

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

MONDAY

8:30 Michelle Wordelman req. by Elise, Tom, Thomas, Stephen & Lauryn Adams
Herlinda Kilcullen req. by Jim & Sylvia Riordan

TUESDAY

8:30 Diana Vance req. by Doug Vance
Jean O'Leary req. by Maureen Kershaw

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Alice & Bill Collins req. by Terry Mazzaferre
Genevieve Loyas req. by the Loyas Family

HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30p People of the Parish

FRIDAY – Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord

3:00 Seven Last Words of Christ
4:00 Divine Mercy Novena
5:00 Livings Stations of the Cross
7:00 Passion of Our Lord

SATURDAY – Holy Saturday

12:00 Blessing of the Food
3:00 Divine Mercy Novena
8:00 Easter Vigil Mass

**APRIL 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY**

The Resurrection of the Lord

7:45 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu & Dirle Family and all souls in Purgatory req. by the Dirle Family
Special Intention of Andre, Marie & Hector req. by the Dirle Family
9:00 Virginia Bodo & Deceased members of the Bodo, Tran & Kelly Families req. by Robert Bodo & Family
10:30 Alvin & Josephine Pullano req. by Arline Sharpe
10:35 People of the Parish
12:00 Emogene Foley req. by William & Cathy Brauer
12:05 Jack and Bridget McDonnell

PARISH FINANCES

April 7, 2019	\$ 10,305
Parish Maintenance (H.E.L.P.)	\$ 2,596
Good Friday collection is for the Church in the Holy Land.	

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

One of the best ways to read the story of Jesus' passion is to put ourselves in his shoes. First, Jesus watched one of his own apostles



betray him with a kiss. Have you ever had someone smile at you on the surface but then do something to intentionally hurt

you? If so, you have had a taste of the passion. Have you ever had your best friends abandon you in a dark time? If so, you have had a taste of the passion. Have you ever had people make up lies and false accusations about you in an effort to destroy your reputation, then you have had a taste of the passion. If you have ever been the brunt of terrible jokes and pranks that hurt, then you have had a taste of the passion.

Was any of this fun? No. Did it hurt you deeply? Probably. Did you get angry, feel humiliated, harbor resentment? Likely. Did you want to get even? Maybe.

At the passion, if Jesus fell prey to one split second of resentment or one moment of anger, he would not have been able to save us. Everything would have been lost. But he didn't. Throughout his ordeal, as unjust as it was, Jesus acted like a lamb led to slaughter. He didn't defend himself. He didn't fight back. Instead, all Jesus did was say, "Father, forgive them."

All of us will face false accusation or abuse or betrayal at some point in lives. It's likely that most of us already have. As we hear the passion today, let's resolve to be as merciful as we can to everyone who has hurt us, ridiculed us, betrayed us, or tarnished our reputations. Let's also agree never again to undermine someone or hurt someone.

Reflecting on Jesus' passion naturally creates a moment of sorrow in us. It saddens us to see Jesus suffer and be mistreated so much. But it can also help us. We can look at the cross and ask God to help us be more forgiving – just as Jesus was.

From: *The Word Among Us*



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 04/14/19 – 04/20/19

Tues.	9:00 am Bible Study	Library
Wed.	1:15 pm RBMS Stations of the Cross	Church
	7:00 pm RCIA	St. Francis
	7:00 pm Bible Study	St. Joseph
Thurs.	HOLY THURSDAY	
	9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours	Church
Fri.	NO BINGO	
	GOOD FRIDAY	
	9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours	Church
	3:00 pm Seven Last Words of Christ	Church
	4:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena	Church
	5:00 pm Livings Stations of the Cross	Church
	7:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ	Church
Sat.	8:00 pm AA	Cassidy Hall
	9:00 am Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 pm AA	McKenna Hall

LITURGY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND 2019-2020 CONFIRMATION

Registration forms for the Sunday morning Religious Education classes were sent home with the children currently enrolled. Anyone who needs to register children not currently enrolled may download the form from our website, www.ourladyofthelake.org and either mail it or bring it to our parish office by May 31st.

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Bishop Serratelli has granted us permission to lower the age of receiving Confirmation starting in the 2019-2020 school year to grade 8. Receiving Confirmation earlier will enable high school students to better participate in our parish community by serving as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Youth ministry to name a few. As next school year will be the transition year, provisions will be made to have grades 9 and 10 also confirmed here at Our Lady of the Lake. We trust this change will greatly benefit the young people of our parish.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE NEEDED to serve at the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Masses in McKenna Hall. Please sign up on the inside cover of the brown sign-in binder in the vestibule of the church.

CELEBRATING

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on Jesus' presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR AT OLL

A dynamic and inspiring series on personal spiritual growth leading to a greater openness to the Holy Spirit and a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ will be conducted in our parish starting Tuesday, May 7th. The 8-week seminar will be presented by a team of excellent speakers via DVD and supplemented and facilitated by members of the Diocesan Service Team for Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The seminar will run for 8 weeks and will take place in the church from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to experience a new life of faith through the action of the Holy Spirit in your life. Participants will attend a special Mass on the Vigil of the Solemn Feast of Pentecost during the Seminar. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Kateri Parish here in Sparta at 7:00 pm on Saturday, June 8th. For more information contact Jeff Tucker (973) 726-9011.



YOUTH GROUP

BEAUTIFYING THE CHURCH



committee to prepare the outside of our parish for Easter. Great job!

This past weekend Confirmation students helped Debbie Azzolina and Delores Redshaw of the OLL Building and Grounds



#OLL_Lent

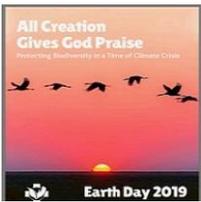
Each week take a photo of your Lenten Experience. Use the hashtag #OLL_Lent

4/15 – Cross

4/21 – Rejoice

CONNECTING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND EARTH DAY IN FAITH

"The new artists of our times may help us to discover the beauty of God's creation through their creativity." – Pope Francis



The Care for God's Creation Ministry announces our 2nd annual Earth Day Poster Contest for all students. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: elementary, middle and high school. Posters are

due on or before May 5th at CCD or the Parish Office. Our bulletin will announce the winners a week later (May 12). Please save the date for May 19th poster awards ceremony during the Festival of God's Creation at 10:30 am. The grand prize is \$100. Only signed posters with provided email and phone number on the back of the poster will be evaluated.

Only posters with 'permission to publish' note on the back of the poster can be published on our website or in a local newspaper. The parents of the young winners will have the opportunity to sign the 'permission to publish' disclaimer after the awards ceremony.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HAITI SHIPMENT

Once again we have an opportunity to send supplies to our sister parish, Our Lady of the Nativity in Haiti. We are looking for donations of school supplies: notebooks, pens, pencils, construction paper, etc. Please NO crayons. We will also be accepting donations of new or gently used backpacks and new or gently used sneakers (children and adult). There will be a box in Cassidy Hall for you to place the donations. Items **will be collected through April 17th**. Questions? Please call Pat at (973) 222-6532.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR MANNA HOUSE

All the food we collect during the month of April will be given to Manna House. Manna House is located in First Presbyterian Church in Newton and provides free lunch to anyone who feels the need of its service. Items most needed are: juice boxes, tomato sauce, spaghetti, mayonnaise, sauerkraut, olive oil, Manwich cans, sugar packets, sugar-free packets; 9-oz. cold cups, Scotchbrite pads, gallon ziplock bags, and 39-gallon garbage bags.

HELP FAMILIES AT EASTER!

The Adopt-a-Family Committee is carrying on the theme of "Families Helping Families." We have some local families in need of help this Easter. Thank you to those of you who have signed up. You may bring the food to Cassidy Hall after the Masses this weekend or bring it to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Tracy Zeller at (402) 910-4324 or tracyzeller@live.com.

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

See the Duprees in Concert at St. Jude RC Church

40 Maxim Drive, Hopatcong, NJ, May 19th, 6:00 pm showing. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more information call the rectory at (973) 398-6380. NO tickets will be sold at the door.

Assumption College for Sisters Summer Session

May 28 – July 3 at 200 A Morris Ave., Denville

Th 201 – The Church: Its Nature and History – 3 cr
Sister Carol Schuyler, SCC

Mon, Fri 9:00 am to 11:45 am, Wed 12:45 pm–3:30 pm

Th 203 – Fundamental Moral Theology – 3 cr

Rev. Jared Brogan

Tues., Wed, Thurs, 9:00 am – 11:45 am

Cost: Three Credit Course: \$510, Audit Course: \$255

E-mail: academicdean@acs350.org

World Apostolate of Fatima, USA/Blue Army Shrine

Join us at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. 1:00 pm Confessions; 2:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. 2:30 pm: Speaker – Rev. James Walling CPM; 3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, Benediction, followed by Veneration of the Sacred Relic of St. Faustina. For information (908) 689-1700 ext. 224.

Do this in
remembrance
of me



LENT

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 7:00 pm during Lent.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday (not on Holy Saturday) from

4:00 – 5:00 pm **AND**

All parishes in our Diocese will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Monday of Lent from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The dates are, March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and April 8.

There will be no confessions on Monday, April 15th. **Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on Tuesday, April 16th beginning at 7:00 pm.**



April 2019

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 Reverent Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS
205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940

Young Adult Events:

Young Adult Sunday Mass. Everyone in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend.

Young Adult Night every Wednesday. Join us Wednesday nights for Adoration at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – April 14

Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 pm - Parish Penance Service

Holy Thursday – April 18

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours
7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday – April 19

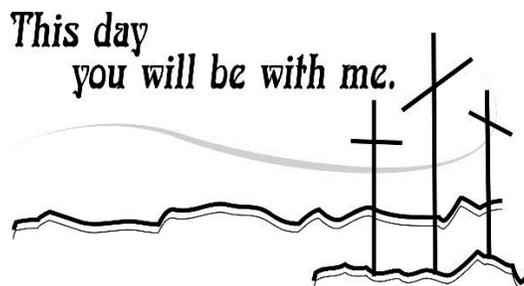
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3:00 pm Seven Last Words of Christ
4:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena
5:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday – April 20

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours
12:00 pm Blessing of the Food
12:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena

Easter Sunday – April 21

Saturday 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon
10:35 am, 12:05 pm in McKenna Hall



We love having you as part of our flock!



Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email & text.

This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. Sign up on our website (www.ourladyofthelake.org) or text OLLSPARTA to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy and conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt.