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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mass Schedule is: **Only 8am Mass Livestreamed***

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm

Sunday *8:00 am and 10:30 am

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

***8:00 am**

BAPTISM: Parents please call the Parish Office to arrange for instructions and Baptismal date.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage should contact the Pastor at least one year in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is expected.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church

HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.

Paula Stidsen 774-696-3008

Or email: PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

April 2, 2023



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9



**Join us for the
STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS**

April 7: 3pm, Good Friday

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (confidential line).



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Mass Intentions



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 1: Palm Sunday

5:00 pm Nancy M. Isernio, 5th Anniversary
Requested by Deacon Pierre & Carol Gemme

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday 8 am Livestreamed

8:00 am Raymond J. Becker, Jr.
Requested by the Family

10:30 am All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, April 3:

8:00 am Carmela S. Luca
Requested by Joe Luca

Tuesday, April 4:

8:00 am (*Living Intention) Slawek's Family
Requested by Slawek Gawlik

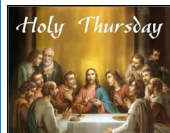
Wednesday, April 5:

8:00 am Roger Cournoyer
Requested by Cindy Katinas

Easter Triduum Begins



Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday



8:00 am - Morning Prayer
7:00 pm - The Lord's Supper
9:30 pm - Night Prayer

Friday, April 7: Good Friday



8:00 am - Morning Prayer
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - The Passion of our LORD

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday

8:00 am - Morning Prayer



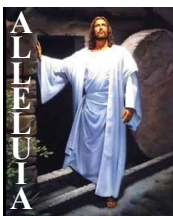
Easter: The Resurrection of our Lord

Saturday, April 8:

7:30 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday, April 9: 8 am Livestreamed

8:00 am Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of our LORD
10:30 am Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of our LORD



**April 2: Palm Sunday, Ecumenical
Blessing of the Palms, 10:30 am**, between
the churches

April 2: Rosary following the **10:30 am** Mass (First
Sunday of every month) Please join us.

April 3: Holy Hour, 5:55 -7:30 pm

April 3: Confessions, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

April 4: Scripture Study & Faith Sharing, 9 am, in the
Church Hall (Tuesdays) following the Divine Mercy
Chaplet

**April 4: Adult Class #8 - Fulfilled: The Promise of the
Christian Life (Theology of the Body), 7-8:30 pm**,
Parish Center. Future dates: 4/11, 4/18

April 6: Triduum Begins:

See schedule under Holy Week



April 11: Blanket Ministry Night, 6:00 -8:00 pm,
Parish Center Hall

April 14: Holy Hour to Pray for Priests, 7-8 pm,
Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worc.
Every second Friday of the month.



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Easter Offering	\$ 45.00
	\$ 4,570.80

Special Collections:

Catholic Relief Services \$ 120.00

Thank you...



A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

It is Palm Sunday (or Passion Sunday, as we read the Passion Narrative of Matthew this year). What we'll see this Sunday is a story that begins with Christ entering Jerusalem being hailed as the Messiah by many, a prophet by others. His followers laid palm branches as he fulfilled the words of Scripture, speaking of a King riding on a donkey and colt. Days later, things had decidedly changed...

Here is what happens during Holy Week, as told by Msgr. Charles Pope (PLEASE NOTE: Read in the article online that this an attempt to layout a **likely, but not certain** chronology. This will give you an idea of how Holy Week plays out on each day).

Palm Sunday: *Our celebration of Holy Week begins this Sunday as we remember and make present the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his final week and initiate his Passion. All four Gospels recount this triumphant entry that Sunday Morning so long ago, but made present to us today. As you receive your palms, consider that you are part of that vast crowd. How will you journey with Jesus this week? Let the palm remind you to praise him with your prayerful presence during the sacred Triduum. According to Mark 11:11 Jesus returned that evening to Bethany, a suburb of Jerusalem. Perhaps he stayed with his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Pray with Jesus this evening as he considers the difficult days ahead of him.*

Monday of Holy Week: *According to Matthew 21, Mark 11 and Luke 19, Jesus returns to Jerusalem today and, seeing shameful practices in the Temple area, he cleanses the Temple. John's Gospel also records that he rebuked the unbelief of the crowds. Mark 11:19 records that he returned to Bethany that night. Pray with Jesus as he is zealous to purify us.*

Tuesday of Holy Week: *According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where he is confronted by the Temple leadership for what he did yesterday. They question his authority. He also teaches extensively using parables and other forms. There is the parable of the vineyard (cf Mt 21:33-46), the parable of the wedding banquet, (cf Mt. 22:1). There is also the teaching on paying taxes (cf Mt 22:15) and the rebuke of the Sadducees who deny the resurrection (cf Mt. 22:23). There is also the fearful prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem if the inhabitants do not come to faith in him. He warns that not one stone will be left on another (cf Mt 24). Continue to pray with Jesus and listen carefully to his final teachings just before his passion.*

Wednesday of Holy Week: *Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" for it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid thirty pieces of silver (cf Mt. 26:14). Jesus likely spent the day In Bethany. In the evening Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects but Jesus rebukes him and says Mary has anointed him for his burial! (cf Mt 26:6). The wicked are besetting Jesus and plotting against him. Are you praying?*

Holy Thursday: *This marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or "three days." Earlier this day Jesus had given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal, which will be his last supper. Through the day they make these preparations (cf Mt 26:17). In the Mass of the Lord's Supper conducted at our parishes, we remember and make present that Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples. We are in the upper room with Jesus and the Apostles and do what they did. Through the ritual of washing the feet (Jn 13:1) of 12 parishioners, we unite in service to one another. Through our celebration of this first Mass and Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26), we unite ourselves to Jesus and receive his Body and Blood as if for the first time. At this Eucharist, we especially thank God for his gift of the ministerial priesthood. After the Last Supper (First Mass) the apostles and Jesus made a short journey across the Kidron Valley to the Garden where he asks them to pray and he experiences his agony (cf Mt 26:30). We too will process in Church with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to a garden (the altar of repose) which has been prepared. The liturgy ends in silence. It is an ancient custom to spend an hour before the reposed Blessed Sacrament tonight. We are with Jesus in the Garden and pray as he goes through his agony. Most of our parish churches remain open until close to midnight. It was near Midnight that Jesus was betrayed by Judas, was arrested and taken to the house of the High Priest (cf Mt. 26:47).*

Good Friday: *All through the night Jesus has been locked in the dungeon of the high priest's house. Early this morning he was brought before a Pilate who transferred his case to Herod. Herod sent him back to Pilate who,*

sometime in the mid-morning, bowed to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds, and condemned Jesus to a horrible death by crucifixion. In the late morning Jesus was taken by the soldiers through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon he is nailed to the cross where he hangs in agony for some three hours. He dies around three in the afternoon. He is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb hastily before sundown. Today is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence. Whenever possible, Christians are urged to keep today free of work, of social engagements, of entertainment, and to devote themselves to communal prayer and worship. At noon many parishes gather for stations of the cross for recollections of the seven last words of Jesus. Many parishes also offer stations of the cross at 3pm the hour of Jesus death. In the evening, we gather quietly in our parish Churches to enter into time of prayer as we reflect on Jesus death on the cross. We also pray for the needs of the world. To acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today, we one by one come forward to venerate the cross with a kiss. Our hunger from this day of fasting is satisfied with Holy Communion distributed at the end of this liturgy. Consider too how the apostles might have gathered that night together in fear and prayer reflecting on all that happened.

Holy Saturday: The body of Jesus is in the tomb but His soul is among the dead to announce the kingdom. The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear it will Live (John 5:25). Consider what it must have been like for the dead in Sheol to awaken to the voice of Jesus! Meanwhile The Disciples, heartbroken at the death of Jesus, observed the Jewish Sabbath in sorrow. They had forgotten the promise of Jesus that He would rise. We cannot forget His promise. We cannot forget. Tonight in our parishes after sundown we gather for the Great Easter Vigil where we will experience Jesus rising from the dead. We gather in darkness and light the Easter fire which reminds us that Jesus is light in the darkness. He is the light of the world. We enter into the church and attentively listen to Bible stories describing God's saving work of the past. Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the Gloria is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ's resurrection. He Lives! In the joy of the resurrection we then celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for our Catechumens and Candidates who have prepared for many weeks for this night. As a Church we sing Alleluia for the first time in forty days. Do everything you can to be present on this evening and invite friends and family to join. Our Vigil ushers in an Easter joy that never ends!

God Bless, Fr. Jim

* - <https://aleteia.org/2015/03/30/a-day-by-day-guide-to-jesus-last-week/>



April 1: *Palm Sunday Vigil Mass*, 5:00 pm

April 2: *Palm Sunday Masses*, 8 am and 10:30 am

April 2: *Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms*, 10:30 am, with our family & friends from the Congregational Church

April 6: *Holy Thursday*

- ✦ *Morning Prayer*, 8:00 am
- ✦ *The Lord's Supper*, 7:00 pm
- ✦ *Night Prayer*, 9:30 pm

April 7: *Good Friday*

- ✦ *Morning Prayer*, 8:00 am
- ✦ *Stations of the Cross*, 3:00 pm
- ✦ *The Passion of the Lord*, 7:00 pm

April 8: *Holy Saturday Morning Prayer*, 8:00 am
Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 pm

April 9: *Easter Sunday*, Masses at 8 am and 10:30 am



What To Do with Last Year's Palms?



You may bring old palms to church and place them in the **baskets that will be at the doors** or bring them to the Parish Center during office hours.

We will arrange for proper disposal.

YOU KNOW
THOSE
LITTLE
CROSSES
THAT PEOPLE
MAKE OUT OF
THE PALM
LEAVES?



THAT'S
LIKE WHAT
HAPPENED
TO JESUS,
ISN'T IT?

is 80 per
cent
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WWJD



—APRIL 2—



ST. FRANCIS
—of PAOLA—

A Message from the Bishop



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

March 30, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Participating in the Way of the Cross is such a powerful way for Christians to recall the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during Lent. Christians in the Holy Land are faced with the particular challenge of bringing their own suffering to the cross as they witness to the faith. The Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land has been a voice for Christians living not just in Jerusalem, but also in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Christians living in the Holy Land not only struggle to live their faith and worship in their parishes – they are also the stewards of the sacred places as Christians arrive in pilgrimage day after day. Each year, the Holy Father asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a **Good Friday Collection** to support Christians in the Holy Land. In particular, the collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and allows them to receive pilgrims, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. Your support is essential to their ministry.

Pilgrims are finally, slowly returning to the Holy Places after two very difficult years that really put to the test the small and fragile Christian presence in the Holy Land. But challenges are not over yet. Pilgrimages are still far from pre-pandemic numbers and the actual political situation, bringing new threats to the Christian community, makes your support more needed than ever.

Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. I invite you to visit www.myfranciscan.org to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection. With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to Christians who continue to struggle in the Holy Land.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

"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.



Rutland Food Pantry

Upcoming Distribution Dates

Date	Time
April	
Thursday, April 13, 2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 22, 2023	9:00 - 10:30 AM

Our current Wish List:
(Non-expired food only, please)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Candy | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Pasta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamburger Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boxed/Canned Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks for kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quick Breads/Muffin Mixes | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee/Tea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Salt/Sugar Free/Gluten Free items | |

All at the Rutland Food Pantry are very grateful for your continued support

The Diocesan Office of Youth
and Young Adult Ministry
invites parishes to join

Summer Volleyball League

the Diocesan Summer
Volleyball League (grades
7-12). Games are held
Monday evenings from
mid-June to mid-August.

If anyone is interested in forming a team for St. Patrick's, please contact the parish office at 508-886-4984. Also, the Volleyball League is looking for referees. Training is available, referees get paid a stipend for each game they referee. If interested, contact P.J. Bleau, league coordinator. His email is pauljbleau@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus "Knight's Corner"

The Knights are selling raffle tickets to support those in our parish community in need. There are 5 cash prizes including a grand prize of \$1,000. Tickets are limited and cost \$20. See a Knight after Mass to purchase your winning ticket!

A live drawing will be held on
Saturday, April 15th
at the Parish Center.
Thank you for your support!

Confessions Before Easter

Saturday: April 1

Monday: April 3

RECONCILIATION

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St. Anne's Parish
You're
Invited!

TRIP TO FRANCE IN NOVEMBER

Fr. Walter Riley, pastor of St. Anne's Parish, Shrewsbury, is leading a custom tour to France from November 2-11, 2023. Some tourist sites will be Paris, Versailles, martyrdom of St. Joan of Arc, Basilica of St. Therese of Lisieux, Normandy (D-Day), Mont St. Michel, Cathedral in Chartres, and more. For cost and more information please visit the website for this trip at www.gate1travel.com/customgroups/FR2356201, or call Fr. Riley at 508-757-5451.

On Palm Sunday...



5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter because of a sore throat. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.


"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, and he shows up."

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