

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020

From the priests' desks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart,

What is Palm Sunday without palms? Just another Sunday? Not quite. Whether or not there are palms, it is still the beginning of Holy Week, the week in which we as Catholic Christians celebrate the central mysteries of our faith. The perspective of this week is opened beautifully and powerfully by the introductory prayer offered by the priest:

"Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today ***we gather together*** to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection . . .so that being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life." [Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord]

The words "we gather together" were not italicized in the actual text, but rather were done so to emphasize the challenge of commemorating the Lord's Passion and celebrating his Resurrection without being gathered together: something which Christians have routinely done since the Last Supper, but something we are unable to do this year because of our new reality, besieged as we are by a highly infectious disease. So, we don't have palms (they will be distributed later on, perhaps, as the Pope has suggested, for Corpus Christi) and we don't have each other, at least not physically. What gathers us together then for Holy Week, 2020, is not physical presence but faith presence and the love and care we have for each other, for each member of the Body of Christ, the Church, and for our Sacred Heart community.

We recognize Christ on the road to Calvary this week, not only through reading the Passion Narrative but also through the pain we perceive all around us. Christ crucified in his suffering members. Christ humiliated, spat upon, crowned with thorns, and finally hung upon a cross to die. On one level the story of Christ seems to end in defeat: for many of those who shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" on Palm Sunday formed the crowd that just a few days later on Good Friday would shout even louder "Crucify him!" But the last word was spoken not by human beings but by God, who would raise his Son from the dead. "Do not be afraid," the women at the tomb were reassured by an angel. "I know you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here for he has been raised just as he said." We ourselves may have

to linger at the tomb longer than the women who were overjoyed by good news on the third day. During this time of waiting for resurrection—however long that will be—may we as a parish family remain steadfast in our faith, persevering in our hope, and most generous in our love, seeking God's healing and striving each in his or her own way in the midst of our solitude to be instruments of God's healing for others.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

PALMS

We have been advised by the Archdiocese that it would **NOT** be prudent to distribute Palms due to the possible spread of the virus. We realize that this is another upsetting bit of news. We are in hopes of curing the Palms and using them for the Corpus Christi procession. We will keep all informed. Blessings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into

my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself

wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

RECONCILIATION

MONDAY

CANCELLED

Please call the rectory to set up an appointment for confession if you wish. They will be held out of doors if weather permits. Social Distancing will be instituted. Thank you and God Bless you All.!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 19, 2020



Divine Mercy **Sunday April 19, 2020** here at Sacred Heart. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Blessing can be viewed on our website via live streaming from 1pm to 3pm.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5

Monday, April 6

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – Closed

Rel Ed. Grade 7 – Closed

Hispanic RCIA – Cancelled

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, April 7

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – Closed

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – Closed

Choir Practice – Cancelled

Prayer Group – Cancelled

Wednesday, April 8

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – CLOSED

Children's choir – Cancelled

ALL TRIDIUM SERVICES WILL BE DONE

PRIVATELY BY OUR PRIESTS but live streamed

on our website: www.sacredheartparish.org

Thursday, April 9

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 10

Good Friday

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ-3pm

Lenten Mass – Cancelled

Stations of the Cross- Cancelled

Saturday, March 28

St. Joseph Group – Cancelled

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – Closed

Sunday, April 12 Easter



SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION will be RESCHEDULED:

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild Communion Breakfast scheduled for Sunday May 3 following the 8:30 AM Mass, has been canceled. If things are improved concerning the CoVid-19 virus the Mass will occur but there will not be a breakfast. We are in hopes of planning something here at Sacred Heart if it is permitted. We will keep you informed.

SACRED HEART CHURCH \$10,000.00 RAFFLE TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory: Please call ahead
845-357-0035

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 19, 2020
THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

To date we have raised \$40,179 towards our goal of \$122,500. This year's Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, Teach, Serve and Sanctify brings to life the important work the Archdiocese of New York does. During this time of unprecedented challenges of the Coronavirus the Appeal is even more imperative. Without your assistance parishes will not be able to bring the faith to it parishioners. Your help is so desperately needed. Please consider donating.

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

"Have you suffered an abortion?" Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.org



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Jack Allard, Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Janet Tamburro, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.

FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

**ALTAR MEMORIALS
MARCH 29, 2020**

Altar Wines and Altar Breads
In Memory of
DOLORES MENDOLIA
Altar Candles in Memory of
GRAFF & BUKOWSKI FAMILIES
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
WILLIAM CURTIN



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Ann Richardell, Evelyn Dunn**

BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 7-Charlie Lynch



ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY OUR PARISH PRIESTS DUE TO COVID-19

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Albert & Carmela LaBruna

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY

10:00AM -MASS IN SPANISH (Live Streamed)

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Rose Lopardo

10:00am – Dulia Celestin

11:30am – Margaret Fletcher

1:00pm – Johnny McGrath

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, APRIL 6

7:00am – Carmen Baquiran

9:00am – John Hanley

7:15pm – No Novena

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00am –

9:00am – Fred Gentile

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

7:00am – Barbara Sandberg

9:00am – Margaret Kravic

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

EASTER TRIDIUM

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 HOLY THURSDAY

7:30pm – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm – LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL – 7:00PM

(The only Mass on this day)

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12

HISPANIC MASS AT 10:00AM

MASS AT 12PM NOON

All Intentions for Easter Sunday Masses are for the Parishioners of Sacred Heart (Living and Deceased)