

St Joseph's of Stratford Parish
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Palm Sunday, Year C

April 14th, 2019

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Dear Parishioners,

Today we read The Passion of Our Lord according to Luke. The word "passion" in the title of this narrative has always struck me as ill fitting. So, I looked up the definition of the word passion to get a better sense of its usage in the title of this narrative. According to Merriam-Webster the word passion has several meanings. Some are: (1) emotions as distinguished from reason; (2) intense, driving, or overmastering feeling or conviction; (3) ardent affection, love. Looking at each of these meanings in turn captures what I believe is the essence of this narrative and the whole of salvation history as recorded in Scripture. We see strong emotion, "For God so loved the world." We see intense conviction. Christ freely chose the cross, to suffer and die for us, "not as I will, but as You will." And we see ardent love encompassing the Father, Son, and each one of us, "that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." I invite you to read this narrative with passion, after all it is a love story about you.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am

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Schedule of Lent & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 14th

9:30am, Mass with blessing and distribution of palms

Holy Tuesday, April 16th

4:30pm, The blessing of Holy Oils at Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT

Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 18th

6:00pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19th

11:00am, Stations of the Cross

3:00pm, Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion & Death

6:00pm, Service of Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, April 20th

10:00am, Blessing of Easter Food

5:00pm, Easter Vigil Mass with blessing of New Fire, Water, and Paschal Candle

Easter Sunday, April 21st

9:30am, Easter Mass with Baptism

PARISH CALENDAR

Fridays of Lent Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 11:00am. Pot Luck Supper followed by Stations of the Cross, beginning at 6:00pm.

April 28th Colossal Kielbasa Food Stand, 12pm – 5:30pm

BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday at trpwalsh@gmail.com

READERS ROSTER

<u>April 14</u>	<u>April 21</u>	<u>April 28</u>
Charles Vasas	Reader	Joe Pelland

The roster for the entire year is posted on the Church web site. On the Home page click on the link *Schedule for Lectors* in the *Information* box.



Blessed are they who see
beautiful things in humble places
where other people see nothing.

Camille Pissarro

 BrainyQuote

PRAYER INTENTIONS

The faith community of St. Joseph's of Stratford prays for the family and friends **Ed Slonina**. May they be comforted and encouraged during this time of loss.

For those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Colossal Kielbasa Food Stand

Outdoor grilling at its finest!

April 28th
12pm - 5:30pm

Register with St. Joseph's

Please visit the new web site for the Church at saintjosephsofstratford.org. Links to the old web site will get you there. On the Home page click on the link *Please Tell Us About Yourself* in the *Register With Us* box. In addition to your name, address, and contact information space is provided for you to share your thoughts about how St. Joseph's can better serve your spiritual needs. All information you provide is confidential, not visible to the public.

Church Dues

Church dues for individuals is \$108 per year. \$216 per year for couples/family.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

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.

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

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Gospel

Luke 22:1 - 23:56

The Passion of Our Lord according to Luke

Reading from, "The Passion of Our Lord according to Luke" pamphlet.

Speaking Parts:

Narrator
Jesus
Peter
People
Centurion
Servant
Witness
Pilate
First Criminal
Second Criminal

