

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE  
LORD  
APRIL 14, 2019**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Vincent "Jim" Spina  
Joan Bellantoni  
Rose & Charles DiMiceli

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Joseph Gazella, Sr.  
Anna Post  
Edward Rumsey  
10:00 A.M. Diana Schmelzer  
Intentions of Ann Cervino  
12:00 Noon Kathy Weckler  
Genevieve Puso  
George Kuredjian

**MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Joseph & Gea Giavannone

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Regina Kunz  
Intentions of Sandy Weigand

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019**

7:30 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019**

9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER  
3:00 P.M. DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET  
3:30 A.M. LITURGY OF THE PASSION &  
DEATH OF OUR LORD  
7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019**

9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

8:00 P.M. Parishioners

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
10:00 A.M. Parishioners  
12 NOON Parishioners

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Barry Bach Estella Soto  
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone  
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means  
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina  
Manuele Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan  
Ryder Sasso  
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Larry Ferry  
Dorothea King Jerome Foray Sister Annette  
Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin  
Cenelia Soto Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry  
Sharon Acquire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski

Florence Grim Anton Grim George Macagnone  
Alex Coronel Alice Roslund Kathleen Kiley  
Ann Cervino Bernie Shushan  
**DECEASED:** Francis Legutko

**CHURCH MEMORIALS**

**Church Altar Candle** in memory of Mary & Joseph Purcella requested by Family.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – \$5,177.00  
Thank you for your continued support.

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**Jesus, The gentle king**

In ancient times, when a king rode into a city, it was usually with a show of power and wealth. Thus one might have expected Jesus to enter Jerusalem at the head of a mighty army, bearing dazzling prizes for his royal treasury. But here is the surprising thing: the rightful king, the victorious king, is also the gentle king. Jesus comes to greet his subjects, not with pomp and circumstance, but with all humility and meekness.

The king's gentleness is symbolized by his mode of transport. At the very least, one would expect Jesus to ride a horse. But instead of coming on a mighty war horse or a proud stallion, he rides a lowly beast of burden. He is riding a donkey, of all creatures—and a borrowed donkey, at that!

The people of Israel had always understood Zechariah's prophecy to refer to the Messiah, to God's anointed king. The prophet said: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey"

If Jesus is the king, then all his loyal subjects must recognize his kingship. The Jews did this by calling him the Son of David, and also by spreading their cloaks before him. This was the ancient custom; people threw down their garments to make a carpet for the royal procession.

We recognize his sovereignty by laying our hearts before him, throwing down our wills in absolute surrender, and asking Jesus to govern everything we think and say and do.

**"Who is this King?"**

That is what happened on the first Palm Sunday, the day Jesus entered



Jerusalem "gentle and riding on a donkey." But something else happened that day as well. While Jesus was making his triumphal entry, the priests were praising God at the Temple. It was the first day of the week, and according to the ancient rabbis, the priests were reciting Psalm 24:

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?  
The Lord Almighty—  
he is the King of glory (Psalm 24:7-10).

So the people in the streets and the priests at the temple were asking the same question: "Who is this King?" The people said "This is Jesus"

### **Lent: A time to return to God.**

"Return to me with all your heart" Joel 2:12

With its invitation to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of mowing forward by inertia. the exhortation which the Lord addresses to us through the Prophet Joel is strong and clear.

Why must we return to God?

Because something is not right is us, not right is society, not right in the Church, and we need to change and give it a new direction. And this is called needing convert.

Once again Lent reminds us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for God cannot deny himself.

God continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and god is always ready to forgive and start fresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey. Remember that never is too late for change something in your life.



### **HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST**

Mass on Palm Sunday begins much differently from other Masses. In most Catholic churches, people gather outside or in the vestibule where they hear a reading from the Gospel about Jesus' triumphant entry into

Jerusalem. Palms are then blessed and the congregation processes into the church together.

We sing words like, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord", and we know the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus that way. But what exactly does the word "hosanna" mean? Hosanna has its origin in the Hebrew word "hosi-ah-na," which means to save or rescue, or the person who saves or rescues. So, Jerusalem was welcoming Jesus as the Savior.

While originally the word was used as prayer asking for God to intervene and save his people (Psalm 118) it eventually took on a deeper meaning. Pope Benedict wrote that Hosanna has now come to mean, "Praise of Jesus, a greeting to him as the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the one awaited and proclaimed by all the promises." So, in shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus entered Jerusalem, his disciples were acknowledging him as the Messiah, the promised one sent from God to save Israel.

Long after Palm Sunday, we continue to say, "Hosanna"; we say it every time we participate in the Mass! During the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) we sing, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." Have you ever thought about that?

Each time we sing these words, we recognize once again (as the crowd did on that day in Jerusalem) that Jesus is Lord, the promised one of God who comes to save us. Our prayers have been answered. We celebrate God's saving power and love for us. As we know, it only took a few days for the crowd to stop singing Jesus' praises and start calling for His crucifixion. Let us never forget the death and resurrection we celebrate at every Mass. Hosanna in the highest!

### **PARISH HAPPENINGS – APRIL**

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| April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Divine Mercy Video – 2PM & 7:30PM<br>Church Hall                   |
| April 28 <sup>th</sup> | Divine Mercy – 2PM in the Church                                   |
| June 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Trip to John Neumann Shrine in<br>Philadelphia (more info to come) |

### **BOOKSMILES LITERACY PROJECT**

**From Jason Velante**

We would like to collect new/gently used books and distribute them for free to Paterson PS21 students before Easter Break (Thurs., April 18) as home-library starter-kits. If you can contribute any books for these children, please place them in the large blue container in the Narthex before Easter. It will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### **BANNS OF ORDINATION**

The seminarian, Joemin Kharlo Chong Parinas, (Jayke), is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on May 3, 2019.

Christ's faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know any, to the Ordinary or to the pastor before ordination according to the norms of cc.1043 and 1051, 2 of the Code of Canon Law. If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a Deacon in the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Greg at 973-835-0480 or email at [frgregg@optonline.net](mailto:frgregg@optonline.net).

### **2019 FISH & CHICKEN FRY DINNER**

#### **"Thank you"**

The parish ministries would like to say 'THANK YOU' to all the workers and parishioners who donated refreshments, time and their hard work to make our annual Parish Fish/Chicken Fry a success. The Ladies' Guild, Emmaus Prayer Group, Choir, Dale and his crew, my brother Knights of Columbus and all 160 guests who took out or ate in. Smiles were seen throughout the church hall. A special 'THANK YOU' to the parish staff of Jane and Melissa for handling the ticket sales during weekday hours and to Fr. Greg for his prayers for a good time for all. Thank you also to Argyle Restaurant for the delicious food. – Frank La Sala

### **THANK YOU FROM ERIKA REID**

Thank you all so much for your donation in support of my Sleep Out, and investing in the kids at Covenant House. Your gift helps provide young people with the comforts of home that make life at Covenant House in the shelter feel safe, and for an incredible amount of care and love from the staff. Thanks to all of your generosity, I was able to raise \$558 from St. Francis parishioners. You also helped me get one step closer to my fundraising goal for the Sleep Out! I'm so grateful for your support, and know I couldn't do it without you. Wish me luck on April 26th! I can't wait to tell you all about my experience. If you are still interested in making a donation, please visit my online page at <https://www.sleepout.org/participant/Erika-BarsnessReid> or you can contact me via phone or email at 973-580-7830 and [eareid@optonline.net](mailto:eareid@optonline.net). With much gratitude, Erika Reid

### **WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY ALL ABOUT?**

Come and learn how on the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter, Jesus forgives not only all sin but also all temporal punishment due to sin!

In the church hall we will be showing a video on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM and at 7:30PM

where Fr. Chris Alar, a priest of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, will be explaining DIVINE MERCY in detail: the Feast, the Image, the Novena, the Chaplet and the Hour of Divine Mercy!  
PLEASE JOIN US!!

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...**

Josie Dymowski and the Ladies' Guild for selling palm crosses and for the Communion Breakfast last Sunday. Everyone who attended the breakfast thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Hopefully you'll do it again!  
We also want to thank Frank La Sala for all the work he put into organizing the Fish/Chicken Fry & the Knights for all their help. Thank you also to Pat Demarest and her companions who worked and served.

### **Holy Week**

#### **Holy Thursday**

7:30 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Procession and Adoration after Mass until  
Midnight

#### **Good Friday**

9 AM – Morning Prayer  
3 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:30 PM - Liturgy of the Passion and Death  
of Our Lord  
7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

#### **Holy Saturday**

9 AM – Morning Prayer  
11 AM – Blessing of Food  
8 PM Easter Vigil

### **Easter**

Masses at 7:30 AM – 10 AM – 12 Noon

### **LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019**

Martha Bisaccio & Margaret O'Neill

### **LECTORS**

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019**

8:00 P.M. Martha Bisaccio & Giovanna Vollaro

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran & John McMurray

12 NOON Mary Avella & Debbie Ackerly

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019**

8:00 P.M. Melissa Rivera & Maria Invernon

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Hatima Omolon & Margaret O'Neill

10:00 A.M. Tom & Olympia Luciani

12 NOON Fred Ackerly & Tony Mazza

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019**

8:00 P.M. Tim Kenny

Peter Sutula & Kevin Bruenjes

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Collin O'Keefe

Hayden Whitaker-Currie

10:00 A.M. Jonathan Hogue & Mackenzie King

12 NOON David Ackerly & Aaron Manalili



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As part of our Lenten call to almsgiving, I invite Catholics throughout our Diocese to support the collection for the Church in the Holy Land which takes place on Good Friday. Our scriptural home – the places where our Savior taught, died and rose again to new life, deserves our support.

The collection for the Church in the Holy Land supports the work of the Franciscans who are responsible for the care of the Holy Places as well as the Christians living in the area. Their work is vital in securing a Christian presence in the Holy Land. In addition to helping maintain sacred places, the Collection for the Church in the Holy Land also helps fund schools, provides housing for needy families and staffs parishes throughout the area.

Please join with your fellow Catholics during this Lenten season by supporting this special collection and the places that are so dear to our faith.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D.,

S.S.L., D.D. Bishop of Paterson