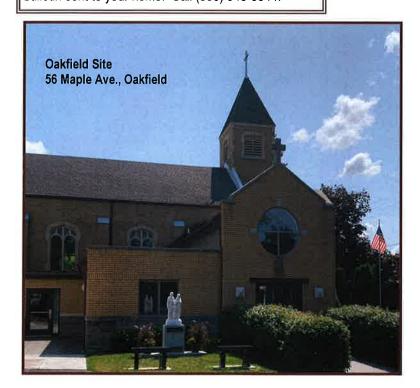
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is offered on request. Please contact the church office for anointing.

Penance: The Sacrament is available on Saturdays 3:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Oakfield. Feel free to make an appointment for another time if that is not convenient.

New Parishioners: In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our lov-ing Parish. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office at 585-948-5344.

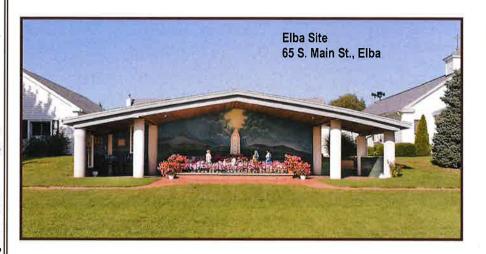
If you are returning after being away...Welcome home...

You can find our bulletin each week on our website: www.padrepiony.org or call the office if you need the bulletin sent to your home. Call (585) 948-5344.



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

FOR THE WEEK of March 26, 2023

Amount Needed Each Week \$4,646.62 Regular Offering \$7,960.95

Difference

\$ 3,314.33

Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure is truly appreciated!





The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week at the Oakfield site In Memory of

Ronald Hochmuth Sr.

By Wife, Bernice & Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week at the Elba site In Memory of

Theodore Konieczka

By Tadeus Konieczka



This Week's Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Palm/Passion Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. It begins the most solemn week of the Church year. During Holy Week, we remember Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We also listen to the Passion according to Matthew at this Sunday's Mass.

Each day of Holy Week, plan to eat a simple meal together. Begin and end the meal with prayers appropriate to the day. For example, on Palm/Passion Sunday the prayer might simply be, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." On Holy Thursday, you may wish to use some of the prayers from Mass. The important thing is to bring the prayerful spirit of these days into your home.



This week's community-wide daily Rosary intention::

Passion of Our Lord



	Lecto	or Schedul	e:		G	reeter Sc	hedule:
Saturday, Sunday,	Oak Elba Oak	4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Tim Tomczak Susie Zambito Jan Goodenbery	Saturday, Sunday,	Oak Elba Oak		Rebecca Blew/Clayton Fry Cindy Kowalik Norma Day/Julie Fitch
Saturday, Sunday,	Oak Elba Oak	8:00pm 8:00am 10:00 am	Rick Pastecki JoAnn DeMare Chris Coffta	Saturday, Sunday,	Oak Elba Oak	8:00pm 8:00am 10:00 am	Elaine Forti/Mary Ann Conley Tim McKenrick Jim & Chris Coffta
Saturday, Sunday,	Oak Elba Oak	4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Mary Ann Conley Mindy Stempin John Starowitz	Saturday, Sunday,		4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Bob & Chris Funke Cindy Kowalik Norma Day/Julie Fitch

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Saturday, Sunday,	4/1 4/2	Oak Elba Oak	4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Mike Kowalczyk Tom Stempin James Zasowski/Terry Martino
Saturday, Sunday,		Oak Elba Oak	8:00pm 8:00am 10:00 am	Ben Giambrone/John Palillo Tim McKenrick Reg Barcomb/James Zasowski
Saturday, Sunday,	4/15 4/16	Oak Elba Oak	4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Mike Kowalczyk/Charles Zambito Tom Stempin Steve Harkness/Reg Barcomb

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Saturday, 4/1 Sunday, 4/2	Oak Elba Oak	4:30pm 8:00am 10:00 am	Kayla & Paige Harding Tori Davis/Cameron Emerson
Saturday, 4/8 Sunday, 4/9	Oak Elba Oak	8:00 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am	Paige & Kayla Harding Clara & Lucy Torrey
Saturday, 4/15	Oak	4:30 pm	

8:00 am

10:00 am

Paige & Kayla Harding

Allison Harkness/Lily Davis

Sunday, 4/16

Elba

Oak

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Saturday, Sunday,		Oak Elba	8:00pm 8:00am	Rex Norton
,,		Oak	10:00 am	John Starowitz
Saturday,	4/15	Oak	4:30 pm	Donna Becker
Sunday,	4/16	Elba Oak	8:00 am 10:00 am	Barbara Harkness

<u>Call to Vocations</u> Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The crowds acclaimed Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem, then days later they demanded His crucifixion. Public opinion can change in an instant. Let's forget about what the world wants, and focus on what God desires. If Jesus is calling you to a church vocation,

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



WANT TO GET MORE OUT OF SUNDAY MASS?

Join Deacon Paul Kulczyk after 10am Mass beginning to engage in a conversation about the weekly theme and how to put that weekly theme into practice.

Let God speak to you through sacred scriptures, opening up a whole new Mass experience.

The dates will be as follows: April 16th, May 21st.

CHURCH CALENDAR

*** The Church Office will be closed Thursday, April 6th-Monday, April 10th ***

Tuesday, April 4th- Finance Meeting @ 7pm-Oakfield

Saturday, April 8th- Basket Blessing @ Noon-Oakfield

Basket Blessing @ 1:00pm-Elba

Monday, April 10th-Men's Group Meeting @ 7:00pm-Oakfield

Tuesday, April 11th-Altar & Rosary Meeting @ 6:30pm-Oakfield

Thursday, April 20th-Choir Practice @ 7:00pm-Oakfield

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, 4/2 xxxxxxxxxxxXNO CLASSESxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sunday, 4/9 xxxxxxxxxxxNO CLASSESxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sunday, 4/16 Class K-1-10am-11am Class 2-11-11am-Noon

Sunday, 4/23 Class K-1-10am-11am Class 2-11-11am-Noon

Sunday, 4/30 LAST CLASS 10am-Noon Trivia Pursuit/Pizza

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Application for the St. Padre Pio Parish High School Award is available on www.padrepiony.org

Contributions from the Altar & Rosary Society, the Men's Group, the Bereavement Committee and Parish make it possible to award scholarships to High School Seniors who are members of this parish and demonstrate a commitment to our Church.

Deadline for completed application is May 1st.

No late applications will be accepted

Awards will be presented Sunday, June 4th at the

10am Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Dorman at 585-409-1667.

A & R RUMMAGE SALE COMING - MAY 13th

Usually this time of year we get ideas on how to re-decorate our house. We start cleaning out drawers, closets, and basements while we are housebound.

We will be accepting items for our sale. However, you need to make an appointment with Diane for drop off in Elba by calling 585-813-8612 or email

dianelmf@yahoo.com. Thank you for your generosity. The jewelry drive has not yet been finalized but it definitely was successful. Father is thinking about what is to be purchased for the Church with those funds. Thank you

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH- 7:00 PM MASS -OAKFIELD

GOOD FRIDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 7TH-

12:00 PM-STATIONS OF THE CROSS-OAKFIELD 3:00 PM-CELEBRATION, GOOD FRIDAY-ELBA Holy Land Collection

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th, EASTER VIGIL-8:00 PM MASS-OAKFIELD

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

8:00 AM MASS-ELBA 10:00 AM MASS-OAKFIELD

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH-

12:00 PM- BASKET BLESSING- OAKFIELD

1:00 PM- BASKET BLESSING- ELBA



With so many occurrences taking place in our troubled world today, praying the rosary is a powerful expression of our devotion to Mary.

Recitation of the rosary in our parish takes place on the **First Saturday of each month beginning at 4:00pm** If anyone is interested in leading or co-leading the rosary, kindly contact Linda Giambrone at 585-356-5696. Thank you.

Honoring and Remembering Loved Ones

The Sanctuary Lamp is always burning by the Blessed Sacrament in the church continuously. The candle can be offered each week for individual intentions with the suggested donation of \$15.00.

The Bells ring every day throughout the week and can also be offered for individual intentions with the suggested donation of \$15.00.

Devotional Candles burn for 5 days and can be offered at any time for individual intentions with the suggested donation of \$3.00.

Mass Offerings can be offered for a suggested donation of \$15.00 and may be scheduled in honor/in memory of a loved one.

Please stop in the office to arrange your requests, Monday-Friday 8:00am-noon or email: office@padrepiony.org

Holy Week Lector Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 1st-4:30pm-Oakfield

Lector: Tim Tomczak

Narrator: Linda Giambrone

Sunday, April 2nd-8:00am-Elba

Lector: Susie Zambito

Narrator: Mindy Stempin

Sunday, April 2nd-10:00am-Oakfield

Lector: Jan Goodenbery

Narrator: Chris Coffta

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 6th-7:00pm-Oakfield

Lector: John Palillo

Good Friday

Friday, April 7th-3:00pm-<u>Elba</u>

Lector: Fred Klycek

Narrator: JoAnn DeMare

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 8th-8:00pm-Oakfield

Lectors: 1st: Chris Coffta

2nd: Linda DeVito

3rd: Rick Pastecki

Epistle: Rick Pastecki

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2023

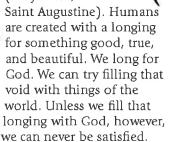
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One Minute Meditations

The God-shaped hole

St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee," (Confessions,



Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lav"

(Matthew 28:5-6).



Powerful gifts of Eucharistic devotion

As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

Return love for Love: The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is Jesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament, we're returning love for Love.

Fuel for the fight: The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' - impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and

protects from mortal sins.

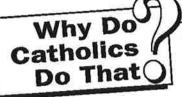
Source of joy: The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge

of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

Wisdom and guidance: As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

Communion empowers us to love: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've

been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.



Why do Catholics celebrate Holy Week?

Holy Week is a sacred time, specially devoted to celebrating the work of our redemption the suffering and Death of Jesus on the Cross. The events honored during Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, remind us of

an amazing truth: God loved us first, even when that love cost Him everything. On Easter, He rose gloriously from the dead, offering redemption. This event is so tremendous we need a week to prepare our hearts to receive it.

Choose new life at Easter

"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ..." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's



blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

from Scripture

John 10:1-10; Trusting the Good Shepherd

In this Scripture passage, Jesus used the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is,

how He cares for us, and more importantly, how He wants us to relate to Him. The image of a shepherd was a powerful choice.

A good shepherd knew each sheep in his care individually. He never left his flock. Many sheep-pens didn't have doors, so the shepherd would sleep in the entry way to prevent enemies from getting to his flock. Predators

would have to go through him first. If a sheep got lost, hurt, or was attacked, the shepherd took care of it, even risking his life for the sheep.

Jesus' illustration is clear.
Without the constant care,
guidance, and protecting
presence of the shepherd
(God), the sheep (us)
wouldn't survive. That's
uncomfortable because it
means we're dependent
and vulnerable. But the
deeper truth is that Jesus,
our Shepherd, knows us
each personally,

individually. Our Shepherd heals us, provides for us, and protects us, even to offering up His own life. He asks us to trust Him and ultimately, lead us Home.



April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 9 – The Resurrection of the Lord (1st Century). Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

April 13 - Pope St. Martin I (665).

St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodore I as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constans II for heresy. He died in exile

April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy."
He promised that anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



Am I wrong to have doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, "I won't believe this unless you prove it," can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt ("I'm struggling to understand this") is a sign you're ready to go deeper into the faith.



Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching.
Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "There are not one hundred people in

the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), ask your priest.

If, after all that, something still doesn't make sense, then it really is a mystery and that's the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

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Catholic Charities Appeal 2023 Hope for All Seasons

Many thanks and with gratitude to all of our parishioners who have contributed to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal drive. We really appreciate it! We are almost half way to our goal. With your help, we can reach it!

With the Lenten season still upon us, it is the ideal time to offer something up and use the monetary amount towards a donation to this cause that helps so many in our area.

There are many ways you can do this. Simply drop your donation in the weekly collection basket with your name on the envelope, leave it at the office, send it directly into Catholic Charities in Buffalo, or go to the website and donate directly on line (ccwny.org).

Have a wonderful week. Take care. God bless.

Pat Kelly & Elaine Forti

Prayers of the Faithful
For those who believe they have nowhere to turn.
May they seek out and find the help they need
through Catholic Charities and realize that they
are not alone in the world.
We pray to the Lord.

Progress: Donations-\$12,880

Goal: \$25,893

Difference:\$13,013 (We can reach it with YOUR help!)

Venerable Nelson Baker, pray for us!

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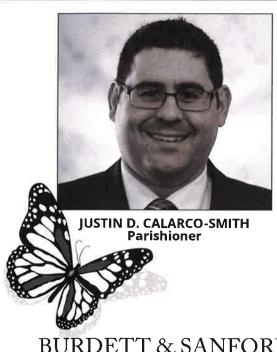


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