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Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
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Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay

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Parish Office: 845-343-6013 (Ext. 3)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: Due to the Coronavirus
Sunday morning: all Masses are being prayed
Sunday afternoon: by the Parish Priests in private

DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday: Due to the Coronavirus
Wednesday: all Masses are being prayed
Saturday: by the Parish Priests in private

HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

CONFESSIONS

Please call to make an appointment.

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; second through last Sunday in English, first Sunday in Spanish.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center
English: Third Saturday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Spanish: Fourth Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

For registered parishioners. Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

PASTORAL VISITS

Communion for the home-bound and anointing of the sick: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For adults interested in becoming Catholics and for Catholics who need to receive Communion and/or Confirmation: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani
Lector Coordinator: Mr. Martin Suchy
Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Adoration In Chapel: 24 hours a day,
7 days a week.
Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
First Friday: Holy Hour 8:00-9:00 p.m.
First Saturday: Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
First Saturday: Holy Hour 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Spanish
Rosary Crusade for Life: First Sunday of the month,
4:00-5:00 p.m.

PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
Senior Dining: Serving lunch Mon.-Fri. 845-956-1428
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
Youth Group: Meetings are announced in the bulletin

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
APRIL 5, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of April 5 – April 5

SAT:	5:30pm	<i>For Palm Sunday,</i>
SUN:	7:00am	<i>All Masses Will Be</i>
	9:00am	<i>Offered Privately</i>
LATIN:	9:00am	<i>For All Parishioners</i>
	11:30am	<i>Living</i>
	1:00pm	<i>& Deceased</i>
MON:	7:30am	Antoinette Geztesi
	12:10pm	Maria & Rosario Fratto
TUE:	7:30am	Dennis Dalton
	12:10pm	<i>Special Intention</i>
WED:	7:30am	<i>Special Intention</i>
	12:10pm	Peter & Mary Ellen Walsh
	7:00pm	<i>Special Intention</i>
SAT:	9:00pm	<i>For Easter Sunday,</i>
SUN:	7:00am	<i>All Masses Will Be</i>
	9:00am	<i>Offered Privately</i>
LATIN:	9:00am	<i>For All Parishioners</i>
	11:30am	<i>Living</i>
	1:00pm	<i>& Deceased</i>

Note: All Masses are being prayed in private with the above intentions remembered by our priests.

**+ PRAY FOR +
Warren Terrana**

USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

Any organization that has reserved the Parish Center Gymnasium or meeting room, kitchen or the old Parish Center is advised that these facilities cannot be used during this coronavirus crisis. At present, all gatherings of people are not permitted.

**FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHURCH IS OPEN
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER PLEASE VISIT US AT:**

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

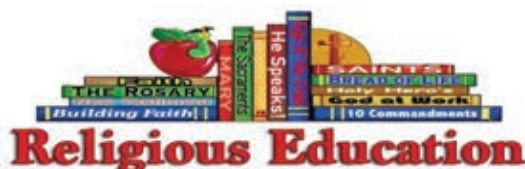
The Stations of the Cross will be available on our YouTube channel: **SJChurch.**

You may also pray the Stations of the Cross privately in the Church, stopping at each station and offering some prayers: for example: an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be.



THE HOLY ROSARY

The Holy Rosary is available on our YouTube Channel: **SJChurch.** The Rosary is prayed by our parish priests and is available in English and Spanish.



Religious Education is suspended until at least May. We anticipate a longer suspension. Packets with the course material and worksheets to be completed are being sent home. New dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be available

PERPETUAL ADORATION

**FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHAPEL WILL
OPEN, YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING,
845-956-1455 (this number might not work from a Spectrum
house phone).**

YOU MAY ALSO CALL: 845-343-6013, ext. 105.

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY



FIRST READING

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isiah 50:4-7)

The LORD GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.
Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

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SECOND READING

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, He emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of M (John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who
questioned Him,
"Are You the king of the Jews?"
Jesus said, "You say so."
And when He was accused by the chief priests and
elders, He made no answer.
Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many
things they are testifying against You?"
But He did not answer him one word,
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast
the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd
one prisoner whom they wished.
And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called
Barabbas.
So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,
"Which one do you want me to release to you,
Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"
For he knew that it was out of envy
that they had handed Him over.
While he was still seated on the bench,
his wife sent him a message,
"Have nothing to do with that righteous man.
I suffered much in a dream today because of Him."

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.
The governor said to them in reply,
"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"
They answered, "Barabbas!"
Pilate said to them,
"Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"
They all said, "Let Him be crucified!"
But he said, "Why? What evil has He done?"
They only shouted the louder, "Let Him be crucified!"

When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."
And the whole people said in reply,
"His blood be upon us and upon our children."
Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around Him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about Him.
Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

They spat upon Him and took the reed and kept striking Him on the head.
And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the cloak, dressed Him in His own clothes, and led him off to crucify Him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry His cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when He had tasted it, He refused to drink.
After they had crucified Him, they divided His garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And they placed over His head the written charge against Him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Two revolutionaries were crucified with Him, one on His right and the other on His left. Those passing by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying,
"You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!"

Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked Him and said,
"He saved others; He cannot save Himself. So He is the king of Israel!
Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him.
He trusted in God;
let him deliver Him now if he wants Him.
For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

The revolutionaries who were crucified with Him also kept abusing Him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
"This one is calling for Elijah."
Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink.
But the rest said,
"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."
But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up His spirit.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after His resurrection, they entered the Holy City and appeared to many.

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"



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