

Hosanna

A large, detailed illustration of palm fronds in shades of green and yellow, positioned on the right side of the page, partially overlapping the text.

**Blessed
is He
who
comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!**

Matthew 21:9b

**The Church of the
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Mahwah, New Jersey**



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19, 2016

- 5:00PM +Joseph Crevani
by daughters, Gloria & Irene
- +Fr. Anthony J. Sokol, SDB
by the Sokol Family
- +Rose Leahy by Tom & Barbara Chickey

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 7:30AM +Victor Poplawski by the Poplawski Family
- 9:00AM +Czeslawa Zakrzewski & Romuald Zwierz
by Sabina & Family
- +Anna Garbowski by Danuta Reszuta
- +Deceased Members of the
Polish American Club
- 10:30AM +Henry Drozdowski by Roberta Drozdowski
- 12:00PM +Jack Dempsey by Amy Reid-Thonus

Monday, March 21 For Our Parishioners and

- 8:00AM +Anthony Fontana by the Family
- 12:00PM +Michele Szwed by the Family
Fr. Floyd Rotunno on the
Anniversary of his Ordination

Tuesday, March 22

- 8:00AM +Anthony Ostrowski by wife, Joan
- +Solomon Pil by Monette Cabig
- 12:00PM +Helen Stoltz
by daughter, Louise & Arthur Yankowski
- +Peter Jasenzak
by sister, Mary Trusewicz

Wednesday, March 23

- 8:00AM +Yolanda Auditore
by sisters Irene & Gloria
- +Stanley Spiech by wife, Lisa
- 12:00PM +Stanley Spiech
by Mom, Stephanie Spiech
- +Gina Lisi & Family
by Vincent Lisi & Family

Holy Thursday, March 24

- 7:30PM Mass of the Last Supper
For Our Parishioners



Good Friday, March 25

- 3:00PM The Lord's Passion
- 7:30PM (Polish) Stations of the Cross



Holy Saturday, March 26

Blessing of the Food – in Church

- 12:30PM in English
- 2:30PM in Polish



Holy Saturday, March 26

- 8:00PM +Adam E. Suleski
by Grandchildren, Robert, Megan
and Adam

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 6:30AM +(Polish) Chrystine Wyszomirski
by Sophia Losak
- 9:00AM +Anna Stricker by husband, Don
- 10:30AM +The Dempsey & Hennessey Families
by the Families
- 12:00PM +Lou Molinelli by wife, Mary & Children

Memorial Candles

Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)

In memory of **Steven Sochulak, Jr.**
With love, from wife, Shirley

Saint Joseph (Sanctuary Candle)

In memory of **Steven Sochulak, Jr.**
From Kenneth & Virginia Sochulak & Family

Sacred Heart (Alcove)


In memory of **Cynthia**, my loving wife
From husband, Ed Plicinski

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

In Thanksgiving for Blessings received
The Gerling Family

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

For those who are ill: Michael Helms, Christine

 Sanese-Brett, Joan Malone, JoAnn Best, Stella Moran, Jaclyn Best, Helen Kelly, Nora Dempsey, Tara Arbia, Peter Rice, Maryann Titko, Theresa White, John LaPlaca, James and Barbara Straut, Ruth Stager, Eleanora Swingle, Frances Konior, Irene Calotta, Gabriele DiCarlo, Mary Gisonno, Carol Zarcone, Nicholas Sorgine, Susan Saladino, Henry Baker, Louise Yankowski, Michael Cardinale, Nancy Mayer, Yolanda G. Kotos, George Leahy, Fred Tinoso.

For the recently deceased: Anton Leahy, Priscilla

 Binko, Joseph Kotos, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Christina Wyszomirski, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Anthony Fontana, Helena Marut, Joseph Szwerc, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Gabriel Wolanski, Stanley Zembriski, Stanislaw Wrzesien, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Richard Gotowoko, Stephanie Spiech, Joseph DiDominico, Joseph DePiano, Robert Garza, Mary Stryko, Alice Levandowska-Pyka, Irena Nowicka, Ann Lake, Andrew O'Sullivan, Gloria Edlin, Pawel Gusciora.

March 20, 2016



Message from the Pastor:

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord!

Since the early centuries of the Church, Christians have carried palm branches in joyful processions on this day. We shout out "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" like the crowd that followed Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of what we now call Holy Week. This year we hear the Passion account from the Gospel of Luke. It tells a moving story of Jesus, who consoles the "good criminal" and forgives those who nailed Him to the cross. According to this passage, Jesus' friends "stood at a distance." Sometimes, when we go through hard times, even some of our friends also keep their distance. The only people around Jesus who recognized Him were this criminal, who accepted responsibility for what he did and asks Jesus only to "remember him", and the centurion who, after Jesus death, glorified God and said, "This man was innocent."

The thief and centurion, who had never met Jesus before, believed in Him. Jesus was abandoned and left alone by his friends when He was dying on the cross. However, after His Resurrection, Jesus' first words to His friends were, "Peace be to you." He understood their weakness and forgave them. In this Year of Mercy, let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis on God's mercy from his first Angelus address: "God's face is that of a merciful father who is always patient. He always has patience, is always patient with us, understanding us, awaiting us, never tiring of forgiving us if we know how to return to him with a contrite heart."

We continue on our Lenten journey today, at all Masses, and this Monday and Tuesday, March 21st and 22nd at 7 pm. Fr. Anthony Mastroeni will lead us in our Lenten Retreat in English. Fr. Mastroeni, a Pastoral Consultant, earned an S.T.L. in Spiritual Theology; a doctorate in Moral Theology from the Angelicum in Rome; a J.D. in Civil Law from Rutgers Law School; and an M.A. in Psychology from Seton Hall. For the last 33 years he has been teaching university students, as well as giving retreats.

We welcome everyone for our Lenten Pardon & Peace Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, March 22nd at 8pm, immediately following the completion of the Lenten Retreat (starting at 7pm). There will be time for individual confessions with a number of priests coming from outside parishes as well.

When we hear the proclamation of the Passion, we are mindful of all the suffering Jesus endured. Luke reminds us that the Passion also proclaims Jesus' ultimate self-giving ministry for others. As we now enter into Holy Week, let us continue to prepare ourselves for Jesus' glorious Resurrection -- in our thoughts, in our actions and in our deeds, now, and all the days of our life.

Welcome Spring -- new life, new birth, new beginnings. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

God Bless You!

Fr. Jacek

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Sunday Collection \$4,721.00

Second Collection \$1,882.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

March Parish Calendar

March 20	Palm Sunday Youth Choir Sings Lenten Retreat English Sunday All Masses
March 21,22	Lenten Retreat Cont'd 7:00PM
March 22	Pardon & Peace 8:00PM
March 24	Stations of the Cross English
March 25	Easter Triduum Begins
March 27	Easter Sunday
March 28,	Easter Monday 8:00AM Mass only
March 28,29	Easter Recess CCD Closed



Lenten Pardon & Peace Service

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016.

8:00PM

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Our LENTEN RETREATS

continue on Palm Sunday, March 20th, at all masses and
March 21, and 22 at 7:00 pm with
Fr. Anthony Mastroeni, our guest speaker.



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CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND.**

Prayer on Good Friday...

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul I pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, having in mind the words which David Thy prophet said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones." (Say one Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be for the Holy Father's intentions.)



Holy Thursday – March 24, 2016

Morning Prayer – 8:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 PM
(Adoration follows until 11:00 PM
and Individual Confessions)

Good Friday – March 25, 2016

Morning Prayer – 8:00AM

The Lord's Passion (English) – 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross (Polish) - 7:30 PM
Followed by Confessions

Holy Saturday – March 26, 2016

Morning Prayer – 8:00AM

The Blessing of Food – in Church
12:30 PM in English
2:30 PM in Polish

Easter Vigil Mass (English) – 8:00 PM

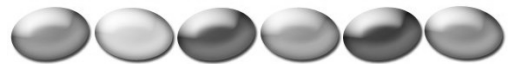
Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016

6:30 AM (Mass of the Resurrection) – In Polish
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon – All in English

The Rectory office will close at noon on Holy Thursday, March 23rd; be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday, March 28, 2016. The office will reopen on Tuesday, March 29th at 10:00AM
Emergency calls are always accepted.



Have a Blessed Easter! Wesolego Alleluja!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Resurrection Eggs Craft on March 13th. Thank you also to the members of our Youth Group who prepared all the supplies and manned the tables, lovingly explaining the Easter Story to the children as they filled 12 eggs with symbols representing Palm Sunday to the Empty Tomb.