

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 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—9pm

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—12noon & 1pm—4pm

Tuesday: 8:30am—12noon & 1pm—3:30pm

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—12noon & 1pm—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 death of Pope Francis marks the end of a deeply transformative era in the life of the Church and the world. His papacy was defined by humility, compassion, and a relentless call for mercy. He reminded us, through both word and action, that faith must be lived in service to the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten. Pope Francis broke many barriers, choosing dialogue over division, tenderness over power, and hope over fear.

His passing invites us to reflect not only on his life but on our own call to live authentically. He often spoke about the need for a "culture of encounter," challenging everyone, regardless of belief, to see one another as brothers and sisters. In his death, we are left with the question: How will we carry forward his dream of a more merciful and just world?

Pope Francis taught us that leadership is service, that true power lies in lifting others up, and that the Church must always go out to the peripheries. His memory is a call to action: to care for our common home, to defend human dignity, and to be builders of peace. Even in death, his voice continues to echo, inviting us to "make a mess" — to stir up love, compassion, and justice wherever we are.

May his legacy inspire future generations, and may we honor him by living with the same courage, simplicity, and joy that defined his extraordinary life. May His Soul Rest in Peace.



*Please pray for the soul of
Sandra Estrada,
who recently passed*

TITHING: GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 4/13/2025	\$ 13,815
Easter	\$ 990
Sunday Offering 4/20/2025	\$ 18,074
Easter	\$ 495
Holy Thursday	\$ 489
Good Friday Holy Land	\$ 632

DAC 2025 Goal: \$118,701

Amount Collected	\$38,312
Amount Still Needed	\$80,389

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory
of Lucy Blantz (From Carol Evans)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn for the living intentions of
Kathie Bertand

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

9:00am Mass

† Janet Kimmel

6:00pm Finance Council

6:45pm Parish Council

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

3:15pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

5:00pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† Theresa Koch

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

9:00am Mass

10:30am Londonderry Village

6:00pm Respect Life

7:00pm EMHC Training; Sunday Choir

† Joe Spear

† Barbara Musko

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

7:00am Mass

5:30pm First Communion Rehearsal

7:00pm Holy Hour of Reparation

† Tess Martin

SATURDAY, MAY 3

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

10:00am 2nd Grade First Communion

11:45am Rejrat's Baptism

3:30pm KofC Spaghetti Dinner

4:00pm Mass

† Janet Soulliard

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

8:30am Mass

† Thomas Zajac, Sr.

8:45am PREP Breakfast Social

11:00am Mass

For the People of the Parish

12:30pm De La Ronde's Baptism

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cole T. Mase

Please note that Cole T. Mase, a seminarian of the Diocese of Harrisburg, is being considered for the Order of Priest. This announcement is made in accordance with the law of the Church. If anyone knows of any reason why this person should not be ordained, they have an obligation in conscience to contact Fr. Joshua Weaver, Director of Vocations in the Diocese of Harrisburg as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion & PREP Information

- 5/2 — FHC Rehearsal at 5:30pm (One parent must attend)
- 5/3 — First Holy Communion will be at 10am
- 5/4 — Thank You Breakfast for PREP
- 5/4 — May Crowning at the 11am Mass
- 5/31 — PREP Registration Deadline

PREP Breakfast Social

All PREP families & Holy Spirit Parishioners are invited to celebrate another successful year of PREP at Holy Spirit! Join us for a breakfast of thanks on Sunday, May 4, between Masses from 9:35am—10:35am in Agape Hall. Consider spending time with our Holy Spirit families, students, and catechists.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Please join us for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, May 3, from 3:30pm—7pm in the Social Hall! Your \$12 donation includes spaghetti with meatballs, salad, Italian bread, soda, or water. Take-outs, online ordering, and walk ins are all available. The dinner benefits charities in our community.

Catholic Home Missions

Today we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs.

Beginning Experience Weekend

Beginning Experience Weekend will be held May 2—4 at Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA. Visit www.beginningexperience.org to register. You can contact the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-379-0800, or email at jpennat_58@comcast.net.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!

LEN CHIMEL GRI
len.chimel@cbhomes.com
 717-534-2442

Golden Hearts Senior Luncheon

The Respect Life Ministry will be holding a luncheon on Friday, May 16, at 12noon in the Social Hall. We hope you will join our ministry for an afternoon of fun and good food. There are forms on the table in the narthex if you miss the bulletin insert. Fill out the registration form and drop it off at the parish office or return it in an enveloped marked "Respect Life Luncheon" and drop it in the offering basket by Sunday, May 11.

Thank You from our Fish Fry Captain

This year we increased our total number of meals by over 700, hitting a new record of 5,471 dinners sold. That's just under 912 per week. This does not happen without the support of all the awesome volunteers and our loyal customers. For our volunteers, we had 154 different people volunteering at some point during the event, not including the people who supplied desserts and drinks. From our customers, we kept getting comments about how well organized we are, how happy everyone is, and just the true feeling of the Holy Spirit that exists within our church. This is what the Fish Fry is all about, bringing our community together. It brings it together in harmony with each other, and God, to further his work and make the world a little better, one person at a time. I thank all of you for making this happen.

Outside Stations of the Cross

The Respect Life Ministry will be saying the outside Stations of the Cross after the 6pm Mass on Wednesday, April 30.

Holy Hour Reparation

All are invited to our First Friday devotion on May 2 at 7pm in the Main Church. Spend some time with Jesus and offer up your prayers to His Sacred Heart to make reparation for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

FROM OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

After His resurrection, Jesus began appearing to the Apostles. One time, He appeared to them while they were locked in a room in hiding. He spoke to them about what they were to do. Thomas wasn't present with them at that time and did not believe when they said Jesus was alive. Jesus appeared to them again when Thomas was with them. Thomas then believed. Jesus said to Thomas "you believed because you saw Me, Blest are those who have not seen me and have believed" (John 20:29). We believe that Jesus is present with us today, in the Eucharist — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — even though we cannot see Him. He is present in our Adoration Chapel. Visit Jesus in our Adoration Chapel and consider becoming a regular Adorer. Contact Bart Kaminski at 717-838-3369 x 111.

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