

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Donato
Family

10:00AM Tommy Voto

12:00PM Cappadonna & Giancola
Families

MONDAY, MARCH 29

11:00AM Maria Gaetana D'Urso

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

11:00AM Maria Busanic

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

11:00AM Glenn Rome

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

HOLY THURSDAY

11:00AM Morning Prayer

5:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

GOOD FRIDAY

11:00AM Morning Prayer

3:00PM Stations of the Cross

4:00PM Passion of Christ

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

HOLY SATURDAY

11:00AM Morning Prayer

7:00PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

*EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*

8:00AM People of the Parish

10:00AM Domenico Matesic

12:00PM Ints. of Philippa Ovonji-
Odida



ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Gino & Rose Zilocchi

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Gino & Rose Zilocchi

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Michael Hromin

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Glenn Rome

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Is 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the
Servant of God.

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

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

Phil 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of
humbling himself to become human and
die on the cross.

Mk 14:1-15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to
Christ's crucifixion.

BECOMING "HOLY STRONG" IN THE HOLY WEEK

The Holy Week commences today with the ceremonies of Palm Sunday. Today our Lord Jesus Christ gallantly entered Jerusalem not for merriment but for some painful encounters which included accusations, condemnation, insults, beating, crucifixion, and death. From the celebration today, we notice a quick transition from joy to sadness. The two situations jointly reflect our human experience. There are points of joy and moments of sorrow, there are ups and downs but with God, the end would be triumphant.

From the passion reading we just heard from the account of St. Matthew, we discover that there was so much suffering between the entry and the crucifixion. Often people ask why God should allow His Son to go through the route of suffering to save us. God allowed our Lord Jesus Christ to suffer for our sake because it was the only way to our redemption. In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 3:18), we read that the suffering of Christ is part of the fulfillment of God's words through the prophets.

The Holy Week invites us to make an active connection with our Lord Jesus Christ in his suffering and death. We need to be "Holy Strong" in the Holy Week and not "Holy Weak." We become "Holy Weak" when we remain inactive and unmotivated by the Holy Week's transforming activities. We become Holy Weak when the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ fail to find places in our lives.

The only way we can appreciate our Lord for what he did for us is to make a harvest of holy and committed lives within this period and remaining "Holy Strong" in the Holy Week.

Do have a wonderful and inspiring Holy Week.

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

	March 21, 2021
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$3,342.00
<i>Campaign for Human Development</i>	\$ 766.00
<i>"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – Mark 15:12-13</i>	
<i>Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.</i>	

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$22,156.00 already pledged. This is approximately 69% of our goal of \$31,700. We are only about \$9,544 short of our goal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? If you have not yet made a gift, there are pledge envelopes available on the table in the elevator lobby or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

YOUTH MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

We will have a Youth Mass on Easter Sunday at 12 Noon. Parents and grandparents should please encourage their kids to attend. There will also be registration for online youth programs after Mass.

EASTER VIGIL

If you plan on attending the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00PM, please come early so that you can get a seat. Please note that the Mass is at 7:00PM and not at 5:00PM as listed in the Easter mailing. Once we are filled to capacity, the doors will be closed.

MISSALETTES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIME

We encourage parishioners to get a copy of the Missalette for Holy Week and Easter Time in order to participate actively in the Holy Week programs. Each book is \$3.00 and available at the Rectory.

CHRIST THE TEACHER ACADEMY

Christ the Teacher School is registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. A Nationally Recognized Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence, we offer a full academic program from Pre-K to 8th grade with many additional specials such as Spanish, art, music, computers, library and physical education. We have an award-winning STEM program and a one-to-one technology initiative for grades 4-8. Students enjoy various clubs, activities and sports, even virtual ones this year. We are offering a Madonna Scholarship for new students entering our school. Based on financial need and scholarship, families are encouraged to apply. Our website is: www.christtheteacherschool.org. Tours are by appointment only. Please call 201-944-0421.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday Masses will be at 5:00PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 10:00AM and 12 Noon. We can now accommodate up to 200 persons at each mass. You must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass and sanitize your hands when entering the Church with the hand sanitizers found at the elevator entrance. Please do not take off or lower your mask when you approach the priest for Holy Communion. Take the Communion in your hand and step aside and lift your mask as you return to your seat. I remind you that the Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their "Sunday obligation" so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Benedict XV Council 2355 of the Knights of Columbus is currently based at Epiphany Parish, and also affiliated with Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart and St. John's Church. The Knights are a Catholic fraternal family men's organization with councils in all 50 states and several foreign countries. The mission of our 2,000,000 members is to provide charitable works, help the church and those in need. We have been called the right arm of the church, and prior to the pandemic restrictions, we sponsored blood drives, helped run various parish events such as Lenten soup night, Seminarian dinners, pancake breakfasts, and assisted the food pantry. We hope to resume these types of activities once we are able to get back to business as usual. We are looking for some good Catholic men to join our efforts. Currently we have meetings via Zoom but hope to get back to in person activities in the next few months. If you are interested in learning more and perhaps joining our ranks, you can text one of our officers below and we will get back to you promptly. Justin Rice - 443-474-2378; Bob Barricella - 201-960-9554; Marc DePasquale - 201-906-9274.

MASS CANDLES, LAMPS & ALTAR WINE

Mass Candles, Sanctuary Lamps and Altar Wine are available for the year 2021. Please come to the rectory between the hours of 10:00AM-3:00PM to reserve any of these items.

"IT'S NOT HE LOAD THAT BREAKS YOU DOWN, IT'S THE WAY YOU CARRY IT!"

SPECIAL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Mass.....11:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Morning Prayer.....11:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper..... 5:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Morning Prayer.....11:00AM

Stations of the Cross.....3:00PM

Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Jesus..... 4:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Morning Prayer.....11:00AM

Easter Vigil Service.....7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Masses.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

***** (PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EASTER VIGIL SERVICE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 7:00PM) *****

PLEASE NOTE: THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER MONDAY, REOPENING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Tatiana Flores, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Sean O'Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Louanne Mitchell, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Conrado Trinidad, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Laura Cipullo, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan, Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino, Nancy Manto, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Kathie Gumb, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Shanley, Rev. John Renard, Louise O'Connor, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera, Angelina Cozzitorto, Joseph Kirincich, Lucy D'Ambrosio, Steven Skific, Baby Luca, Eileen Palazzo, Rosalind Yap, Barbara Curran, Ada Venditti, Anthony Lavinio, Elizabeth Chen, Maryann Ascione.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Matthew Tarabokija, Anthony Lavinio, Josephine Corbisiere, Gabriel Castro Rey.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

**Keep us good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy,
In this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
And lift up all who are brought low;
That we may rejoice in your comfort
Knowing that nothing can separate us from Your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

