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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion | April 2, 2023

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Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

Clergy

Rev. Sean W. Kenney, OFS, Pastor

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Join Us For Mass

Sunday Masses | Saturday Vigil- 5:00 PM Church

Sunday- 8:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 AM Church

Confessions- Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

Holy Days- 9:15 AM | 7:30 PM Church

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 2 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Michele Hayes
r/o Barbara & Ed Golankiewicz

12:00 PM Shirley Havens
r/o The Sage Family

Monday, April 3

9:15 AM Marlene Ahmadifar
r/o Jeanette Falcone

Tuesday, April 4

9:15 AM Anthony Pisapia
r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley
Diane Pelfrey
r/o Dave & Caroline Crane

Wednesday, April 5

9:15 AM Janet Tobin *1st Anniversary*
r/o John & Carol Tobin

Thursday, April 6 *Holy Thursday*

9:15 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Living & Deceased Pastors & Priests of
Our Lady of the Mount

Friday, April 7 *Good Friday*

9:15 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8 *Holy Saturday*

9:15 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

Sunday, April 9 *Easter Sunday*

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
10:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
12:00 PM Frederick J. Sage
r/o Mom & Dad

Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.

Mass Intentions Available

Mass Intentions are available for 2023/2024. To request to have a Mass offered for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office or request online at <https://olmwarren.org/mass-intentions>. Mass stipends are \$10.

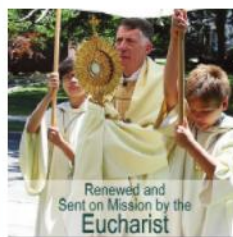
Parish Offices will be closed in observance of Easter beginning on Holy Thursday, April 6th, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 11th.



*We offer our prayerful congratulations to **Lauren SchianodiCola** & **Steven Seguire**, who were married at Our Lady of the Mount last weekend.*



2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal



Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

To date, the Development Office has received payments totaling \$311,491.25 This represents 81.33% of our \$383,000.00 goal.



**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL**

Good Friday Fish Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

**4:30 PM OR 6:30 PM
SHEPHERDS HALL**

**THIS YEAR THE KNIGHTS WILL BE PREPARING
A NUMBER OF DISHES TO BE SERVED:**

- *BAKED OR FRIED FISH WITH FRENCH FRIES**
- *MANHATTAN CLAM CHOWDER**
- *CAVATELLI AND BROCCOLI**

**KNIGHTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER
TO TAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
MARCH 25/26 AND APRIL 1/2**

**YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT
WWW.OLMWARREN.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE**

**THE COST OF THE DINNER IS:
ADULTS \$25.00 AND CHILDREN \$15.00**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Chapel

Beginning at 3:00 PM on April 2nd, Concluding with
Benediction at 7:45 PM
April 3rd through April 5th
10:00 AM-7:45 PM

HOLY THURSDAY

April 6th

Morning Prayer 9:15 AM (No Morning Mass) Chapel
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM Church
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Church

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th

Morning Prayer 9:15 AM (No Morning Mass) Chapel
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM Church
Annual Parish Good Friday Fish Dinner –
4:30 PM or 6:30 PM Shepherds Hall
Stations of the Cross 7:35 PM Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY

April 8th

Morning Prayer 9:15 AM
(No Morning Mass-No Confessions) Chapel
Blessing of Easter Food 12:30 PM Shepherds Hall
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM Church

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th Masses Church
8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 12:00 Noon



Chrism Mass | Tuesday, April 4, 2023 | 4:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>

April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” (Matthew 27:32)

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Saint of the Day | Saturday, April 1, 2023 | Saint Hugh of Grenoble



Today's saint could be a patron for those of us who feel so overwhelmed by all the problems in the world that we don't know where to begin.

Hugh, who served as a bishop in France for 52 years, had his work cut out for him from the start. Corruption seemed to loom in every direction: the buying and selling of Church offices, violations of clerical celibacy, lay control of Church property, religious indifference and/or ignorance. After serving as bishop for two years, he'd had his fill. He tried disappearing to a monastery, but the pope called him back to continue the

work of reform. Ironically, Hugh was reasonably effective in the role of reformer—surely because of his devotion to the Church but also because of his strong character. In conflicts between Church and state he was an unflinching defender of the Church. He fearlessly supported the papacy. He was eloquent as a preacher. He restored his own cathedral, made civic improvements in the town, and weathered a brief exile.

Hugh may be best known as patron and benefactor of Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order. He died in 1132, and was canonized only two years later.

Reflection

In the midst of our confusing life these days, let us pray for the ability to rise above the fray and to see things in the light of faith as did Saint Hugh.

Saint of the Day | Sunday, April 2, 2023 | Saint Francis of Paola



Francis of Paola was a man who deeply loved contemplative solitude and wished only to be the “least in the household of God.” Yet, when the Church called him to active service in the world, he became a miracle-worker and influenced the course of nations.

After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, he began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave near Paola, on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis established a Rule for his austere community and sought Church approval. This was the

founding of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

In 1492, Francis changed the name of his community to “Minims” because he wanted them to be known as the least (minimi) in the household of God. Humility was to be the hallmark of the brothers as it had been in Francis's personal life. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Francis enjoined upon his followers the fourth obligation of a perpetual Lenten fast. He felt that heroic mortification was necessary as a means for spiritual growth.

It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use the gifts he had received, such as the gifts of miracles and prophecy, to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

Following the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. He helped to restore peace between France and Brittany by advising a marriage between the ruling families, and between France and Spain by persuading Louis XI to return some disputed land.

Francis died while at the French court.

Reflection

The life of Francis of Paola speaks plainly to an overactive world. He was a contemplative man called to active ministry and must have felt keenly the tension between prayer and service. Yet, in Francis's life it was a productive tension, for he clearly utilized the fruits of contemplation in his ministry, which came to involve the workings of nations. He responded so readily and so well to the call of the Church from a solid foundation in prayer and mortification. When he went out to the world, it was not he who worked but Christ working through him—“the least in the household of God.”

**Source: “Saint of the Day” Franciscan Media*

*Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 2, 2023*

Sunday | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Procession: Mt 21:1-11; At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Monday | Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday | Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-
33, 36-38

Wednesday | Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-
25

Thursday | Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion
Chrism Mass: Is 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25,
27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-
16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday | Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb
4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday | Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn
22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-
10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is
54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-
3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez
36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11;
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

Sunday | The Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-
4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-
35



The Bereavement Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights will be offering a free of charge 8-week bereavement support group.

**Journey Through Grief
- Bereavement Support Group**

Wednesdays, April 12th - June 7th, 7- 8:30 PM

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Please contact bereavement.lf@gmail.com for details or to register. Phone: 908-464-1585

*Church of the Little Flower Bereavement Support
Bernauer Parish Center
290 Plainfield Ave.
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922*

**Silver & Gold
Wedding Anniversary Celebration**



You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



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