



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 14, 2019

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where He was welcomed by crowds worshipping Him and laying down palm leaves before Him. It marks the beginning of Holy Week – the holiest days of our Church year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Events:

- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated **Saturday, May 4th at 2:00PM.**
- **First Communion** is **Saturday, May 11th**

Spring Break - No classes today, **Sunday, April 14th, Tuesday, April 16th, and Sunday, April 21st.** Classes resume **Tuesday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 28th.**

Confirmation Practices :

Tuesday, April 23rd - 7:00PM – Confirmation Practice for 8th Grade Students.

Tuesday, April 30th – 7:00PM - Confirmation Practice for 8th Grade Students *and their Sponsors.*

Family Faith Activity for Holy Week-

During the day on Holy Saturday, spend some time as a family talking about the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' crucifixion, death and resurrection. Take a walk around your neighborhood looking for signs of new life in springtime. Talk about how Jesus' rising to new life is truly transformative and life-changing.

3 Simple Ways to Celebrate Holy Week...

1. *Give yourself and your family the gift of quiet time for prayer and reflection in church early in the morning or late at night.*
2. *Move your crucifix to the front door as a remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.*
3. *Make a visit to Church to pray the Stations of the Cross or set aside some time to read and meditate on the Lord's Passion.*



Holy Family School News

Thank you to all who have brought in Box Tops for Education. We will continue to collect box tops throughout the school year. We are also collecting *plastic* bottle tops which will be used for a future art project. You may drop Box Tops and plastic bottle tops off at the security guard desk at the entrance of 100 Mount Joy Place or bring them to the rectory. We appreciate every one!

Thanks to all who attended our Fundraiser on Thursday, April 11! It was a huge success and we are truly grateful to all the parishioners and rectory staff who came out to support our school. Congratulations to all the lucky winners!!

Holy Family School is currently accepting applications for our upcoming school year 2019-20! Please visit our website www.holyfamilynewrochelle.org to apply. Call 914-576-6672 to arrange for a tour. Se habla español!

HOLY WEEK- The Holiest of Weeks

What is the Triduum?

HOLY THURSDAY: During Mass on Holy Thursday, we get a peek into what it was like at the Last Supper, when Jesus said goodbye to His apostles. He teaches them to eat bread and drink wine in memory of Him and He tells them that the bread and wine will be His body and blood. Jesus also washes the apostles' feet at the Last Supper, showing them how much He loved them and how they should serve others.

GOOD FRIDAY: On Good Friday, we read the Gospel that describes how Jesus carried the cross, suffering and dying for our sins. This is called *the Passion*. During this service, we offer prayers for people in our community and our world. We also show our respect and love for the cross and Jesus' sacrifice. Some people kiss the cross, some kneel in front of it, and some reverently touch it. Good Friday services are very serious and quiet; we think about the big sacrifice that God made by sending His Son to die for us.

HOLY SATURDAY: Holy Saturday is a day of waiting: Jesus is in the tomb, the apostles are hiding, afraid. We wait with prayer and hope, knowing that Jesus will leave the tomb on Easter and that He will come again someday. Some people attend the Easter Vigil, a beautiful service that begins after dark and includes readings and songs. We light a new paschal candle at the Easter Vigil, symbolizing Jesus as the Light of the World. Adults who are joining the Catholic Church are baptized at the Easter Vigil and for the first time since Lent began, we say "Alleluia" again!

EASTER SUNDAY: Some people think that Christmas is the most important day of the year, but that's just the beginning of everything, with Jesus' birth. **The biggest day of the year for Christians is Easter!** Easter Sunday is a day of joy! At Mass, we read about how Jesus rose from the dead. Bells ring out, Easter lilies bloom, families share a special meal, and we sing "Alleluia," which means "Praise God!" We are very happy that Jesus' death has made it possible for us to enter heaven.



April 15th is Reconciliation

Monday. This Monday, as we begin Holy Week, the Archdiocese of New York joins the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center in celebrating **Reconciliation Monday**. On this day, all the Churches of our dioceses will offer the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for the holy days of Easter. **Here at Holy Family, Confessions will be heard from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.** We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Good Friday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence

Only one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Fasting binds Catholics who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Faith Book:

Palm Sunday - C

[Isaiah 50: 4-7](#); [Psalm 22](#); [Philippians 2: 6-11](#); [Luke 22:14 - 23:56](#)

From today's Isaiah reading:

"The Lord God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

Reflection:

Like Isaiah's servant, Jesus too has set his face like flint. Today he enters Jerusalem. God's faithful servant has set his face "like flint," to do what needed to be done for us. Because of Jesus' fidelity we have the grace to live faithful lives of service. We are willing to face challenges in a new setting, even though we have faced the same ones so many times before.

So, we ask ourselves:

- What daily challenge do I face today in my attempt to live a faithful Christian life?
- What and who give me the strength to do that?

RCIA



Please remember to keep our **Candidates: Samuel Acheamong, Zulquinain Chowdhry, Jade Gentles, Krisztina Lieberman, Megan Stevens, Ricardo Velasquez, Christina Wimbush, Christopher Woo, Daniel Woo, Trevor Banks,**

Brian Olivencia and our **Catechumens: Michael Kwak, Rebecca Rosengren, Brandon Trinidad, Anthony Velasco, and Rebecca Velasco** (who seek full initiation into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.



Are you celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year?

Cardinal Dolan invites all couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2019 to join him in celebrating at the **Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 2PM on Sunday, June 2nd**. Pre-registration is required. Please **print** your information below and return the completed form to the Parish Office by **Monday, May 1st**. Registration is ongoing and seating is limited. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

- HUSBAND _____
- WIFE _____
- LAST NAME _____
- ADDRESS _____
- CITY _____
- PHONE _____
- WEDDING DATE _____

HOLY WEEK

AND EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Confession Schedule

Reconciliation Monday, April 15th - 4:00 to 8:00PM

Good Friday – After the 7:30PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30PM

Mass Schedule for First Days of Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Masses at 6:50AM and 12:00 Noon

EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum (the name means "three days") marking the days of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection is the most important time of the church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, continues on Good Friday and Holy Saturday and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday, April 18th

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

The celebration of the institution of the Eucharist recalls that Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift He would make of Himself on the Cross. His command to serve others is dramatically recalled in the ceremony of the washing of the feet. The Mass concludes with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository, where there will be adoration until 11:30 PM.



Good Friday, April 19th

3:00 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

No Mass is celebrated today or on Holy Saturday. Rather, the rites center on the proclamation of the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity, the story is retold and followed by solemn prayers for the entire world. The Cross is venerated and the Eucharist is received. This is a day of fast and abstinence and quiet contemplation.



7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20th

8:00 PM - The Solemn Easter Vigil

The high point of the Easter Triduum celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus

Easter Sunday, April 21st

Masses 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 12:30PM

No 6:00 PM Mass



Easter Sunday is both the final hours of the Triduum and the first of the Great Fifty Days feast which will end at Pentecost. The renewal of Baptismal Promises takes place at all the Masses.



Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and help to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 7-8PM to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We invite you to join us whenever you can. For more information, please contact Shirley Le Blanc at 914-576-3806.



HOPE Food Pantry - Please bring your nonperishable DRY GOODS with you to Mass. HOPE suggests: tea, soup, cereal, jelly, peanut butter, canned stew, soup, rice, powdered milk, juice, tuna, pasta, tomato sauce, beans and hash. Also: shampoo, soap, and toiletry items, as well as brown bags and plastic grocery bags in which to put food for distribution. Please do not donate opened food packages or food with an expired "use before" date.

PLEASE NOTE: WE CANNOT ACCEPT SHOES, CLOTHING, OR BABY ITEMS



Please pray for the Sick and those who care for them:

Ashley Bigaud, Mohammed & Fatima Benfaida, Guy Caprio, Javier Cardenas, Daniella Carlo, Doris DiMagio, Joseph Fogal, Lorraine Foremny, Charlotte Grady, Fred Kingston, Linda Lallas, Blake & Riley McCaffrey, Marie Marini, William Micknowitz, Pat O'Sullivan, Rose Peregrine, Brian Ponder, Carmen Rale, Anne-Marie Schauer, Giovanni Silva, Albert Spatola, Mary Sponaugle, Irene Tangredi, Charles Whitney.

Please call the Parish office if you would like to remove a name from this list. 914-632-0673.

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed"
(James 5:16)



We also pray for our military brothers and sisters and especially for:

Michael Acocella Stephen Arles Jack Clifford
Joseph Conway, III Michael DeBartolo Philip Giuliani
Christopher Hough Andrew Marzullo Robert Parente
 Luke Steward

May God protect them all and bring them safely home.



Thank you to all who have made a donation or a pledge. To date we have received \$34,296.00 from 146 donors towards our parish goal of \$74,000.

Please prayerfully consider making your donation today. To learn more about the Appeal and where your gifts go, please visit www.cardinalsappeal.org.



The Stepinac Theatre presents the national high school premiere production of *A Bronx Tale, The Musical*. Show dates are **May 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th at 7PM and a matinee on May 12th at 2PM.**

Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For ticket reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext. 200. For further information please email theatre@stepinac.org.



Thank You ... to everyone attended our Parish Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross last Friday evening. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and prayer and we thank all those who made it so; especially, the soup makers who provided our delicious meal, all who helped to set up and serve it, our music director, and the members of the Adult choir who provided the beautiful choral meditations between the Stations.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 14th – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00PM (Vigil) Edward Ryan
7:30AM Donna Santiago & Ralph Consentino
9:00AM Valeria Stanionis
11:00 AM Domenick & Louise Costa
12:30 PM Margaret Funesti
6:00PM IONA

Monday, April 15th – Monday of Holy Week

6:50AM Jacques Kirsch
12:00 PM Terry & Tom Curtin

Tuesday, April 16th – Tuesday of Holy Week

6:50AM Dolores & Charles La Palme
12:00PM Pasquale Rossignuolo

Wednesday, April 17th – Wednesday of Holy Week

6:50 AM Maria Fedele
12:00PM William Shea

Thursday, April 18th – Holy Thursday

7:00PM -Mass of the Lord's Supper-
For the People of the Parish

Friday, April 19th – Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3:00PM Service of the Lord's Passion
7:30PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 20th – Holy Saturday

8:00 PM -Easter Vigil -
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 21st – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 AM All Masses today
9:00 AM are offered
11:00 AM for
12:30 PM The People of the Parish

***No 6:00 PM Mass Today**

Sunday Collection:

April 7th - \$7,237 Thank you for your generosity.