

**This Week**

**Monday**

7:30PM Miraculous Medal Novena

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** – OLQP Masses:  
7:00AM and 8:30 AM

**Holy Thursday OLQP**

10:00AM Mass

8:00PM Mass of the Last Supper

**Holy Thursday – OLL**

8:00PM Mass of the Last Supper

**REPOSITORY ADORATION TO 11:00PM  
BOTH CHURCHES**

**Good Friday – Fast and Abstinence**

**OLQP & OLL**

**3:00PM** Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

**7:30PM** Stations of the Cross – Upper Church

**Holy Saturday**

**OLQP 8:00PM** Easter Vigil

**OLL 8:00PM** Easter Vigil

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

**OLQP**

Monday – 3:00PM to 9:00PM

**OLL**

Sunday – 9:30AM to 9:55AM

**COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE  
SUNDAY, April 16, 2017**

**Saturday – Easter Vigil**

8:00PM OLL – Vivian Azzarelli, Anthony Morisano

8:00PM OLQP – Barbara Orleman, Dan Clifford

**Easter Sunday**

7:30AM Larry Waldorf

9:30AM Edwin Hall-Clarke

11:30AM Maria Peronich

1:15PM Paula Mitkowski

10:00AM OLL – Peter Goodwin

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CARE COMMITTEE**  
On duty, the week of Apr. 9 to Apr. 15 – Margaret

**The Cenacle of Life Prayer Group meets every Friday  
at 4:00PM in the Chapel to recite the Rosary.**

***We Welcomed the Newly Baptized  
to our parish***

Frank Paul Argano 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mackenzie June Tanzosh

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, April 16, 2017**

**Saturday – Easter Vigil**

8:00PM OLL – Dolores Widlund

8:00PM OLQP – Clergy

**Easter Sunday**

7:30AM Annette Viso

9:30AM Tina Bove

11:30AM Toni Castelli

1:15PM Debbie Cretella

10:00AM OLL – Raymond Eger

**PALM SUNDAY**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, “Clearly this was the Son of God!”

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**Palm Sunday**

**April 9, 2017**

**VOCATION VIEW**

Today’s world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life. If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood, please contact the Vocation Office at (914) 968-1340 or [www.NYPRIEST.COM](http://www.NYPRIEST.COM) “The World Needs Heroes”.

**The Bread and Wine** for this week are donated in loving memory of Robert Balletto

**The Sanctuary Light** for this week burns in loving memory of Robert Balletto

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Collection (April 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	\$10,159.00
School Support	\$2,427.00
Shrine Candles	\$137.00
Poor Box	\$162.00

# Making a Good Confession

## Five Steps for a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. Do the penance the priest assigns.

## Procedure in the Confessional

You say: "*Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state the length of time since your last confession) since my last confession. These are my sins.*"

Confess your mortal sins and the number of times committed. Confess the venial sins you have committed since your last confession.

After you have finished telling your sins, you should say: "*For these and all the sins of my past, I am truly sorry.*"

The priest will now give the necessary advice, assign your penance, and ask you to say the *Act of Contrition*:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against You whom I should love  
above all things.

I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us.  
In His name, my God, have mercy.

Wait and listen as the priest gives the absolution.

You say, "*Thank you, Father,*" then leave the confessional and perform the assigned penance.

## Examination of Conscience

### 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I give God time every day in prayer?  
Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?  
Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?  
Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church?  
Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

### 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?  
Have I been angry with God?  
Have I wished evil upon any other person?  
Have I insulted or abused a sacred person or object?

### 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?  
Do I do needless work on Sundays?  
Do I make others work on Sundays?

### 4. Honor your father and your mother.

Do I honor and obey my parents?  
Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?  
Have I given my family good religious example?  
Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?  
Do I respect elders?  
Do I respect my pastor, bishop, and the Pope?

### 5. You shall not kill.

Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?  
Have I physically harmed anyone?  
Have I abused alcohol or drugs?  
Have I been angry or resentful?  
Have I harbored hatred in my heart?  
Have I been sterilized for reasons of birth control?

### 6. You shall not commit adultery.

Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I engaged in any sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage?  
Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control?  
Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects?  
Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?  
Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words, and actions?  
Have I been guilty of masturbation with myself?

### 7. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen what is not mine? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?  
Do I waste time at work, school, or at home?  
Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?  
Do I pay my debts promptly?  
Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

### 8. You shall not bear false witness.

Have I lied? Have I gossiped?  
Have I harmed someone's reputation?  
Have I spoken behind someone else's back?  
Am I critical or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?  
Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?

### 9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts?  
Have I caused them by impure television, movies, books, magazines or internet?  
Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations? Do I listen to, or engage in, impure conversations or jokes?

### 10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

Am I jealous of what other people have?  
Do I envy other people's families or possessions?  
Am I greedy or selfish?  
Are material possessions the purpose of my life?  
Do I trust that God will take care for all of my material and spiritual need?

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

### Monday, April 10

7:00AM Msgr. John Sheehan

8:30AM Patrick, Rose and Annette Brandefine

### Tuesday, April 11

7:00AM Floyd Hoelscher

8:30AM John Grabowsky

### Wednesday, April 12

7:00AM Peace in war torn areas of the world

8:30AM Katherine, Agnes and Helen Tierney

### Holy Thursday, March 24

NO ANNOUNCED MASSES

### Good Friday, March 25

NO ANNOUNCED MASSES

### Holy Saturday, March 26

NO ANNOUNCED MASSES

8:00PM OLQP VIGIL

8:00PM OLL VIGIL

### Easter Sunday, April 16

7:30AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Leonard Nole and Anthony Buono

11:30AM Balzano and Pero Families

1:15PM Philip DiTeodoro

10:00AM OLL- Fr. Gannon, Fr. Hanley, Dcn. Ross  
Calimano

### PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners and God's comfort for their families*

**especially Margaret Patricia Lynch, Edward Grimaldi, Carmela Salemmo, Bambina Morreale, Ruth C. Soranno, Ronald J. Battista Sr., Frank Pascarella Jr.**



**2. Alyssa Wilday & Christopher Bruno**

## RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

### EASTER VACATION

**We do not have Religious Education Classes on the following days:**

Grades 1 through 4 - Wednesday, April 12th and 19th

Grades 5 through 7 - Thursday, April 13th and 20th

#### **Classes resume:**

Grades 1 through 4 on Wednesday, April 26th

Grades 5 through 7 on Thursday, April 27th

Grades 3 thru 7: Remember to attend Holy Week Services.

Have a Blessed Easter

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Judith Stapleton, Frank Comparato, Joseph Cali, Patricia De Laurentis, Lena Magno, Anthony Magno, William Fannon Jr., Michael Camera, James Adrian, Salvatrice Galatro, Shannon Craig, Joseph Bilotti, Jr., Al Tabbanella, Ernest Velez, Clara Guglielmi, Jayce Monty, Emily Driscall, Daniela Vanico, Toniann Vigneri, Michael Bifalco, Joseph Bifalco, Susan Moore, Ann Margaret Zaino, Kelsey Heaney, Joe Scirone, John Mandato, Matilda Costanza, Anthony DeAngelis, Jeremy Castillo, Leila Idelfanso, Lorraine Costa, Michael Volpe, Rosaria Sepulveda, Janet Viso, Esteban Gonzalez, Paul Rydell, Peter Discenza, Ursula Torre, Frank Aiello, Rose Sgarlato, Danny DeMeo, Patricia DeMeo, Jodiann Altamura, Rose Mattera, Helena Mahon, Pauline LaFonte, Anthony Schiavone, William Fallon, Angela Ricca, Sophia Madeline Sanzone, Jeanne Stern, Lillian Bilotti, Violet Buzzanca, Paul Gregis, Christina Corrieri Paradino, Thomas Ciotola, James Remias, Melodi Roy, Marie Diloia, Gerald Frederick, Suzzane Astuo, Derrill Roy, Xavier Castelli, Nicole Viola, Pauline Cipriano, Daniel Woods, Carmen Ramos, Katherine Nikatas, Kriss Murphy, Theresa Raimondi, Michael Cianci, Jr., Andre Bocchiaro, James Anthony Parker, Carmen Oliveras, Anna Indio, William Gonzalez, Amy Altuna, Carol Wetmore, John Pape, Cameron King, Valerie Schiavone, Frank DiGregorio, Grace Turner, Elsa Griswold, Joseph Esposito, Baby Juliette Florio-Perez, Rose Stingo, Palma Milano, Christie Schaff, Rose Sullivan, Joel Rivera, Anthony Gerard Donato, Grace Bruno, Craig Inducci, Tom LaMantia, Concetta Friscia, Antoinette Olmeda, Tina Bove, Corrine Alaimo, Marlene Olivieri, Thomas DeAngelis, Christina Blumstein, John Schiera, Michael Goldstein, Katie, Frank Ambrosio, Jenna Esposito, Anthony Bocchetti, Steve Sgarlato, Carol DeCastro, Phillip Leone, Katherine McHugh, Thomas Keenan, Carol Gilroy, Ann Gray, Alanna Shea, Kathleen Burke, Thomas Gaither, Michael Esposito, Baby Cameron Helmuth, Kejsi Mesutllari, Josephine Dedicos, William Cianci, Anna Vetter, Mary Pollina, Gabriela Surowiec, Rita Scalzo, Janet Logon, Victor Raimondi, Nicholas Iljic, Michael Spatola, Yolanda Mazza, Rosina Agunzo, Kathleen Fusco, Andrew Biancomano, Muriel McKeon, Salvatore Turturici, Caroline DiBella, Antonia Pistone, Nicky Focillo, Roseanna Whalen, Deborah Arnold, Robert Arnold, J.R., G. Fraschilla, Rita Orlando, Robert Antonucci, Baby Juliette Tighe, Alfonso De'lia Vicky Sgarlato, Meg, John Rizzo, Cathy Sartzetaks, Maria Guzman, Maria Riggio, Marty Petosa, Peter Petosa, Joseph Sgarlato, Carol Iacobelli, Lisa Bolton, Josephine Nalbhone, Philip Defonte, Marie Pernice, Paul Cobb, Clifford Fusco, Baby Charlie, Donald Giovanello, Susan Piscopo, Michael Bochetti, Fr. Ronald Lee Green, Michael Hansen, Jack McHugh

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, April 9, 2017**

#### **Saturday**

4:00PM A. DiPietro, L. DiPietro

7:00PM A. Ivers, T. Ivers

#### **Sunday**

7:30AM A. Sciortino, L. Kuhn

9:30AM N. Plotkin, E. Plotkin

11:30AM G. Capobianco, A. Capobianco

1:15PM C. Lombardi, B. Bencivenga

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, April 16, 2017**

#### **Saturday**

8:00PM A. Giambrone, M. Sheehan, R. Sheehan

#### **Sunday**

7:30AM J. DeGuida, A. Russell

9:30AM C. Smith, C. Morella

11:30AM M. Scafuri, A. D'Egidio

1:15PM O. King, J. Moises

# **HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS**

**PALM SUNDAY:** On Palm Sunday we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. On this joyful day, He was surrounded by throngs of people singing His praises and marveling at all the miracles He had performed.

Here, at the beginning of Holy Week, let us take some time to focus on the things we wanted to accomplish during Lent. Have we made improvements in our prayer life? Have we offered sacrifices to God? Have we given alms or service to those in need?

As we reflect on today's readings, especially the Lord's Passion and Death, let us renew our commitment to a deeper relationship with our Savior.

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:** Monday of Holy Week is a day of waiting. Just as in the Christmas carol we sing, "Let every heart prepare Him room", we must also prepare our hearts for the sorrows of the Triduum.

Even though Monday can be the most hectic day of the week, don't forget that it is **Reconciliation Monday**. If you have not gone already during Lent, today may be your last chance to go to Confession. Most churches do not have times available once the Triduum begins.

As we reflect on today's readings, especially when Our Lord raises Lazarus from the dead, let us ask Jesus to raise us above any obstacles that prevent us from drawing nearer to Him.

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:** Today we continue our waiting and preparation as we approach Good Friday. Just as you did yesterday reserve some time to "Be still and know that (He) is God" (Psalm 46:10).

If possible, make a Holy Hour today and visit with Our Lord in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. During His agony in the garden on Holy Thursday Jesus asks His disciples to pray with Him. If you don't have a lot of time, or if you find an hour is too long to stay focused, try going for 15-20 minutes. You will be amazed to find that even this brief break in your day can refresh your soul!

As we reflect on today's readings, especially Judas' betrayal of Jesus, let us search our own lives to identify weaknesses or temptations that may cause us to betray Our Lord if we are not careful.

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:** As we reach the middle of our Holy Week our waiting turns to anticipation. Spending a little time in prayer each day has helped us to identify some of our weakness and times we need to turn quickly to Christ for help in prayer. Get up a little earlier to do the readings for the day. Find a quiet place to sit at lunch and read your favorite spiritual book. Gather your family to pray the Divine Mercy or the Rosary.

As we reflect on today's readings, especially Isaiah's words foretelling Our Lord's suffering, let us seek forgiveness for times we have caused others to suffer.

**THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK:** On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the institution of the "source and summit" of our Catholic Faith - The Holy Eucharist.

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples: "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)

As we reflect on today's readings, especially Paul's remembrance of the Last Supper, let us ask for the Graces we need to truly believe in Christ's presence in the Eucharist and to approach the altar with reverence and awe.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Since the altar was stripped bare and the Eucharist removed from the Tabernacle on Holy Thursday, in the past good Friday was sometimes called "Long Friday." The church seems empty and we again feel a sense of waiting. One of the most beautiful traditions of this day is the Veneration of the Cross. "While we bend down in body before the cross we bend down in spirit before God." If possible, try to attend Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Many parishes also begin the Divine Mercy Novena on this day.

As we reflect on today's readings, especially John's recount of Christ's Passion, let us try to keep an awareness of Our Lord's suffering in our hearts throughout the day.

**HOLY SATURDAY - THE EASTER VIGIL:** On Holy Saturday, our sorrow and emptiness begin to be replaced with a growing joy and anticipation.

The night is especially dedicated to the Candidates and Catechumens who will become full members of the Church. The vigil starts in a dramatic way with the blessing of the new fire, the lighting candles and the paschal candle. Beginning with Genesis and ending with Christ's Resurrection, the multiple readings and psalms are a retelling of the story of God's Love for us. If you are not able to attend the Easter Vigil try do some of the readings and remember in your prayers those who are entering the Church this night.

As we reflect on all of the readings and responsorial psalms, let us rejoice and give thanks to God for our wondrous Salvation History.

**EASTER SUNDAY-THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** Alleluia! He is risen! This is the most joyous feast of the year. Christ's death and resurrection is the foundation of the Christian Faith. The church is now filled with the spirit of Jesus and with His Light. It is no longer silent as we join our songs of praise with the choirs in heaven. We are reminded of Christ's promise "I will give you a joy which no one will take from you." (John 16:22). Easter is the beginning of our new life with Christ. Although our Lenten Journey is complete don't forget to create times of prayer in your daily lives where you can spend time with our Risen Lord.

As we reflect on today's readings, especially the Gospel, let us ask the Risen Christ for courage and strength we need to take His Light into the world.