

**"Hosanna in  
the highest!"**



***"Crucify him!"***

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Our Lady of Lourdes • April 5, 2009**



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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.*



*Palm*  
SUNDAY

## *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.*

*Our Lady  
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue  
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## Praying Before Mass

In Advent 2007, we began the practice of asking all the liturgical ministers – lectors, servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion - sacristans, ushers, deacons and presiders – to pray together before Mass. The idea of this is not to offer a special blessing or to set them apart. Rather it's to bring all the ministers together in a spirit of prayer – one that can unite and inspire all who are serving at God's table.

We are called to a greater sense of prayer at Liturgy – particularly by taking some time before Mass. While our ministers pray together in the Narthex, please consider making this a time of prayer for you and for those who will serve us at Liturgy.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

*Did you know OLL loves to pray with our children?*

Every Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass, we invite young people from age four to about fourth grade to process into the Parish Center. Here, they hear God's word in a powerful and meaningful way for them...and their families get a break, too!

Consider coming to our 9:30 AM Mass and inviting others to do the same.

*Also – **Help is needed!***

We are looking for musicians and lectors to be part of the Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Parish Center on a Sunday or two a month. If you think you can be a part of it – we'd love to have you! If you have any questions or you are interested in helping out, please call John Sureau at 661.3224 extension 135 or email [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org)

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org)

## OLL Parish Family

I would like information about:

Religious Education of my Children     Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation  
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 Our Parish Catholic School     Adult Education     Senior Services  
 Joining the Parish     Baptizing my Children     Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: \_\_\_\_\_ Email at: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail at: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**April Showers Brings...  
Leaks!**

*It's time for a new roof and skylights for OLL Church.*

*Dear Parishioners,*

If you have been to Mass on a rainy day, you know that we hardly need to water any of our indoor plants. There are leaks aplenty in our church and, worst of all, our skylights have sustained severe damage during one of our winter storms. The combination of sun damage and high winds this winter cracked the skylight over our main altar and the same damage is progressing in the smaller skylights as well.

It is time for a new roof and skylight replacement. The total cost for roof and skylights is \$50,000.00 so we will need your support to help keep us dry. A generous friend of OLL has offered us a challenge – every dollar raised from now until April 26 will be matched by an equal gift up to \$15,000.00!

We will be taking up a special collection on the weekend of April 18/19 but there is no need to wait. You can contribute now toward our roof/ skylight project by sending us your gift. Please help us with this important project.

*Fr. Mike*



**April Showers Brings...**

I want to help! Enclosed is my donation toward the  
OLL Roof / Skylight Challenge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Gift: \_\_\_\_\_



## *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

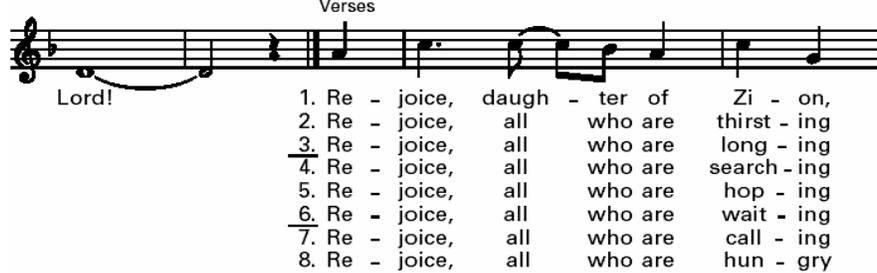
...Schutte

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

Verses



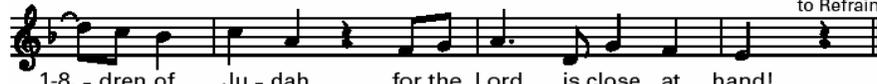
Lord!

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!	} 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..

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

### All Glory Laud and Honor

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

### 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. Final  
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

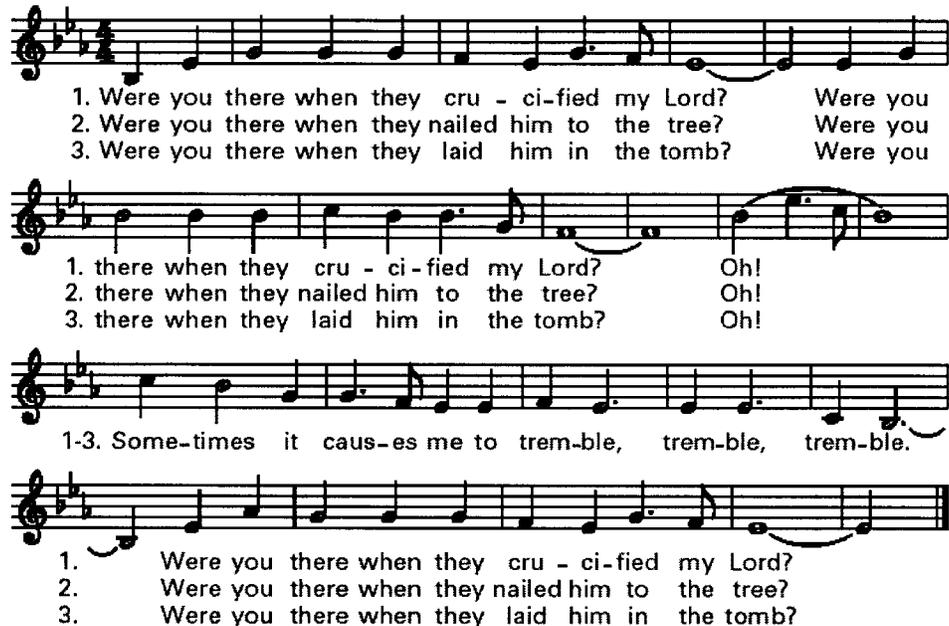
*Response: Lord, have mercy.*

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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.

## Your Only Son/Lamb of God

...Paris

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## Prayer after Communion

# Concluding Rite

## Closing Hymn

## Jesus Remember Me

...Taize



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

# Monday of Holy Week

April 6

**Mass** Marietta Greco **8 AM**

*Daily Readings:*

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

**Diocesan Day of Reconciliation** **3 PM - 9 PM**

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. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way for our community to celebrate and pray for God's grace and healing. We celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM in the Church and always by appointment with a priest.

**Reconciliation Prayer Service** **7 PM**

We will have a special prayer service for families. For families, sometimes, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be hard! Hard to explain, schedule, go through with, etc. As part of our Diocesan Day of Reconciliation we will have a brief Family Reconciliation Prayer Service in the Parish Center for families of all shapes and sizes. The prayer service will begin at 7 PM and provide a small and simple opportunity to prepare for the sacrament in the Church. Come and pray with us!



# Tuesday of Holy Week

April 7

**Mass** Anthony LaRocca **8 AM**

*Daily Readings:*

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

# Wednesday of Holy Week

April 8

**Mass** Valerie Moscarelli **8 AM**

*Daily Readings:*

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

# Holy Thursday

## April 9

### 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 this night by the Trujillo Family 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 Intention: Natalino, Maria Gratzia, Julia Perez and Steven Perez**



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 10

## 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 11

### 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 Intention: People of the Parish



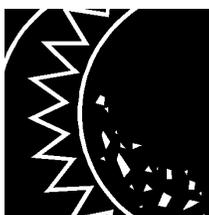
We will gather together at 7:30 PM outside of the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. (If you do not wish to be part of the procession, 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** All souls of Bertolotti 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.



# Catholic Ministries Appeal

## CMA NEWS

*“Supporting the Community Around Us”*

The **key ingredient to the success of our appeal is participation.** In order to reach our goal as a parish we need to have every family participate in the appeal to the best of their ability. *If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the appeal or have been waiting to make a pledge, please complete the pledge envelope that are in the pews and return it by mail or by dropping it off at the rectory.*

### WHAT ARE YOU ASKED TO DO?

As a parishioner in your parish and a member of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we ask you to help us meet the challenge we now face. To succeed in accomplishing the needs of this appeal, we ask each of our Catholic families to consider a sacrificial pledge to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** to the best of their financial ability. The specific amount to be donated is a decision that each family is asked to make after prayerful consideration.

To assist you in making your decision, a series of Suggested Gift Plans has been prepared for you please see the chart below. While no pledge is too small or too large, it should have some relationship to your own standard of living and how generous God has been to you and your family. Our ultimate need in this appeal is 100% participation! We thank you in advance for your generosity and support in this very important endeavor.

**100% OF EVERY DOLLAR RAISED GOES TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES**

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### 2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 6**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Parish Center** followed by **meeting at 8 PM**.

## SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, April 7**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, April 8 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.

## *Altar Bread & Wine*

*In memory of Marczak/Loehr families*

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*.

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, Susan Aviza, Matthew Badamo, Deacon Dick Barry, Deacon Steve Behar, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Alex Cavalcante, Howard Campkin, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor, Charles Diesso, Marge Flem, James, Jr. & Julia Florio (infants), Susan Gigante, Baby Brady James Hicks, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Veronica Hopkins, Kathleen Kerrigan, Gregory Lamb, Laura Larocco, Kara Lobasso, Baby Josephine Mahan, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Dorothy Meloni, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, Frances Parine, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Mary Quinn, Joe Radosti, James Randazzo, James Reilly, Rosemaria Russo, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Mary Clair Stephen, Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Vincent Trincilla, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*



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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

It is triumph and tragedy. It is exultation and condemnation. It is a story of unification, and of abandonment, of love and excruciating suffering like nothing we can imagine. Today we share together the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, greeted as a king with waving palms and shouts of Hosanna! We listen almost in disbelief as his followers and closest friends abandon him in his time of need. We hear the prayer of love, in spite of the events to come, to accept whatever God's plan is for him. We grimace at the details of the beatings and the death on the cross. In the depths of our hearts, we know why he would endure this-love.

It is perhaps the events in the Garden of Gethsemane that we realize both the humanity and unwavering love of Jesus. It is in the garden that we hear his prayer, a calling to his Father for the strength to accept the fate that is soon to befall him. It is the last opportunity he would ever have to avoid his fate; yet he remains, humanly troubled yet divinely willing. We listen to him chastise his followers-and us-for sleeping when he needs us the most. It is in knowing that he needs us as much as we should need him-that his love for us is forever and pure-that we truly begin to understand the pain he was about to endure.

We are reminded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that it is in the passion of Christ that sin is most manifested and displayed (CCC 1851). The crowds calling for his death, Pilate's indifference, the beatings by the guards, the abandonment by Peter and the disciples; through all of this, it is Christ's death on the cross, in which he accepted and offered redemption for all of our sins, that we turn to today and every day.

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### Readings for the week of April 5, 2009

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<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>	<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
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 52:13---53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42
<b>Saturday:</b>	<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/Mk 16:1-7
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

## Financial Summary

### March 29, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,734.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,734.00

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

## Upcoming Marriages

*Lee-Ann Capozzi and Justin Puccia,  
both OLL*

## 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  
**James J. Ferrara**-US Marines  
**John Finn**-US Army  
**Christopher Florca**-US Marines  
**Edward A. Kelly, IV**-US Air Force  
**Michael Mallimo**- US Army  
**Anthony Mannino**-US Marines  
**Trent Narra**-US Marines  
**Peter Provenzano**-US Army  
**Frank Silva**-US Army

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

Our whole parish family rejoices with the DiLapi Family in gratitude for the safe return of their daughter from active duty. **Danielle DiLapi** -US Army has returned to the United States safe and sound from her tour of duty. Thank you, Danielle, for your generous service to our country! The DiLapi Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Narra Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Trent Narra** -US Marines has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty. Thank you, Trent, for your generous service to our country! The Narra Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

## Mary Under the Cross

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

One of the most popular images in all of scripture (an icon that's been endlessly painted, sung, put into litanies, written up into poetry, and used to trigger every kind of pious feeling) is the image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, standing silently under the cross as her son dies.

As Jesus was dying, the Gospels tell us that Mary, his mother, stood under the cross. What's in that image? What's in this picture that invites us to more than simple admiration, piety, or sympathy?

This is a mystical image and it is anything but pious. In the Gospels, after Jesus, Mary is the most important person to watch. She's the model of discipleship, the only one who gets it right. And she gets it very right under the cross. What's she doing while standing there?

On the surface, it seems she isn't doing anything at all: She doesn't speak, doesn't try to stop the crucifixion, and she doesn't even protest its unfairness or plead Jesus' innocence. She is mute, seemingly passive, overtly doing nothing. But at a deeper level, she is doing all that can be done when one is standing under the weight of the cross, she's holding the tension, standing in strength, refusing to give back in kind, and resisting in a deeper way.

What's meant by this?

Sometimes well-intentioned artists have painted Mary as lying prostrate under the cross, the wounded mother, helplessly distraught, paralysed in grief, an object for sympathy. But that doesn't honour what happened there nor teach its lesson. Prostration, in this situation, is weakness, collapse, hysteria, resignation. In the Gospels, "standing" is the 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 (there are times when darkness has its hour) but she could stop some of the hatred, bitterness, jealousy, heartlessness, and anger that caused it and surrounded it. And she helped stop bitterness by refusing to give it back in kind, by transforming rather than transmitting it, by swallowing hard and (literally) eating bitterness rather than giving it back, as everyone else was doing.

Had Mary, in moral outrage, begun to scream hysterically, shout angrily at those crucifying Jesus, or physically tried to attack someone as he was driving the nails into

Jesus' hands, she would have been caught up in the same kind of energy as everyone else, replicating the very 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. 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 participate in 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."

And that's not the same thing as despair. Our muted helplessness is not a passive resignation but the opposite. It's a movement towards the only rays of light, love, and faith that still exist in that darkness and hatred. And, at that moment, it's the only thing that faith and love can do.

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 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."

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

So this is the image: 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

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.



### Puzzle

Find 10 things that are different.



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### Mission for

### the Week

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

### 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.