

Palm Sunday



Jesus Christ Is Lord!

Almighty Father,
you provided your Son with a well-trained
tongue to speak a word to rouse us.
Our words and actions have betrayed him
during the times that we have lost our way.
We have sung "Hosannas," and then turned
our backs on Christ.
Strengthen us during this Holy Week that
we might watch and pray
as your Son journeys to the Cross.
Sustain us as we seek the way with our
Mother Mary, Mary Magdalene,
and Mary of Salome,
and draw us ever nearer
to the life you offer.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, March 29, 2015

A Time of Paradox

Today's Readings: Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a); Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47. We enter Holy Week with a mix of emotions. Here we face contradiction. In the reading for the Gospel procession, the crowds wave palm branches but in the Passion narrative, Jesus is whipped. We hear of the cries of "hosanna" but also of "crucify him." We can visualize a donkey being brought for Jesus to ride and also his crowning with thorns. Jesus is honored and then mocked; he rides triumphant and then is led out to be crucified. His disciples dine with him and then betray and deny him.

In the Suffering Servant depicted in the reading from Isaiah, we can see Jesus in his Passion. Just as did the Servant, Jesus gave his back to those who beat him and did not shield his face from those who spat on him. The reading, too, recalls Jesus, who upon beginning his ministry unfurled the scroll in the temple and read that the Lord has sent him "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:19).

The reading from Philippians portrays Jesus as the essence of holiness. Though God, Jesus is willing to be humble, to be obedient. Jesus empties himself to do the will of the Father. We, too, are to empty ourselves, to turn over our being to God, to humbly be obedient to his will. Have our Lenten practices taught us this? Will we be able to enter Easter Time resolved to put our trust in God. Will we pray as Jesus does in the Gospel, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible."

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Monday– Wednesday 8:30 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Pre school	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Kindergarten	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
First Grade	Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Grades 2 & 3	Sunday	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Grades 4 & 5	Sunday	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Children are to attend the 10:00 am Mass and take part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Grades 6, 7 & 8 Monday –6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Formal High School Classes will take place September-December at varied times. Special Sessions take place throughout the year check the weekly schedule for times.

Parish Staff

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Sacrament of Baptism: For information concerning our Parent and Godparent Preparation Program, please contact the Parish Office approximately three to six months before the child is born.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are offered every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM in the Church or by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Couples should contact a Parish Priest as soon as they decide to marry and before any other arrangements are made. The Diocesan policy requires a minimum one-year period of preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick & Homebound Visits

Please inform us when a family member is admitted to the hospital. Communion visits to the aged, sick, convalescing and homebound are a major concern to us. Please call the Rectory at 508-234-5656 to arrange these ministerial visits.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults teaches the history, traditions and Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Non-Catholics or Catholic Adults seeking information about full initiation into the Catholic Church, through Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, should contact Fr. Tomasz at the Parish Office (508-234-5656) or Ed or Pauline Rutana at 508-234-7089.

Music Ministry

Cantor Rehearsal: First and Third Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM
Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsals: Second & Fourth Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM

Shamrocks: Students age 6-12 Watch Bulletin for rehearsal times and events.

New Members are Always Welcome in any Music Ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As a parishioner of St. Patrick's, you can request a Prayer Shawl for someone whom you feel needs comfort by calling or e-mailing Lucille at 508.234.2255 or blharper@verizon.net or call Shelly or Jackie at the rectory at 508.234.5656

SPiN--St. Patrick's in Action—Contact Shelly Mombourquette to find out about this monthly service of giving back to our community.

NAC Food Pantry 508-234-4599

Open Tuesdays 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
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Contact Noreen Landry for support in times of need.

Bulletin Information Deadline

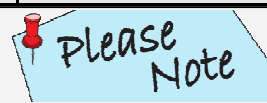
Information may be e-mailed to Nancy@mystpatrick.com or dropped off at the rectory by Monday evening.

Members of the family requesting the Mass are asked to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Please make yourselves known to the lector and sit near the gifts.



The Mass book is open for the months of April-June. If you would like to book a mass in memory of a loved one please call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

Saturday March 28	4:30 PM	† Flora & Ted Brodeur	By Family
Sunday March 29	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	† Dorothy & Donald Forgit † Mary Ellen & George Murphy † Loraine & Fernando Vaz	By Children and Grandchildren By Children By Children
Monday March 30	8:30 AM	† Warren Davis	By Aunt Mary
Tuesday March 31	8:30 AM	† Special Intention	By Irene St. Martin
Wednesday April 1	8:30 AM	† Michael Paulus	By Family
Thursday April 2	7:00 PM	† Holy Thursday	At the Middle School
Friday April 3	7:00 PM	† Good Friday	At the Middle School
Saturday April 4	7:30 PM	† Easter Vigil	At the Middle School
Sunday April 5	10:00 AM	For St. Patrick's Parishioners	At the Middle School



Second Collection Schedule

Easter Flower Donations (No Date)

April 12- YNIA

April 26-Utilities

Sunday March 29	No RE Classes Today Easter Basket Program	All Day	
Monday March 30	No RE Classes Today		
Wednesday April 1	" Wed Prayer Group will Have the Stations of the Cross- through the eyes of Mary" . Please join us...."	7:00 PM	Chapel
Thursday April 2	Morning Prayer	8:30 AM	Chapel
Friday April 3	Morning Prayer Living Stations of The Cross	8:30 AM 3:00 PM	Chapel Middle School
Saturday April 4	John 21 Community Breakfast Blessing of Easter Foods	8:00-10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Center Chapel
Sunday April 5	10:00 AM Mass at the Middle School No RE Classes Today	10:00 AM	



Blessing of Easter Foods: In many Eastern European countries, it is a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday.

The Tradition ... what's it all about?

When many of our Eastern European Ancestors came to this country a century ago, they brought with them some beautiful traditions which added a particular beauty to the Easter Holydays. Among the most popular is the Traditional Blessing of the Foods that would be eaten on Easter morning. After a strict Lenten fast and abstinence, specially prepared foods were made in advance for the blessing. A family basket would be filled with these foods and then covered with a crocheted cloth. Often the cloth had an Easter emblem or the words 'Christ is Risen' crocheted on it.

It sounds much like the special foods which our Jewish brothers and sisters use in the celebration of their Seder Meal.

Remember, the basket does not contain ALL the food you will eat on Easter Sunday...just a symbolic portion.



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

- Thursday April 2:** Morning Prayer 8:30 AM, Chapel
Holy Thursday 7:00 PM, Middle School
Washing of the feet
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass, Chapel
Night Prayer at 11:00 PM, Chapel
- Friday April 3:** Morning Prayer 8:30 AM, Chapel
Ecumenical Prayer Service 12:00 noon Trinity Episcopal Church, Linwood Ave.
Living Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM, Middle School
Good Friday 7:00 PM, Middle School
- Saturday April 4:** Morning Prayer 8:30 AM, Chapel
Blessing of Easter Foods 11:30 AM, Chapel
Easter Vigil 7:30 PM, Middle School (bring bells to ring)



- Sunday April 5:** Easter Sunday 10:00 AM Middle School
- Sunday April 12:** Divine Mercy Sunday 3:00 PM
Prayer for Peace in the world, Church



My Brothers and Sisters,
 Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week, a day that marks Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. It's a journey that will ultimately lead Jesus to Calvary. Scripture tells us that Jesus arrived in Jerusalem riding on a donkey, and that people lined the streets laying their coats upon the ground and waving palms as he made his way through the streets. Have you ever wondered why palms were used to welcome Jesus? Why did he ride a donkey? Wouldn't a horse have been a better animal for our Savior to ride? What type of greeting was this?

Palms were used in the ancient world to mark the arrival of a triumphant king who brought victory in his wake. In Roman times, crowds would gather to honor the emperor and his soldiers for the defeat of their enemies. Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem as a triumphant king whose victory will not be over a political power, but over death and sin. In this way, the use of palms to welcome Jesus is a foreshadowing of Christ's resurrection and victory over sin and death. It also points to the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel, where Jesus proclaims that, "the Kingdom of God is at hand". The palms mark the reality that God's Kingdom is now!

Symbolically, palms were signs of peace, abundant life, and Divine goodness. In the *1st Book of Kings*, we hear how the Temple of the Lord was adorned with engravings of palms as a representation of the Lord's desire for peace among his people. Images of paradise are beset by palms and harken back to Eden before the fall. Jesus is the true Temple of the Lord, the gateway to paradise, and the new Adam, and thus, it is fitting that the people would bring palms to adorn him as the King of Peace and Eternal Life.

We might understand all of this and how it points to Jesus' kingship, but why a donkey? Horses were always an animal used in war within the ancient world. They were examples of military strength and power. Jesus is humble and obedient to the will of God. God's will for his people is to live in peace and security. It fulfills the prophesy of Zachariah when he says, "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble, and riding on a donkey." Jesus comes to create a world of peace and calls on us to do the same in his name. Let us therefore work through prayer and action for a more just world where peace can touch the hearts of all men in Christ's name - Amen.

Joyfully in Christ,

Chris



Building Fund Progress

Goal: \$370,000.00

Pledged: \$296,015.08

We have received 204 pledges and gifts as of March 24, 2015

Please remember to drop your pledge cards in the mail or in the basket next week. Misplaced your card? Not a problem! We have provided a convenient double-sided pledge card right here in the Bulletin. **We hope to conclude our building fund campaign on Sunday March 29th.** Thank you to all of you that have already made your contribution.

FAITH COMMITMENT

DONOR INFORMATION (Please print)

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I would like to discuss my faith commitment with Father Tomasz.

List of Projects (all approximate numbers):

- Roof and Exterior Brick Repointing:.....\$120,000.00
- Stairs, Walkways & Entrances:.....\$150,000.00
- Interior Repair and Paint:.....\$140,000.00
- Demolition of Scout House:.....\$ 10,000.00
- Building Fund Creation:.....\$100,000.00



Class Schedule

There are no Classes this week or next because of the Easter Basket Program and Easter Sunday Holyday. Our last Class for the school year for Preschool through Grade 8 will be April 12th and 13th. There are no remaining classes for the High School students.

Confirmation Reminders

Confirmation Rehearsal – Wednesday, April 15th @ 6:00pm at St. Gabriel Parish
Confirmation Day – Thursday, April 16th @ 7:00pm at St. Gabriel Parish

Living Stations of the Cross

Living Stations will be presented by our High School Students at the Middle School on Good Friday At 3:00pm. Please join us as we pray and remember Jesus' walk to Calvary.



It is very simple just say Hello and Welcome and watch everyone do the same back!! It is that easy

to be a greeter.

* Greeters needed for the following services, please consider this ministry during this holiday season, takes very little time and will make a big difference to your fellow parishioners :

* April 2: Holy Thursday, mass 7:00 pm (Greeters arrive 6:30 pm)

* April 3: Good Friday, mass 7:00 pm (Greeters arrive 6:30 pm)

* April 4: Easter Vigil, mass at 7:30 pm (Greeters arrive at 7:00 pm)

* April 5: Easter Sunday, mass at 10:00 am (Greeters arrive at 9:30 am) Please contact Fred Beauregard (508)234-4808 or email

fbmbcbjb@charter.net



Palm Sunday

“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 courage to stand up for those in need of our help.



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For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.” (Hebrews 3:4)

PRAY

Pray about what it means to you to be part of a church community and ask the Lord to guide you in determining what sacrificial giving means to you and your family.

COMMIT

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