

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
OF THE LORD  
MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>:**

5:00 pm Passante and DiGeorge Families

**SUNDAY MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>:**

7:30 am Anthony and Anne Annunziato

9:00 am Anna Souffrin

10:30 am Helen Blossfeld

NOON Dominick and Anna Parisi

**MONDAY MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>:**

7:15 am For Our Parishioners

8:30 am Armida Tesoriero

**TUESDAY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>:**

7:15 am Rebecca Soriano

8:30 am Anna Trupia

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>:**

7:15 am Vincent Gigante

8:30 am Rev. Kevin Cassidy

**THURSDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**FRIDAY APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy

7:30 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>:**

7:30 am Langone, Bonaguro, Spivey and Emerling Families

9:00 am Lenny Ingrassia

10:30 am Fred Gambale

NOON For Our Parishioners

**BEREAVEMENT**

*"Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted."*  
-Matthew 5:4.

Our Bereavement Minister, Deacon Michael Venditto, is available to assist anyone who has experienced a loss. Call the rectory (718-761-5421) weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm to set up an appointment with Deacon Michael.



**MORNING DEVOTIONS**

Following the 8:30 am weekday Mass is the Recitation of the Rosary and spiritual devotions. On Fridays there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On First Fridays there is Benediction. On Sat. following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

**FLOWER ENVELOPES**

The flowers that adorn our Church at Easter are a tribute and a memorial to the loved ones of our parish families, who have been called home to God. Their names remain in the Sanctuary as a tribute to and a remembrance of them.



**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>:**



The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINES** this week are in memory of:

**THOMAS J. GINCH**

requested by his loving mom, wife and son.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of:

**BECKY SORIANO**

requested by Joseph and Marietta.



**JOIN THE CHOIRS**

The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**



**Children's Choir: Do you like to sing?** Children (from second grade or older) practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Join the Choir and make new friends.

**CCD PROGRAM**

**EASTER BREAK: NO CCD** classes on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CCD CLASSES END:** Last classes are May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 & 11:30 AM**  
**CONFIRMATION - MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 12 NOON**

**MARRIAGE BOOK FOR 2016**

The Marriage Schedule Book at our parish for the year 2016 weddings is open. Please call the rectory to set up an appointment to set your marriage date. In order to be married at our Church, your family must be registered here at the parish. **Pre-Cana books are in the rectory.**

**PRE-CANA CLASSES-ST. PATRICK'S ON SI**

Final course will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 11 am to 5:30 pm. To register call 718-979-4227.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

*"Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear."* A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to take time to really listen to your spouse and enrich your marriage. For information on their next weekend call 1-877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**SECOND:** Anthony Imbasciani and Tiffany LaDuca

**RCIA PROGRAM**

Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps you need to be confirmed. The RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wed. at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary. There is NO FEE for this program.

**GOOD FRIDAY WILL BE THE SOLEMN STATIONS OF**



**THE CROSS AT 7:30 PM. IT IS A DAY OF BOTH FAST AND ABSTINENCE.**

## HIS WORD TODAY

“The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.’... ‘My God, my God, why have you abandoned me... But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.’ ... Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross...”

The events of this week are so well known. We enter the holy city with our palms. We sit at the table for the Passover meal. Puzzled as Jesus humbly washes feet, we receive our mandate to serve others.

We leave for the Garden of Olives and are asked to pray, if only for an hour. Jesus is taken, arrested like a common criminal, unjustly tried and condemned. Savagely led through the streets, He is hoisted upon a cross and left to die. With Mary and John we remain faithful at the foot of the cross. Good Friday sadness will lead to Easter joy.

The events of Holy Week continue today. Many are walking the Via Dolorosa as refugees, as those seeking asylum, the terminally ill, homeless and unemployed. The passion continues to be played out where others, like Christ, seek our compassion and support.

The Lord does not abandon them, as the psalm states, when we respond to their need.

## TODAY'S WORD

What is the face of Christ presented to us in the readings today? Is it the one plucked and spat upon in the reading from Isaiah? Is it the glorified one honored by the bending of every knee in the hymn penned by St. Paul? Is it the one disappointed and abandoned by His own disciples and left to die in ignominy on a cross? Or is it the one of whom the centurion said, **“Truly, this was the Son of God”?** **Which face do you see today?**

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB

NO meeting during Holy Week and Easter Week. Meetings resume April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Anyone desiring a Certificate to serve as a sponsor for a Sacrament must be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. They must be registered in the parish for at least 3 months or known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**

## CARDINAL'S 2015 APPEAL

To date our parish has received **\$41,845.00** in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 191 families. We are now at 59% of goal. As always, thank you to those who have faithfully supported the Appeal this year and in all the years past. Those who haven't yet given, there is time.

**AS WE CARRY HOME THE BLESSED PALMS TODAY, ACKNOWLEDGING JESUS AS OUR KING, WHAT ONE SPECIFIC ACT CAN WE COMMIT TO THIS WEEK THAT WILL DECLARE, WITHOUT WORDS, JESUS' REIGN OVER OUR LIVES?**

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>:

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

### SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am J. Almero – T. Hanley

10:30 am M/M S. LaRosa

NOON M. Bonamo – M. Martino

## LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>:

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

### SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am C. Daniels

9:00 am L. Buttacavoli

10:30 am M. Donadic

NOON S. Kelly

## ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

### SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>:

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

### SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am M. Tubay – J. Tangco – C. Garzon

9:00 am J. Bosco – J. Carristo – L. & S. DeMartino

10:30 am R. Whalen – J. Venditto – J. Inigo –

H. Bailey – M. Zerega

NOON C. Rodriguez – D. Boniface – C. & E. Baria

## YOUNG ADULTS (20's-30's-40's)

Our Lady of Pity Young Adult Group will be meeting again after Easter in the Parish Center. For further information, call Rosemarie Archer @ 917-636-2187.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

The parish of St. Joseph-St. Thomas on Amboy Rd., Staten Island, holds a 2:30 pm Special Needs Mass every second Sunday of each month.

## WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Our parish is running a Spring Retreat for Women on April 24-26<sup>th</sup> at St. Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. For Information and/or reservations call 718-494-5475.

## INAUGURAL GALA

The Catholic Schools of Staten Island will be sponsoring an Inaugural Gala honoring Cardinal Dolan on Thurs. April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information contact call 718-667-5350.

## B.O.L.D. FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your generosity in contributing food for the local food pantries. We collected 60 boxes of food to feed our hungry neighbors.

## UPCOMING EVENT AT PITY

Plans are being made to broadcast “Radio Maria” here at our Church on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 4:00 pm. There will be an Italian Mass and religious programs. More information will follow after Easter.

## SOCCER CLINIC

NO practice during Holy Week; it resumes on Wed. April 8<sup>th</sup>

## ELECTRONIC GIVING (Parish Pay Program)

Go to [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.



### TENEBRAE

A special way of celebrating Morning Prayer during the *Triduum* is called *Tenebrae*. It is named from the practice of gradually extinguishing the lights during the course of prayer, so all depart in darkness (*tenebrae*) and silence. As part of the service, passages from the Book of Lamentations are chanted. We will be celebrating *Tenebrae* at 9:00 am on Good Friday.

What is the *Triduum*... it is Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, it commemorates the three days that Christ lay in the tomb.

**Holy Thursday..** "Mass of the Lord's Supper". It is often referred to as "Maundy Thursday" after the Latin word for commandment. It would then refer to the "new commandment" to love another, which Jesus gave His disciples. The oils for confirmation, anointing and ordination are blessed by the Bishop in a special Mass on this day. Most importantly it is the Anniversary of the Priesthood. Take time out on this day to wish all our priests and our deacon happiness on this day.

**Good Friday..** This day of Holy Week commemorates Jesus' passion and death. The Altar is bare on Good Friday, the Tabernacle is open. It is the only day of the year that the Eucharist may not be celebrated. In the afternoon we celebrate the Passion, consisting of the Liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the cross and Holy Communion.

**Holy Saturday..** On this day families prepare for the Easter Feast. One custom is to color eggs. All Churches will be beautifully decorated on this day to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

**Vigil...** On this night, the church keeps watch in the night, awaiting the dawn of Christ's resurrection. Extra Scripture readings tell the story of salvation history. The Easter fire is lit, and the elect are initiated.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE COUPLES

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sat. June 20<sup>th</sup> or Sun. June 21<sup>st</sup>. Both Masses will be at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm Mon. through Fri. Last date to register is Tues. May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### WOODLOCH PINES – POCONO MTS. WEDNESDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>

Trip includes transportation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners, nightly entertainment and daily activities. A visit to the Mt. Airy Casino is planned on trip coming home. Cost: \$445 for Dbl. occupancy and \$415 for triple occupancy For reservations call Lena at 718-761-5421. Bus departs at 8 am from 134 Sommer Ave.

### ORLANDO FLORDIA TRIP SUNDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>

Deluxe bus departs at 8 am on July 5<sup>th</sup> from the front of the Church. Cost: \$579 per person, double occupancy – add \$180 for single occupancy. \$75.00 is due upon reserving, final payment to be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>. To reserve call Agnes at 718-494-5475. Agnes will run a trip to Mt. Airy Casino on

### PALM SUNDAY

Since Vatican council II (1962-65), this day also has been referred to as "**PASSION SUNDAY**". Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the Kingdom of the King Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of His Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.

We carry Blessed Palms and sing "Hosanna". The reading of the Passion narrative reminds us that the Lord was willing to suffer and to die to redeem us.

**Active participation in the rites of Holy Week will enrich your understanding of these truths and give you profound joy...**

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Reconciliation Monday - March 30<sup>th</sup>

Confessions: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

#### Holy Thursday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

(There will be NO Mass on Thursday morning)

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by a Procession to the Repository  
Repository is in the Chapel and will remain open until Midnight for personal prayer.

#### Good Friday - April 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Tenebrae "Office of Readings"

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Veneration of the Cross

7:30 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

**(Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence)**

#### Solemn Easter Vigil Saturday - April 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm

(NO 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evening)

#### Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> Mass Schedule:

7:30 am, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12 Noon



**A Blessed and Happy Easter to all**

### THE SICK

#### Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshipping community is called to pray for the sick or elderly in their parish. It is a privilege to ask Our Lord to heal and strengthen the sick. **The Prayer List for the Sick** is our way of reaching out to our parishioners, young and elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life: **Brook Balacco, Mary Ellen Bednar, Sally Caputo, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Paul Davis, Margaret Ryan Galetto, Ann Volpe.** **The listed names above for those asking for prayers has been updated according to months on the list.** Those remaining have been reinstated by parishioners calling after the six month period. If anyone wishes to put a name back or to add a new name of a parishioner who is sick please contact the rectory Mon.-Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

### SHUT-INS

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, notify the girls at the rectory and if you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring them the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

**YOU CANNOT REPENT TOO SOON**

**BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW  
HOW SOON IT MAY BE TOO LATE!!!**