Hosanna

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

Matthew 21:9b

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 –
Lk. 19: 28-40; Is. 50 4-7; Phil. 2: 6-11; Lk. 22: 14- 23: 56; or 23: 1-49
5:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 –
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Lk. 19: 28-40; Is. 50 4-7; Phil. 2: 6-11; Lk. 22: 14- 23: 56; or 23: 1-49
8:30 AM Richard Taylor / req. by Joe Tobia
11:00 AM Marge Foley
req. by the Prayer Shawl Ministry

MONDAY, APRIL 11 – MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Is. 42: 1-7; Jn. 12: 1-11
8:00 AM Fran Semler / req. by Sue Brueck

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 – TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Is. 49: 1-6; Jn. 13: 21-33, 36-38
8:00 AM Paul Haten / req. by Beverly Watkins

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 – WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Is. 50: 4-9a; Mt. 26: 14-25
8:00 AM Mary Moliterno / req. by the Vecchio Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 – THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK – HOLY THURSDAY
Ex. 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26; Jn. 13: 1-15
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 – FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – GOOD FRIDAY
Is. 52: 13-53: 12; Heb. 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9; Jn. 18: 1-19: 42
8:00 AM Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 – HOLY SATURDAY
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
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5: 6b-8; Jn. 20: 1-9 or Lk. 24: 1-12
8:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased
11:00 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2022.

This can be arranged either by calling Grace at the rectory at 201-768-7565 and leaving a message or sending an e-mail to gditzel@stmarycloster.org.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the beginning of Holy Week. We begin this week by receiving Palm branches, symbolizing the welcome Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. May these palm branches remind us all of the sacrifice Jesus offered on the cross for us, so that we may have life to the full.

As always, we are invited not only to celebrate Palm Sunday, but all the days which make this week holy. The church invites us to be part of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through our participation at the Masses and services offered during this holy week. We do so, that, in dying with Jesus in his passion and death, we may rise with him in the glory of the resurrection.

May this Holy Week truly be for each of us a time to celebrate all that Jesus has done for us through his passion, death, and resurrection.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

Pray for the Sick

Glen Connolly, Amy Hartwell, Thomas Kelly, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Baby Luke Totaro

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to or have a name removed from our prayer list please e-mail gditzel@stmarycloster.org or call the rectory at 201-768-7565. To add a name you must have the permission of the person or their family.

2022 Annual Appeal

Proclaiming the Gospel
Passing on the Faith
Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable
Forming Future Priest and Supporting Retired Clergy

St. Mary's Goal is $24,000.00
Please help us reach it!

If you didn't see the video from Archbishop Cardinal Tobin you can view it at https://www.rcan.org/video.

You may make your donation at Mass, on Parish Giving or at rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you to those that have already made their donation.

Faith Formation News

Good day parishioners and a blessed Palm Sunday,

This past Sunday the families discussed Holy Week and what each day of this week signifies for us, as Catholics. They learned that The Last Supper was actually the first Eucharistic meal and that we celebrate that meal every time we receive the Eucharist at mass.

We also took a page out of Jesus' handbook and served others by creating Easter Baskets for the Closter Food Pantry to give to their participants as an added celebration for Easter. We pray that all those who are struggling to put food on the table for themselves and their family to see Jesus in all the people that they meet and have a blessed Easter Season.

As we come close to the end of Lent, I pray all the parishioners have a solemn Holy Week and take time to attend whatever masses possible to share this week with your fellow parishioners as Jesus commanded.

Stabilizing the Sunday Collection on a steady and predictable income to pay the bills. Our Sunday collections fluctuate greatly due to vacations, inclement weather, etc. It is difficult to the budget and provide for ministry under these circumstances. And we sometimes simply forget to make-up our offering because, well, life gets busy. Please consider making your offering to St. Mary's through egiving or bank transfer. A number of parishioners are using St. Mary's Parishgiving platform. It's secure and convenient and costs the donor nothing. Just go online, sign-up and indicate your offering. You may even get "points" on your rewards credit card for doing so! You can also have your bank transfer the funds directly. Simply visit stmarycloster.org and follow the link to Parishgiving or you can scan the QR code with your cell phone. Thank you to our dedicated and generous parishioners who make ministry possible at St. Mary's.

Hospital Privacy

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want Father to visit you or a loved one (covid regulations permitting), please call the rectory office and let us know.

2023 Mass Intention Book

On a fixed date each year, we "open" the Intention Book for Masses which will be said here in St. Mary Church during the next year. On **Thursday, April 21st**, we will formally begin taking mass intentions for **2023**. We recommend that parishioners write their request and mail them along with the $10.00 stipend to the attention of **Grace Ditzel** by the **21st**. This would forestall a "run" on the rectory. These requests will be honored by when they are received in the mail. Masses booked in person after the **21st** will be honored according to availability of dates. **No phone requests** will be taken. **Please Note: In fairness to everyone we are limiting the amount of Mass requests for 2023 to a maximum of SIX (6) masses per family and not all requests can be for Sunday Masses.**

Sacrament Certificate Requests

For various reasons there are times when one needs to obtain a new current Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage Certificate. When doing so please allow the office **at least two weeks time**. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – by Appointment

Please contact Fr. Joe at the Rectory at 201-768-7565.

Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms

Please contact the parish office at 201-768-7565.

How To Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

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Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

We are excited to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022!

Every couple in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage during 2022 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Five years and twenty-five years on Sunday, **April 24th** at 3:00 PM and fifty years on Sunday, **May 15th** at 3:00 PM.

Please call the rectory to register. The **deadline** for April 24th is **April 11th** and the deadline for May 15th is **May 2nd**.

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

The Archdiocese will acknowledge the reservation directly to the celebrating couple and provide them with directions to the Cathedral Basilica (after we submit your information to them).

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years **can also join us**. Please note whether the milestone anniversary took place in **2020**, **2021** or **2022**, the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

Bereavement Ministry – St. Pius X Church, Old Tappan

Jesus says in the beatitudes, *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

Everyone will experience grief at some point in time and it can be overwhelming. If you are grieving the loss of a spouse, parent(s), child/children, sibling(s), or friend(s), you are not alone in your grief. We at Saint Pius X now have our second series of meetings starting shortly.

Eight Tuesday nights from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM as follows:
04/19/22 (1) Welcome and Introductions
04/26/22 (2) Feelings
05/03/22 (4) Anger
05/10/22 (3) Family Systems, who plays which role? Include extended family and friends.
05/17/22 (5) Grief (6 stages)
05/24/22 (6) Guilt and Regrets
05/31/22 (7) Hopefulness/Candle Service
06/07/22 (8) Loneliness/Caretaking / Recovery

Eight weeks, a short time to hopefully feel a lot better. Grieving can be difficult and is meant to be a shred experience. Come join us. Contact Lorraine L. Delling at: lldelling@gmail.com or 201-722-0982

Why Register at St. Mary's?

First, because we need each other on this journey of life and faith!

Every Catholic should be registered in a parish. Beside the active support and involvement that the registration enables, parish registration is also a mandatory condition for many sacraments including Baptism and Matrimony and being a sponsor or godparent. It is therefore important to register at St. Mary's as soon as you start worshipping with us regularly.

- You may receive verification letters to sponsor individuals for sacraments, receive sacraments yourself or your child (i.e. marriage, baptism).
- You will receive end of the year tax contribution statements.
- You will be personally invited to gatherings to meet the staff and other parishioners.
- The parish will know the demographics and respond to needs. Further, the Archdiocese will know that our parish has a healthy base of registered, supportive parishioners.

CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM!

Archdiocese Of Newark 2022 Lenten Regulations

Good Friday is a day of both Fast and Abstinence. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10th
Masses at 5:00 PM (Sat.),
8:30 AM *, and 11:00 AM (Sun.)

Monday of Holy Week
Chrism Mass (Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica, Newark) – 8:00 PM *

Monday of Holy Week
8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week
8:00 AM Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week
8:00 AM Mass

Holy Thursday, April 14th
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until 10:00 PM in Church

Good Friday, April 15th
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 16th
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter and First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 17th
Masses at 8:30 AM * and 11:00 AM

*Will be livestreamed

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

The Holy Land collection is taken up on Good Friday, **April 15th**.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 4:00 PM.

Paschal Candle

If anyone is interested in donating the Paschal Candle in memory of someone, please contact the rectory for more information.

APRIL / MAY ENVELOPES

If you receive envelopes – as of when this bulletin was written there was a problem with the envelope company, and they didn't send out the April / May packets. Please put your donations in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it so it can be recorded and credit you.

Parish Offices Easter Hours

All parish offices will close at **12:00 PM on Thursday, April 14th** and reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, **April 19th.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sun. – April 10th:
9:30 AM – 10:50 AM – Sacramental Program – Sprouts, Lambs and Evangelists

Mon. – April 11th:
8:30 AM – Immaculate Medal Novena – Church
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Tues. – April 12th:
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – 7th Grade Doves – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Wed. – April 13th:
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Church
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Scripture Study – Fr. Roger Troy Hall
4:00 PM – Stations of the Cross – Church
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Men's Cornerstone Meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Thur. – April 14th:
8:00 AM – Morning Prayer – Church
12:00 PM – All parish offices close
7:30 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM – Church

Fri. – April 15th:
8:00 AM – Morning Prayer – Church
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Sat. – April 16th:
8:00 AM – Morning Prayer – Church
8:00 PM – The Great Vigil of Easter and First Mass of Easter – Church

Sun. – April 17th:
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM – Mass

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