

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

We now enter the holiest week of the year– the center of the whole year, **Holy Week**. This week is the time of the greatest graces, where we should be most focused on God. This week is the week when Christ suffered and died to save each one of us. It's the center of our Faith, it's the center of human history, it's the most important event in all humanity. Nothing compares with it. Enter into this sacred time and draw closer to Jesus. Read the Passion narratives in the Gospels, pray more with your family, and attend the liturgies here.

Speaking of liturgies, this week has a number of unique liturgies that only happen now. There is the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on the evening of Maundy Thursday (8pm). That Mass celebrates the Last Supper, and after the Mass there is a procession to the altar of repose, where the Eucharist is kept until Easter.

On Good Friday there is at 3pm, on the day and time when Christ died on the Cross, the **Passion of the Lord**. This moving liturgy is the time to venerate Christ as He died for us. On Good Friday evening, 8pm, is **Tenebrae**, a new liturgy for St. Joseph's. It's dramatic and filled with incredible Lenten music and meditations. It concludes in darkness with the *strepitus*, a great noise representing the earth shaking at the moment of Christ's death.

On the evening of Holy Saturday, 8:30pm, is the **Easter Vigil**– the highest Mass of the year. It starts with the Easter fire lighting the Pascal Candle, and includes the singing of the *Exultet*, only sung at this liturgy, and readings covering all of salvation history. At the *Gloria* the light shines forth representing Christ's victory. Also, our catechumens will be baptized at the Vigil, and the candidates accepted into the Church. And there is a party afterwards! Then on Easter Sunday we celebrate the **Easter Masses**. I encourage you to attend all the liturgies– they help you enter into the meaning and graces of this holiest of times.

There are also **opportunities to serve**– please help us set up for the liturgies, and **decorate the church for Easter**. There is no need to sign up to help– just show up and take part. Here are the times when we need help:

- Holy Thursday, 4:30pm– to help set up for the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the altar of repose
- Good Friday, 10am– to help set up for the Passion of the Lord
- Holy Saturday, 10am– to help decorate for Easter (this is the big one, so if you can only come to one, come to this one)

Have a blessed Holy Week!

God Bless,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Weekly Collection

April 6th and 7th

MASSES TOTAL -----	\$10,363
WeShare -----	\$1,287
Faith Street-----	\$1,310
GRAND TOTAL -----	\$12,960



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for:

Virginia Clines

Mary "Peggy" Milus

Luisa Latorre

Zoila Vallo

Doris Colin

If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 9am - 5pm.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

12:10 pm *Msgr. Michael J. Hardiman (Living)*

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Palm Sunday

9:00 am Joseph Fou

11:30 am Terry Mullan

6:00 pm *People of the Parish*

MONDAY, APRIL 15

12:10 pm *Msgr. Thomas Caserta (Living)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

12:10 pm Dion Dela Serna

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

12:10 pm Christine Mulry

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Holy Thursday

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Good Friday

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THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. The health of our churches depends on all of us giving what we can. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

To date our parish has received:
63pledges, totaling **\$64,265** towards our goal of **\$104,500**.

FLOCKNOTES

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way! This 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. There are two easy ways to connect:

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SCHEDULE FOR THE 2019 TRIDUUM

April 18 th	Holy Thursday Mass:	8:00 pm
April 19 th	Good Friday Passion: Tenebrae (Good Friday):	3:00 pm 8:00 pm
April 20 th	Easter Vigil:	8:30 pm
April 21 st	Easter Sunday Masses:	9:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm

HOLY HOUR & SOCIAL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH @ 7:30 PM

The entire St. Joseph's Parish Community is invited to attend a Holy Hour and Social.

During this time of prayer, offered for the parish ministries, there will be preaching by the friars, the praying of compline (night prayer) as a community, and the opportunity to attend the sacrament of confession.

Following the Holy Hour, join us for a Social to celebrate the Easter season!

This event is open to the all ages no RSVP is required.

For more information, email Trevor
at sorensen.trevor@gmail.com.

Join in building the parish community in prayer & fellowship!

EDWARD CARDINAL EGAN LECTURE SATURDAY APRIL 27TH @ 6:00PM

You are invited to attend

The 2019 Edward Cardinal Egan Lecture entitled
"God and Man in an Age of Unbelief"

Presented by:
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. CAP.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

The Union League Club of New York City
38 East 37th Street

Traditional Business Attire
Limited seating available. Ticked admission ONLY.

In order to receive complimentary tickets, please register at:
www.cardinaleganlecture.com or call (914) 502-1859

For additional information:
<https://www.magnificat.net/foundation/lectures.asp>

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8;
Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,
11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

“Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you will answer, ‘The Master has need of it.’”

The events of Holy Week are so well known to us. Beginning today they unfold before us again. We solemnly bring the prayers, sacrifices and good works of Lent to their conclusion. The days before us, the triduum, reliving the paschal mystery, are more than tradition. The Christ, crucified and rejected is real for us today. Jesus' directive to the two disciples is directed to us.

If anyone asks why you are living this Holy Week, the answer is the same: ‘The Master has need of it.’ Our loving God is not asking us simply to recall or remember, but challenges us to discover the passion of Christ in our own time. As He was led through the streets to Calvary, many saw and continued business as usual. Others perhaps thought that that criminal was getting what he deserved. This is because they do not know Christ.

For us believers, the tragedy of the Via Dolorosa leads to Calvary, to be followed by the joy of resurrection. This is not a week of failure, but eventual victory. The passion and death of Christ leads to the glorious resurrection. May the words of the gospel express the wish of Jesus for us this week. May it be our mantra: ‘the Master has need of us.’ May this be a special week of prayer and devotion.

