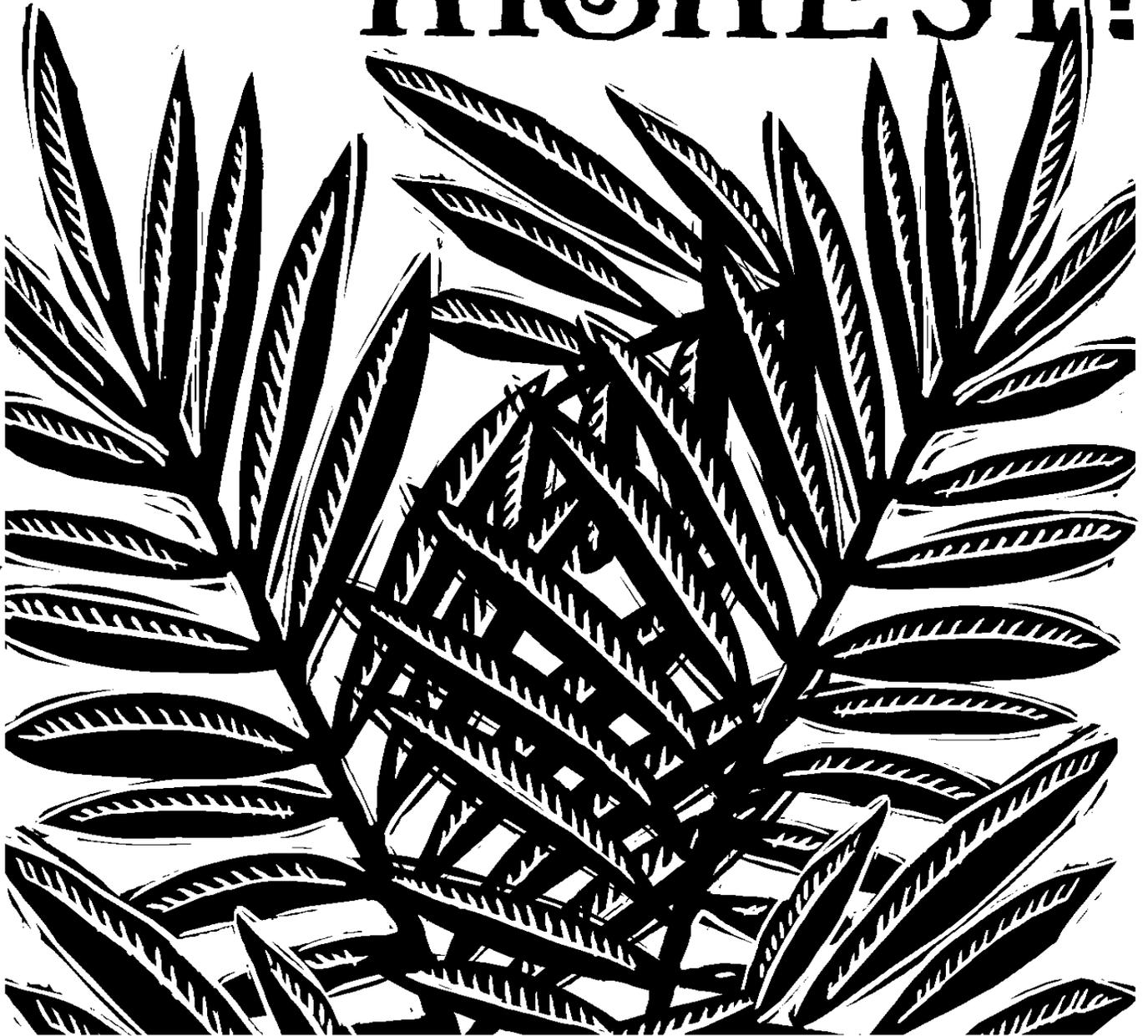


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Palm Sunday

Our Lady of Lourdes April 1, 2012



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.

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

Rosary

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.
If needed sooner, please call the
Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office
to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in ad-
vance, please call the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults(RCIA)** A process to be em-
braced by the Catholic Church. For
non-Catholics and for Catholics who
have never received formal religious
education. If interested, please call
the Parish Office.

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
In Residence

Rev. Michael Holzmann
In Residence

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Rita Spera
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Lori Walsh
Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224, option 1

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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fax: 661.7143

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

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Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440, option 3

Monday-Friday

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262, option 4

Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 15

12:30 PM Mass

Confessions will be 1:30 - 2:30 PM followed by Benediction and Divine Mercy Prayers promptly at 3 PM.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON: Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

(Free babysitting available)

Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan.

We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God.

Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests.

We gather together every Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of April will be on

Wednesday, April 11 from 1-3 PM.

All are invited and welcome!

"SPECIAL K"

New Kindergarten Program!

Our first session, which was held on January 28 was wonderful! We had twelve families come to the Church, where we had a gathering session with a story from the Bible. Jesus tells us that he stands at the door and knocks....and we have to let Jesus in.

It's not too late to join us ~~ the dates are Fridays, April 20 and May 18 at 4:30 PM in Church. E mail to register at sdiane@ollchurch.org



Visit us...

In addition to our Parish website at www.ollchurch.org, please visit us on Facebook at **The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes**.

Click "like" and you will receive the latest news on upcoming Parish events and information.



Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2012

Our next El Salvador meeting will be **Monday, April 16 from 7-8:30PM in Room 16** of the school.

Candy Sale

The students going on the El Salvador trip will be selling Easter Chocolate “pops” on **Palm Sunday weekend – March 31/April 1—after all of the Masses.**

The Easter Chocolate will be on sale in the Narthex.



Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, April 2.**

We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM and meeting at 8 PM in the Spiritual Life Center. PLEASE NOTE LOCATION.

Men’s Prayer Group-*evening*

An evening Men’s Prayer Group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month, from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, April 17** . Come with your ideas.

We’ll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189, or Cliff Proctor sat 669.3198.

Men’s Prayer Group-*morning*

An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, April 19, in the Spiritual Life Center.**

We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday.

Come with your ideas and suggestions. We’ll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

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.



Sign of the Cross

Blessing of the Branches

Gospel

The entrance into Jerusalem.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark/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 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.

Hosanna ...Haas
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!



THE KING OF GLORY

KING OF GLORY

Refrain

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

Verses

1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

to Refrain

1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er,
4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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 Music: Trad. Israeli Folk Song.

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

Glory to you, word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Homily

Intercessions

Response:

God of mercy, hear our prayer.



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

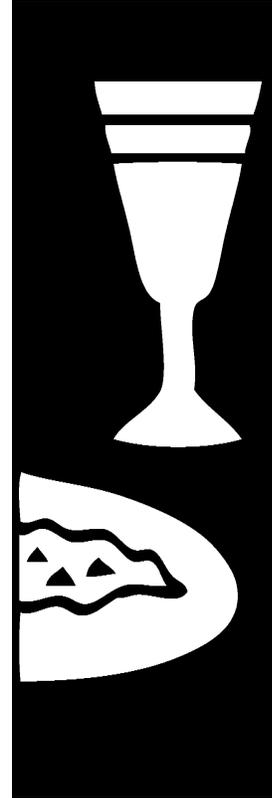
we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.

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.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

THE SUMMONS

KELVINGROVE

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

1. call your name? Will you go where you don't
 2. call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 3. call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 4. call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 5. call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

1. know And nev - er be the same? Will you
 2. kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
 3. free And nev - er be the same? Will you
 4. side And nev - er be the same? Will you
 5. you And nev - er be the same. In your

1. let my love be shown, Will you let my
 2. risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
 3. kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
 4. use the faith you've found To re - shape the
 5. com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

1. name be known, Will you let my life be
 2. tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 3. this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
 4. world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
 5. foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

1. grown In you and you in me?
 2. pray'r In you and you in me?
 3. mean In you and you in me?
 4. sound In you and you in me?
 5. grow In you and you in me.

LORD, BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain



Lord, by your cross and res-ur-rec-tion you have set us
free. You are the Sav-ior of the world.

Verses

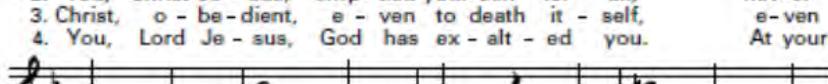


1. You, Lord Je - sus, though in the form of God, you as -
2. You, Christ Je - sus, emp - tied your-self for all, nev - er
3. Christ, o - be - dient, e - ven to death it - self, e - ven
4. You, Lord Je - sus, God has ex - alt - ed you. At your



1. sumed a ser - vant form.
2. grasp - ing God - li - ness.
3. death up - on a tree.
4. name each knee will bow.

We praise you, we



to Refrain

1-4. thank you, we raise your name on high.

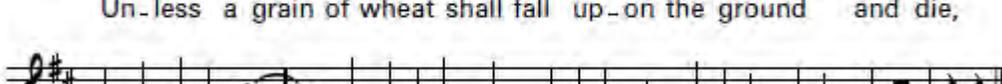
UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

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.



WERE YOU THERE

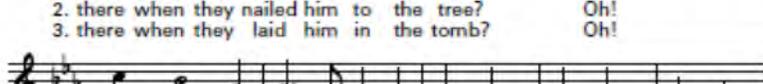
WERE YOU THERE



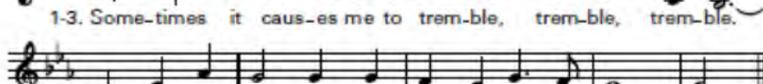
1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



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?

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 2

Mass John Lovari **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 3

Mass Alfred Waters **8 AM**

Daily Readings:

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

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 4

Mass Josephine Carrano **8 AM**

Daily Readings:

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

Holy Thursday

April 5

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 Tony Squeo



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. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight when we celebrate Night Prayer.

Good Friday

April 6

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 7

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."

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



Alleluia!

6:00 AM*	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Fortunato & Carmela Maggi
9:30 AM	Linda Francavilla
9:30 AM (cafeteria)	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Anthony LaRocca
11:00 AM (cafeteria)	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Dec'd members of the Monroe & Shaddock Family

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!

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 Passion of the Lord

You can bet that whatever team wins the NCAA title on Monday night will be honored with a parade. Victory on the basketball court ensures that the members of the team are treated as heroes by the school from which they hail. A marching band, a motorcade, and a street lined with cheering fans will recognize the effort and celebrate the prowess of college athletes who bring home the crown. Some of those who won the championship will likely consider careers in the NBA. Others will follow another path, and find their own personal victory in whatever degree they obtain upon graduation. The cheers for the athletes will be exciting and well-deserved for the few days that they last, but not one of the players will be able to build a life on the fact that they won this one game.

The hosannas in today's Gospel pretty much reflect the same reality in the life of Jesus. As Messiah and Son of David, Jesus is not out to build a life based on the cheers of the crowd. Their adulation will soon enough turn to jeers of "Crucify him," as we hear in the Passion story proclaimed today as well. Jesus' ultimate victory comes not from a triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but from his conquest over sin and death through his own passion, death, and resurrection. By offering his life on the altar of the cross, Christ promises new life to all.

An NCAA victory will certainly give new life to the winning institution. Everyone on campus will be excited and elated for a few days. But for the vast majority of students being a winning school does not ultimately affect their lives in the way their classes and their degree will. For Christians, the waving of palms is a joyous act this day, but the real meaning lies in what comes next: what the death and Resurrection of the Lord does to our lives. ©2012 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2012

Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39
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:	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 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:	Vigil: 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/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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 ...

Lucas Anderson, Deborah Anello, Gae Atteniese, Joseph Badala, Jr., Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Phyllis Clyde, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Joann Fiorello, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Susan Gebhardt, Ted Gladowski, James Grillo, Sr., Dennis Hirt, Marie Impellizeri, Robyn Kerrigan, Nora Lee, Lisa Letterel, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, James Martin, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens, Phyllis Pascuita, Vito Passanante, Bob Petito, Helen Phillips, Roger Phillips, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Richard Riedemann, Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, Angelo Tedesco, Matthew Triola, Nancy Turano, Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino

The Passion of Jesus According to John

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Each year on Good Friday the Passion of Jesus Christ according to John is read aloud in our churches. John's Gospel, as we know, was written later than the other Gospels, perhaps some seventy years after Jesus died, and those years gave John plenty of time to reflect upon Jesus' death and highlight a number of aspects that are not as evident in the other Gospels. What are those special aspects?

John's narrative of Jesus' death highlights his trial. The bulk of John's account focuses on Jesus' trial and the eventual judgment that he be put to death. But it is ingeniously written. John writes up the trial of Jesus in such a way that, while Jesus is the one being tried, everyone else is on trial except Jesus. Pilate is on trial, the Jewish authorities are on trial, Jesus' apostles and disciples are on trial, the crowds watching are on trial, and we who are hearing the story are on trial. Jesus, alone, is not on trial, even as his trial is judging everyone else. Hence when Pilate asks Jesus: What is truth? Jesus' silence puts Pilate on trial by throwing Pilate back on his own silence, the truth of himself. It's the same for the rest of us.

Next, John emphasizes Jesus' divinity in his passion account. John's Gospel, as we know, emphasizes Jesus' pre-existence with God and his divinity rather than his humanity. This shines through in his narrative: The Jesus being crucified in John's Gospel is always in control. He is unafraid, shows no weaknesses, carries his own cross, dies in serenity, and is buried like a king (with a staggering amount of myrrh and aloes, wrapped in clothes saturated with aromatic oils). John's Jesus does not need any Simon of Cyrene to carry his cross, nor does he cry out in agony and abandonment. John writes up the Passion of Christ from the point of view of Jesus' divinity.

John then employs some powerful images to help score these points:

He has Judas and the soldiers arrive to arrest Jesus carrying "lanterns and torches". He intends strong irony here: Jesus is the light of the world and so the irony should not be missed in the fact that those opposing him come to him guiding themselves by artificial, flimsy lighting - lanterns and torches. This suggests, among other things, that they prefer darkness to light and that they know that what they are doing can only be done at night because it would be shamefully exposed in the full light of day.

The powers that oppose God need the cover of darkness and artificial light.

Next, at the end of the trial, Pilate brings Jesus out to the crowd and asks them whether or not they want to accept him as their king. They respond by saying: "We have no king, but Caesar!" Historically for a Jewish believer to say this at the time of Jesus would have been in effect a renunciation of his or her messianic hopes. That is true for us too: Every time we do not recognize the power of God in the one who is being crucified we are renouncing our own messianic hope and admitting that the powers of this world are, for us, the deepest reality.

Further, John's passion narrative emphasizes that Jesus was sentenced to death precisely at noon, the very hour on the eve of Passover when the temple priests would begin to slaughter the paschal lambs. The inference is clear: Jesus is the real lamb who dies for sin.

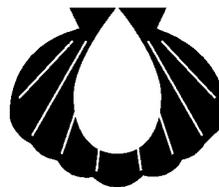
Finally, In John's account of the passion, after Jesus dies, soldiers come and pierce his side with a lance. Immediately blood and water flow out. This is a rich image: First of all, it symbolizes birth. When a baby is born, blood and water accompany the delivery. For John, Jesus' death is the birth of something new in our lives. What?

Christians have sometimes been too quick to take this image to infer the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, with the outflow of blood symbolizing the Eucharist and the outflow of water symbolizing Baptism. That may indeed be valid but there is, first, something more primal in that image: Blood symbolizes the flow of life inside us. Water both quenches thirst and washes dirt from our bodies. What John wants to say with this image is that those who witnessed the death of Jesus immediately recognized too that the kind of love which Jesus manifested in dying in this way created a new energy and freedom in their own lives. They felt both an energy and a cleansing, blood and water, flowing from Jesus' death. In essence, they felt a power flowing out of his death into their lives that allowed them to live with less fear, with less guilt, with more joy, and with more meaning. That is still true for us today.

John's Passion account puts us all on trial and renders a verdict that frees us from our deepest bondage.

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Baptism



Adriana Grace Dumitru
Catalin and Lisa

Ty Joseph Ingrassia
Matt and Amy

Joseph Michael Massoni
John and Lisa

Nicholas Philip Sferrazza
Michael and Kristen

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:

Kimberly Braun - *US Army*, **Michael J. Clifford**-*US Army*, **Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*, **Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*, **Mark Harvey**-*US Coast Guard*, **Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*. ...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Financial Summary

March 25, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,246.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (754.00)

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



Rest In Peace

Edythe Weiss died on March 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 23. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Antoinette Badagliacca died on March 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 26. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This Spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, April 22 at the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville** and on **Sunday, May 20 at the church of Maria Regina in Seaford**. **Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM**. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. *Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 5 for the April liturgy and by May 3 for the May liturgy*. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, ext.207.

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM. All are welcome to experience Singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

Bereavement Support Program

Mangano Funeral Home, Deer Park's only family owned funeral home, is pleased to announce the start of a monthly bereavement support program. The program will be led by social worker, Theresa Agliardo, who boasts an extensive background in death & dying and grief support. The group will meet on the following **Saturdays at noon at Mangano Funeral Home; March 31, April 21, May 12, June 9 and June 23**. There is no cost to attend and the entire community is invited to participate. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Sal Mangano at 631.586.3600 or salfmangano@aol.com.

Supermarket Bingo

Our Lady of Grace Columbiettes will host a Supermarket Bingo on **Friday, April 20 from 7 –11 PM at Father Shanahan Hall at Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon**. There will be 50/50 raffles, refreshments. Admission is \$2 and includes one marker and \$5 for each additional book. For tickets, contact Madeline at 631.884.7517 or Terry at 631.884.4840.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is **"The Issues in Life."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew he was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy he came.



Mission for the Week

Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.

Puzzle

Find 10 things that are different.



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Prayer



God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my King.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus riding on a donkey. Draw yourself next to Jesus, waving a palm branch.