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Dear Parishioners,

In the Palm Sunday procession we join with the crowd of disciples who in festive joy accompany the Lord during His entry into Jerusalem. Like them, we praise the Lord with a loud voice for all the miracles we have seen. Yes, we too have seen and still see today the wonders of Christ: how He brings men and women to renounce the comforts of their lives and devote themselves totally to the service of the suffering; how He gives men and women the courage to oppose violence and deceit, to make room for truth in the world; how, in secret, He persuades men and women to do good to others, to bring about reconciliation where there had been hatred and to create peace where enmity had reigned.

The procession is first and foremost a joyful witness that we bear to Jesus Christ, in whom the Face of God became visible to us and thanks to whom the Heart of God is open to us. In Luke’s Gospel, the account of the beginning of the procession in the vicinity of Jerusalem is in part modeled literally on the rite of coronation with which, according to the First Book of Kings, Solomon was invested as heir to David’s kingship. Thus, the procession of the Palms is also a procession of Christ the King: we profess the Kingship of Jesus Christ, we recognize Jesus as the Son of David, the true Solomon, the King of peace and justice. Recognizing Him as King means accepting Him as the One who shows us the way, in whom we trust and whom we follow. It means accepting His Word day after day as a valid criterion for our life. It means seeing in Him the authority to which we submit. We submit to Him because his authority is the authority of the truth.

But with this it is also clear what “following” means for us and what its true essence is for us: it is an interior change of life. It requires me no longer to be withdrawn into myself, considering my own fulfillment the main reason for my life. It requires me to give myself freely to Another - for truth, for love, for God who, in Jesus Christ, goes before me and shows me the way. It is a question of the fundamental decision no longer to consider usefulness and gain, my career and success as the ultimate goals of my life, but instead to recognize truth and love as authentic criteria. It is a question of choosing between living only for myself or giving myself - for what is greater. And let us understand properly that truth and love are not abstract values; in Jesus Christ they have become a person. By following Him, I enter into the service of truth and love. By losing myself I find myself.

Let us return to the liturgy and the procession of the Palms. In it the Liturgy has provided as the hymn Psalm 24. In Israel this was also a processional hymn used in the ascent to the hill of the temple. The Psalm interprets the interior ascent, of which the exterior ascent is an image, and explains to us once again what it means to ascend with Christ. “Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?” the Psalm asks and specifies two essential conditions. Those who ascend it and truly desire to reach the heights, to arrive at the true summit, must be people who question themselves about God. They must be people who scan their surroundings seeking God, seeking his Face.

Sincerely yours in Christ  
*Father Newcomb*

***Reconciliation Monday is April 15th from 3pm until 9pm. Reminder, this is the last chance for confession until after Easter Sunday.***



***To date our parish has received 69 pledges totaling \$11,928. Our goal is \$35,500. Any amount is welcome. Please give it your prayerful consideration.***

Clean up at St. Mary’s Cemetery has commenced. If you have not already done so, kindly remove any Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves. As a reminder no personal effects/ decorations are allowed on or around the gravesite. Anything left will be discarded.

***Liturgical Ministers for April 20/21, 2019.***

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
4:00PM	J. SMITH, D. LEGATO	M. ADAMCIK, A. WITKOWSKI	Z. ADAMCIK, N. & A. WEBB, J. ENNIS
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	H. ECKES, T. WEBB, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, A. WEBB, D. GERARDO
11:30AM	L. AVELLA	T. MARION, H. MARINARO, D. FISHER	S. BHIKARRY, K. EPPS, A. EPPS

## Holy Week Schedule

**Monday, April 15th confessions 3pm until 9pm in the Church**

**Holy Thursday, April 18th**

10am: Tenebrae

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Passion of the Lord- Good Friday, April 19th**

10am: Tenebrae

3pm: Service

7pm: Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday, April 20th**

10am: Tenebrae

8pm: Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 21st**

8:30am: Mass

11:30am: Mass

**Little Lambs** is now accepting registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Children must turn three years old by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 3 class, and four by December 1, 2019 for the Pre-K 4 class. Classes meet 2, 3, or 5 days a week. There are full and half day programs available. Call Eileen Carmody 845-858-4208 for more information.

All Are Welcome at the 4th Annual St. Mary's Parish Dance. This is year we will celebrate New Orleans Style with our very own Mardi Gras Bash! Saturday, May 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Most Sacred Heart Hall \$15 PER FAMILY. Kindly RSVP to Danielle at

[danilegvoungliving@gmail.com](mailto:danilegvoungliving@gmail.com)

**by May 6th.** We will need to know how many people are in your party and what dish you are bringing. This is a pot-luck style celebration. PLEASE bring a covered dish with enough to share with everyone. You may also call the parish office to respond.

The Archdiocese's *Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass* will be on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 PM at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2019. His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan will be officiating. All who wish to attend this Mass must call Gina at the parish and have a ticket for admission.

**Registration closes on May 13th.**

## **ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday, April 15**

9:00am William Simons, by the Spiezios  
Intentions of Camille Basamello, by  
Kathleen Anstead

**Tuesday, April 16**

9:00am Living and deceased members of the  
Greenfield family, by Eleanor Brady

**Wednesday, April 17**

9:00am Joseph Belloto, by Sally and family

**Thursday, April 18 (Holy Thursday)**

10:00am Tenebrae

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 19 (Good Friday)**

10am Tenebrae

3pm Lord's Passion

7pm Stations

**Saturday, April 20 (Holy Saturday)**

10:00am Tenebrae

8:00pm RCIA candidates

**Sunday, April 21 (Easter)**

8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

11:30am Theresa Kavanagh, by Dick and Barbara  
Drew

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Angela Portella, Ramonita Iri-zarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Robert Witherow, J.D. Lipa, Nancy Crumley, Valentina Hall, Ryan O'Connor, Dorothy Lynch, Allen Lynch, Sarah Madison, Mary Ohl, Andrea Fedoruk, Donald Wolff, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Elizabeth Brennan, Susan Up-ton, Chris Marion, III, Walter Szpakowicz, Genevieve Szpakowicz, Frances Brennan, Carmella Balsamello, Wayne DeMarco, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Francis Cruz, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Dennis Horner, Jackie Mundy, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Donetta S. Bur-ley, James Lincoln, MaryLynn Beam, Antonino Mazzara, Ryan O'Connor, Arline Walsh, Kos Tocci, Florence Fink, John Hinkley and Gloria Hinkley.

**Save the Date!** March for Life Monday, June 3rd to Albany, NY . Free Transportation. For more info., call Oneida 796-0228, Jane 292-4647, or Linda 292-0709.

**Save the Date!**

Fruit of the Vine– Wine Appreciation 101. **Friday, June 21st 6pm until 9pm.**

Tickets are available at the parish office. \$25.

The collection for April 6/7 was \$5,224.50  
Thank you for your continued generosity.