

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday March 20th

- 8:00 AM Ralph Coppola and Family (Living)
requested by OLQP Food Pantry
- 9:00 AM Jozef Krenpaski POLISH
requested by his son
- 10:30 AM Lawrence Mayo CHOIR
requested by Vinnie and Tina De Maria
- 12:00 PM Rudy Rodak CANTOR
requested by Fr. Michael

Monday March 21st

- 8:30 AM Larry Mayo
requested by Mary Ann Mayo

Tuesday March 22nd

- 8:30 AM Ken and Ann Stanley

Wednesday March 23rd

- 8:30 AM John Patrick Gallagher
requested by the Gallagher Family

Thursday March 24th

- 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 25th

There is NO Mass on Good Friday
See services listed on front cover and next page

- 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 26th

There is NO Morning Mass on Holy Saturday

- 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 27th

- 7:00 AM** Eugenio Galluzzo
requested by Donnalyn Mason
- 9:00 AM Judiann Hart CANTOR
requested by Michael Fabrizio and Family
- 10:30 AM Paul Nowakowski CHOIR
requested by Lucy Nowakowski
- 12:00 PM Ray Kilgallen CANTOR
requested by the Kilgallen Family

READINGS FOR March 27, 2016



Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

ALTAR CLEANING



Week of March 20, 2016

Team 8 – Marie Bryan, Nona Runa,
Carole Mazzucco and Chris Fullerton

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

Holy Week has as its purpose the remembrance of Christ's passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem. Today we bless palms which those who welcomed him into the Holy City waved as he entered in joyful triumph. We can take the palms home to remind us through the year of God's great gift of his Son on our behalf. It reminds us of Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city.

The week is called holy because we celebrate the central mystery of our faith – the dying and rising of Jesus. I invite you to participate as fully as your schedule allows in the various celebrations that mark the holiest week in the Christian calendar.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we read in the scriptures at Mass (8:30 AM) of the ongoing encounters between Jesus and the religious elders of Jerusalem. On Monday evening, Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the Chrism Mass at which the holy oils will be blessed and then distributed to representatives from all the parishes of the Diocese. We will use those oils for Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick throughout the year. The oils are visible in the Ambry located in the sanctuary of the Church. The newly blessed oils will be presented formerly for our parish as part of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.

It is fair to mention that we will be making preparations for the coming celebration of the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday by decorating on Wednesday at 7 PM. More gifted hands make lighter work!

For the Holy Triduum, (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) we will have Morning Prayer at 9 AM. These prayers come from the Liturgy of the Hours, which is the prayer of the Church.

Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus celebrated the Passover Meal with his disciples. He instituted the sacrifice of the Mass with bread and wine at that Last Supper before his death on the cross. In that Mass we have the washing of the feet, following the example Jesus gave to his disciples that night, showing them that his followers are to serve one another. Once again, I have chosen this year's Confirmation students to participate in this part of the liturgy. It gives our young people a fuller understanding and appreciation of discipleship, but also for them to appreciate their role of service to God. Besides the Institution and Glory of the Holy Eucharist, Presentation of Oils, and Washing of Feet, we also celebrate the gift of the Holy Priesthood in service to God, and to the people. The Holy Thursday Mass concludes with a procession to the Altar of Repose that is beautifully arraigned in the Gathering Space of the Annex. We hope that you will have an opportunity to spend some time in adoration that will last to Midnight. This time of peaceful adoration recalls the time Jesus spent praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday is the only day of the year that there is no Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is removed from the Church, and is only brought in to be distributed at the Service of the Lord's Passion celebrated in the afternoon. There is also no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this day for the focus is on the Cross. The Passion of

Jesus will be read, and there is reverence of the Cross as part of this day's liturgy. Please note that we have made various changes to this year's schedule to meet the needs of our parishioners. When I was a child, people were off from work, but unfortunately, we live in a secular culture that forces both white and blue collar workers to work on that day. Even some colleges will have classes scheduled. I pray that you will join us for all or part of the day's functions. Besides Morning Prayer, we will have the Last Words of Jesus and His Passion starting at Noon. This two hour block, Noon-2 PM will have sacred music, reflection, and time of private prayer, as we reflect on our Lord's last hours of life. At 3 PM we will have the Stations of the Cross. The Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the Cross will take place at 5 PM. The Veneration of the Cross reminds us again of just what Jesus endured on this day for our salvation. Also, note that we will not have a night Stations since we have adjusted the times in the afternoon. However, our Polish brethren will have their Liturgy in Polish at 7:00 PM. Since this is a day of Fast and Abstinence, please note that we will have a Fish Fry Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus from 6-7:30 PM.

Decorating the Church for Easter will take place at 12 noon on Saturday. If you can lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Easter Vigil Service is the first Mass of Easter. On this night Jesus rose from the dead and gave us eternal life. At this service new members are received into the church and those who have not received First Communion or Confirmation receive these life giving sacraments. Special delegation from the Bishop is given to the pastor to confer the sacrament of Confirmation at this service. The scriptures are read telling of God's interaction with his people down through the ages. Personally, I'm very excited for our two RCIA candidates, Amanda and Cecily, who will receive their sacraments at this celebration.

And then comes Easter Sunday morning. Mass at dawn at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and Noon. All Masses are in the Church and in English. We have had to accommodate all Masses in the Church due to the large crowds last year. It would be great to duplicate, and surpass those numbers this year for the greater Glory of God, and in thanksgiving for what The Lord has done, and continues to do for us.

May you and your family have a Blessed Holy Week, and come to seek the goodness of God!
Alleluia!

Fr. Michael

NOTES OF THANKS

- Thank you for your continued Stewardship of our parish. One example, is your support of our Shop Rite, and gift card program. We just received a reimbursement for \$2000 to help defray our operating costs.
- Last Saturday, we buried from our parish our Trustee Dennis Daly. Dennis, who was a previous recipient of the Diocesan Volunteer Vivere Christus Award was very active in our parish for years in a number of programs, ministries, and organizations. Personally, he was a blessing, and I say thanks to God for knowing him.

- To Mary Beth in the office, and Pat Callahan for their great work with our RCIA candidates. They have done a great job in preparing two great candidates. Thank God!

Protecting God's Children

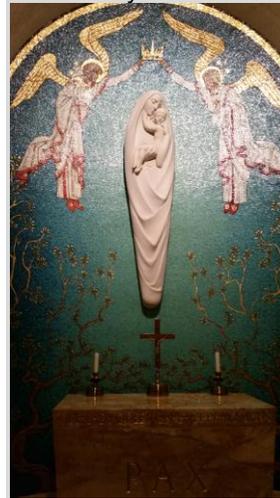
As Pastor, I have many obligations, and responsibilities. One of the most critical is to insure the safety of our young people. As I wrote a couple weeks ago, the Catholic Church has the most thorough program in the working world, and among organizations in protecting children. Each year we go through an audit to insure that each volunteer, and employee who works with children has had criminal background checks, and gone through a special program for our children. I wish to thank Pat in the office, and Mary Renna for their diligent work on making sure that not only are all files up to date, but also that we are in compliance. We received a note from the diocese last week that not only are we in compliance, but as in the words of the compliance officer, we have one of the best programs in the diocese.

We Have Ministers

This week, in one of my many meetings, and functions around the diocese, I was very pleased to report a success of volunteerism of our parishioners. At this particular meeting, a number of priests were concerned that they can't get people to be Lectors. I was pleased to say that we not only have Lectors for each Mass each day, but they are great!

Trip to Washington

Last week I was at a conference for Pilgrimage Directors, in which I serve in that capacity for our diocese. Besides the talks, and discussions, I was able to light a candle for our parish, and pray at the Shrine to Our Lady Queen of Peace. I have also a picture of the Holy Door at the Shrine, in this Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy.



Financial Item

We ask our parishioners for your support of financial stewardship for Easter. The Easter, and Christmas collections are especially important for us to meet the nearly \$200,000 dollars in diocesan bills which we need to meet this year. Your generosity and kindness is truly appreciated.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday

We will be celebrating **Divine Mercy** on Sunday, April 3 beginning at 1:30 PM. As part of the day's spiritual opportunities, the faithful will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray the Rosary, and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will begin at 3:00 PM and the service will close with Benediction. The faithful are advised to please **pick up a flyer** at all exits of the church to start the Novena on Good Friday.

"Mary's hymn of praise was dedicated to the mercy of God which extends from "generation to generation" (Lk 1:50). We too were included in those prophetic words of the Virgin Mary. This will be a source of comfort and strength to us as we cross the threshold of the Holy Year to experience the fruits of Divine Mercy." Words of Pope Francis #24 *Misericordiae Vultus*



Blood Drive Today – March 20

Wear Green, Give RED—The Monthly Blood Drive is Sunday, March 20, from 8:30-1:30 at 619 Ridge Road (the First Aid Squad Building, by the library) and we are only accepting two kinds of blood—Irish and Non-Irish!! If you fit in one of those categories, WE NEED You!! We will be holding our Traditional Irish Soda Bread Baking Contest—entry fee is one donation! Bring a loaf to share and a loaf to be judged. And wear GREEN! Questions? Comments? Contact Jim Gilligan at 551-486-6608 or jrg2y@yahoo.com.

Give Blood...



PRAYERS REQUESTED



Please remember in your prayers the following: Lori, Kathy Baker, Tom Baron, Ruth Beckmann, Kathleen Bolton, Marie Bryan, Gail Burr, Michael Campbell, Mary Lou Canino, Charles Casella, Doris Colborn, Ann Cascio, Angelia Cercone, Jeanne Chaconne, Suzanne Devold, Chuckie DePreker, Gavin Dillon, Edward Doremus, Joan Dundorf, Barbara Escaravage, Michele Falzarano, Madison Olivia Ferraro, Ann Fitzpatrick, Nancy Anne Gallo, Ruth Gilchrist, Connie Gerardi, Vivian Gunther, Pat Hajek, Ted Hajek, Ryan Hand, Colleen Henaghen, Kathy Holley, Bob Innella, Kathleen Jobbagy, Donna Katliss, Baby Mackenzie Jennings, Ann Mahon, Irene Marra, Evelyn McCabe, Betty McHugh, Dave McClellan, The Miller Family, John Nittolo, Luis Nunez, John Ober, Bea Palmer, Carrol Pickens, Beverly Plattel, Marty Prewitt, Genevieve Puso, Fr. Joe Quinn, Josh Roche, Christine Romano, Barbara Scheelje, Fr. Bill Scully, Joann Somma, Mike Somma, John Tenhula, Eileen Thompson, Eileen Trahan, Jamie Travis, Alison Walters Soderburg, Ann Vogel, Diane Warner, Ceil Zelasko, Bryce Zimmer.

"Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling runs to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."

(New Roman Missal, Preface 1 for the Dead)

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Ronald Zellin, Dolores Bossard.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 20th

Knights of Columbus Breakfast – 8 AM-12PM - Cafeteria
AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space
Alateen – 7:30 PM – Front Annex



Monday, March 21st

Chrism Mass at the Diocese

Tuesday, March 22nd

Mercy Small Group – 1:00 PM - Convent
Children's Choir – 5:45 PM - Church
Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church

Wednesday, March 23rd

Boy Scouts – 6:30 PM – Gym
Decorate for Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM – Gathering Space

Holy Thursday, March 24th

Morning Prayer – 9:00 AM - Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 PM - Church



Good Friday, March 25th

Morning Prayer & Divine Mercy Novena—9:00 AM-Church
Seven Last Words – 12:00 PM – Church
Stations of the Cross in English – 3:00 PM - Church
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 5:00 PM – Church
Fish Fry – 6:00-7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Polish – 7:00 PM – Church



Holy Saturday, March 26th

Morning Prayer & Divine Mercy Novena—9:00 AM-Church
Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM –Library
Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 AM – Grounds Near Convent
Decorate for Easter – 12:00 PM – Church
Blessing of Food – 12:00 PM - Gym
AA – 2:00 PM – Cafeteria
Easter Vigil – 8:00 PM – Church



Easter Sunday, March 27th

Mass at Dawn - 7:00 AM – Church
Easter Mass – 9:00 AM – Church
Easter Mass – 10:30 AM – Church
Easter Mass – 12:00 PM - Church
AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space
Alateen – 7:30 PM – Front Annex

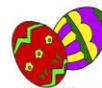


EASTER EGG HUNT

All children ages 2-12 welcome

Saturday, March 26

10 AM – Parish Grounds



Please bring a bag or basket with which to collect your eggs!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

Sunday, March 13, 2016 \$6,104
Deficit Reduction \$1,628

Donation For Loved One

Altar Wine and Bread for Week of March 5-25
In Memory of DeGennaro and Sarnella Families.
Requested by Fran and Pat Sarnella

Altar Candle for Week of March 26-April 2
In Memory of Larry, Sean and Kevin Mayo
Requested by Mary Ann Mayo

SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

Week Ending March 13, 2016

Sold – \$.2,075.00

Profit – \$103.75

Total Profit since July 1 – \$4,514.75

HUNGERING TO BUILD COMMUNITY

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Please place your rice bowls in the container at the side entrance of the church marked "Rice Bowls," or drop off at the parish office. Thank you for participating in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection.

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU

Lent is the time for acknowledging the things that good people do for good people.

Much appreciation for the generosity that is extended from our parishioners and our community for those in need. We will be distributing our Easter Baskets to families in our community in time for Easter Dinner. I wish to thank those who have made it possible. Many of you know who you are. Through the efforts of all of you we are able to help people in need.

A special thank you to Liz Carroll for spearheading the Food Pantry Volunteers and organizing the baskets for distribution. I know God will look kindly on all our Food Pantry Volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and energy each week. May I wish everyone my sincere appreciation and a Blessed Easter. Pat G

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Women's Conference: Feminine, Faithful, Fearless

All women, at any age and any stage of life, celebrating our differences while affirming who we are in Christ. We will focus on the diversity of what today's Catholic woman is, while still appreciating our unifying faith. Presenters: Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Dr. Susan Timoney, STD, and Rosario Rodriguez along with musical guests Lauren and Nicky Costabile and Keaton Douglas as emcee at **St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ**. Join us on **Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM** and invite a friend! Check us out on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/635601299954438/?active_tab=posts. To register, please go to www.insidethewalls.org/womens-conference. Adults: \$25; college students: \$10.

FISH FRY

ONLY
\$10.00



6:00 to
7:30
PM

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Cafeteria

Good Friday

Your choice of

Fried Cod Fish

Or

Cheese Ravioli

Coffee & Dessert

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



HEALING MASS AND SENIOR LUNCHEON

April 9, 12:00 PM
Church and Church Annex

Join us for

- Mass at 12 Noon
- Anointing of the Sick
- Senior Luncheon after Mass with fun and prizes

RSVP by April 1st - 973-728-8162, ext. 301