

**ALL "PUBLIC" MASSES SUSPENDED BY BISHOP SERRATELLI**

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion- April 5, 2020

**FR. CHRIS' PRIVATE MASSES FOR the WEEK**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH -Palm Sunday**

10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

**MONDAY, APRIL 6TH**

8:00 A.M. Lawrence W. Thomson

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH**

8:00 A.M. Rose & Arthur Smith

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH**

8:00 A.M. Taylor Lynn Craig

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH -HOLY THURSDAY**

7:30 P.M. The Last Supper of the Lord

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH - Good Friday**

7:30 P.M. Solemn Passion of the Lord

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH - Holy Saturday**

7:30 P.M. John & Elizabeth Prymowicz &

William & Robert Rech

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH - EASTER**

10:30 A.M. William Black

**SCRIPTURES**

**April 12, 2020- EASTER**

**First Reading:** In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles PERFORMED BY CHRIST, WITNESSED HIS DEATH, AND BELIEVE IN HIS RESURRECTION. NOW THEY WILL PROCLAIM TO ALL THAT CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD. (ACTS 10: 34A, 37-43)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL TELLS THE COLOSSIANS THAT THEY WILL APPEAR WITH CHRIST IN GLORY. THEY SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF THINGS ABOVE RATHER THAN THINGS ON EARTH. (COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4)

**GOSPEL:** IN VIVID DETAIL, JOHN TELLS US THAT WHEN MARY MAGDALENE VISITED CHRIST'S TOMB, THE TOMB WAS EMPTY. SHE TOLD THE APOSTLES, WHO RAN TO THE TOMB, AND SAW THE "WRAPPINGS" ON THE GROUND. THE DISCIPLE WHO ENTERED FIRST "SAW AND BELIEVED." (JOHN 20: 1-9)

**STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-April 5, 2020**

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's 1st reading. The gifts God has given us are given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

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**MASS CARDS** We are asked to pray for the dead & sick. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one, or for healing. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15.

**BAPTISMS** are SUSPENDED at this time. To arrange for a Baptism later this year, please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.

**Palms will not be blessed or distributed this year due to the coronavirus crisis, and the efforts to minimize its spread.**

**SUNDAY and EASTER OFFERINGS CAN BE MAILED IN TO: Star of the Sea Church, PO BOX 337, Lake Hopatcong, NJ, 07849, or sent through electronic giving at "We Share" on our website at e-Catholic, [olsoslh.org](http://olsoslh.org). Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS CRISIS.**

Pope Francis has postponed the Holy Land Collection usually taken up on Good Friday to the weekend of Oct. 3-4.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

**ALL CCD CLASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. UPDATES WILL BE POSTED AS WE RECEIVE THEM.**



♪ ♪ CHOIR ♪ ♪ Check your e-mail from Mrs. Therese Butler for updates GOING FORWARD.

**Please remember in prayer those who are sick:** Fr. John Connolly, Fr. Daniel Kelly, Rose Rech, John Borst, Patricia Schaffhauser, Betty Gardner, Lisa Ann Fisher, Joan Elise Butler, Susan Totino, Anne Nichols, Ellen Cohen, Geneva Kumar, Vanessa Espinoza, Quinn Gorman, Dan Iadarola, Frances Ferrara, Lillian Colello, Maryanne Drozdick, Dora Lavin, Mary Ann Miller, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We pray for recently deceased:** Pasqualina (Delores) Ulianiello, Clare Walloga, Fr. Eamon O'Hara, Kevin Graiami, & all who have died from COVID-19.

**"The Lenten Companion - A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel,"** Groups are advised to continue to read their books and the readings suggested. Anyone can go online to [Ascensionpress.com](http://Ascensionpress.com) for the videos of this series and other Lenten activities.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** participate in *Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving.*



Please be sure to continue to follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more info & additional resources to use. **\*\*\*We will make a determination as to where & when the Rice Bowls can be dropped off at a later date. Thank you.**



**EASTER FLOWERS- WE ARE GOING FORWARD WITH DECORATING THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER.** *Easter is our greatest feast- celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus & fitting that our sanctuary reflects this joy.* You can help by donating an **Easter flower** in memory of a loved one. **Donation of \$25.00** is requested. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

**BROADWAY IS CLOSED** until further notice. We are hopeful that the BUS TRIP for "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" - **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020, 7pm** show will still be **ON. It is on as of NOW** with us. Please Hold off on Payments until we receive further updates. You will know as soon as we do.

**Kerry Moore, Muriel Pazzaglia's daughter, is generously donating her time to our seniors who may need drives to doctors, grocery stores, and/or pick up of meds, groceries, etc. Please call her at 973-479-0830 and set up a time.**

**Grocery shopping available for Seniors during this crisis:** Stop & Shop Sparta 60 & up from 6-7:30AM, Shoprite Wharton 1-2pm Seniors 62 & up, and at BJ's 8-9AM, and Costco 9-10am Seniors 60 & up.

**LIVE STREAMING of Sunday 10:30AM Mass is available for Palm Sunday. Look for the link on our website: [olsoslh.org](http://olsoslh.org)**

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH STAR OF THE SEA**

**ON FACEBOOK :** at OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA Church, and Our Lady Star of the Sea Rosary Altar Society and On our website: [olsoslh.org](http://olsoslh.org).

## Celebrating Holy Week in 2020

Most priests look forward each year to the celebration of Holy Week. It is a very busy time for us as we remember the last days of Jesus leading up to his betrayal, death and then His resurrection. It is a time of renewal and new life.

This year the celebration of Holy week will be very muted because of COVID-19 and I am struggling with how to do this.

I want all of our families to be safe from contact with anyone who has the virus. That is my fervent prayer and I hope that we will soon be over the peak period for the virus and that the number of cases will start to diminish within our area.

This year we will not bless Palm or distribute it on Palm Sunday. The Washing of the Feet will not take place on Holy Thursday and there will be no adoration after the Lord's Supper. No Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, but we will celebrate the Passion of the Lord at 7:30 PM that day in private. Our RCIA candidates will not receive Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on April 11th.

It all seems so very strange. Each of us must do our part in helping to halt the spread of the virus and observe social distancing at the store, cut out unnecessary driving, and wash our hands frequently.

I know it is hard on our children not to be able to go out and play in our playgrounds. Let us pray that this situation will resolve itself in the next six weeks or so.

The next two weeks will be crucial and we must all pray for our loved ones that they will escape this virus. This pandemic hits us hard just as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter and has upended much of our spiritual life.

What a shame that it is happening at this particular time. I want you to feel a part of our parish even if you cannot be with us physically in church for Holy Week. We are now live streaming our Masses. We began on March 29th with the 8:30 AM Mass.

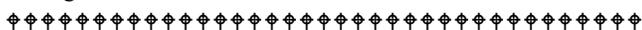
On Palm Sunday we will live stream the 10:30 AM Mass. We will live stream Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Vigil at 7:30 PM. On Easter Sunday we will live stream the 10:30 AM Mass. Please join us on line at [olsoslh.org](http://olsoslh.org) as we celebrate these very special liturgies this week.

We are a Community of Faith and we can still express that faith by joining us on line and praying the Masses together. When this pandemic ends, I hope it will mean that we have become closer as members of our parish family.

We ask the Lord for healing for all those infected at this time, that our hospitals will be able to bear the onslaught of a huge increase in admissions in the coming weeks, and for good health for all of our families.

*May the Lord and His Blessed Mother protect you!*

*Fr. Chris*



### FOOD PANTRY- WILL REMAIN OPEN

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS- call 973-663-0211 with your order and a pick up time will be given.

**DROPPING OFF FOOD please call before doing so- There is a receptacle outside the pantry at the rectory.**

Coordinator-Toni Tarighi. Call for a list of what we need for our pantry.



### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S YANKEE CANDLE

FUNDRAISER- to You can continue to Order online until

July 1st at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com), enter

Group Number 999979759. Thank you for your generosity.



### UPDATED DIOCESAN MANDATES

- The Bishop has suspended all public masses. EWTN Weekday Masses at 8AM & 12pm, CFN Ch.137 Weekdays 8:30Am, and 6:30PM)**
- A Private Mass will be celebrated 8AM during the week, 9AM Saturdays by Fr. Chris to fulfill his priestly obligations.**
- ALL CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED.**
- Confirmation is suspended.**
- First Communion is deferred.**
- Funerals -Masses suspended.**
- For decisions on Holy Week and Easter see Fr. Chris' reflection.**
- Everyone should pray the Rosary for an end to this crisis.**

We pray for everyone's safety, and for a complete resolution to this virus traveling the world.

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Saint (Mother) Theresa of Calcutta would say a "Flying Novena" by praying the Memorare 9 times in a row for special intentions. It is said that at a 1984 Papal Mass it was raining very hard and Mother Theresa and the Sisters said the Flying Novena—by the ninth prayer the rain had stopped. **Let us pray together everyday at 11 a.m.** in asking our Blessed Mother for intercession in stopping the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our world.

### Memorare

Remember,  
O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help,  
or sought thine intercession  
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my mother;  
to thee do I come,  
before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen.



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Thanks for all your help, and stay safe and well.