

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship;
to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE ITS DOOR IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS!



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28, 2021**

SERVED BY:

Very Rev. Father James F. Spera, V.F., Pastor
Dean, Union County North

Rev. Father Carmine Rizzi, Priest-in-Residence

Rev. Deacon David J. Farrell, Deacon and
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Karen Colucci, Religious Education Coordinator

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EUCCHARIST:

Saturday Evenings: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am and 7:30 pm

Novenas:

St. Jude after the Saturday 8:00 am Mass

St. Anthony, prayers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, September thru June

Confession:

Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) at 7:30 am before the 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by appointment

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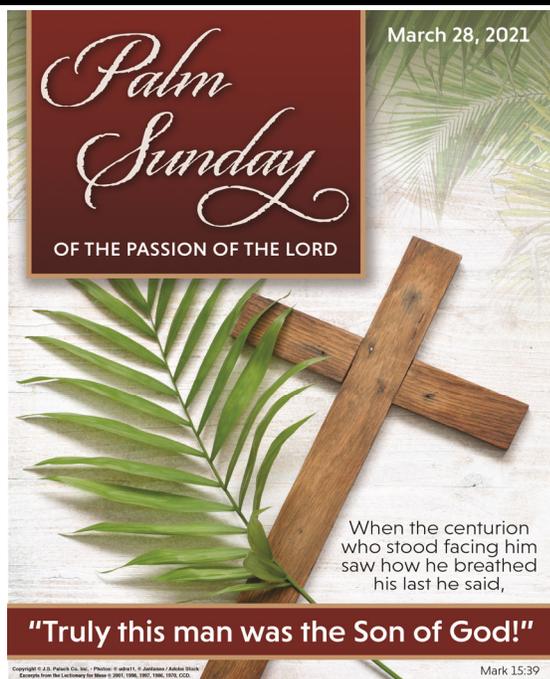
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PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Prayer List: (In alphabetical order) To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory. We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, John Black, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Fran Getchies, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, D.L.W., Tony Wargacki

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, March 27

8:00 AM **Paul C. Fitzgerald**
(From: Patti Ellen Goeb)

12:00 Noon **Healing Mass**

5:30 PM **Andrew Colucci "Happy Birthday in Heaven"**
(Love, Mom & Dad)

Confessions: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm - 8:00pm

SUNDAY, March 28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM **Maria Tripicchio**
(Love, Sal)

10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**

12:00 Noon **Tadeus Kachnowski**
(From: Mary Journe)

MONDAY, March 29

8:00 AM **For All K of C Founders Day**

TUESDAY, March 30

8:00 AM **Henry Karaman 1st Anniversary**

7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**
(11th Week)

WEDNESDAY, March 31

8:00 AM **Lauretta & Vincenzo Tripicchio**
(From: Adelina Cosentino)
[Lenten Lamentations after Mass](#)

7:30 PM **Tenebrae**

THURSDAY, April 1: Holy Thursday

8:00 AM **Morning Prayer**

7:30 PM **All Deceased Priests who served at Assumption**

FRIDAY, April 2: Good Friday: Fast & Abstinence

8:00 AM **Matins**

3:00 PM **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

7:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, April 3: Holy Saturday

8:00 AM **Matins**

12:00 Noon **Blessings of Food**

8:00 PM **For the Parishioners**
(Corporate Mass - See List)

SUNDAY, April 4: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**

12:00 Noon **For the Parishioners**



Holy Week begins with a parade. Palm fronds waving, “Hosannas” shouted, children and adults so caught up in the hysteria that they throw their garments into the streets to carpet the way of the Messiah, the great liberator, as he rides into Jerusalem astride a donkey; but before the end of the week this Messiah will be crucified amidst waving Roman army banners and shouted curses. How could humanity be so fickle that we could attend a parade and a crucifixion of the same person during the same week, and be caught cheering at both events? On Palm Sunday Jesus was honored as he approached the eastern gate of the city riding on a donkey, and on Good Friday He was executed outside the western gate. He did not turn out to be the kind of Messiah they were expecting.

How can we understand this week of irony, this week of agony? This is the week when the best of God and the worst of humanity collided. Every moment was filled with passion and significance. We are all part of this drama. Our involvement in Christ’s passion may not be as intense as the people we read about in today’s passion; but it is a great opportunity for us to reexamine our lives and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Everyone in today’s gospel inter-acted with Jesus and in their interactions we can find a bit of ourselves.

At times we may have recognized our kinship with Judas as he sold his own soul for thirty pieces of silver. We, too, have made some foolish mistakes in our life that seem can never be corrected.

We have felt the frustration of Pilate as he tried in vain to wash his hands of innocent blood. We may have condemned others through rash judgment and have ruined the good name of another and it is always on our conscience.

We have wept with Mary as she helplessly observed the agony of her beloved Son. How often we have helplessly stood at the bed of a loved one who was critically ill or dying and how often we have shared tears of remorse.

We have known the shame of Peter as he denied his best friend. There may have been times when we betrayed a confidence of our closest friend.

Time and time again, like Simon, we have been asked to carry a cross, crosses that we have not selected but have been placed upon us. In these crosses, we too are part of the plan of redemption – sharing in the passion of Jesus for the redemption of the world.

As we enter this most sacred week, as we celebrate this Palm Sunday, let us pray that our lives will reflect in some small way, the same kind of sacrificial love of Jesus recounted in the Passion; a love rich in mercy and forgiveness.

Fr. Jim

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick 12 noon

Easter Confessions

1:00 P.M. until 5:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Vigil Mass 5:30 P.M.

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Masses 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12 noon

Holy Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Tenebrae Service of Psalms & Readings 7:30 P.M.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M.

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 P.M.

The Church will remain open until 12 midnight

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Office of Readings 8:00 A.M.

The Church will remain open all day until 10:00 P.M.

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross 7:30 P.M.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

Office of Readings 8:00 A.M.

The Church will remain open until 1:00 P.M.

Blessing of Paschal Foods 12 noon (Church)

No 5:30 P.M. Mass

Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Masses 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12 noon

The Paschal Fast and Precept: The days of FAST and ABSTINENCE during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a Fast Day, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals which added together would not exceed the full meal. Those between 18 and 59 years are obligated to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who reached the age of 14 are obligated to abstain from meat on days appointed. The time to fulfill the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent (February 21, 2021) to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (May 30, 2021). The faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the time of the Paschal Precept. The Sacrament of Confession prepares for a worthy observance of the Paschal Precept.

**Knights of Columbus Msgr. Joseph F. Loreti
Council 3240 will be awarding two High School
Scholarships for \$750.00 each.**

The Scholarship is for a student that is either entering a Catholic High School or continuing their education at a Catholic High School.

The student's immediate family must be Parishioners of the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ. The student would need to write an essay of at least 500 words on:

- how they incorporate their Catholic faith in their daily life,
- what type of volunteering they have done and continue to do for the Church and/or the Community, and what they would like to do or is currently doing in High School.

**Applications may be obtained by emailing
vbonassisa@aol.com**

**Applications and Essays must be completed and
returned by June 30, 2021.**

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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Corporate Mass Saturday April 3, 2021

Deceased

Joseph Anello, Sr.
Joseph Anello, Sr.
Theresa Anello, Sr.
Ricky Burgos
Ricardo Burgos
Edward Dean
Teresa Flecca
Teresa Flecca
Teresa Flecca
George Greer
Ray Lynch
Cecilia Mauro
Bob Milici
Bob Milici
Anna Polewchak

Requested by

Love Rae
Linda & David Farrell
Love Rae
Your Rel. Ed. Family
Knights Of Columbus #3240
Linda & David Farrell
Linda & David Farrell
Laura & Bob Beller
Carmela Mannino
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Victor Ferrarelli

MARY'S GROTTO

Until further notice, Mary's Grotto will be opened by appointment only. Please call the rectory 245-1107 and someone will be able to meet you to find holiday religious gifts and cards.

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

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Our Lady's Blue Army

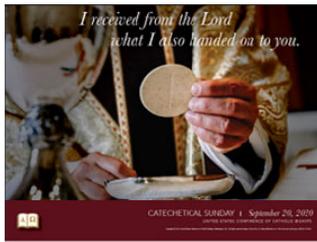
**April 9 & April 10 First Friday/First Saturday
Devotions at the Blue Army Shrine
674 Mountain View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ. 08802**

Join us in this Year of St. Joseph for First Friday of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 10 am Confessions; 11:30 am Rosary; 12 pm Mass. First Saturday Devotions of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart. 10 am Confessions; 11:00 am Virtual Speaker; Mr. Devin Schadt, author and co-founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph, followed by 11:30 am Holy Rosary w/15 minute silent meditation; 12:15 pm Mass; Divine Mercy Chaplet & Brown Scapular enrollment. Events take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. First Saturday virtual speaker and devotions can be watched online at www.bluearmy.com/yearofstjoseph;

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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**EASTER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Thank you so much for your generous response to our call for donations to the food pantry Easter Food Collection. The food will be distributed at the Food Pantry on March 30th.

What: Car Wash

**Where: Church of the Assumption
113 Chiego Pl. Roselle Park NJ**

When: Sunday, April 18, 2021, 8 am - 1 pm

Hosted by: Knights of Columbus # 3240

Contact: Tom Italiano 908-419-7696

The OPERATION RICE BOWL donations may be brought to Church beginning next Sunday (Palm Sunday) and placed in the receptacle in the Sanctuary. The receptacle will be in the Sanctuary throughout Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity!



You are invited to participate in Operation Rice Bowl:

Our Parish will once again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, the Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice bowls are available at the doors of the Church. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

**Knight's Corner (Council #3240)**

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested Parish men, that wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is currently conducting a membership drive. Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

**HOLY WEEK**

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

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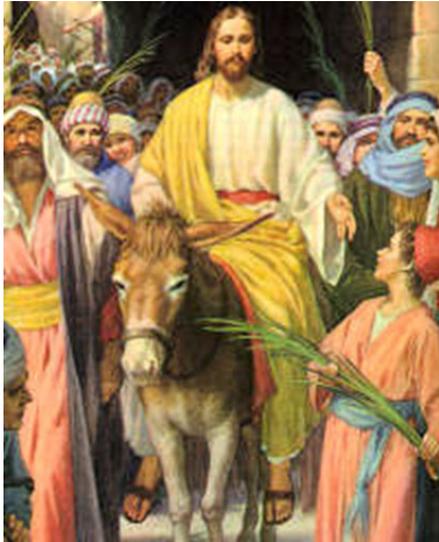
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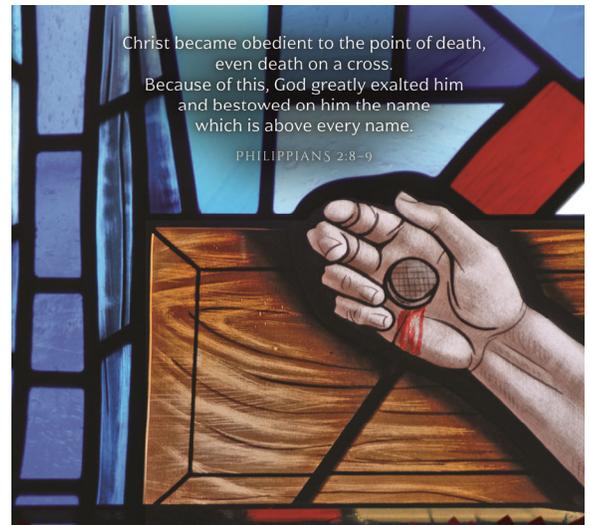


SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it.

He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel



Palms were symbols of life among the nomadic tribes, who, when crossing the desert, rejoiced at seeing the palm tree as it indicated an oasis with life-giving water was near. Palms have long been a sign of victory, success and glory. Victorious armies or leaders returning from the battlefield or a long military campaign were welcomed by the populace jubilantly waving palm branches. Despite Jesus' peaceful manner, when the Jews waved the palms at Him and spread their clothing over which He rode, they were affording Him the honors of a conquering hero and simultaneously defying the Roman occupiers.

On Palm Sunday, we still go out to meet Him, carry the blessed palms, joyfully sing out our hosanna and join in His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. But soon our joy turns to somberness as, clutching our palm, we hear the narrative of Christ's passion. We realize, once again, that His triumph, His true victory, will come through the cross. We know, as Jesus did, how Holy Week will end. We know that joy will turn to sorrow and back to joy. We know that through the horror of His suffering, followed by the glory of His resurrection, good will trump evil and life will trump death.



This year Several Sources Shelters is celebrating 40 years of service. Our pro-life organization serves women who seek to give God's blessed gift of life to their babies. In lieu of our annual visit to your church we are seeking your continued financial support.

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Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

372. What are the laws enacted by Pope Pius XII regarding the fast required before Holy Communion?

The laws enacted by Pope Pius XII regarding the fast required before Holy Communion are the following:

1. Water may be taken at any time before Holy Communion without breaking the fast.
2. Sick persons, though not confined to bed, may receive Holy Communion after taking medicine or nonalcoholic drinks. A priest's permission is not necessary.
3. All Catholics may receive Holy Communion after fasting one hour from food and drink including even alcoholic beverages in moderation. This rule applies to Holy Communion at midnight Mass as well as at Masses celebrated in the morning, afternoon or evening. A priest's permission is not needed.
4. One may not receive Holy Communion a second time on the same day, unless the danger of death arises, when he can receive the Blessed Sacrament as Viaticum. But one who has received the Holy Eucharist at the midnight Mass of Christmas or at the Mass of the Easter Vigil may receive again in the course of the day. These rules show the Church's desire that all Catholics partake of the Holy Eucharist frequently.

373. How should we prepare ourselves for Holy Communion?

We should prepare ourselves for Holy Communion by thinking of Our Divine Redeemer whom we are about to receive, and by making fervent acts of faith, hope, love, and contrition.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof. (Matthew 8:8)

374. What should we do after Holy Communion?

After Holy Communion we should spend some time adoring Our Lord, thanking Him, renewing our promises of love and of obedience to Him, and asking Him for blessings for ourselves and others.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)

375. What are the chief effects of a worthy Holy Communion?

The chief effects of a worthy Holy Communion are: first, a closer union with Our Lord and a more fervent love of God and of our neighbor; second, an increase of sanctifying grace; third, preservation from mortal sin and the remission of venial sin; fourth, the lessening of our inclinations to sin and the help to practice good works.

He who eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, abides in me and I in him. (John 6:57)

376. When are we obliged to receive Holy Communion?

We are obliged to receive Holy Communion during Easter time each year and when in danger of death.

377. Why is it well to receive Holy Communion often, even daily?

It is well to receive Holy Communion often, even daily, because this intimate union with Jesus Christ, the Source of all holiness and the Giver of all graces, is the greatest aid to a holy life.

And they continued steadfastly in the teaching of the apostles and in the communion of the breaking of the bread and in the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

378. How should we show our gratitude to Our Lord for remaining always on our altars in the Holy Eucharist?

We should show our gratitude to Our Lord for remaining always on our altars in the Holy Eucharist by visiting Him often, by reverence in church, by assisting every day at Mass when this is possible, by attending parish devotions, and by being present at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

379. What is the sacrament of Penance?

Penance is the sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of the priest.

380. Whence has the priest the power to forgive sins?

The priest has the power to forgive sins from Jesus Christ, who said to His apostles and to their successors in the priesthood: "Receive the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."

Receive the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. (John 20:22-23)

381. With what words does the priest forgive sins?

The priest forgives sins with the words: "I absolve thee from thy sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

382. What are the effects of the sacrament of Penance, worthily received?

The effects of the sacrament of Penance, worthily received, are:

1. the restoration or increase of sanctifying grace;
2. the forgiveness of sins;
3. the remission of the eternal punishment, if necessary, and also of part, at least, of the temporal punishment, due to our sins;
4. the help to avoid sin in future;
5. the restoration of the merits of our good works if they have been lost by mortal sin.

BELIEVE AND PRAY