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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email 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.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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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

The First Sunday of Lent invites us to journey with Jesus into the wilderness, where He fasts for forty days and is tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-15, Luke 4:1-13). This passage sets the tone for our own Lenten journey—a time of prayer, fasting, and reflection on our spiritual lives. Lessons from the Gospel:

1. The Reality of Temptation: Jesus, though sinless, faced temptation. This reminds us that temptation is a part of life, but through God’s grace, we can overcome it. Like Jesus, we are called to rely on Scripture and God’s strength rather than our own.

2. Dependence on God: When Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, He responded, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God,” (Matthew 4:4). This reminds us that our deepest hunger can only be satisfied by God. Lent is a time to reorient our hearts toward Him.

3. True Worship: Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship. Jesus replied, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only,” (Matthew 4:10). Lent calls us to examine our priorities—do we seek worldly success or the kingdom of God?

4. Trust in God’s Plan: The devil tempted Jesus to test God’s protection, but Jesus refused. This teaches us to trust God’s plan rather than demand signs. Lent is a time to surrender our lives fully to His will.

Personal Reflection Questions

- What are the temptations that keep me away from God?
- How can I deepen my prayer life and dependence on Scripture?
- Am I placing anything above God in my life?
- How can I use this season to trust in God’s plan more fully?

Lenten Practices to Consider

- Spend time in daily prayer and Scripture meditation.
- Fast from distractions that take you away from God.
- Engage in acts of charity and kindness.
- Seek reconciliation through the Sacrament of Confession.

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 2/23/2025 \$ 10,815
 Sunday Offering 3/2/2025 \$ 13,624



CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Joe Spear (From Barb & Family)

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MONDAY, MARCH 10

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 9:00am Mass

† Kathleen Donahue

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 3:15pm Cenacle
 7:00pm Folk Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 9:30am Awaken Lenten Study
 5:00pm Legion of Mary
 5:30pm Rosary
 6:00pm Mass
 6:40pm Confessions
 6:45pm Women at the Well

† Joseph Spear

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 9:00am Mass
 6:00pm Second Quarter Group
 7:00pm Sunday Choir; Knights of Columbus Officers

† Esther J. Ponessa

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 7:00am Mass
 3:00pm-7:00pm Fish Fry
 7:15pm Stations of the Cross

† Donald Popino

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 8:00am Men’s Ministry
 4:00pm Mass
 5:00pm Confessions

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36
 8:30am Mass
 9:30am CGS—6th Grade PREP; First Holy Communion
 Parent Meeting
 11:00am Mass
 6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

† Patti Catizone

† Sheldon Eckrote

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:15pm

1st Communion Parent Meeting

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

PREP Registration 2025—26

Registration for the 2025—26 PREP year has begun. Registration forms and information will be 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.

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.

Italian Mass at St. Joan of Arc Parish

St. Joan of Arc in Hershey will be hosting the Italian Mass with Reverend Joshua Brommer on Sunday, March 23, at 1:30pm. Through the generosity of the Collura and Manzella families they will have a traditional Saint Joseph Altar. The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a dinner reception after the Mass. For information, please contact Maria DiSanto at 717-554-5698, or email her at disanto1@comcast.net. Or contact Mariella Amato at 717-278-9420.

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Gate admission for Regular is \$90.80; our price is \$44.95 (All ages 3+) valid until January 4, 2026. You can add-on: Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for \$19.06 each, and/or a Parking Pass for \$26.00. Tickets purchased in 2025 are valid for any 1 public operating day throughout the 2025 calendar year, but will not be valid past their expiration date. Refunds, extensions, or upgrades will not be offered. Orders must be received at the parish by Friday, April 25, 2025. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 19, 2025. Forms available on our parish website and on the narthex table. Checks should be made out to Holy Spirit Church.

Fish Fry 2025

Dine-in, to go, and online curbside to go is available. Fridays: March 14, 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. We will need soda and water donations. Please drop off any donations at the church.

Caring Cupboard

Please pick up a canvas bag for CARING CUPBOARD and return your filled bag next weekend (please make sure to return the bags, these bags are not meant to be kept). Their wish list this month is ketchup, vegetable oil, and dried bagged lentils and beans. Canned wish list items: Spam, tuna, chicken, and a variety of beans.

“Thank You” from Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Spirit for their support of the Super Bowl Soup Sale. Catholic Charities, with your help, sold almost 2,000 containers of soup and proceeds exceeded \$25,000. At Holy Spirit, we sold 115 containers of which 52 were made by parishioners and sales exceeded \$1,000.

Lenten Penance Services

St. Joan of Arc, Hershey: Sunday, April 6, at 7pm.
Holy Spirit, Palmyra: Monday, April 7, at 7pm.

FROM OUR ADORATION CHAPEL



We are now in the Lenten season and our parish provides many opportunities to participate in Lenten services. We have morning, evening, and some afternoon services. Many of our parishioners because of busy schedules find it difficult to attend the services at those times. However, our parish provides an opportunity 7 days a week for you to fulfill a desire to do something for Lent. Visit our Adoration Chapel and pray before the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Can we not sacrifice an hour of our time to honor His great sacrifice for us? Check our hours of operation in our church bulletin and on the entrance to the chapel, or visit our parish website for a time to fit your schedule. Visit Jesus in our Adoration Chapel and consider joining us as a regular Adorer. Contact Bart Kaminski at 838-3369 x 111.

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