

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020



God greatly exalted [Christ]  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name.

— Philippians 2:9

### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

*Schedule  
Change*

Continuing the Archdiocese of  
New York announcement on  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, with reference to the  
COVID-19 medical alert: **parish**

**Masses will not be celebrated** in any New York  
City parish until further notice.

Previously arranged daily Mass in-  
tentions will be commemorated at  
the Pastor's private Masses. All others  
may be rescheduled at a later date.



# Holy Week

**Saturday, April 4 - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday**  
[4:00 p.m. = Joseph Bertolini]

**Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. = Asha Middendorf  
10:00 a.m. = Andrea Murphy  
12:00 noon = Ryszard Pogorzelski

**Monday, April 6 - Monday of Holy Week**  
8:30 a.m. = Mariano Girardi

**Tuesday, April 7 - Tuesday of Holy Week**  
8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, April 8 - Wednesday of Holy Week**  
8:30 a.m. = Giuseppe and Michelina Arnone

**Thursday, April 9 - Thursday of Holy Week—  
HOLY THURSDAY**

**Friday, April 10 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord—  
GOOD FRIDAY**

**Saturday, April 11 - HOLY SATURDAY**

**Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
Pastor's Mass for the Parish Family



### Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

**Report of collections will be published once the  
celebration of parish Masses has resumed.**

**NOTE:** As you must realize, the current crisis does  
not stop the bills—yours and the parish's. Please  
either mail in your contribution envelopes or put  
them in the Rectory mail slot.

**Watch for news about using WeShare, the online  
program for weekly parish contributions**  
**Thank you!**

**PLEASE PRAY** ... for those anticipating a hospital  
stay, recuperating, and the home-  
bound in our parish and in our families. Keep this list near  
the place where you pray each day so that you remember  
them throughout the week.

Daniela Agucia, Robert Ballard, Sr., Nancy J. Bushman,  
Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione,  
Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Maureen De Meo,  
Maria Erlinger, Robert Forlenza, Virginia Gallagher,  
Thomas Galvin, Rosemarie Garlisi, Robert Golden,  
John Andrew Hunton, Debra S. Iammatteo, Bridget Kehley,  
Frank Labano, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Louis Matos,  
Travis Mayhew, John Miles, George Moresca,  
Delia Murguia, William Murphy, Amy O'Donnell,  
Sr. Carrie Portu, Lee Poyntz, Sharon Poyntz, Irene Reilly,  
Eulah Ryan, Paul Sabella, Alice Santamays,  
John Savarese, Annette Scardigno, Robert Shepherd,  
Louise Stanley, Tom Varisi, John Vincenzo, Joan Walter,  
Robert Williams

**Please let us know** if anyone for whom we are praying has  
recovered from illness/surgery so that we may rejoice with you

*Lord, hold our troops safe in your loving hands*



**Staff Sgt. Victor L. Andrea, Jr.** - U. S. Air Force  
**Seaman Daniel Brennan** - U. S. Navy  
**SR Francis S. Cummings** - U. S. Navy  
**SR Michael J. Cummings** - U. S. Navy  
**Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD** - U. S. Air Force  
**Ryan Foley** - U.S. M.C.  
**Alvin S. Joseph II** - U. S. Navy  
**Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore** - U. S. Air Force in Japan  
**Prescod Montgomery** - U. S. Army in Iraq  
**Ens. II Steven Passignajen-Trimble** - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf  
**Samuel Rios** - U. S. Air Force  
**Joseph Somma** - U. S. Marine Corps  
**Lt. Col. Michael Volpe** - U. S. Army-South Korea

*Has someone here been promoted, transferred, demobilized,  
discharged, retired? Please let us know.*



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

*With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.*

*God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.*

*United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.*

*We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.*

In this time of need, I invite all in our parish family to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady, Solace of the Sick. As we prepare for sleep each night, and when we rise each morning, let us greet our loving Mother as her beloved children and ask her to intercede for us with her Son as she did at the wedding in Cana. . .

Holy Virgin,  
Queen of the Angels and Mother of our Savior,  
We come to you with confidence  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love  
of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

### FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

**Palm Sunday:** At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1–11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

**Holy Thursday:** Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

**Good Friday:** Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

**Holy Saturday:** In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

**Easter Sunday:** Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

*Look online for other suggestions for celebrating Holy Week at home,  
to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of social isolation.*