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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 24, 2024



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening ..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM  
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday ..... 4:30 PM

### HOLY HOUR

Every Friday ..... 9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or  
Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact the Parish office.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Each year on the Sunday before Easter, Christians around the world celebrate and commemorate what is traditionally called Palm or Passion Sunday, when we recount the events leading up to the betrayal, crucifixion and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This week is the high point of the Liturgical Year, culminating in the celebration of the Lord's resurrection next Sunday. This is thought of as the busiest but also the richest week in the Christian calendar.

The Sunday liturgy of the Eucharist on Palm Sunday begins with a re-enactment of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. After hearing the recounting of this event from the Gospel, everyone processes into church carrying blessed palm or olive branches, singing joyful songs in praise of the Lord who saves us.

The joy and triumph will change to another focus as we move into church and begin to hear the readings about the Suffering Servant of God from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, then the great passage from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians about Christ and finally the recounting of the betrayal, passion, and death of the Lord according to the Gospel writer, this year Saint Mark.

The festive mood at the beginning of Palm Sunday Mass turns to a serious and even somber note rather quickly. Holy Week has begun, and we must be attentive to all that is being offered to us for our reflection, prayer, and spiritual benefit.

The blessed branches received and carried at the beginning of the celebration are reminders that we are committed to following Christ, even unto death. Striving to be faithful to the Lord, we embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ without giving up, even when we are discouraged, betrayed, mocked, or put to death, just as Christ was.

Our procession with palm branches and hearing the words of Scripture regarding the life, death and ultimately the resurrection of Christ, is not something from the remote past meant to remind of what occurred long ago, with little relevance for the present. Rather, all that we celebrate throughout Holy Week is a clear reminder that God is with us now, working on our behalf and that the power of the resurrection of Christ has a daily and real effect in our lives. We are to be convinced that the working of the Holy Spirit in us and with us is an undying source of grace and now and always.

This means that we are called to acclaim the Lord not merely with our lips or just on certain days of the year, such as Palm Sunday, but with our lives, each and every day.

Blessed Charles de Foucauld, the hermit saint of the Sahara, put it in terms of, "proclaiming the Gospel with your life." How we live should be different from the way someone who does not believe would live.

Saint Benedict tells his monks, "Your way of acting should be different from the world's ways". That means every follower of Christ, not just monks, is in need of evaluating the use of time, talents, words, thoughts and deeds. We not only evaluate, though, but also change what needs to be changed, in order to reflect and live out a Christian commitment here and now. This is no easy task, and we may fail regularly in our attempts, but we never give up trying.

Our belonging to Christ is to be a matter of the heart that encompasses our entire being and time. That does not mean we neglect the "mundane" aspects of our life. We all have obligations to family, work and community, and we need time for exercise and relaxation, but all of it is to be consecrated to God and entrusted to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be people on fire for God and for the Kingdom of God present and yet to come. This implies we know our God, that we spend time in prayer each day and joyfully participate in the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist as well as Penance or Reconciliation.

Christ has desired to identify with every human being, past, present and to come. As God, the Lord is capable of this great work. As man, Jesus underwent suffering and death to draw all to himself. We are all partakers of unending love and gifts from God, especially shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To be spiritually enriched in this Great and Holy Week this year, we pray for the grace of God to live our daily lives in the light of faith, hope and love, the theological virtues, seeing in Christ the Just One who was condemned, yet at the same time the origin of our strength and all life.

May this Holy Week find us renewed in zeal for the things of God, for love of God and neighbor, eager to celebrate next Sunday the Passover of our Lord, the central mystery of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Christ.

We are called to die with Christ so that we might rise with him as well. May God illumine and guide our steps today and throughout our lives.

Peace,

*Fr. Monteleone*

## HOLY WEEK 2024

### *Palm Sunday*

**Saturday, March 23**

4:30 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday, March 24**

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

### *Holy Monday*

**March 25**

9 AM Mass

7 PM Confessions

### *Holy Tuesday*

**March 26**

9 AM Mass

### *Holy Wednesday*

**March 27**

9 AM Mass

### *Holy Thursday*

**March 28**

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Broadcast)

8:30 PM to 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration

in the Auditorium

### *Good Friday*

**March 29**

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

7 PM Stations of the Cross

### *Holy Saturday*

**March 30**

1 PM Easter Food Blessing

*Please note that there is NO 5:30 PM Mass.*

*Regular confessions at 4:30 PM will NOT be*

*heard.*

*Saturday confessions at 4:30 PM*

*will resume on April 6.*

8 PM Easter Vigil

### *Easter Sunday*

**March 31**

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Youth Room  
of the Jubilee Wing.

## RESPECT FOR LIFE

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On Sunday, April 7th

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### BOY SCOUTS

Palm Cross Fundraiser  
Boy Scout Troop 21 will be selling palm crosses before and after Masses this weekend. The palm cross price is \$14 and can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo. Please support Troop 21!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Annual St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Good Friday Blood Drive will be held in the GYM on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 1 PM. Although walk-ins are welcome, we strongly suggest you make an appointment to avoid potentially long delays. The last appointment will be 12:30 PM.

You can make an appointment at [https://donorchsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/56540](https://donorchsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56540) or Call Mike Cervine at (973) 472-7505 or use your smart camera with the below QR code.



## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Anahi Faith*

*Jonathan Todd*



## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### PRIMETIMERS

Please note that there will not be an April meeting of the Prime Timers. Please join us on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 PM.

### ROSARY SOCIETY

All Are Welcome!  
Please join us in celebrating the Annunciation on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 PM.  
Mass begins in Marian Hall with the Rosary to follow. A day of dispensation from Lenten practices, with plenty of refreshments!

## VACATION BIBLE FUN

Mark your calendars:  
July 29 - August 2  
8:30 AM to Noon  
*Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt*



Registration begins May 25<sup>th</sup>.  
We invite Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

Students want 30 Community Service Hours?  
Sign up to be Junior Leaders.  
Don't miss out on the fun!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### JEREMIAH PROJECT

For Young Men High School Age

Join priests and seminarians for a night of sports, games, fellowship and more:

- Basketball, soccer, and board games
- Time for prayer and teaching of the Catholic Faith
- Light snacks and refreshments
- Help discern your call in life

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024**  
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024**

9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

Meeting point: St. Francis de Sales Parish, 614 Route 517, Vernon, NJ

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
**NO FEE**

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<b>Sunday Collection: MARCH 19, 2023</b>	<b>\$17,437.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection: MARCH 17, 2024</b>	
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 11,837.00</b>
<b>Online Giving Donation</b>	<b>\$ 6,615.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,452.00</b>
<b>Second Collection- Human Development</b>	<b>\$ 2,390.00</b>

Upcoming Second Collections:  
March 31 - Project Faith

## WE PRAY FOR...

### *For the Recently Deceased...*

Jack McNamara, Father Daniel F. Gowen

### *A Time to be Healed...*

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore, Sikora Sisters, Reverend John Klein, Philip Kutzenko, Carol Saam, Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin



## MASS INTENTIONS

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish  
10:00 Stanley J. Makowski  
Mary Giacobbe  
Richard Berdnik  
Felicia and Pietro Mannarino  
12:00 Kenneth Amendola  
Joseph Cortese

### HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

- 9:00 Thomas Spohn

### HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

- 9:00 Eric Angeles, Sr  
Carmela DeQuinzio

### HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

- 9:00 Aileen Santos

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

- 7:30 PM All the People of the Parish

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

- 3:00 PM All the People of the Parish

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

- 8:00 PM All the People of the Parish

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

- 8:00 Joseph and Ann Jasionowicz  
John Tomesco  
10:00 Marie D'Angelo  
Mark Meola  
Giuseppe Esposito  
Joseph Scafidi  
12:00 Marlene Chidiac  
Kathleen Valenti LaMantia

### **CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24**

In Memory of Sandra Zym  
-With love from her family

### **OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24**

In Memory of Thomas Spohn



# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Mark 14:1–15:47

In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

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## EASTER BREAD

(6 single servings)



### - INGREDIENTS -

1 cup milk (*scalded*)  
1/3 cup butter  
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water  
1 package yeast  
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit  
about 15 minutes, add  
to flour - mix well

3 3/4 cups flour

large bowl

### - DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg\* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

*\*Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.*



## GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!

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