

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### **Taize Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 16 at 8 p.m.**

The most conspicuous feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of Christ, remains. At the very end, the Sanctus bells are rung, symbolizing the resurrection, the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

### **Maundy Thursday Service, April 17 at 6 p.m.**

This service is the commemoration of the Last Supper, the final Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet as a sign of his deep love for them. Persons desiring to participate in the ritual of foot washing are asked to come forward after the Homily and a period of silence. At the conclusion of the service, the consecrated bread and wine that remain are reserved and will be placed at the Altar of Repose. Then the altar is stripped, thereby symbolizing the segue into Good Friday. The congregation departs this service in silence.

### **Night Watch, Thursday April 17 from 7 p.m. until Friday, April 18 at 7 a.m.**

Following the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples, "I am deeply grieved, even to death, remain here and stay awake to pray with me." At St. Patrick's, our "Garden of Gethsemane" will be held in the Sanctuary from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. People may sign up to be present for an hour at a time, keeping an unbroken watch throughout the night. You are invited to be present as we pray for peace and reconciliation among all the people of the world. If you would like to reserve a time slot, please visit [www.stpatricksmooresville.org/events](http://www.stpatricksmooresville.org/events) or add your name to the sign up sheet located under the name tag cabinet in the Narthex.

### **Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 18 at noon.**

This is an interactive liturgy where participants walk to images depicting the path our Lord, Jesus Christ, took through Jerusalem to the cross. At each station there is a reading of scripture accompanied by prayer.

### **Good Friday Liturgy, April 18 at 6 p.m.**

The tone, including music, is somber. After a silent entrance, there are readings, culminating in the solemn reading of the Passion Gospel according to John. The congregation will then enter into a prolonged period of holy silence that will be interrupted three times by sounds of the cross. A full form of Good Friday prayers will prepare us to depart as we arrived, in quiet reflection.

### **Easter Vigil Service, Saturday, April 19 at 8 p.m.**

This service begins outside in darkness and consists of four parts: Light; Lessons; Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist. This practice links the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism.

### **Easter Sunday Services, April 20 at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

We will gather as a community of faith to share with each other our joy that Christ is indeed risen and that we share in his resurrection!

### **Flowering of the Cross on Sunday, April 20.**

All persons are invited to help flower the cross between services on Easter Sunday. Please bring a few fresh flowers with you to church on Easter morning to add to our celebration and beautification of the cross.

**Egg hunts will follow the 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Easter Services for all children who would like to participate.** Be sure to bring your baskets!