

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>TH</sup>**

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](mailto:music@stmarycloster.org) or see him after any mass and say hello.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



**Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 29<sup>th</sup>**

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 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

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.

**ST. MARY PARISHIONERS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

Through the Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal, St. Mary parishioners are making possible the work of the Archdiocese of Newark by supporting schools, parishes, Catholic Charities, campus ministry, seminary formation and much more. To date, 42 households from St. Mary Parish have generously pledged \$13,260 toward our parish goal of \$32,410. Thank you! There is still time to pledge, please consider a gift today. *Make your donation go twice as far – check with your employer for matching gifts!* Appeal envelopes are available at the church doors or donate online at <http://www.rcan.org/sharing>. Thank you!

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