

Hosanna

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

Matthew 21:9b

Church of Saint Mary
Closter, New Jersey

ST. MARY PARISH WORSHIPPING SINCE 1911

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 –

Mk. 11: 1-10 or Jn. 12: 12-16; Is. 50: 4-7; Phi. 2: 6-11; Mk. 14: 1- 15: 47 or 15: 1-39

5:00 PM Michael Conmy / req. by Phyllis Buonomo

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 –

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mk. 11: 1-10 or Jn. 12: 12-16; Is. 50: 4-7; Phi. 2: 6-11; Mk. 14: 1- 15: 47 or 15: 1-39

7:30 AM Philip Corletta / req. by the Ditzel Family

9:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

12:00 PM Rosanne Wieder
req. by Phyllis Buonomo and Family

MONDAY, MARCH 26 – MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is. 42: 1-7; Jn. 12: 1-11

8:00 AM Joseph Sekerak / req. by Margaret Sekerak

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 – TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is. 49: 1-6; Jn. 13: 21-33, 36-38

8:00 AM Angela Cucolo
req. by Camille Cantarella and Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 – WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is. 50: 4-9a; Mt. 26: 14-25

8:00 AM Michael McGreevey / req. by the Torre Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 – THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)

Ex. 12: 1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26; Jn. 13: 1-15

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 – FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

Is. 52: 13- 53: 12; Heb. 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9; Jn. 18: 1-19: 42

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – HOLY SATURDAY

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

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5: 6b-8; Jn. 20: 1-9 (42) or Mk. 16: 1-7 (41)

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

12:00 PM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

As I sit at my computer writing this article on the first full day of spring, I'm watching the beginning of our 4th Nor'easter wondering if we will actually get the 14 inches of snow which has been predicted. Happy Spring everyone.

Today we begin Holy Week, a time in which we celebrate the central mysteries of our faith, namely, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. We begin today with Palm Sunday, when we commemorate our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem where he will suffer and die for us.

Please make every effort to participate in the Masses and services of Holy Week. It is truly a time in which we are all called to enter into the mysteries of our faith and go with Jesus to the Upper Room, to Calvary, to the Tomb, and to the joy of the Resurrection.

May these days of this most Holy Week be a time to renew our faith and to realize just how much our God loves us that He was willing to send His Son into the world, to suffer, to die, and to rise again for us all.

A word of thanks to everyone who came to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us at the dinner last week. A great time was had by all. A very sincere thank you to all who made this event possible, especially Tom Colwell, Pam Derfus, Grace Ditzel, and Canice Cristofolletti and our Confirmation candidates who served the meal. To all who set up, cleaned up, served, and decorated. THANK YOU.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

ST. MARY PARISH IS A PARISH THAT PRACTICES STEWARDSHIP

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – Mark 15: 12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – In memory of Kathleen and Joseph Mann.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

On Good Friday there will be a collection taken for Shrines of the Holy Land.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Irene Abad, Paula Bertelloni, Alana Bronze, Diego Bronze, Christian Brueck, Dolores Collier, Lee Ann Davito, Desiderio Fernandes, Frank Forte, Chris Gerabianian, Lillian Guyt, Ed Koch, David O'Hanlon, Donna Oettinger, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joan Pinto, Richard Pinto, Jim Walsh, Augie Zarski

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

3/25 – SUNDAY

9:30 AM – LWC
 10:30 AM – 11:55 AM – Religious Education – Grades 1 – 5
 11:00 AM – Parish Choir Call
 12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass

3/26 – MONDAY

No – Prayer Shawl Ministry
 No – Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Center for Spiritual Development
 8:00 PM – Chrism Mass – Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart – Newark – All are welcome

3/27 – TUESDAY

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Religious Education – Grades 6 – 7
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal – Fr. Kevin Cahill Room
 7:30 PM – Reconciliation

3/28 – WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room
 4:00 PM – Stations of the Cross – Church
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Center for Spiritual Development
 7:30 PM – Reconciliation

3/29 – HOLY THURSDAY

All Parish Offices Closed
 No – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour
 6:45 PM – Choir Call
 7:30 PM – Choir at Mass
See Holy Week Schedule to the right

3/30 – GOOD FRIDAY

All Parish Offices Closed
 2:15 PM – Choir Call
 3:00 PM – Choir at Celebration of the Lord's Passion
See Holy Week Schedule to the right

3/31 – HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 AM – Morning Prayer
 No – Reconciliation
 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Choristers Rehearsal – Church
See Holy Week Schedule to the right

4/1 – EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM
 9:00 AM – Choristers Call
 9:30 AM – Choristers at Mass
 11:00 AM – Choir Call
 12:00 PM – Choir at Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 26TH

This Monday there is no Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

If you are in high school or older and play a musical instrument, why not lend your skills to our parish by playing at mass on occasion? Please contact Louis at music@stmarycloster.org or see him after any mass and say hello.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, March 25th

Masses at 5:00 PM (Sat.), 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, Noon

Monday of Holy Week
Chrism Mass (Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica, Newark) – 8:00 PM

Monday of Holy Week
 8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week
 8:00 AM Mass
 7:30 PM Reconciliation (confession)

Wednesday of Holy Week
 8:00 AM Mass
 4:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 7:30 PM Reconciliation (confession)

Holy Thursday, March 29th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration after Mass until 11:00 PM in Church

Good Friday, March 30th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31st

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 10:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food
 8:00 PM Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, Noon

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK LENTEN REGULATIONS

Good Friday is a day of both Fast and Abstinence. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

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