

OUR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

PRAYER TIME

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

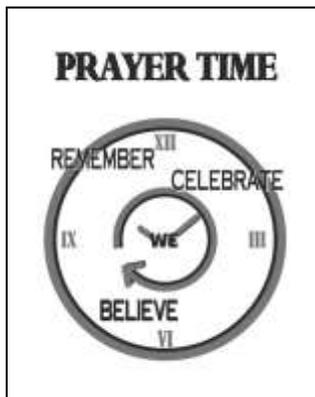
What Time is it for You?

Feeling frazzled by no time?

Bored with too much time on your hands?

It is time to wake up!

God can help you every time. God is always with you in the nick of time, whenever you make time to pray. God's presence, wisdom and peace are with you, here in this moment. The time is now.



The clock reminds us that Time is God's gift. When you see a clock or watch, remember that it is always **Prayer Time**. Prayer closes the circle of our past, present and future with our God who is here for us. Prayer makes us aware of God right now! **We Remember** our past blessings, lifting our hands in **faith**. **We Celebrate** God's presence now, opening our hands, in **hope**, with trust. **We Believe** that our future is our mission to do Christ's Work, empowering us to reach out our hands in **love** and **service**.

Always Prayer Time

Time Out!

Waiting is an opportunity to pray. Wait with God. While at a red light, on line, on hold or while watching the computer download, be mindful of God.

Got Five Minutes?

Time is God's gift to us; we return the gift by giving God our time in prayer. There are 720 minutes in only 12 waking hours; giving God five minutes is less than 1%. How to use the time? Find a quiet place alone. Take some deep breaths in and out using the Latin word for peace, *pacem*- pa- --cem. Follow the guide below.

Turn the Hands of Time in Prayer

Turning the hands of time in prayer involves three sweeping moves into your past, present and future.

We Remember: call to mind your **past** blessings and **thank** God. God did provide. Gratitude grows **Faith**.

We Celebrate: affirm God's presence with you in this very moment. Pray, "Lord, I trust that you are with me **now** in mind, body and spirit. My **hope** lies in you." God is providing.

Trust gives hope.

We Believe: you were created to receive and to give love. Imagine your **future**. How is God inviting you to live your mission in doing Christ's work? God will provide all that you need. Second by second, you are being endlessly supplied and empowered to **love** and to offer **service** to others.

LENTEN HYMN and PRAYER

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

Marty Haugen Adapted

We remember in our prayer time we've been blessed,
And so we celebrate for you are with us here.
And we believe that you entrust us
With your work, of love and service, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

No Time at All? You have Time for this Prayer!



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Make the sign of the cross. As you do, know that this desire to pray is God's gift. You are praying.

- Touch your forehead...
Remember God's blessings in your life. Say, "Thank You" which is the perfect prayer.
- Touch your heart...
Celebrate God's presence in you. Smile.
- Touch your left and right shoulders...
Believe that you were created to receive and give love.
What love and service are you giving next?

Passion/Palm Sunday Reflection Week VI

PALM PRAYER

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is famous throughout the world for its balloon floats and festive spirit. In the time of Christ, a parade held for a prominent figure featured palm strewn streets and palm waving crowds. Palms were placed on the streets to keep the dust down and palms were waved to signify salutations and fanfare. On Palm Sunday, we wave palms to praise Jesus as our Lord and to give thanks for our many blessings.

We Remember our Lord's life on earth, His teachings and example of love and His ultimate sacrifice through His passion, suffering and death on the cross.

We Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection which gifts us with the Risen presence of Christ in every moment of this life and for all time.

We Believe that we are called to share our gifts and blessings sacrificially – offering our own lives day by day in love and service for others.

THE SYMBOL OF THE PALM

The blessed palm we take home may be used for prayer during this Holy Week and throughout the year.

A SEVEN DAY PALM REFLECTION

Hold or look at the blessed palm during your Prayer Time.

Monday of Holy Week or DAY 1 The palm plant is part of God's creation. Pay attention to the created beauty around you: color, taste, texture, smell, sounds, etc. Thank God for these blessings. Remember that all is gift, celebrate in praise the gift before you, believe that your joy is to be shared. How will you share the gift of God's creations?

Tuesday or DAY 2 Palm branches were used to give God praise. Remember who affirmed and affirms you. Celebrate by giving thanks. Whom do you affirm or whom do you need to affirm? Praise God for these experiences and demonstrate your belief by taking one positive action of affirmation this day.

Wednesday or DAY 3 Celebrate this Prayer Time by remembering good experiences of prayer in your past, both personal and shared with others, i.e. a special Mass, Novena, Holy Hour or a time alone. Use the Sign of the Cross Prayer offered on the previous page as an act of belief.

Holy Thursday or DAY 4 Palm branches and trees give shade, comfort and food. Whatever you do for the least of your brothers and sisters is done for Christ. What positive action for the good of another will you take this day?

Good Friday or DAY 5 The palm you see had to be cut from life for your use in Prayer Time. Suffering, pain and death are part of life. Remember your griefs and sorrows; recall the suffering of those you know. Share your pain with God who is filled with love and compassion. Celebrate the presence of God who empathizes with us and who shared suffering and death on the Cross. Believe that God desires to share your burdens and will grant peace and ultimate healing one day with new life in paradise.

Holy Saturday or DAY 6 There are always unclosed circles in our lives. Relationships need healing. Situations are unresolved. We have tasks and long range goals in process. The palm tree grows slowly and in a harsh environment. Bring your unclosed circles to God in prayer. Ask God to reveal your next right or loving move. Take action.

Easter Sunday or DAY 7 Palm waving signaled Jesus hailed as Messiah. The Resurrection of Christ means in part, that there is Good News in every situation because God is with us always. What is the Good News that you remember in your past? How did God provide? What is the Good News in this moment? How is God providing? How will you be Good News for others in the future? God will provide through you!

SEASON OF LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Renew your faith and your spiritual life for service and love for one another.

Lenten Practices:

- The **Eucharist** is the most perfect prayer and Lenten observance.
- Engage in the variety of opportunities for community and private prayer and reflection in our Parish Retreat, **Prayer Time: We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe**

- **Lenten penance** includes acts of self-denial as a tool for mindfulness of God's bountiful gifts and presence and/or an increase in charitable acts and works of kindness.
- Day of **Fast and Abstinence**: Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence when we refrain from eating meat and have one full meal and two lesser meals. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, April 10th will be our final Bible Study Session for Lent, beginning at 11:00 AM.

We will discuss John 18, beginning with the Passion of Christ.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Serratelli, joined by the priests of the diocese will gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Monday, April 10th at 6:45 PM** at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Here the Bishop blesses the three oils which will be used in the administration of the Sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

HOLY WEEK - EASTER SCHEDULE

- **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13**
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration (AUDITORIUM) 9:00 PM – Midnight
- **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM
(Holy Communion/Veneration of the Cross)
- **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15**
Blessing of the Easter Food: 1:00 PM
Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM
- **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16**
Celebration of Eucharist
8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

Dear friends in Christ,

During this Lenten season, as we reflect on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, it is fitting that a collection is taken on Good Friday to assist Christians in the Holy Land. The places where Jesus lived, died and rose again hold a special meaning to us as Catholics and deserve our support.

The Holy Land collection is allocated for educational and ecclesial projects, programs and ministries in the Middle East. Last year, the collection supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans and three academic institutions. In addition, it provided financial assistance to schools, helped educate men for the priesthood, rehabilitated 80 homes for Christian families and provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth. Dozens of shrines connected to the life of Jesus, and so import to our faith, were preserved thanks to the Holy Land Collection.

As part of our Lenten call to almsgiving, I ask you to please join me in making a financial offering to this special collection when it is taken up on Good Friday.

*Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D
Bishop of Paterson*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Grades 7, 8: May 7
Confirmation Grade 9, 10: May 7

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The 3rd graders at St. Philip Preparatory School are very excited to begin their new unit in Science. They will be studying different ecosystems. They will start studying "What is a Pond?" and identifying the different living and non-living things there. They will explore the life cycle of a frog and salmon. They will also learn what a food chain is. At the end of the unit, the students will have the opportunity to visit the Tenaflly Nature Center for a hands-on experience.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted."

- **The Monday Night Widow/Widowers Group:**
 A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **April 24th** at 6:30 PM
- **Spouse Bereavement Group:**
 A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **TUESDAY, April 25th** at 7:00 PM in the **RUSSO ROOM**.
- **BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR: A Source of Understanding & Hope**
 - Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church-Cedar Knolls, NJ
 - **Thursday, May 4th** at 7PM; Room 103
 - Hosted by Deacon Henry deMena, MA
 - Contact Notre Dame Parish office at 973-538-1358 ext. 122 or email at hdemena@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671 thanks all the parishioners who helped make our first Fish & Chips dinner a resounding success. We realize that not everything went as smoothly as desired but will adjust for next year's event. We appreciate your consistent loyalty to our charitable endeavors.

K OF C ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Msgr. Peter J. Doody Scholarship Beefsteak Dinner on **Saturday, April 29th**. Information to follow.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrig Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Theresa Buhler, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Jim Lacava, Catherine Jackson, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Leonor Calvi, Michael Chiamonte, Stephen Blayney, Rachel Livi, Don Muller

THE DECEASED: Hedy Schimpf, Anna Harrington, Peter Bartlett

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 15/16, 2017

Vigil-8:00 PM Fr. Joe 10:00 AM Fr. Kevin
 8:00 AM Fr. Miguel 12:00 Noon Fr. Julio

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: April 3, 2016 \$14,476.00
 April 2, 2017
 Envelopes \$12,507.00
 Cash \$ 1,693.00
 Online Giving Donations \$ 4,440.00
Total \$18,640.00
 2ND COLLECTION: CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELP. \$ 2,536.00

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
 Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Al Castrovillari
 Alton Ferry
 Patricia Fitzgerald Nash
 Telesforo and Aniana Castolo
12:00 Claire Chidiac
 Francesca Ortisi

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

7:00 Rose Sinisi
9:00 Jane Hughes
7:00 P Chrism Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

7:00 Eva Serratelli
9:00 Helena Lichak

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

7:00 Carolina Distasio
9:00 Charles Marvin

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EASTER TRIDUUM

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 (HOLY THURSDAY)

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
9PM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration (Auditorium)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 (GOOD FRIDAY)

3:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 (Holy Communion/Veneration of the Cross)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017 (HOLY SATURDAY)

1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 PM Easter Vigil - All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 2017 (EASTER SUNDAY)

8:00 Angela Coffaro, Fabian Izsa
10:00 Emma Dewland
 Helen Veliky
 Ernest & Philomena Cordasco
 Joseph Bianchi
 Sergio Mella, Jr.
12:00 Joseph Scafidi
 Stanislaw Sudol

The Offertory Candle: In Loving Memory of
 Jay Jacobowitz