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Vatican Announces Holy Week Schedule for Pope

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican has released Pope John Paul II's Holy Week schedule.

On Palm Sunday morning, April 12, the pope will bless palm and olive branches at a ceremony in St. Peter's Square, then lead a procession into the basilica where he will celebrate Mass.

On Holy Thursday morning, he will concelebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with cardinals and bishops residing in Rome. In the early evening, he will celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. John Lateran and wash the feet of 12 of the faithful.

On Good Friday, in the afternoon, he will preside over a liturgical service commemorating the passion and death of Christ. The service in St. Peter's Basilica includes special prayers for the Church, the veneration of the cross and distribution of Holy Communion.

On Good Friday evening, the pope will lead a "way of the Cross" procession to the Roman Colosseum.

At 10 p.m. Holy Saturday, he will preside over Easter Vigil services in St. Peter's Basilica, including the blessing of the new fire and Paschal Candle, renewal of baptismal vows and the celebration of midnight Mass.

The pope will celebrate Mass at 10:30 Easter Sunday morning in St. Peter's Basilica and then at noon give his Easter message and traditional blessing "Urbi et Orbi" from a balcony of the basilica overlooking St. Peter's Square.

Burnett Libel Award Recalls Enquirer's Paul VI 'Interview'

New York (RNS) — Actress Carol Burnett's \$1.6 million libel judgment against the National Enquirer for fabricating a gossip item recalls the tabloid's "exclusive 2-hour interview" with Pope Paul VI.

The report, the Vatican said at the time, was an "absolute and unqualified fraud."

Involved was a 1972 story the paper said was based on an interview with Pope Paul by the chairman of the newspaper board in an "exclusive visit in the Holy Father's private apartment."

There was nothing negative in the story, but the late Archbishop Edward L. Heston, then president of the Vatican Commission for Social Communications, said there had been no such interview.

He said he was "shocked" when he learned about what had been written by a man who had talked to the pope for "two minutes."

Archbishop Heston said he found it "absolutely unbelievable" that someone claimed he had an exclusive interview with Pope Paul. "This to me was an absolute and unqualified fraud to proportions I have never heard of."

Knights To Seek Beatification Of Founder

New Haven, Conn. (RNS) — The Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Roman Catholic fraternal order, is beginning its 100th year by seeking beatification of its founder.

The society was founded March 29, 1881, by Father Michael J. McGivney, a young assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven. Today, it has 1.35 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Guatemala, Panama, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

The suggestion that the Knights begin the process by which Catholics achieve sainthood for their founder was made by the late Cardinal John Wright, a longtime member of the society.

A native of Waterbury, Conn., Father McGivney was in his first pastoral assignment at St. Mary's when he recognized a need for the impoverished, largely Irish-Catholic immigrants — fraternal support for those tempted to drift away from their faith in a largely Protestant country and an insurance program that would aid families in case of the early death of the breadwinner.

The priest died of tuberculosis at the age of 38, eight years after founding the organization.

Bishop Szoka Named to Head Detroit Archdiocese

Detroit (RNS) — Bishop Edmund C. Szoka of Gaylord, Mich., has been named archbishop of Detroit. He succeeds Cardinal John F. Dearden, who retired last year.

The appointment was announced simultaneously in Washington and Rome on March 28, a Saturday, on instructions from the pope who had met with the new archbishop minutes before the announcement.

Bishop Szoka is the first priest of Polish-American descent to head the Detroit archdiocese where Polish-Americans are the largest ethnic group.

Longtime associates describe the new archbishop, 53, as a theological moderate, a brilliant scholar and an "all-around type" who jogs five miles a day.

Pope Asserts Duty Of Catholics To Fight Abortion

Vatican City (RNS) — Backing a call by Italy's Roman Catholic bishops, Pope John Paul II said that Catholics have a duty to work against laws legalizing abortion.

Speaking to about 25,000 people in St. Peter's Square for his Sunday noon blessing March 29, the pontiff praised a recent statement by the Italian hierarchy that called for abortion laws "to be overcome with all legitimate means and opportunities."

Describing the bishops' statement as one "dictated by a pastoral sense of responsibility, as well as a human and civic one," the pope said, "I make it mine."

The Italian Catholic Bishops Committee in a statement issued March 16 called on voters to support a referendum on tightening the nation's three-year-old liberal abortion law.

The pope said it was the duty of the Church to declare that procured abortion was "the killing of an innocent person. The image of God is present in every human creature from the first instant of conception."



BLACK FILM FESTIVAL — Portable Channel presenting Rochester's first annual Black Film Festival, 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 10, Educational Opportunity Center, 120 Franklin St. Third World films and visit by filmmaker Monica Freeman, donations encouraged. Free workshop from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 11, Portable Channel, 1255 University Ave.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER TALK — Father Edward Murray to speak on "Marriage: A means of Sanity and Salvation," sponsored by the diocesan Office of Family Life and Worldwide Marriage Encounter, 8 p.m., Thursday, April 9, St. Agnes High School, 300 E. River Road, admission "one unencountered couple."

MUSICAL "JESUS" — A tapestry of the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ by The Good News Singers of Seneca Falls, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 9, SSJ Motherhouse Infirmary, East Avenue, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 12, St. Patrick's, 97 W. Bayard St., Seneca Falls.

EASTER ARTS, CRAFTS — Spring, Easter arts and crafts show, sale, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12, Monroe County Fairgrounds Dome Arena.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE — Collegium Musicum, music of 17th Century composer Heinrich Schutz and contemporaries, 8 p.m., Thursday, April 9, Kilbourn Hall, 26 Gibbs St. Admission free.

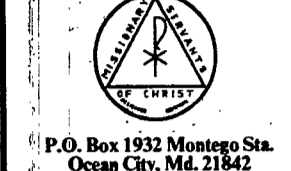
CLASSIC FILM — "The Smallest Show on Earth," 2 and 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., free with museum admission.

CONCERT CHOIR — Nazareth College Concert Choir, directed by Edward Schell, main auditorium, Nazareth College Arts Center, 8 p.m., Monday, April 13, admission free.

SENIOR CITIZEN MOVIES — "My Favorite Brunette," with Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, George Eastman House, 900 East Ave., information from Angie Huber, 271-3361.

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