# PALM SUNDAY

# OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



# Hozanna!

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

Saint Philip the Apostle Parish

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners.

In our Lord's passion every single character could be the object of a deeply Christological interpretation on the part of theologians and experts in the biblical texts. Every single detail tells us something about the consequences of the Mystery of the Incarnation. For that reason, everything could be the ideal object of meaningful reflection.

There is a curious homily of St. Ambrose devoted entirely to the *animalem Messiasum*, (animal of the Messiah) the donkey on which our Lord was acclaimed in his entrance to the royal city of Jerusalem. There are some other fragments in the biblical text, as well as other venerable traditions, in which this honorable animal is an important agent of the story, but probably none of them show through the donkey's image the glory of the one venerated today. A donkey without name, chosen by our Lord himself, its exact location known to Him, served the king of Kings and Lord of Lords as the brave horse Bucephalus did to Alexander or the thousands of Carthaginian elephants to Hannibal.

The resemblance to the human soul is obvious: the Lord uses the lowliest thing as a dwelling place of his glory; but what perhaps is more difficult to grasp is the natural suitability of this animal for the required office. The donkey is well known for being humble; however, it is in fact a really proud animal which needs to be educated in the works that its master requires of it. It is also a very strong animal, and for that reason a very reliable instrument for the hardest work. Moreover, the donkey brings its rider to the level of the people on the streets due to its short stature. Therefore,

the donkey is the perfect animal for a triumphal entrance into the world, humble, strong and reliable, virtues that are a *conditio sine qua non* for the disciples of Jesus Christ.



The entrance of the King of Israel into the structures of the world is something that the world itself cannot understand. It is up to us to be defeated in our stubbornness and hardness of heart for the sake of a man who rides a donkey, a donkey that was considered in its inner real value and not through the glasses of a sick world.

May you all have a blessed Holy Week!

Peace, Fr. Monteleone

#### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday Saturday, April 1 4:30 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday, April 2 8 AM Mass 10 AM Mass (Broadcast) 12 PM Mass Holy Monday April 3 9 AM Mass

Holy Tuesday
April 4
9 AM Mass

Holy Wednesday
April 5
9 AM Mass

Holy Thursday April 6

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Broadcast) 8:30 PM to 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Auditorium

> Good Friday April 7

3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Broadcast) 7 PM Stations of the Cross

> Holy Saturday April 8

1 PM Easter Food Blessing 8 PM Easter Vigil

Please note:

There is NO 5:30 PM Mass on Holy Saturday. Regular confessions at 4:30 PM will NOT be heard. Saturday confessions will resume on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Sunday
April 9
8 AM Mass
10 AM Mass (Broadcast)
12 PM Mass

#### ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

During Lent we show special concern for those in need. We follow Jesus's example of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

The fourth grade is sponsoring a used book sale this week to raise money for Mercy House and Eva's Village. These are local charities that help families in need in many ways, including serving daily prepared meals. The students have collected gently used books and are holding a three-day sale. All classes are invited to come browse and pick up some bargain books. The fourth grade is preparing during this season of Lent by learning to give to others.

Save the Date for St. Philip Prep's TREP\$ Marketplace run by our own student entrepreneurs!

Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 - 11:30 AM.

More information to follow.

#### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Join us on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>
at 3 PM in the church for Holy Hour
and recitation of the Chaplet of the
Divine Mercy.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

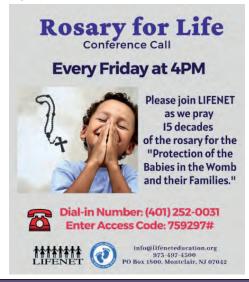
#### **FAMILY HOLY HALF HOUR**

Saint Philip would like to welcome all families with young children to a **family holy HALF hour** on **Friday, April 21st, at 5:30 PM in Marian Hall** in the Molloy Center. A Holy Hour is where we are in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, exposed in front of us, on the altar. It is a beautiful experience that families often miss out on due to fear of their children's inability to sit still for long durations. This format is geared towards kids by shortening the time to a half hour and having music and activities that will help your children and you, as parents, understand the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We encourage you to come and spend time with Jesus as

If you have any questions, please speak with Fr. Nico, or call the Parish Office at (973) 779 6200.

#### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

LIFE MINISTRY



#### **SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **ROSARY SOCIETY**

Come join us on **Monday, April 17** with Mass, and Rosary at 6:30 in Marian Hall.

#### **PRIME TIMERS**

The Next Meeting of the Prime Timers will be
Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Marian Hall.

Please note that there will not be an April meeting due to
the First Friday falling on Good Friday.

We hope to see you all in May!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Welcome Back to the annual Good Friday Blood Drive. This event hasn't been held all during the pandemic and there is a desperate need for blood right now. Vitalent, the blood donation company will be with us in the Gym from 8 Am to 1 PM and will give to each donor via email a \$10 Amazon Gift Card as a thank you. Appointments aren't necessary but recommended. Call 1-877-258-4825.

# Scholarship Beefsteak dinner Saturday, April 29th at 7 PM in Auditorium.

Tickets are only \$45. Chicken alternative also available Credit card purchases at Knights website:

https://knights-of-columbus-11671.square.site/beefsteak or call Ray Lill (973) 472-1756 or Dennis Fitzpatrick (973) 271-9577

#### **HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Join us for a Paint and Sip Night.



#### **CARNIVAL**

St Philips Carnival will be 4 days this year,
Thursday, June 22 - Sunday, June 25.
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excitement! We all have a great time working together and helping make our church and school better.

Email DJ

Chapman: dchapman90@gmail.com



#### **HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**



Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington, NJ, is hosting its Spring Open House on Thursday,

April 27 at 6:30 PM

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and friendly student Eagle Ambassadors, who will guide you through the state-of-the-art building and campus.

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directors, students, and coaches.

Learn about the admissions process, including the Archdiocesan High School Placement Test (HSPT). Ask questions about curriculum, financial aid, transportation...and much more!

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Register online at ihanj.com; walk-ins also welcome.

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#### **PARISH GIVING**

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SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 26, 2023

 Weekly Collection
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 Online Giving Donation
 \$5,889.00

 Total
 \$16,755.00

 Second Collection - Project Faith
 \$2,627.00

**Upcoming Second Collections:** 

April 2 - The Beacon April 9 - Project Faith

#### WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace... Robert Klingler, Patricia Canavan Petrowski

A Time to be Healed...

Barbara Tolvay, Lorraine DeBellis, Sebastian Centinaro, Pauline Jelken, The Sikora sisters, Arlene Bayuex, Jobo Valentin, Pete Malone, Maria Tommaro, Deb Sirvidio



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

8:00 Rocco Santo Massino

Helen Dikun

**10:00** Christine Apostadero

Derek L. Borkowski

Mauro D'Alto

Anita Garbarino

Ben Ricucci

**12:00** All the People of the Parish

#### **HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

9:00 Janet Jelenski

#### **HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

9:00 Aniela Warchol

#### **HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

9:00 Manuel Amador

**TRIDUUM** 

#### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023**

8:00 Easter Vigil - All the People of the Parish

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

8:00 Richard Kochan

Stan Swietek

**10:00** Dorothy and Richard Piechocki

Joseph Scafidi

Jose and Teresa Villegas

**Edward Kovacs** 

12:00 Marlene Chidiac

Priscilla D. Caparaz

#### CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2ND

In Memory of Thomas Spohn
-From his sister



#### OFFERTORY GIFTS WEEK OF APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

In memory of Mauro D'Alto -From his wife, Anna D'Alto



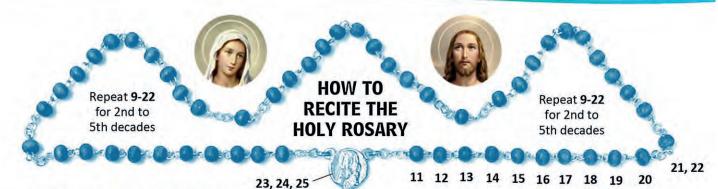


## **Gospel Today**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Matthew 26:14-27:66

Today's gospel is a narrative of the passion and death of Jesus. The events are repeated in the Five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

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# MYSTERIES OR EVENTS FROM THE LIVES OF JESUS AND MARY

#### On Monday & Saturday announce the Joyful Mysteries

1st decade: The Annunciation of the Birth of Jesus 2nd decade: The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

3rd decade: The Birth of Our Lord

4th decade: The Presentation of Our Lord

5th decade: The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

#### On Thursday announce the Luminous Mysteries

1st decade: The Baptism of Our Lord 2nd decade: The Wedding at Cana

3rd decade: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

4th decade: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

5th decade: The Last Supper

#### On Tuesday & Friday announce the Sorrowful Mysteries

1st decade: The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden 2nd decade: Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar 3rd decade: Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns 4th decade: Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary

5th decade: The Crucifixion of Our Lord

#### On Wednesday & Sunday announce the Glorious Mysteries

1st decade: The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord

2nd decade: The Ascension of Our Lord

3rd decade: The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost 4th decade: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

5th decade: The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven & Earth

#### SAY THESE PRAYERS IN THIS ORDER

#### Introduction

1.	In the Name	5.	Hail Mary
2.	I Believe in God	6.	Hail Mary
3.	Our Father	7.	Glory Be
4.	Hail Mary	8.	O My Jesus

#### The First Decade

9.	Announce	16.	Hail Mary
10.	Our Father	17.	Hail Mary
11.	Hail Mary	18.	Hail Mary
12.	Hail Mary	19.	Hail Mary
13.	Hail Mary	20.	Hail Mary
14.	Hail Mary	21.	Glory Be
15.	Hail Mary	22.	O My Jesus

#### Repeat 9-22 for 2nd to 5th decades

#### Conclusion

23. Hail Holy Queen...

**24.** O God, Whose...

25. In the Name...



#### IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Find these prayers (with help from your parents) in a prayer book or online at http://www.newadvent.org/images/rosary.pdf.



The word **Rosary** means "**Crown of Roses**". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one.

Rosaries can be prayed for a special intention and is a way to give reverence to God for all that He does for us. Rosaries can be prayed for positive experiences in school, for the health of a loved one who is sick or for other little children all around the world. You choose the intent and use rosary time to focus on that.

## ST PHILIP THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Shrine Schedule:

11:00 am Explaining the Faith Talk 1:00–2:00pm Confession, Adoration, and Rosary 2:00 pm Mass 3:00 pm The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy &

(please arrive 15 minutes early)

Benediction

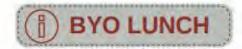
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