

**MINISTER NOTES
SPRING 2017**

ALL MINISTERS:

Ron will begin working on the new minister schedule for June, July and August on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. If you have any upcoming dates on which you will not be available to serve, please **WRITE THEM DOWN** and return them to me by Sunday, April 16, 2017. You may put them in the collection basket, drop them off at the parish office, mail them, or email them to minister@stpatrickfranklin.org.

There are several Holy Days, special masses, and Stations of the Cross on this schedule. They are scheduled separately from the other masses during the week. Make sure you check them to see if you are scheduled to serve.

There will be no Confirmation Mass at the parish this year. Because of our small number of students we will be joining with St. Stephen and St. Joseph Parishes. The date for Confirmation is Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM at St. Stephen Church in Oil City.

DEACONS:

Please be sure to check out the New Roman Missal for things especially pertaining to Holy Week (inclusive of Palm Sunday thru Easter Sunday). If you are going to sing the "double alleluia" dismissal on Easter Sunday or at the Easter Vigil, please use the one to which the parishioners know the response. If you would like a CD to practice with, I will be glad to make one for you.

Stations of the Cross will be moving to Wednesday Evenings. Monsignor will be taking two Stations of the Cross, March 8 and March 29. That leaves March 15 and 22, and April 5 and 12 for the deacons. If both of you would compare your calendars and let me know who is presiding on which dates, I would appreciate it.

USHERS:

Please be sure to check the schedule carefully. There are several Holy Days, etc. on this schedule.

If you are scheduled at the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 15, 2017) please be sure to be at the church at 8:15 **PM** to pass out candles and programs.

If you are scheduled for the First Eucharist Mass (May 14, 5:15 PM), please be here at **4:30 PM** to pass out programs.

READERS:

If you are scheduled to read on Palm Sunday, please note that the first person listed will do the first reading (done from the ambo) and will be the "voice" (done from the cantor stand) for the reading of the Passion. The second person listed will do the second reading (done from the ambo) and be the "narrator" (done from the ambo) for the reading of the Passion.

If you are scheduled to read on Good Friday, please note that the first person listed will do the first reading (done from the ambo) and will be the "voice" for the reading of the Passion (done from the cantor stand). The second person listed will do the second reading (done from the ambo) and will be the "narrator" for the reading of the Passion (done from the ambo).

If you are scheduled to read at the Easter Vigil, the first reader listed will be responsible for the First (Genesis 1:1 – 2:2) and Sixth Reading (Baruch 3:9-15, 32- 4:4). The second reader will be responsible for the Third Reading (Exodus 14:15 -15:1) and the Epistle Reading (Romans 6: 3-11).

ORGANISTS:

Please be sure to check choir practice dates and times. Also check for times when you are scheduled, other than your usual time. **WE ALSO HAVE STATIONS ON THIS SCHEDULE!!** Stations are at 5:30 PM on Wednesday evenings, before choir practice.

ALTAR SERVERS:

There is one server scheduled for each of the **Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.** The dates are March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 and 12. If you cannot be there, please get a replacement.

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Check the weekday minister schedule carefully, especially during vacation times. Please watch the bulletin for changes in mass times.

I am, once again, asking Josh Stiller to take some charge of the servers during the Holy Week Masses and services. The deacons and priest will also help to guide the servers through the Masses. Please pay attention to what they are telling you.

Senior Servers or servers scheduled during Holy Week: Please note that you are scheduled to serve for “special” masses throughout the spring. Also, please check the Holy Week Services. If there is a time you are scheduled and cannot serve please call Mr. Himes **before** you get a substitute. You should trade with another Senior Server, if at all possible. Because of busy schedules there will not be any practices scheduled for Holy Week Masses. **IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR ANY OF THE MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK, PLEASE REPORT TO THE SACRISTY ½ HOUR BEFORE MASS BEGINS SO THAT YOU ARE INFORMED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHAT YOU ARE EXPECTED TO DO DURING MASS.**