

# Hosanna

to the Son of David



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

*Hosanna  
in the  
highest!*

*Palm Sunday  
Our Lady of Lourdes • April 24, 2011*



## *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  
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**Daily Mass**  
8 AM

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

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Throughout the liturgical year.  
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A process to be embraced by the  
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## *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.*

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## *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.

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Thank you to the following parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign. Our campaign is off and running, however, we can only meet our goal through the participation of the entire parish. Over the course of the next few months you will be hearing more about our Capital Campaign.

**This listing is updated as of the morning of Tuesday, April 12.**

*(If you do not wish to have your name listed, please indicate it on your pledge card or call the Parish Office.)*

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# *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

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

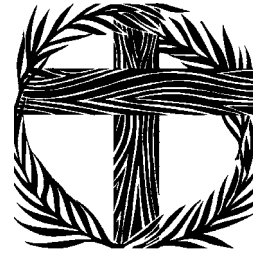
### **Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance Into Jerusalem**

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 Masses, we will process down the main aisle into the Church, bow before the altar, and return to our seats.

## *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.

# Processional Hymn



## Hosanna

...Haas

Hosanna!      Hosanna!      Hosanna!  
 Hosanna!      Hosanna!      Hosanna!

At the 9:30 AM Mass, we will sing...

## Hosanna to the Son of David

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

Verses

Lord!

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!
  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!
- }      Sing praise, chil -

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

to Refrain

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## 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 oh why have you abandoned me?

### 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:*

### “Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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## Homily

### Intercessions

*Response:* God of mercy, hear our prayer.





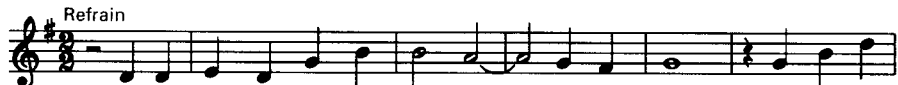
# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Presentation Hymn

### WE REMEMBER


Marty Haugen

Refrain




We re-mem-ber how you loved us to your death, and still we  
cel-e-brate, for you are with us here; And we be-lieve that we will  
see you when you come in your glo-ry, Lord. We re-mem-ber,

2 Verses




we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.

1. Here, a mil-lion
2. Now we re-cre-
3. Christ, the Fa-ther's
4. See the face of



1. wound-ed souls are yearn-ing just to touch you and be healed.
2. ate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
3. great "A - men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev-'ry heart,
4. Christ re-vealed in ev - 'ry per- son stand-ing by your side,

to Refrain



1. Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
2. Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres-ence of the Lord.
3. Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free-dom from all fear.
4. Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

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# Communion Rite

## Communion Hymn

### UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,  
it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.



## Communion Rite

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At the 9:30 AM Mass and "The Six", we will sing...

### You Raise Me Up

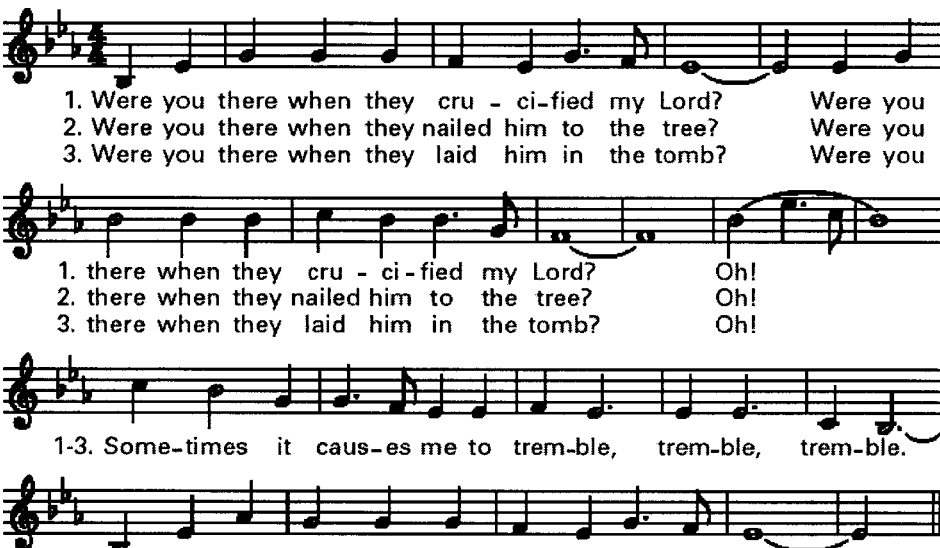
1. When I am down and oh, my soul's so weary, when troubles come and my heart burdened be,  
then I am still and wait here in the silence Until you come and sit a while with me.

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.

At the 11 AM Mass, we will sing...

### 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?

### Prayer after Communion

## Concluding Rite

### Recessional Hymn

As we begin the most holy week of our church year,  
let us leave church in silence.

# Monday of Holy Week

April 18

**Mass** Gunther Steck

**8 AM**

*Daily Readings:*

*Isaiah 42:1-7 / Psalm 27 / John 12:1-11*

**Diocesan Day of Reconciliation**

**3 PM - 9 PM**



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way for our community to celebrate and pray for God's grace and healing.

Churches throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM for individual confessions. If you'd prefer not to go to your home parish, you can easily do so. By making the sacrament so widely and easily available, the hope is that many who are hesitant to go to confession will find it easier. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM in the Church and always by appointment with a priest.

# Tuesday of Holy Week

April 19

**Mass** Michael Hannaway

**8 AM**

*Daily Readings:*

*Isaiah 49:1-6 / Psalm 71 / John 13:21-33, 36-38*

# Wednesday of Holy Week

April 20

**Mass** Larry Van Bourgardien

**8 AM**

*Daily Readings:*

*Isaiah 50:4-9 / Psalm 69 / Matthew 26:14-25*

# Holy Thursday

## April 21

### 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** Sylvan Lodespoto



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 22

## 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 23

## 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

11:30 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

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*



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.

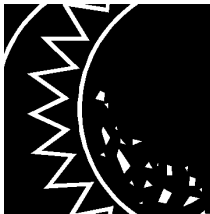
# Easter Sunday



**6:00 AM\***

People of the Parish

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*



**8:00 AM**

Laura Buonaventura Cafaro

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*



**9:30 AM**

All Souls of Maggi Family

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



**9:30 AM**

People of the Parish

(cafeteria)

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**11:00 AM**

Dec'd mbrs of Monroe & Shaddock Families

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**11:00 AM**

People of the Parish

(cafeteria)

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**12:30 PM**

Anthony Cairo

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**No 6:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday.**

\* We will gather at Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:30 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.



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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sports fans have seen it in every season. Whether its baseball, football, basketball, hockey, soccer, or some other sport, it seems that there is a team in the early part of the season that is unstoppable. They have everything going for them—the right combination of players, opponents that can't get it together, and a clear lack of injuries that could hamper the team. The team is on a roll! And then the inevitable happens: a key player gets injured, or opposing teams figure out the weak spots, or a couple of defeats in a row demoralize the team.

The liturgy of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion can feel a little bit like that sports experience. We start out with the Gospel story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem filled with roaring crowds and exultant shouts. And then the liturgy plunges us into the passion and death of Jesus as recorded in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus is betrayed, arrested, denied, mocked, scourged, and crucified. In the end, it might seem that all is forsaken

But Matthew's Passion narrative points to seeds of hope even in the telling. Pilate's wife calls Jesus a righteous man. Those who jeer at him speak of the three days—the length of time he will spend in the tomb. Matthew tells us that the saints awake and appear after Jesus' resurrection. And even the Pharisees have to deal with the words of Jesus, promising that in three days he will be raised up.

In sports, it is only at the end of the season that the outcome is known and all the statistics are recorded in the record books. Even as we celebrate the Lord's passion and resurrection each year, we know the outcome of the story. Jesus is raised and gives life to all. That is why so many will be baptized at the Easter vigil. That is also why those of us who are baptized continue to believe.

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### Readings for the Week of April 17, 2011

<b>Sunday:</b>	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14---27:66 <i>or</i> 27:11-54
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
<b>Thursday:</b>	Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
<b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</b>	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 52:13---53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42
<b>Saturday:</b>	Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 <i>or</i> 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 <i>or</i> 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/Mt 28:1-10
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 <i>or</i> 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 <i>or</i> Mt 28:1-10 <i>or</i> Lk 24:13-35



## April Donations to Outreach

- Outreach has received donations in loving memory of *Pat Wallace* from:  
Mr. and Mrs. Klausser, Christine and Peter McCann, Helen Bukowski, Daniel and Maria Cooney, Anne Basso, Joe and Vera Vieni, Pat and Carl Falco, Regina and Peter Mirabella, Mary Hulse, Lorraine Schillito, The McMahon Family, Karen Murphy, Diane and Carl Miller, Alice Ogden, The Potter Family, The Nowakowski Family, Diane Howell, Dr. Herbold, Theresa Allen, Claire Gnazzo, Ruth Hiller, Claire Donovan, Helen and Joseph Lehmann, Mr. and Mrs. Pieriano Tristani.
- Frances, Frank and Nat Grillo have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Rose Grillo*.
- Marge Cassiano has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Marie Bayh, Jerry Fabozzi and Salomon Acosta, Sr.*

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahon, Director of Parish Social Ministry, at 661.3224, option 4.

## Outreach

As many in our Parish Family know, Outreach has lost a much loved member of our volunteer team. It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Pat Wallace. Pat was a woman of great faith and great compassion who freely shared her smile and love of life with all who had the great fortune of working with her. Whether it be in the Outreach office or the Senior Single Group, Pat welcomed everyone.

To the most vulnerable, Pat offered hope and encouragement—often picking up the phone and dialing the Commissioners office to insure our customers received all the services to which they were entitled. Pat was an advocate for the poor—helping to ease the burdens of others by offering her time to listen and encourage. Pat ‘walked’ the walk—she knew from her own journey to embrace the challenges of life with courage, with humor and always with faith.

Pat was particularly close to a family from Outreach. We jokingly referred to Pat as the family’s ‘cheerleader.’ No matter the problem or crises of the day—Pat was there for the mom and her clan. So deep was Pat’s impact on this young mother, that one day the mom said, “I come here because I feel like I finally have a mother.” Pat was a great woman, as someone said, ‘a marvelous woman.’

There is an empty space in Outreach and in our hearts. We are saddened by our loss and we are tremendously grateful for the blessing Pat was to all of us. In honor of Pat’s memory, we, in Outreach will try to be more patient with the difficult customer, more generous toward the hungry, more accepting and welcoming when we are tired, more courageous as we embrace the challenges on our own journey and more faithful in our commitments to be ministers of the Gospel.

Rest in Peace, Pat.

## Needed

Outreach is in need of cribs, stroller, toys and spring/summer clothing sized 9 months to 1 year for twin girls—aged six months. Please, if you have anything to donate Outreach will gladly accept your items.

## Financial Summary

### April 10, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,247.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 247.00

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

## Parents Night Out!

On Friday, April 8, from 6 PM until 9:30 PM, OLL Senior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1082, under the leadership of Joanne Maher and Susan Hahn, hosted Parents Night Out. The evening was a huge success! In fact, the children didn't want to leave when their parents came to bring them home.

*Watch for upcoming "Parents Night Out" dates in future bulletins.*

The cost of the evening was a freewill offering for Outreach. Proceeds from Parents Night Out will help defray the costs of materials for a family from Outreach in need of car repairs.

## 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:

**Stephen Cochrane**-US Marines

**Bryan R. Dempsey**-US Marines

**Christopher Florca**-US Marines

**Cari Kelly**- US Air Force

**Anthony Mannino**-US Marines

**JD Montefusco**-US Marines

**Joshua Tyrrell**-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 *Dottie Collins*.  
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 ...

*Frank Artese, Susan Aviza, Viola Callanan, Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny,  
Grace Ciccarello, Edward Cronin, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione,  
Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone,  
Mike Gaffney, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan,  
Peter Joseph, Sr., Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee,  
Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Louise Malcuit, Vincenza Massaro, Rosa Mastrorocco,  
Connell McGee, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda,  
John Mordente, Joe Morris, Rae Morris, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens,  
Karen Parpounas, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Patricia Sanchez, Dorothy Schiavone,  
AnnMarie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Patrick Tardo,  
Nancy Turano, Patricia Wilkinson, Joe Yezek*

## Science and Religion

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

In certain circles it is believed that science trumps religion. The idea is simple and uncompromising: Religion cannot stand up to science. The hard facts of science ultimately render faith untenable. Coupled with this is the idea that faith and religion sustain themselves by naiveté and lack of courage, that is, if one ever looked at the hard facts with enough intellectual courage, he or she would be forced to admit that faith and religion go against the evidence of science.

Ironically, this conception finds itself most at home within the most arrogant circles of science and the most fundamentalist circles of religion. These groups may hate each other but they have this in common, both believe that science and religion are incompatible.

What's wrong with that notion? Good science and good religion both suggest the opposite. Many respected scientists have religious faith and see no incompatibility between what they see through their empirical research and what they profess in their churches. Conversely many deeply religious people know, trust, and respect the insights of science and see nothing there that frightens them in terms of what they hold dear religiously. What's best in science affirms clearly and humbly that what we can say about the world through empirical research in no way rules out or weighs against what can be said about the world through the prism of faith and religion. What's best in religion returns the favor: Good religion cedes science its proper place, just as good science cedes faith its proper place.

Moreover, the idea that science trumps religion is generally based upon a misreading of the seeming conflict between the two. Charles Taylor, in his mammoth work, *A Secular Age*, suggests that people mostly abandon religion in the name of science not because science is more believable than religion (though that is what they may believe). Rather what they are abandoning is a "whole package", one whole way of understanding God, of understanding the world, of understanding meaning, and of understanding our relationship to our religious past. They aren't simply exchanging naiveté (religion) for maturity (science). They are exchanging one whole way of viewing life for another. And both options take faith.

What's meant by this? Quite simply that it is as much of an act of faith to believe that God doesn't exist as it is to believe that God does exist and to assert that one doesn't believe because of science involves a lot of things that have

little to do with science.

To say: I believe or I don't believe involves a lot of things not derived from empirical evidence. What things?

First of all, a certain concept of God. Most atheism is, as Michael Buckley asserts, a parasite off bad theism. The God that most atheists reject should indeed be rejected since that God holds little in common with the God of Jesus Christ. The same holds true for many people who reject religion. What's being rejected is self-serving religion, not true religion.

Then there is the question of how we conceive of God's ways. Scripture assures us that "God's ways are not our ways", a truth Roman Catholics have tried to express philosophically with the notion of the analogy of Being and Protestants have tried to safeguard through emphasis on God's otherness. When religion is rejected in the name of science, invariably the religion that is being rejected does not safeguard God's otherness and has, however unintentionally, reduced God to something that can be grasped through human categories. Stripped of genuine divinity and mystery, such a God will inevitably not stand the test of hard human questioning.

Next, humility and arrogance also play into the tension between science and religion and their proclivity to reject each other. Unhealthy arrogance and unhealthy humility feed off each other to create illicit dichotomies that force people into false choices.

As well, faith and doubt are tied to moral integrity. Scripture tells us that we can only see God through purity of heart. Hence our moral lives will either help clarify or muddy our awareness of God. Sin affects our eyesight, as does virtue. Arrogance is an obstacle to genuflection, sin to a vision of God. This is a sensitive point. Doubt and unbelief may not simplistically be equated with arrogance, insincerity, or a bad moral life. All of us know wonderful persons who struggle with unbelief. Yet this still needs to be in the equation. All of us too know persons who are too proud and arrogant to see straight.

Finally there is also the question of our relationship to our religious past. When faith and religion are seen as childish and naïve more things go into that judgment than have to do with empirical evidence. In virtually every case, that judgment is colored and weighted by how one feels about his or her religious past.

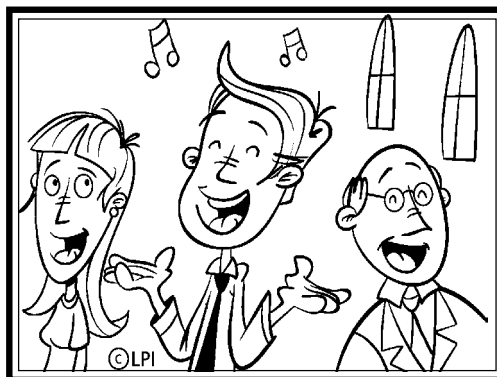
Science doesn't trump religion and religion doesn't trump science since one God is author of all that is good, both inside of science and inside of religion.

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# Sharing the Gospel

Many years earlier, God's prophets had written about the Savior. He would heal the blind, he would raise the dead, and he would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey "as a gentle King. The people knew Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for. They treated him like a king.

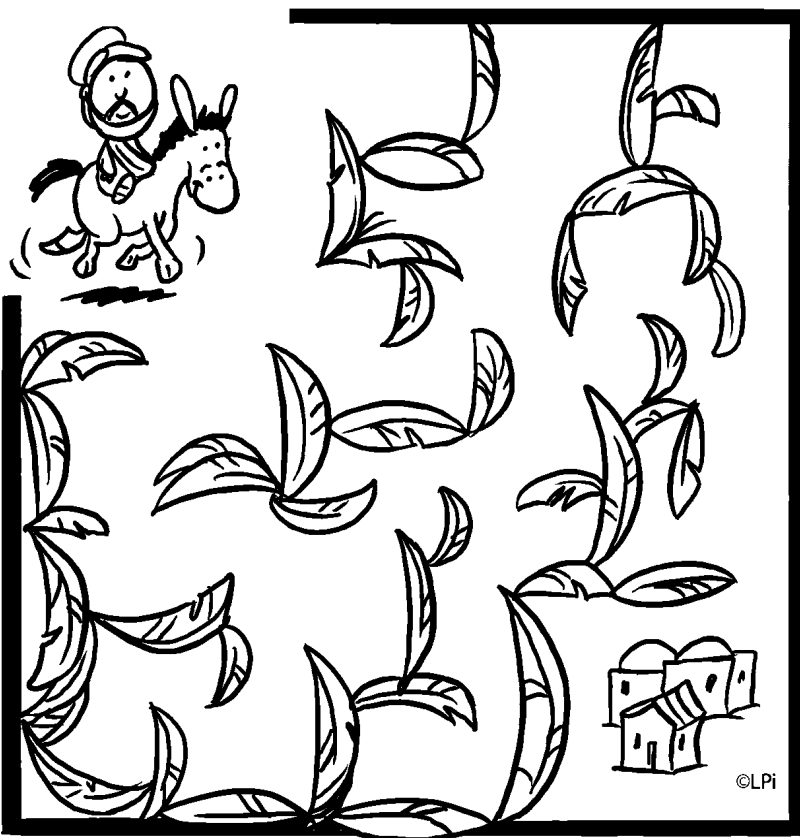


## Mission for the Week

Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the "way through) for leaves.

## Puzzle

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



## Prayer



Jesus,  
help me to treat  
you like my king.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
yourself waving a  
branch for Jesus.