

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:00 JOHN MARRONE

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 NANCY MC VEY

9:00 SALVATORE & RAPHAELLA DI LORENZO

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 ANDREW DONNELLY JR.

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MAGUIRE FAMILY

MONDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

9:00 BRENDAN J. HOEY

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY

9:00 PATRICIA M. SILVESTRI

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

9:00 MATTHEW GORDON & THE INTENTIONS OF THE GORDON FAMILY

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 ROCCO VITA

8:00PM SERVICE OF THE WORD

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

3:00 SERVICE OF THE WORD

7:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

8:00PM EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 EASTER SUNDAY

1:00 EASTER SUNDAY

NO 5PM MASS

The Bread and Wine are offered for a **Special Request** through the intercession of the **Blessed Virgin** offered by Margaret Hale.

Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of **Patricia M. Silvestri** requested by her husband Frank Silvestri.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 26

8:00 Theresa Hudik

Sunday, March 27

7:00 Teresa Zulch

9:00 Joe Meagher

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

No 5:00pm Mass

Maryann Gambardella

Pat Jezycki

Dorothy Tarafa



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar

Collections: (Due to early publication amounts were not published in last week's bulletin)

Regular March 6 \$7,235 .00

Catholic Relief Services \$1,622.00

Collections for 3/13 will be published in a future bulletin.

Reconciliation Monday - Cardinal Dolan has designated Monday, March 21st as our "Lenten Reconciliation Monday". We pray that Reconciliation Monday will help you to appreciate the great gift God has given us in this sacrament. Confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart from 3:00PM to 9:00PM.



The Rectory office will be closed on Friday, March 25th and Monday, March 28th.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis writes: "Mary is the woman whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our pain. As mother to all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice. She is the missionary who draws near to us and accompanies us throughout life, opening our hearts to faith by her maternal love. As a true mother, she walks at our side, she shares our struggles and she constantly surrounds us with God's love...As she did with Juan Diego, Mary offers them maternal comfort and love, and whispers in their ear: 'Let your heart not be troubled...Am I not here, who am your Mother?'" (*Evangelii Gadium*, 286). As we begin Holy Week we recall that it was during the original Holy Week that God formed our spiritual mother in the kiln of trial and tribulation. She passed through the great furnace of suffering that a mother shares with her agonizing son, which led to that decisive moment in the lives of all Christians when Jesus, dying on the Cross, gave His Mother to the Church through the beloved disciple, who represented each of us, who is a beloved disciple, and said: *Behold your mother*. (John 19:27).

We see the power and love of Mary in the life of James Edward Walsh, who was ordained a priest in 1915 at the Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, New York. He traveled to China as a missionary in 1918 and eventually became a bishop. He was arrested as a spy in 1958 and subject to a sham trial. He was sixty-seven years old when the sentence was handed down. Describing his ordeal in a book entitled *Zeal for Your House* he spoke of his great sufferings and the ordinary monotony of life in a Chinese prison. He also commented on his unexpected release in 1970: "I felt that I would not live long enough to complete my sentence of twenty years, and that I would die in prison. It is a bit hard for me to believe even now that I have been released. I have no bitterness toward those who tried and condemned me." Bishop Walsh described the power of the Rosary in prison life, which he called his "lifeline". He would pray as many as eighteen per day. His attitude reflects that of Pope Pius XII who once said, "Turn in

spirit with ever greater confidence to the Virgin Mother of God, the constant refuge of Christians in adversity, since she has been made a source of salvation for the human race." (*Ingruentium malorum*, 5).

Some of us at Sacred Heart are suffering major difficulties. All of us have our crosses. A truly excellent source of inner strength is to have recourse to our Lady, who loves us even more than we love ourselves. As we meditate on the great mysteries of our redemption this week, let us behold our mother, who is with us in our trials. Let us cling to her through the most holy Rosary, recited daily.

God bless you!

Fr. Eric

Holy Week Schedule

Confessions:

Reconciliation Monday, March 21

3:00-9:00PM

Wednesday, March 23

3:00-5:00PM & 7:30-9:00PM

Saturday, March 26

3:00-5:00PM

Confessions will also be heard
Holy Thursday after the 8:00PM Mass
Good Friday after the 3:00PM Service

Masses:

Holy Thursday - March 24th

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00PM

(Those unable to attend the evening services may attend the morning Mass at 9:00AM)

Good Friday - March 25th

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00PM

The Way of the Cross & Homily - 7:30PM

Holy Saturday - March 26th

The Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection -
8:00PM

Easter Sunday - March 27th

Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM
and 1:00PM

No 5:00PM Mass

Sacred Heart School- Registration 2016-2017

Now accepting applications for September 2016.
Free Full Day Universal Pre-K for All 4 yr olds
Pre-K 3, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8

CCD MARCH HAPPENINGS

Classes in session March 23-No Class March 30th

Easter Egg Hunt- The Special Events Committee and Youth Group invite all children ages 10 and under to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt after the 11:00AM Mass, Easter Sunday on the rectory lawn - weather permitting.

Divine Mercy Sunday Hour of Mercy:

On Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 3:00PM there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy in the Church, which will include Exposition, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet [Chanted], Divine Mercy Novena and Benediction. Confessions will be available so as to gain the plenary indulgence. The Novena in preparation for the feast of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday. The Altar Rosary Society is handing out rosaries at each Mass this (Palm) Sunday.

Ignatian Spirituality: The next session will be held on Saturday, April 9th at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd., SI, NY. The meeting will begin at 9:30AM in the meeting room in the basement of the church after the 8:30AM Mass (optional).

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE HOLY WEEK:

Thursday, March 24

8:00 Bernard Daniels, Patrick Buzzard, Angela Buscemi & Kevin Postler

Friday, March 25

3:00 Bernard Daniels & William Hollnsteiner

7:30 Bernard Daniels & Sean Hartnett

Saturday, March 26

8:00 Bernard Daniels, Eric Koleci, Patrick Regan & Keifer Regan

Sunday, March 27

7:00 Elizabeth Eadicicco & Noelle Ehresman

9:00 James Esco & Samantha Baniswal

11:00 Bernard Daniels & Kevin Postler

1:00 Marc Artuz & Austin Maida

No 5:00 Mass

Choir News ♪

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Hosanna Filio David; All Glory, Laud and Honor; Ride on King Jesus; Ah Holy Jesus; Soul of My Savior; Lift High the Cross; Andrew's Gloria; Our Blessing Cup; Ubi Caritas; AS I Have Done for You; Somebody's Knocking; Lord What Art Thy First Eucharist; Sanctus/Agnus Dei (chant); Ave Verum (Mozart); Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley; Panis Angelicus; Pange Lingua; O Bone Jesu (Palestrina); Precious Lord; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; Adoramus Te Christie; Were You There; Jesus Remember Me; Pie Jesu; Go to Dark Gethsemene; O Sacred Head; Christ Our Light; Extultet; Lord Send Out Your Spirit; Let Us Sing to the Lord; I Will Praise You Lord; You Will Draw Water; Celtic Alleluia; Lord Have Mercy; Water of Life; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach); Jesus is Risen; He Arose; Three Days; Jesus Christ is Risen Today; Alleluia; Victimae Paschali Laudes; The Strife is O'er,...Imagine all this extraordinary music - Sacred Heart Choirs of Angels; Strings; Organ; Soloists (Fr. Eric/Pamela Wood); A tapestry of exceptional choral/vocal/instrumental music liturgy woven together with our most beloved Masses of Holy Week - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (11:00AM); Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday 8PM); Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday 3PM); The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Sat. 8PM). Don't miss any of it!! Make this a Holy Week 2016 to remember!! Blessings and Peace
Pamela and the Choirs
718-442-0058 (VM 24)
PS: Family Choir sings Easter Sunday 11:00AM. Come on up and join us!! Coffee, treats, Easter Basket!! Bring the entire family!!
Join a choir today! Put away a hymnbook!
Purchase a CD! Come on our next trip with us!

Chrism Mass

A bus trip to the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on March 22nd leaves Blessed Sacrament Church at 1:30PM. Mass is at 4:00PM and return will be between 6:00 & 7:00PM. Reserved seating at the Cathedral.

Cost \$25 per person. Call Margaret at 718-442-1581 for reservations.