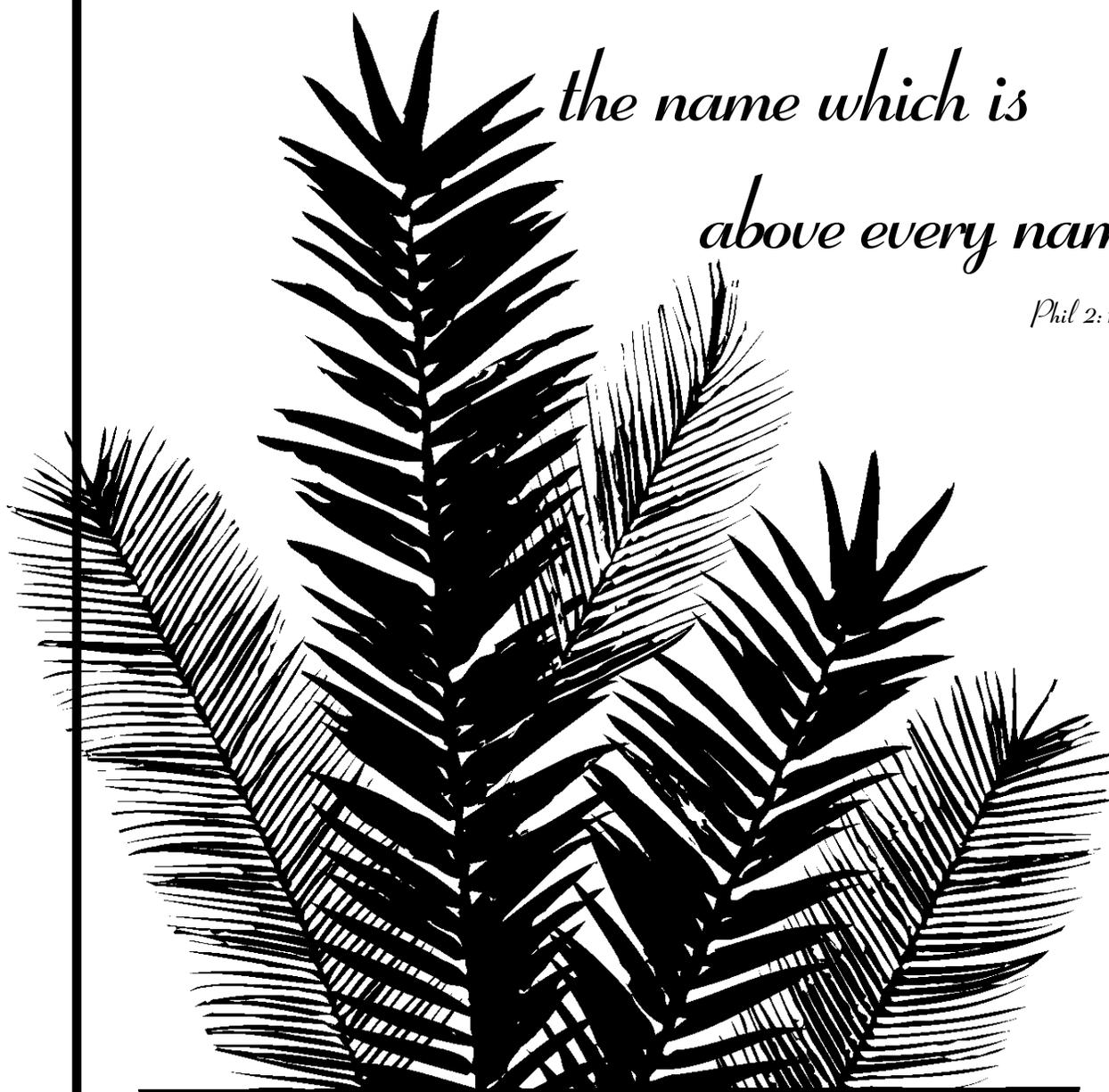


*“God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him
the name which is
above every name.”*

Phil 2:11



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Our Lady of Lourdes • March 28, 2010



Welcome to our Parish Family!

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family.

Please call or visit our Parish Office.

Our Lady of Lourdes

*455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795*

Daily Mass
8 AM

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

Live out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.

Grow in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.

Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.

Acknowledge we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
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Parish Office



Parish Office

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Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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7 PM - 9 PM

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and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

Would you like to know more about our parish family?

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!



I would like information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education of my Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Parish Catholic School | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Parish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptizing my Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I would prefer to be contacted:

Your Name: _____

Phone at: _____ Email at: _____

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First Annual Youth Relief Talent Show Youth Relief 2010!

Friday, April 30

7 PM

All Purpose Room

The OLL Youth Groups are sponsoring the First Annual Youth Relief Talent Show!

Admission to the Talent Show will be \$5 and all proceeds will be donated to a local homeless charity. All are welcome to attend and to show off their talent.

There are prizes to be won! If you sing, dance, act or do something special come down on Friday, April 30 and compete. The first ten acts to show up will get to perform.

Learning & Spirituality



Why We Pray the Way We Do

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Parish Center

What's really happening when we go to Church on Sunday? Understand the liturgy and its role in your life and the life of the Church. Does God need the Sacraments? Understand the sacramental principle of Roman Catholicism and how we believe God communicates with us.

There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Come and journey... The Power of Processions

Beginning today, Palm Sunday, and throughout this Holy Week, we will be invited to be part of a number of processions in the liturgy. Today we walk into Church, united with Jesus' journey into Jerusalem. Thursday, we'll process with the Eucharist to a place of repose for all to pray. Friday, we journey to the Cross as part of the Veneration of the Cross. Finally, on Saturday, we gather at the Great Fire outside of the Narthex and follow the Paschal Candle – the Easter Light- throughout the Church.

These processions – at first – can seem pointless. . . . why bother? Well, bother because processions are a reminder of our work as a “pilgrim people” – a people who are always on a journey! When you're invited this week to join in – please be sure to be a part of it! The more of the assembly that is part of the procession the more meaningful and powerful it becomes.

So, get your walking shoes on and come, journey with Jesus and our parish family this week.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Celebration of the Eucharist

Our parish's Liturgy committee has prepared this worship aid for you that contains the hymns and readings for today's service.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance Into Jerusalem

Our celebration begins with the Blessing of the Palms in the back of the All Purpose Room (or outside) at our 5 PM Liturgy. We are called to leave our seats and gather together to hear God's Word from a central location in our worship space and throughout the Church. Together we are called to remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Sign of the Cross

Blessing of the Branches

Gospel

The entrance into Jerusalem.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark or John.

Invitation to Procession

During the procession, all are invited to raise their palms high in a joyful spirit as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. At all of our Mases, except 5 PM, we will process down the main aisle into the Church. Bow before the altar and return to your seat.

Processional Hymn

Hosanna to the Son of David

...Schutte

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Son of Da - vid! O
blest is he, O blest is he who comes in the name of the
Lord!

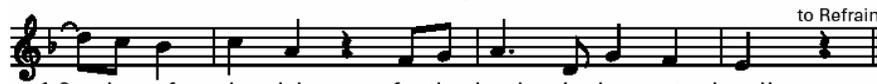
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1. Re - joice,	daugh - ter of	Zi - on,
2. Re - joice,	all who are	thirst - ing
3. Re - joice,	all who are	long - ing
4. Re - joice,	all who are	search - ing
5. Re - joice,	all who are	hop - ing
6. Re - joice,	all who are	wait - ing
7. Re - joice,	all who are	call - ing
8. Re - joice,	all who are	hun - gry



1. in the One who brings great joy!	} Sing praise, chil -
2. for the streams of liv - ing joy!	
3. to be - hold the face of God!	
4. for the truth of ho - ly light!	
5. for the reign of peace and love!	
6. for the dawn of heav - en's light!	
7. on the name of God on high!	
8. for the taste of liv - ing bread!	

to Refrain



1-8. - dren of Ju - dah, for the Lord is close at hand!

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At the 8 AM Mass, we'll sing..

All Glory Laud and Honor

- All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming, our King and Blessed One.
- All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels are praising you on high;
And mortals, joined with all things created, make reply.
- All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems before you we present.

At the 9:30 AM Mass, we'll sing...

Hosanna

...Tuttle

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord my God,
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Glory, Glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord my God,
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord my God,
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced...

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

My God, My God why have you abandoned me?

At the 9:30 A.M. Mass, we'll sing...

Psalm 25

To you, O God, I lift up my soul, lift up my spirit to my Lord, to you I lift up my soul.

Reading II

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

(All are invited to be seated for the reading of the Passion.)

The Passion

Throughout the Gospel, we will pause, pray and together sing:

Refrain

Love lift-ed on the cross for me: my Lord, my God, my sal -
va - tion. Love lift - ed high to set me free: my
Lord, my God, my sal - va - tion. va - tion. to Verses
va - tion. va - tion.

At the 9:30 A.M. Mass, we'll sing...

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Homily

Intercessions

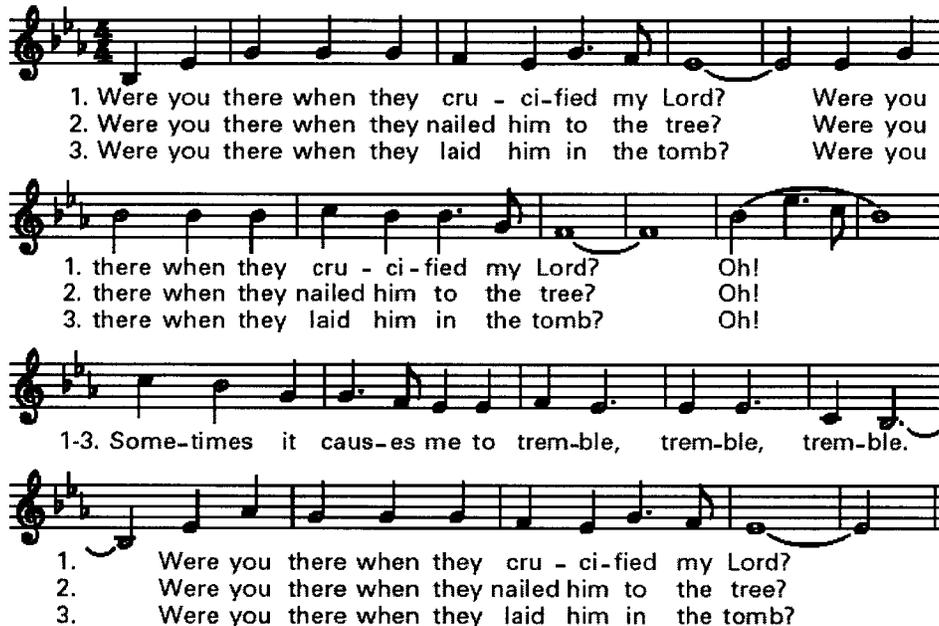
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation Hymn

Were You There... Traditional



1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

1. there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

At the 9:30 AM. Mass, we'll sing...

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

1. My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
2. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
3. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
It sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing?
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?

Communion Rite

Communion Hymn

...Foley

Lord, By Your Cross and Resurrection

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.

1. You, Lord Jesus, though in the form of God, you assumed a servant form. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high. Refrain.
2. You, Christ Jesus, emptied yourself for all, never grasping Godliness. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high.
3. Christ, obedient, even to death itself, even death upon a tree. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high.
4. You, Lord Jesus, God has exalted you. At your name each knee will bow. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high.

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Communion Rite

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At the 9:30 AM Mass, we'll sing...

You Raise Me Up

1. When I am down and oh, my soul's so weary, When troubles come and my heart burdened be,
Then I am still and wait here in the silence Until you come and sit a while with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

2. There is no life without its hunger; Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when you come and I am filled with wonder, Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

Behold the Cross

...Hurd

-Behold the cross on which was hung Life's very Lord, God's darling one, Mary's own Babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary Hill.

-Nails in his hands, nails in his feet, a traitor kiss upon his cheek, And his pierced heart, broken in two, love crucified for me and for you.

-Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear, lips that deny the friend once so dear. Slowly he turns and captures your eye, then passes on to Calvary to die.

-Behold the cross of Christ in our midst, all those who bear His wounds in their flesh, Suff'ring for crimes of mercy and peace, signs of the Kingdom on Calvary street

-Behold the cross on which was hung Life's very Lord, God's darling one, Mary's own Babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary Hill.

Above All

...LeBlanc and Baloché

Crucified, laid behind the stone,
you lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground,
you took the fall, and thought of me above all.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rite

Closing Hymn

Jesus Remember Me

...Taizé

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

At the 9:30 AM Mass, we'll sing ...

“Steal Away”

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here

Holy Thursday

April 1

Morning Prayer

8 AM

The Church comes together on this morning to seek God's blessing and to give praise to the Lord! Come and pray as we prepare to enter the Triduum together.

Chrism Mass

11 AM

Celebrate with Bishop William Murphy at this beautiful and holy Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral. The oils blessed at this Mass will be presented to the parish at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and used throughout the year.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-9 / Psalm 89 / Revelation 1:5-8 / Luke 4:16-21

Children's Holy Thursday Prayer Service

4 PM

We invite our Parish's youngest members and their families to remember Jesus' loving service to his disciples. As part of this beautiful service, parents and members of our parish family will wash the feet of the children – a reminder of Jesus' love for his disciples and a parent's love for their child! Please come – regardless of age or family size – and pray with us!

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 PM

Mass John Grando



This Mass recalls for us the institution of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. It is a wonderful way to begin the Triduum together. During the Mass, the priests of our parish will wash the feet of a number of the members of our parish community. The Washing of the Feet, the Mandatum, is a reminder that each of us - clergy, religious and lay people, young and old – is called to be a servant to one another. It is also a reminder to us of how special our

priests are to our parish and our lives. At the end of Mass, we will process around the parish – led by some of the third graders who received the Eucharist for the first time last year – and place the Eucharist in the Father John Brendel Parish Center. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight when we celebrate Night Prayer.

Good Friday

April 2

Morning Prayer

8 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we prepare to recall the death of Jesus this day.

Children's Good Friday Prayer Service

12 Noon

Once again, the children of our parish lead us in prayer as we recall Jesus' death and are reminded of his great love for us! During this service, we'll listen to the story of the Passion as led by our parish's third graders. We'll receive Holy Communion. Then, we will come forward and touch (or venerate) the cross. Children, who have been part of our Children's Liturgy of the Word, are asked to bring back their hearts that have been filled throughout this Lent.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3 PM

This solemn service brings us to the Passion of Jesus through the Word. We'll listen to some of the most profound readings of the Church year. We pray for the Church, the world and for ourselves. We'll gather around the Table to receive the Eucharist. Finally, we will bring forth the cross and venerate it. Let's pray that this service can bring each of us to a greater reality of Jesus' love for every one of us.

Following this service, all are invited to remain in the Church for times of prayer and reflection. The cross will be placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Living Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM

Ours Were the Sufferings He Bore

Our parish's youth and music ministries come together and lead us in this most powerful and beautiful service. We'll pray through song and Word. We will hear the reflections of our brothers and sisters in the parish as they seek to unite their journey and ours with the cross of Christ. Please come and pray for them!



Holy Saturday

April 3

Morning Prayer

8 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of Resurrection.

Reconciliation

9:30 AM - 11 AM

Easter Egg Hunt

11 AM

Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the "Great Lawn." (*inclement weather we will gather in the Parish Center.*)

Blessing of the Easter Foods

12 Noon

We invite all to bring their food for this special prayer service and blessing in the Church.

The Easter Food Blessing is a custom associated with Poland, Russia, and the Ukraine and takes place on Holy Saturday when the faithful bring baskets of food to church to be blessed. A basket may contain colorful Easter eggs, ham, farmers cheese, bread, babka, butter, a candle, etc. Baskets are decorated with greenery or flowers. The baskets are covered with special linen, cotton, or crocheted cloths especially reserved for this purpose. In Poland, the entire meal is prepared and blessed on Holy Saturday as no cooking will be done by Mother on Easter Sunday. Whether you bring a loaf of bread and a few eggs or an entire meal, participating in the Easter Blessing is a beautiful tradition to begin or to continue -*Janet Loehr, Liturgy Committee*

The Great Vigil

7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish



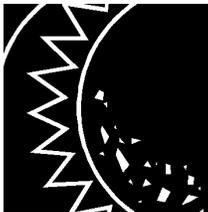
We will gather together at 7:30 PM outside of the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. (If you do not wish to be part of the procession, we ask that you remain in the Church so you can participate by hearing.) The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful ceremonies of the entire liturgical year. During the Vigil, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – Jesus Christ has gone through death to new life – in a most prayerful and spirit-filled way! The Easter Vigil is much more than just "Easter Mass" – it is the heart of who we are as the people of God. We are renewed because we hear

God's Word, renew our Baptismal vows, celebrate the Easter sacraments with women and men of the R.C.I.A., process to the font, and share in the gift of the Eucharist. Come and pray with our parish family. Following the Great Vigil – we'll have light refreshments in the Parish Center as we celebrate with those who have been baptized and confirmed.

Easter Sunday



5:45 AM* People of the Parish



8:00 AM Colin & Yankel Family and Kay Sullo



9:30 AM Deceased members of the Bruno Family



9:30 AM People of the Parish
(cafeteria)

11:00 AM Danny, Mickey & Mike Salegna

11:00 AM People of the Parish
(cafeteria)

12:30 PM Dec'd mbrs of Monroe & Shaddock Families

No 6:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday.

* We will gather at Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:45 AM and caravan to Captree Overlook for this special celebration of the Eucharist! If the weather is not in our favor, we will gather in the Church for Mass – so come rain or shine! (Please bring your own chair for the beach.)

Additional Parking

Remember we are fortunate to be able to use the parking lot of Manetuck Elementary School during busy feast days like Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. You can enter the driveway off of Hunter Avenue - the driveway entrance is on the west side of the Rectory. This will save you some time and stress during the holy days.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

What a day of ups and downs! We start out with the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In Luke's version, which is proclaimed this year, we hear the crowds reprise the refrain of the angels. In Luke, at Jesus' birth the angelic choir sang out, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (2:14). Today, it is the citizens of Jerusalem who shout, "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest," as Jesus rides by. Completing the circle from angelic to human to every created thing, Jesus tells the Pharisees who want him to rebuke the crowd, "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" (19:40). This is a day of exaltation!

But it doesn't take us long to hit the lows that are also part of this day. The story of the Passion reminds us that even though Jesus was hailed as the king riding through Jerusalem, he was also crucified under that same title: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Yet even as he hung upon the cross, Jesus' words spoke of forgiveness. He prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." He said to the repentant thief, "You will be with me in Paradise."

In some ways the experience of this day reflects what happens to us in everyday life. For the most part, our life is a series of ups and downs. There are days when things go well, and days when life seems to treat us badly. What is called for is a response consistent with a Christian way of living. In his darkest moments, Jesus did not give up hope. He promised the thief paradise. Jesus also did not give in to vengeance, but instead forgave. How we live through the ups and downs of life will reveal how we put into practice each day the example given to us by the Savior.

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Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010

Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	<i>Chrism Mass:</i> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13---53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42
Saturday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Grandmothers ~ Mothers ~ Daughters

Your presence is requested at a

Victorian Tea

To honor the memory of two devoted

Outreach volunteers

Flo Worysz and Anne Nardone

Sunday, April 18, 2010

2 PM - 5 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Parish Center.

Please purchase tickets in Parish Outreach

Tickets are \$20 each

Proceeds to benefit the works of Outreach.

Financial Summary

March 21, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,956.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,044.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,000.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

They are:

Bryan R. Dempsey-*US Marines*

Christopher Florca-*US Marines*

Michael Mallimo- *US Army*

Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*

JD Montefusco-*US Marines*

Peter Provenzano-*US Army*

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*.
If you would like to help care for our altar needs,
please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names
of parishioners who:



- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

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Standing Under the Cross

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As Jesus was dying, the Gospels say that Mary, his mother, stood under the cross. What was she doing while standing there?

On the surface, it seems she wasn't doing anything at all: She wasn't saying anything, wasn't trying to stop the crucifixion, and she wasn't even trying to protest its unfairness or plead Jesus' innocence. She was silent, seemingly passive, overtly doing nothing. But, at a deeper level, she was doing all that can be done in this kind of situation, she was standing inside of it, in strength, refusing to give back in kind, resisting in an much deeper way.

What's meant by that?

Sometimes well-intentioned artists have pictured Mary as lying prostrate under the cross, the wounded mother, helplessly distraught, paralysed in grief, an object for our sympathy. But that doesn't honour what happened there nor teach us its lesson. Prostration, in this situation, is weakness, collapse, hysteria, resignation. In the Gospels, "standing" is the very opposite, a position of strength. Mary "stood" under the cross.

Still, why the silence and why her seeming unwillingness to act or protest?

In essence, what Mary was doing under the cross was this: She couldn't stop the crucifixion (sometimes darkness has its hour) but she could stop some of the hatred, bitterness, jealousy, heartlessness, and anger that caused it and which surround it. And she helped stop these by refusing to give back in kind, by transforming rather than transmitting them, by swallowing hard and (literally) eating them rather than give them back, as everyone else was doing.

Had Mary, in righteousness and outrage, begun to scream hysterically, shout angrily at those crucifying Jesus, or physically tried to attack someone as they were driving the nails into Jesus' hands, she would have been caught up in the same energy as everyone else, replicating the same anger and bitterness that caused the crucifixion to begin with. What Mary was doing under the cross, her silence and seeming unwillingness to protest notwithstanding, was radiating all that is antithetical to the crucifixion: gentleness, understanding, forgiveness, peace, light.

And that's not easy to do. Most everything inside us demands justice, screams for it, and refuses to remain silent in the presence of injustice. That's a healthy instinct and sometimes acting on it is good. We need, at times, to protest, to

shout, to literally throw ourselves into the face of injustice and do everything in our power to stop the crucifixion.

But there are times too when things have gone so far that shouts and protests are no longer helpful, darkness is going to have its hour come what may and all we can do is to stand under the cross and help eat its bitterness by refusing to conduct its energy. In those situations, like Mary, we have to say: "I can't stop this crucifixion, but I can stop some of the hatred, bitterness, jealousy, brute-heartlessness, and darkness that surround it. I can't stop this, but I will not conduct its hatred."

That's a bitter pill to swallow, but sometimes it's our only choice. As the Book of Lamentations says, there are times when the best we can do is "put our mouths to the dust and wait!" Sometimes too, as Rainer Marie Rilke says, the only helpful thing we can do is to absorb the heaviness: "Do not be afraid to suffer, give the heaviness back to the weight of the earth; mountains are heavy, seas are heavy."

And that's not passivity, resignation, or weakness, but genuine, rare strength. It's "standing under the cross" so as to help take away some of its hatred, chaos, bitterness, and violence.

We see this illustrated in the reaction we see to capital punishment in our society. Whenever a convicted killer is executed, we see two basic reactions: One group, generally very sincere and good people, stand in strong approval of the execution, chanting for justice, convinced that it's necessary to execute this man or woman for the overall good, that justice demands an eye for an eye, a life for a life.

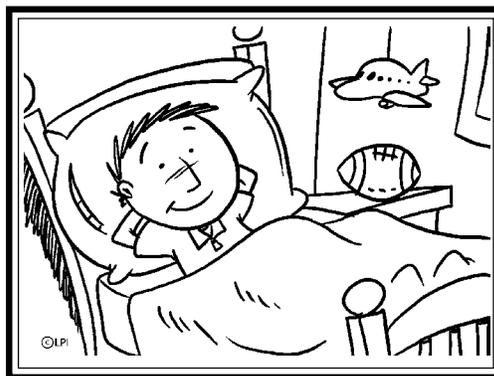
A second group, strongly opposed to what is happening, has already tried every legitimate means possible to try to stop the execution and have failed. Now, rather than giving themselves over to the bitterness and anger that permeate the situation, they stand in silence, praying, candles in hand, knowing that they cannot stop this execution, but they can help stop some of the bitterness, anger, and darkness that surround it. Their gentleness, silence, and prayer literally breathe out compassion, love, understanding, and forgiveness to everyone on every side.

Sometimes darkness has its hour and there is nothing we can do to stop it. Sometimes the blind, wounded forces of jealousy, bitterness, violence, and sin cannot, for that moment, be stopped. But, like Mary under the cross, we are asked to "stand" under them, not in passivity and weakness, but in strength, knowing that we can't stop the crucifixion but we can help stop some of the hatred, anger, and bitterness that surrounds it.

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Sharing the Gospel

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God, and when you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in your heart!



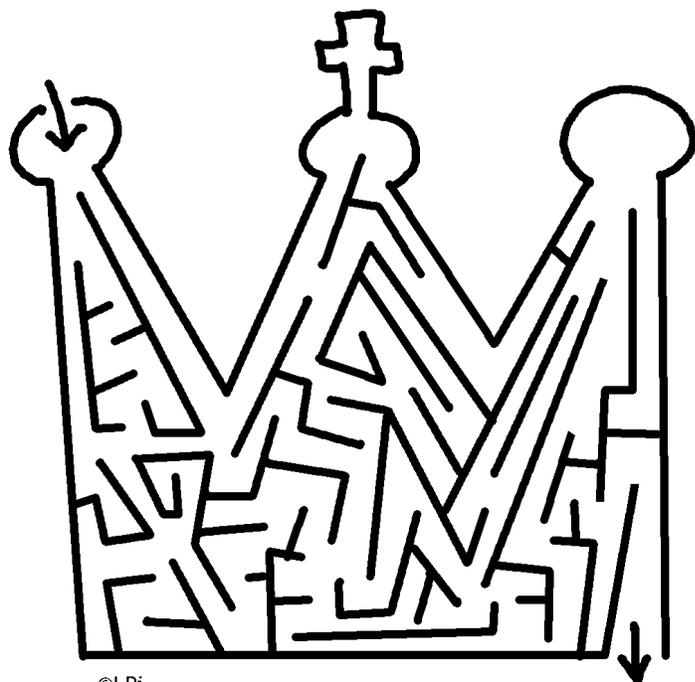
Mission for the Week



Make Jesus king of your life. Ask him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make him happy.

Puzzle

Jesus is the King, so here is a maze inside of his crown.



Prayer



Dear God,
thank you for sending
Jesus to be my King.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus
as King in your house.