

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 29, 2026

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart

Having listened once again on this Palm Sunday to the story of the suffering and death of Jesus, we are reminded that Easter is just around the corner. But we should also remember that the meaning of Easter is not clear without everything that happened before it. For Easter means resurrection and there can be no resurrection without first a *dying*. Death is certainly the greatest fear and the greatest challenge that each of us has to face in the course of our lives. And we know that in his humanity it was no different for Jesus. Facing a painful and degrading death after an all-too-short life, Jesus, hanging and bleeding on the cross, made a supreme act of faith in the God whom he always called *Abba*. "Father," he said, "into your hand I commend my spirit." And it is this faith that also assures us that in the person of Jesus the darkness of this world was dispelled by the pure light of heaven; and that death was overcome by life, a new kind of life bestowed as free gift by the God of Jesus Christ in each one of us.

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We believe, and so this week we are joined together in a solidarity of faith and goodwill with all people who yearn for a better world in which true justice, and peace, and community become a reality; and we ask God with one voice for that transformation that our world yearns for, but can't find without the light of Christ to guide us and show us the way.

May we take advantage of the abundant graces we shall receive this week by being present here at Sacred Heart for these wonderful liturgies: sitting down with Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday; standing at the foot of the Cross with Mary and the Beloved Disciple on Good Friday; and gathering at the tomb with the faithful women on the Easter Vigil to renew our Baptismal Promises: so that on Easter Sunday we may be taken up in the joy of the Lord's Resurrection; truly experience his power and mercy as he shares his new life with us; and fully understanding the meaning of those hope-filled words of St. Augustine: "We are and Easter people and *Alleluia* is our song!"

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

CONFESSIONS

2:00pm to 4:00pm &

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Monday, March 30th

Wednesday, April 1st

Confessions 12noon to 1:00pm in the rectory

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

9:00am – Solemn Morning Prayer (Tenebrae)

7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Auditorium

Good Friday – April 3rd

9:00am – Solemn Morning Prayer (Tenebrae)

3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

5:30pm – Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross (In Spanish)

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Holy Saturday – April 4th

9:00am – Solemn Morning Prayer (Tenebrae)

(Confessions 3:00PM – 5:00PM) in church

Easter Vigil – 8:00pm

(The only Mass on Saturday, Bilingual)

Easter Sunday – April 5th

8:30am,

10:00am

11:30am

1:00pm

4:00pm (in Spanish)

No 5:30pm Mass

A PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

"Almighty and ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection".



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, He is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you: "You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

5th Sunday of Lent - \$10,372.

Last Year's - \$13,660.

BIRTHRIGHT

Our Parish and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Lenten fundraising drive for Birthright of Rockland County. Please return bottles to the church or rectory by **April 5**. The monies collected will enable Birthright to continue helping women in crisis pregnancies. We will be saving precious lives. Thank you so much for your support of our mission. *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29

Monday, March 30 RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr. 6 – 4:30pm

Tuesday, March 31

Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm

Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-

Wednesday, April 1

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, April 2

Friday, April 3 Office Closed

Please see schedule

Saturday, April 4

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild of Sacred Heart will hold its annual **May Crowning on Sunday, May 3rd** at 10:00 Mass followed by brunch at the Mason Jar in Mahwah. All the women of the Parish are invited. Flyers are in this week's bulletin. All must be registered two weeks prior to event.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY EASTER BASKETS

The baskets will be distributed on Monday, **March 30th from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through only). Please contribute if possible. This event is to help the needy in our midst. Thank you for your help!

MITE BOXES

Did you know that Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) was established by the 18 parishes to alleviate poverty and to serve as a "safety and support net" for all Rockland County residents who have either lived in poverty all their lives or fallen into poverty due to unexpected circumstances?

You can help make a difference by picking up a Lenten offering box at Mass or at your Religious Education program. Your donations will help to prevent evictions, feed the hungry and address basic emergency needs in Rockland. Due April 5.

SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION MAY 17TH, 2026

On May 17, 2026, our parish will honor all those celebrating these milestone anniversaries at the 10:00am Mass. If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035.

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277. **Have you suffered an abortion?** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

WAYLON DANIEL MORRIS

Child of Patrick and Danielle



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helene Marie Biby, Andrew

Bylec, John Bacchus, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Crelencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Margaret Conarty, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Mary Donato, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Mary Erskine, Mary Fraser, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, Mary Ellen Geelan, Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Joe Miraglio, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Danny Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr., Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Deacon Joseph Verboys, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Lissette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

MARCH 29, 2026

Altar Wines In Memory of
ANTHONY & THERESA GRAFF

Altar Breads In Memory of
JOHN BUKOWSKI II

Altar Candles In Memory of
HENRY & JEANNE BUKOWSKI

The Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
WILLIAM CURTIN



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones, especially: **James Waldron**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MON. – FRIDAY)

SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)

SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)

& 5:30PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am – † M.L. George Murichken

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5:30pm – † Frank A. Battaglia

7:15pm – † Edy Romelio Lool Patzán / Intentions

Jhostyn Guaraca (Gracias a San Miguel Arcangel)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 **PALM SUNDAY**

8:30am – † Erlindo Ocampo

10:00am – † Charles Picarelli

11:30am – † Palma & Henry Heck

4:00pm – † Adolfo Degante Flores

5:30pm - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 30

7:00am – † Msgr. Jose Agustin Ganuza Garcia

9:00am – † Vincent Crotty

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am – † Carol Stronach

9:00am – Intentions of Maziel María Guzmán

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00am – Intentions Blaise, Mackenzie, Madronero

9:00am – † Jerry Peden

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 **Holy Thursday**

9:00am – † Tenebrae

7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 **GOOD FRIDAY**

9:00am – † Tenebrae

3:00pm – Passion of the Lord

5:30pm – Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – Hispanic-Stations of the Cross

7:30pm – Liturgy "Lord's Passion" Hispanic

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:00am – † Tenebrae

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:00pm – Easter Vigil -Bilingual-
For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 **EASTER**

**ALL MASSES ARE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
LIVING AND DECEASED**

8:30am – 10:00am – 11:30am – 1:00pm

4:00pm Spanish (Last Mass of the Day)