

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



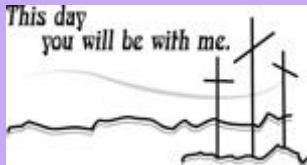
Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!



St. Michael
Netcong, New Jersey

The Church of Saint Michael
April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday



Please remember in your prayers those who have died.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: May Lee, Special Intention, Lucy Pintos, Karlene Yaple, Mary Lou Flemming, Joseph Conklin

Weekly Memorial

Altar Bread & Wine: For All Deceased Parishioners

Readings for the week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 9, 2022

10am Milane Young
5pm Alfred & Carmella Esposito, Rea Family,
Louis Castaldi

Sunday, April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

7am Richie DiRenzo, Sam Rosa
9:30am Santina & Vincenzo Fratangelo,
Antoinette Gugliemini
11:30am Vincent Tardive
1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, April 11, 2022

10am Matthew Soccio, Roberto Hernandez

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

10am Sam Rosa

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

10am Joe & Mario Francomacaro, John Korovich

Thursday, April 14, 2022 Holy Thursday

8am Morning Prayer
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ Bilingual
For All Living & Deceased of the Parish

Friday, April 15, 2022 Good Friday

8am Morning Prayer
2:30pm Stations of the Cross
3pm Passion, Veneration & Communion
5:30pm Passion, Veneration & Communion in Spanish

Saturday, April 16, 2022 Holy Saturday

8am Morning Prayer
7:38pm Easter Vigil Mass ~ Bilingual
For All Living & Deceased of the Parish

Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

7am For All Living & Deceased of the Parish
9:30am For All Living & Deceased of the Parish
11:30am For All Living & Deceased of the Parish
1:30pm For All Living & Deceased of the Parish

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From Deacon Rich

Homily from April 3rd

Gospel of John 8:1-11 5th Sunday of Lent

They said this to test Him. We heard this in the Gospel today. They were testing Jesus! How many times we hear in scripture that this group or that, is trying to test or trap Jesus. The scribes and Pharisees were doing it in today's Gospel. They were testing Jesus. He is God. Do you ever test Jesus? Do you try to trap or persuade Jesus to do something you want? I used to sometimes try it when I was younger, mostly by asking Him to show me signs... When I was in high school, I would take walks around my neighborhood when I was worried about things... I used to chew tobacco, Skoal (story for a different homily) and I would walk and talk with God. Jesus, if you want me to do this, send me a sign... I was usually looking for the Holy Spirit to do some big sign, then I would know God wanted me to do this or that, whatever I was praying for... I learned it just doesn't work that way... He didn't send me any clear cut signs or signals... Do you make deals with Jesus? Do you attach conditions to what you ask Him for?... Jesus, if you heal or help me or this person or that person, I will do this or that for you... It doesn't work that way. We don't earn God's love... There is nothing we can do to make Him love us more and do more for us. We can't do anything to get more love or mercy from Him. His love and mercy have no end. He loves us perfectly, not because of what we do or say. We can only lose his Love by what we do or say... When we sin mortally, then we separate ourselves from Him. He will never separate from us. He is always there for us. Just trust Him. He Loves us because he made us and He is God. He is perfect and he wants us for himself. He will always want you for Himself. He will never make us do anything. He beckons us to Him. By the way, I wonder what Jesus was writing or drawing on the ground when the scribes and Pharisees were testing Him. When I eventually make it to heaven, I am going to ask Him. Here is how I see that conversation going... This is after I run up to Him and hug and thank Him. "Jesus, you know the day you went to the Mt of Olives, after you were in the Temple teaching your people, the day they brought that woman to you who was caught in adultery? He will say, "yes Rich, of course I remember..." I will say, "you were writing or drawing something on the ground... What were you writing or drawing?" And He will answer... It is that simple. All this speculation and guessing by theologians about what He was writing is just that, guessing. If we just have patience and wait, we will eventually know the answer. To everything actually! Not just what He wrote on the ground. We will know all the answers to all the questions... We will be talking with Jesus and He will be answering us, in heaven. It will be spectacular! There could be thousands of others, millions of others maybe, all the Saints and Angels. He

will talk with us as if we are the only ones there! Only us... And, He will be so happy to do so!! He is God, He made us, He is perfect! He wants us to talk with Him now, here on earth, He wants us to just talk with Him. Like He is right there next to us. He is our Father! Talk to Him. He gave us a way to do that... All we have to do is trust Him and listen to Him by way of the Holy Spirit. When I was in formation to be ordained a deacon, we were on our yearly retreat up at Sacred Heart in Newton. They have a little gift shop there and we would go look at the things for sale... I remember there was a little picture of Jesus, of His face, looking up to His Father. It is the most beautiful picture I have ever seen... Exactly how I imagine Jesus to look... Just looking at the picture was calming, comfortable, inviting... Sometimes, when I am preaching a tough homily, like at a funeral. I just look out there about 3 pews back and picture him sitting there as he looked in that picture and I preach to Him. It really helps me... He is so beautiful. Can you imagine that day we are all together seeing Him in heaven! What a day that will be... Our job is not to test Jesus like the scribes and Pharisees did, our job is another "T" word... Trust. We have to just trust Him. He is perfect. Talk to Him, trust Him, love Him. If we talk to Him, trust Him, do His Will and not our will, we will see just how beautiful He is...

From Deacon John

Homily from April 3rd

Justice or Mercy?

That is the two edged sword that hangs over us, and like a pendulum it swings back and forth between the two. As we see the situation of the woman in the Gospel, the crowd wants harsh justice, but Jesus offers Mercy. The part that many of us forget is the condition that goes with that mercy.... "Go, and do not sin again." The idea that mercy trumps justice without the obligation of conversion and repentance is not the message of the Gospel. Yes, Jesus ate and drank with sinners. Yes, Jesus meets us where we are. However, the idea that we can accept or even encourage sin because Jesus tells us not to judge is leading us into the sin of presumption, which could put our eternal soul at risk.

The mercy of Jesus is not a blank check to behave badly. It is a gift to get us out of our sins and back to Him, where His grace will heal and strengthen us. The concept of not judging has been hijacked by the secular society and has given free license to endure all bad behaviors. In the worldly view, judging is a mortal sin. The values of truth, honesty and virtue are considered by many to be relative, conditional, or out dated. Our Catholic values force us to make difficult choices. They are not always popular, and often times we have to choose between right and wrong. This doesn't make us judgmental or hypocrites. It only means that when we are presented with sinful situations, we told the devil

no, and told God yes. We are all sinners and have the self centered urge that leads us away from God. Yet Jesus, in his infinite mercy, calls us from the darkness of sin into His light, with one small detail, "go forth and sin no more". Many times we are forced to leave our comfort zone when confronted with popular, yet incorrect, beliefs. The spiritual works of mercy include our obligation to correct sinners and to instruct the ignorant. How can we fulfill our obligations without any judging or correcting? To put this in more understandable language, we perhaps we should differentiate between discerning judgment and condemning judgment. Discerning judgment is simply the ability to differentiate between right and wrong or good and evil and choosing the good. Condemning judgment is God's role alone, but the obligation to warn and instruct the sinner is still on us. As a Church we have failed in this mission. Many people are living with grave sin because they either don't know or understand Church teachings. Even things as basic as marriage and family, burying the dead and the real presence are misunderstood. When as many as sixty percent of Catholics don't believe or understand the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we have a lot of work to do. So, coming back to the Gospel, where do we find ourselves? Are we in the crowd calling for justice, or are we looking for mercy from Jesus?

Most of us walk the fine line between the two. The infinite and inexhaustible mercy of Jesus is real, but it comes with a limited shelf life. It expires when we do. At our particular judgment we will have to answer for our sins and at that point it's too late for mercy. The question we face right now, with two weeks left in lent, what shape is my soul in? When was my last Confession? Was it a good one that left me with a sense of peace? While the Church only requires confession once a year do I really believe that I could go an entire year without sinning? I know for my part I can't. If I had to face Jesus right now where would I be, Heaven, Purgatory, or God forbid Hell? The choice is ours. If you haven't been to Confession recently, perhaps, sooner would be better than later.

The two edged sword that swings over us at some point will fall. Will it land on mercy or justice for you?

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: rice, toilet tissue, canned fruit, jelly and toothbrushes. As always, we thank you for your generosity and support.

FAITH FORMATION

NO SESSIONS for Faith Formation K-10 on Easter Sunday

*Classes resume as per calendars on April 24.

Faith Formation for Levels K-7

Class after Mass this week for levels K-7

Middle School Confirmation:

- Class and Mass today starting at 10:15 in the *church hall*

ALL Confirmation (Gr. 8, 9,10 and NET):

- Service forms for service completed Jan., Feb. and March of 2022 is DUE IN FAITH FORMATION OFFICE 3/31
- Remember, 1 act of service per month (3/quarter) should be listed, signed off and evaluated by answering the questions on the front and back.
- EVERY form should have at least 3 items listed!!
- Signed Mass sheets for March are also due

For ALL teens/young people in Confirmation Prep (Confirmation II, Middle School Confirmation and NET group)



Reminder: you are expected to attend the Triduum masses/services on Holy Thursday (4/14 mass at 7 pm), Good Friday (4/15 service at 3 pm) and any Easter Mass (Vigil on Saturday 4/16 at 7:30 pm OR regular Sunday Mass schedule on 4/17). Please bring your mass sheets and have them signed by Father, a Deacon or Mrs. Rogalo



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry meetings are Mondays at 7pm.

If you have any questions, please email me at youth.ministry@stmichaelnetcong.org

-Nicole

Sweet Success Fundraiser

Please enjoy and fill up the M&M tubes with quarters. Drop off in our YM container located in the back of church by April 10th. Thank you.

Forty Cans for Lent

Please help the Knights of Columbus in our annual **Forty Cans for Lent** project. We are collecting nonperishable food items for our parish food pantry. It is a great corporal work of mercy to perform during Lent. The idea is to donate one item for each of the forty days of Lent as part of your Lenten sacrifice. Donations can be placed by the St. Anthony statue in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR

Primera Lectura: Isaías 50:4-7

Isaías describe a un individuo quien ha sido enseñado por Dios a ayudar a otros. También cuenta que está dispuesto a ser azotado y escupido, seguro de que con la ayuda de Dios no será deshonrado.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2:6-11

Pablo discute cómo Jesús no exigió semejanza con Dios, sino que tomó forma humana. Se humilló suficientemente como para aceptar morir en la cruz. Dios lo exaltó y quiere que nosotros respetemos el nombre de Jesús y lo adoremos.

Evangelio: San Lucas 22:14—23:56

Lucas cuenta detalladamente sobre la última cena de Jesús con los apóstoles, en donde Jesús les dice que pronto sufrirá para cumplir la voluntad de Dios. Luego Jesús oró para que Dios lo librara si lo deseaba. Después de que Judas lo traicionó, fué arrestado. A pesar de que Pilatos no creyó que Jesús fuera culpable de ningún crimen, se lo entregó al pueblo, y sentenció a Jesús a morir en la cruz. Luego de que Jesús fué crucificado, pusieron su cuerpo en un sepulcro nuevo.

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Domingo

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Lunes

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Martes

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Miércoles

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Jueves

Misa Crismal: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Viernes

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Sábado

Vigilia de Pascua: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

DOMINGO de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor 10 de abril de 2022

“Jesucristo, que era de condición divina, no consideró esta igualdad con Dios como algo que debía guardar celosamente: al contrario, se anonadó a sí mismo, tomando la condición de servidor y haciéndose semejante a los hombres. Y presentándose con aspecto humano, se humilló hasta aceptar por obediencia la muerte y muerte de cruz ... al nombre de Jesús, se doble toda rodilla en el cielo, en la tierra y en los abismos, y toda lengua proclame para gloria de Dios Padre: Jesucristo es el Señor”.

La carta de San Pablo que es probablemente un himno de los primeros cristianos, nos indica el tono para los que deseamos conocer al Señor, aceptar Su gracia, y vivir vidas cristianas plenas. Tome un minuto para repasar algunas de estas conmovedoras palabras... El no se mantuvo como deidad, sino que se acercó a nosotros. No sólo dió algo de sí, sino que se vació, hasta la última gota de Su sangre... se identificó con nuestra humanidad, excepto por el pecado, y murió una muerte horrible por crucifixión.

¿Cómo respondo al comenzar esta Semana Santa? ¿Deseo aferrarme, colgándome de El? ¿Cuánto de mí mismo deseo dar de regreso por su total entrega a mí? ¿Me encontrará esta Semana Santa uniendo mi sufrimiento y dolor al de Jesús que continúa sufriendo en los cristianos perseguidos, los pobres y marginalizados? Como el Cardenal Tobin escribió, la pasión de Cristo continúa hoy, y los inmigrantes son los protagonistas.



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