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**Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 16, 2025**

## Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am**

### Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

**Confessions:** Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

### Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email [adorers@hspalmyra.com](mailto:adorers@hspalmyra.com).

**Baptism:** To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email [church@hspalmyra.com](mailto:church@hspalmyra.com).

**Sponsor Forms:** Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

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### Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30am—4pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

## OUR MISSION

*To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.*

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

A Message from Deacon Jorge

Dear Parishioners,

As we journey through Lent, this Sunday’s Gospel brings to our attention the Transfiguration of Jesus, where Peter, James, and John witnessed the Transfiguration and saw Jesus’ divine glory. The voice of the Father declares: “*This is my chosen Son; listen to him,*” (Luke 9:35). Just as the disciples saw Jesus’ divine glory, we too are called to be witnesses of His presence in our daily lives. This moment of divine revelation encourages all of us to embrace transformation in our own lives through prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. This is what this liturgical season calls us to do. With these practices, we will deepen our relationship with Jesus. The Transfiguration of Jesus offers us hope, revealing that beyond our trials, there is the promise of resurrection and glory with Him. My brothers and sisters, as we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask the Father to open our hearts to His presence in our daily lives, to strengthen our faith, and to help us go through Lent with renewed hope and commitment to Him. May we be transformed by His grace and radiate His love to others. Amen.

Deacon Jorge



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**CALENDAR & INTENTIONS**

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Leonard & Lillian Mankiewicz (From Fran & Maria Macus)

**MONDAY, MARCH 17**

Dn 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

9:00am Mass

† Jim Bertrand

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18**

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

3:15pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group; Knights of Columbus Assembly

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**

2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

9:30am Awaken Lenten Study

5:00pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† Jill Green

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

7:00pm RCIA

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

9:00am Mass

† Joe Spear

7:00pm Sunday Choir

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

7:00am Mass

† Alex Hour

3:00pm-7:00pm Fish Fry

7:15pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

4:00pm Mass

† John & Frances Piergallini

5:00pm Confessions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

8:30am Mass

† Joe Spear

9:30am CGS—6th Grade PREP

11:00am Mass

For the People of the Parish

6:00pm Migrant Justice Common Grounds Event

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREP Registration 2025—26

Registration for the 2025—26 PREP year has begun. Registration forms and information has been sent home with the students attending in-person and are available near the bulletin board in the east end entrance hallway. If your child is currently not registered in our program, please come by the office to complete a registration form, or pick up a form near the PREP bulletin board.

### Common Grounds Conversation

Please join the Migrant Justice Ministry for their first session of their new series of events called *Common Grounds: Coffee, Conversation, and Catholic Social Teaching* to help people come together prayerfully as Christians, using the principles of Catholic Social Teachings. The first meeting will be on Sunday, March 23, from 6pm—7:30pm in the Social Hall. We will be welcoming guest speakers Renee Roden and James Murphy of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House in Harrisburg. Beverages, snacks, and a chance to find common threads among us are all part of the evening.

### Easter Flower Memorial Forms

The memorial forms are available on the narthex table and on our website. If you would like to memorialize a loved one at Easter, please complete the form, attach your payment, and drop it off at our parish office or in the collection basket. Due date is Sunday, April 6.

### Lourdeshouse Maternity Home Baby Shower

Babies are on the way, and we want to give them and their moms-to-be a happy and healthy start. WMN has been working with Catholic Charities' Lourdeshouse Maternity Services to organize and have a baby shower for expectant mothers currently under their care, and it's just around the corner! Items needed for the collection include: diapers, wipes, onesies and other clothing, bottles, books, etc. We will have the tags with the needed items written on them available March 22/23 in the narthex. Simply pick up a tag, purchase the item, and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached by Sunday, April 6. Please contact Ann Donnelly at [WMN@hspalmyra.com](mailto:WMN@hspalmyra.com) if you have any questions.

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### 1st Communion Parent Meeting

Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion are reminded of the parent meeting today, March 16, at 9:30am in the Social Hall. At least one parent is required to attend.

### Parish Council Nominations 2025

Parish Council nominations will be held from Sunday, March 16—Sunday, April 6. To nominate yourself or someone else for the council, go to our parish website under "Forms/Schedules" or find a form on the narthex table and fill it out. Please send your nominations to [parishcouncil@hspalmyra.com](mailto:parishcouncil@hspalmyra.com) no later than Sunday, April 6.

### Fish Fry 2025

Dine-in, to go, and online curbside to go is available. Fridays: March 21 & 28 and April 4 & 11, from 3pm—7pm. Featuring N. Atlantic Haddock (Baked or Fried), crab cakes, shrimp, clam strips, pierogi, soup, & mac-n-cheese. To volunteer, please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4EADA629A3FA749225444-fish>, or send an email to [fishfry@hspalmyra.com](mailto:fishfry@hspalmyra.com). We will need soda and water donations. Please drop off any donations at the church.

### Caring Cupboard

Please return your filled canvas bag for this week. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

### Lenten Penance Services

St. Joan of Arc, Hershey: Sunday, April 6, at 7pm.

**Holy Spirit, Palmyra: Monday, April 7, at 7pm.**



Monday is St. Patrick's Day, honoring a saint whose life reflected many Catholic themes of this year. He was a victim of human trafficking (copies of Bishop's Senior's

pastoral letter on Human Trafficking are available on the narthex table), an example of hope in a broken world (this is the "Jubilee Year of Hope"), and practiced love and forgiveness for his enemies. In his *Confession* he wrote how as Bishop he returned to Ireland where he had been enslaved to "preach the Gospel and endure the taunts of unbelievers...suffering many persecutions, even bondage...for the benefit of others." **PRAYER:** God, during Lent help me become more loving and forgiving, and to be a more humble servant, as exemplified by the life of both St. Patrick and Jesus.



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