

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, MARCH 28

5:00 NIZIDA SALA VARONA ARBESU

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MCCAULEY FAMILY

8:30 WILLIAM, ANNA & JAMES MAINE

10:00 ALEXANDRA DELLEVAS

11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 ANDREW DONNELLY, JR.

5:00 MYRA & CHRIS DORMAN

MONDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 PETER PAUL

9:00 JOHN CIANO

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 ROSEMARIE BLAICH

9:00 VIRGINIA CRANE 1ST ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 CARDINAL EDWARD EGAN

9:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & SOULS IN PURGATORY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 ELENA & ABNEL AQUINO

8:00 SERVICE OF THE WORD LAST SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

3:00 SERVICE OF THE WORD LORD'S PASSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7:00

8:30 EASTER

10:00 SUNDAY

11:30

1:00

NO 5PM MASS

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 Frank Ponterio

Pat Jezycki

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

3:00 Reading 1 Chip McClean

Evelyn Bilotto

Reading 2 Stephen Brown

Ann Siemer

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 Reading 1 Jane Coyle

Pat Foley

Reading 2 Anne Siemer

Reading 3 Stephen Brown

Reading 4 Frank DiSalvo

Epistle Ken Wisniewski

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 Vincent O'Grady

8:30 Don O'Shea

Evelyn Bilotto

10:00 Roy Hansen

Theresa Cunningham

11:30 Ken Wisniewski

Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

Sick Relatives & Friends

Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Ruth Manieri, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Diane Gregorio, Barbara Walsh, Ruth Irons, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Joe Meagher, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Rita Paolini, James Bauer, Fr. Vincent De Fazio, Gene Esposito, Michael John DiCostanzo, Sondra Cronin

Wedding Banns

II Christine Tacardon and Michael Olivio

Due to early publication dates the March 22nd collection will be posted in a later bulletin

RECONCILIATION MONDAY MARCH 30 Confessions will be heard from 3:00 to 9:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be conducted at 7:30PM on Good Friday.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Good Friday.

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of Virginia and Thomas J. Crane requested by the Family.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of Peter Edward Pellegrito requested by Alecia, Mike Connors/Drucker and Girls.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY...

This Monday, March 30th, has been designated by the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre as “Reconciliation Monday.” What is Reconciliation Monday? Well, it’s a really great opportunity for us to get to Confession if it’s been some time since we’ve been away from that healing sacrament.

On this day, every parish will have six straight hours of confessions. Here at Sacred Heart, the Sacrament of Penance will be available from 3PM in the afternoon to nine in the evening. I want to encourage as many as possible to come on that day. We will also be having confessions other days of this coming week which is known as “Holy Week.” Now, why do we need to go to Confession? Well, simply put, it’s because we’re sinners!

Recently I heard a moving story about the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Back in January of 1979, Bishop Sheen was invited by President Jimmy Carter to be the speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast. This was just a few short months before the Bishop’s death and his doctor had advised against the trip. However Sheen made it and delivered a stirring talk. This was how he opened his remarks. Pointing to the President of the United States, he said, “Mister President you are a sinner.” Pointing to himself, Sheen continued, “I am a sinner... and we are all sinners in need of God’s mercy!”

The Bishop’s words really sum up why we need the Sacrament of Penance. Unlike the Blessed Virgin Mary, none of us were Immaculately Conceived! How can we make a good confession? Well, there are a few important steps. The first is to Pray to God for the light to see our faults and missteps. When we look at a painting in a dimly lit room, we cannot discern any defects or imperfections.

Only when light is applied do we see clearly the gaps. It is really the same with our souls.

In line with prayer, we need to Examine our Conscience. This simply means to look inside and examine ourselves to determine those areas where we might have “gone off the track” spiritually speaking. When we examine our conscience, it is good to use the Ten Commandments and the *Precepts of the Church* as our guide. Next, after determining what sins we do have, we Confess them –tell them to the priest.

Recall from the *Baltimore Catechism* that there are two types of sins - Venial and Mortal. A Venial Sin is not a serious offense against God but a lighter one; it does not destroy God’s grace in our souls. However, a Mortal Sin is a different story. That is a serious transgression against the Lord and His Church and completely eradicates His grace within us. Mortal sins should be confessed in name and number.

Once we have told our sins, the priest will assign us a “Penance.” It is best to do this Penance right after we leave the confessional. More often than not, we will receive some prayers to say. Finally, the Absolution. Christ, through the instrument of the priest forgives our sins. Father will extend his right hand over us and pray, “I absolve you from your sins, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

What a relief to hear those words from the Lord’s minister! It has been said that “Confession is good for the soul.” In this sacrament all of us sinners get a new chance to start over again. Let us not waste the opportunity. See you on Monday! Sincerely in Christ, Father Jerome



HOLY WEEK

Confessions

Reconciliation Monday, March 30th 3:00 - 9:00PM
Wednesday, April 1st 3:00 - 5:00PM and 7:30-9:00PM
Saturday, April 4th 3:00 - 5:00PM

Confession will also be heard:

Holy Thursday after the evening Mass
Good Friday after the Good Friday Service

Holy Thursday - April 2 - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00PM. For those unable to attend the evening Liturgy, we are permitted to have only one morning Mass at 9:00AM

Good Friday - April 3 - The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at 3:00PM. A special offering will be collected for the shrines and the people of the Holy Land. The Way of the Cross and a Homily will be conducted at 7:30PM.

Holy Saturday - April 4 - The Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection is at 8:00PM. There is **NO 5PM** Mass on Holy Saturday.

Easter Sunday - April 5 - Masses will be at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM and 1:00PM. There is **NO 5PM** Mass on Easter Sunday.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL registration for 2015-2016 is taking place. Grades: Pre-K-3, Free UPK, Kindergarten and 1-8. Please call the school office for an application and information.

CCD March 31 - Confirmation Practice for April 14.
April Classes - 1, 15, 22, 29

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY service on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 3:00PM in Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome.

Choir News ♪

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Hosanna Filio David; All Glory, Laud and Honor; Ride on King Jesus; Ah Holy Jesus; Soul of My Saviour; Lift High the Cross; Andrew's Gloria; Our Blessing Cup; Ubi Caritas; As I Have Done for You; Somebody's Knocking; Lord Who At 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 Christe; Were You There; Jesus Remember Me; Pie Jesu; Go to Dark Gethsemene; O Sacred Head; Christ Our Light; Exultet; 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; Trumpets; Organ; Soloists (Fr. Jerome/Pamela Wood/Meghan Witri); 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 (11:30AM); 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 2015 to remember!!

Blessings and Peace
Pamela and the Choirs
442-0058 (VM24)

PS Family Choir sings Easter Sunday 11:30AM!! 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! Join our Choir tour/Pilgrimage Great Cathedrals France 2016!