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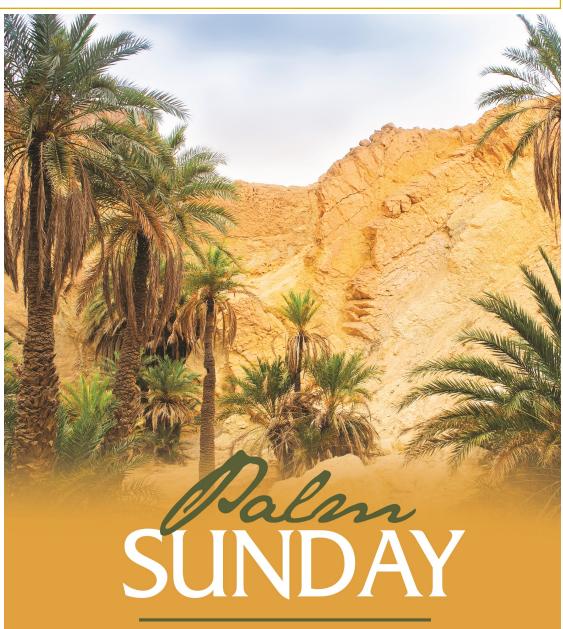
SUNDAY MARCH 28 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS PUBLIC ENTRY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY MASS SCHEDULE (TEMPORARY)

Weekend Masses Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon Weekday Masses Monday: 7:30 am Tuesday: 9:00 am Wednesday: 7:30 am Thursday: 9:00 am Friday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen Director of Religious Education Mr. Joseph Ranelli Director of Adult Education Mrs. Kathy Higgins Liturgy/Music Coordinator Mrs. Gretchen Wagner Secretary Mrs. Carrie Hannah Religious Education Secretary Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak Business Manager Mrs. Ann Miller



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

- SUN 3/28 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
- MON 3/29 Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- **TUE 3/30** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- WED 3/31 Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- THR 4/01
 Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk

 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- FRI 4/02 Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- SAT 4/03
 Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 []n 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
- **SUN 4/04** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
Thursday:	Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day
Friday:	Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence
Saturday:	Holy Saturday
Sunday:	Easter Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD



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FIRST READING

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)



PSALM My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)



SECOND READING Rather, he emptied himself,

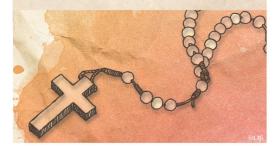
taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)



GOSPEL

They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?



MON 3/29 7 ³⁰ AM	Sandy Rossi Jr. [Family]
TUES 3/30 9AM	Anne Durisko [Skip & Becky Feigert]
TUES 3/30 5 ³⁰ PM	Bill Furey
WED 3/31 7 ³⁰ AM	Eleanor Addison [Marilyn & Nancy Carlos]
THU 4/1 6 ³⁰ PM	Richie DeGeorge [Betty DeGiorgio]
FRI 4/2 2PM	SERVICE OF THE PASSION
SAT 4/3 1PM	BLESSING OF FOOD
SAT 4/3 8 ³⁰ PM	EASTER VIGIL
	Mass for the People
SUN 4/4 8AM	Eleanor Addison [Sustersic Family]
SUN 4/4 10AM	Derek Hoffman [Rose Cirillo]
SUN 4/4 12PM	Fr. John B. Hagerty



THU 4/1 6 ³⁰ PM Lector J. Spatara	HOLY THURSDAY Eucharistic Min. T. Spatara	Altar Server M. Scanga	
FRI 4/2 2PM GOOD FRIDAY			
Lector	Eucharistic Min.	Altar Server	
R. Mondak	M. Goncz	M. Tarbay	
M. Mondak		M. Scanga	
SAT 4/3 8 ³⁰ PM THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—Easter Vigil			
Lector	Eucharistic Min.	Altar Server	
K. Higgins	EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	F. Hannah	
K. Wagner		M. Scanga	
M. Bradac			
SUN 4/4 8AM EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORI			
Lector	Eucharistic Min.	Altar Server	
READER NEEDED	R. Mentrek	C. Boren	
	T. Pagliaroli		
SUN 4/4 10AM			
Lector	Eucharistic Min.	Altar Server	
B. Moder	R. Fleis	K. Fleis	
	R. Supel		
SUN 3/28 12PM			
Lector	Eucharistic Min.	Altar Server	
K. O'Brien	2 EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	SERVER NEEDED	

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS

THURSDAY MASS CHANGE

Beginning April 15, 2021 the 9:00 AM Mass time will be changed to 5:30 PM.

NO MASS / CONFESSION

There will NOT be a 9:00 AM Mass or Confessions Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021.

April 3—Blessing of Food	1:00 PM
April 3—Easter Vigil	8:30 PM
Private Adoration Until	10:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTS 2021

<u>CONFIRMATION</u> Sunday, April 11,2021 / 2PM / Church

<u>FIRST EUCHARIST</u> Sunday, May 2, 2021 / 2PM / Church

Prayer for Candidates

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful Confirmation candidates and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of these faithful candidates, grant that by the same Holy Spirit they may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolation, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one. Please keep in prayer those who have entered into eternal life:

Ralph Peter Thomas Angie Grzijka Ronald Reed Dominick Nigro Gary Masters



MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!

Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954943015

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting? Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | gatorsnpa@gmail.com

ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY

4:00-7:00 PM Every Friday during Lent

804 Idaho St

Sharon PA 16146

TAKE OUT ONLY

Fried Fish Dinner or **Baked Cod Fish Dinner** \$10



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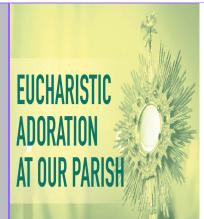
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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 AM-11:00 PM

> For more information call: Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

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