



HOLY WEEK 2021 *It will be a blessing to gather for the observance of Holy Week, something that we were not able to do last year. There are still protocols in place that will change how these Sacred Days will be celebrated. The Diocese of Metuchen has sent us guidance on how to observe these sacred days this year. Most of the Masses and services will be considerably shorter this year. We will continue to observe social distancing, and all attending must wear masks. We ask all who will be attending in person to sign up using the link provided on our website (www.borromeo.org)*

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28 Mass will be celebrated at the usual times: 5:00PM (Saturday—**live-streamed**) 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 AM. This year there will be no procession of the congregation into the church and palms will be distributed as you leave. As is permitted by the Church, the only reading in the Liturgy of the Word will be the Passion of Jesus according to Mark.

MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY of Holy Week (March 29-31) Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM each day. **These Masses will be live-streamed.**

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1 9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (live-streamed) At this service we will formally receive the sacred oils blessed by Bishop Checchio at the Chrism Mass.

7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | We will gather to commemorate the final meal Jesus celebrated before his death, and the institution of the Eucharist. There will be several changes to this Mass, most notably the washing of feet will not take place. Additionally at the conclusion of Mass we will not bring the Blessed Sacrament to the repository in St. Francis. Instead it will remain in the church until Night Prayer.

9:45 PM NIGHT PRAYER Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass until we gather for Night Prayer. It will conclude at 10:00 PM. **Please note: the live stream will be continuous, beginning with the Mass, continuing with adoration and ending with Night Prayer.**

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2 9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (live-streamed) At this service we will bless the “lost/found” tags that are found in the “Lent in a Bag” project.

12 NOON FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS This yearly tradition will be celebrated outside.

3:00 PM SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH (live-streamed) The service this year will include a few changes, most notably the veneration of the cross. Individuals will reverence the cross from their pew rather than come forward to touch or kiss it.

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3 1:00 PM LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE Parishioners and friends are invited to join us outside for a service of prayer during which we will prepare the new fire to be used in lighting the Paschal Candle at Mass later at the Vigil.

7:30 PM THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER There will be several changes on this evening. We will not be able to have the choir or orchestra present, but it will still be a beautiful celebration of the Church's most important Mass during the year. The Diocese of Metuchen has directed there be no procession from outside with the Paschal Candle, and there will be fewer readings. Celebrated in its simplest form, this year's Easter Vigil will be a unique opportunity to renew our faith in the Risen Lord. It is his grace that has carried us in the past year, and will do so in the days ahead.

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4 | Mass will be celebrate at **8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM** **The staff will prepare a pre-recorded Easter Mass that will be available to view beginning Holy Saturday at 5PM. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses will not be live-streamed.**

SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER Sign up to attend Holy Week and Easter Mass opened on Thursday, March 18. The link can be found on our website, as well as included in last Thursday's Flocknote. We want to adequately prepare especially for Easter Sunday Mass. **For that reason, signing up for Easter Sunday will close on Monday March 29.**



FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Flowers may beckon towards us, but they speak toward heaven and God. Henry Ward Beecher

We are accepting donations for flowers that will decorate the church on Easter Sunday. You may memorialize your donation in memory of someone who has died, e.g. *Given in memory of _____ by _____.*

You may send your donation to the attention of Joanne Morbit; you may call (609) 466-0300 ext 11 or email her (jmorbit@borromeo.org) for more information. **All donations are due by March 28.**

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 25th
Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

7:00pm- Adoration
7:30pm- Prayer and Benediction

Step away from the busyness of life and take time for quiet with God. As we continue along this journey of Lent, allow the peace and love of God to enfold you as you spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.



THANK YOU From The Blood Drive Ministry!

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the parish blood drive on March 13, 2021. A total of 41 units of blood were collected which will benefit 123 patients in need of blood.

We appreciate the kindness and generosity of all of the donors, as does the American Red Cross.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Confessions During Lent: Saturday March 20: 1:00-3:00PM;
Tuesday March 23: 5:30-6:45 PM
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

DAILY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM; Tuesday 7 PM

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4 PM Saturday-Available on Website and YouTube Channel

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**Sunday, March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Monday: Weekday

9:00 AM: Donald McGinn/*Harriet Flower*

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:00 PM: Daniel Cotter/*Mark & Karen Whelan*

Wednesday: Weekday

9:00 AM: Gene Kyrowski/*Ghazi Family*

**Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
No Mass**

Friday: Weekday

9:00 AM: Eileen Kennedy/*Ed & Jennie Murphy*

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM: Francesca & Alejandro Gracia/*Velasco Family*

Sunday:

8:30 AM: All of Our Beloved Dead

10:00 AM: Flor & Victor Condado/*Velasco Family*

11:30 AM: Mark Ives/*Frank Iati & Family*

Growing in Faith Together



March 22 is **World Water Day**. The foundation of all Catholic social teaching is respect for the life and dignity of every human person. Fundamental to both life itself and life lived with dignity is access to clean water. Around the world, millions of people—elderly people, children, and all ages in between—suffer because of a scarcity of water. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First, examine how your family uses water. Do you conserve it as a precious and God-given resource which is *not* unlimited? Pay attention to how much water you waste (e.g., letting water run while you are brushing your teeth instead of just using it to get your toothbrush wet at the beginning and to rinse at the end). Then on Saturday, discuss how you can limit your use of water and commit to it—at least for the rest of the Lenten season. Secondly, decide on one way you can support people in areas of the world which do not have clean water. You might want to research particular programs of Catholic Relief Services which help people dig wells or purify contaminated water. (©Center for Ministry Development. Published by the Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.)

Upcoming GIFT

Weekly GIFT sessions and Confirmation preparation sessions can be found at www.borromeogift.org
First Reconciliation Session 4 is this week. We will meet at 11am on Zoom. First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 27 at 11:30am and 12:30pm.



First Reconciliation

Here are the children who will be celebrating First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 27.

Oliver Bogumil	Reid Hanna	Grace Poplawski
Brook Casey	Charlotte Janiszewski	Ryan Resciniti
Martha Clark	Ethan Keefe	Amelie Samec
Vanessa D'Aniello	Nathan Manley	Claire Sullivan
Logan Gregov	Ryan McDonnell	Olivia Valdiviezo
Matthew Grundy	Charlie Moore	William Walsh

Lenten Tags

What I've Lost
and
What I've Found



Tags are due back at St. Charles by Palm Sunday, March 28.

Tags will be blessed at the morning prayer service on Good Friday

Vespers

**Join us for Vespers on Sundays at 6:30 PM.
They will be live-streamed.**

Each week members of our parish family will reflect on the same passage: **Philippians 3:12-21**

Our speaker will be: **Lou Tesoro**-March 21

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT



The readings this Sunday remind me of the coexisting humanity and divinity of the Lord.

In the second reading, Heb 5:7-8, Jesus “*offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death.*” It goes on to say that although Jesus was heard, “*he learned obedience from what he*

suffered.” That is a powerful statement. Jesus accepts death because He knew it was the will of His Father and had to be done for the word to be fulfilled! Because of His human nature, Jesus was scared and confused, but he trusted and accepted His father’s plan.

Jesus mentions again in today’s Gospel, Jn 12:20-33, “*I am troubled now. Yet, what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.*”

This trust almost makes me ashamed to complain when I have aches and pains or the time I needed an operation and said: “why does this have to happen to me?” For the last several years, when confronted with situations that I am fearful of or have decisions to make, I have found great comfort in the small prayer, “Come, Lord Jesus.” I have found that by relying on His Providence, my tension subsides, for He knows what is best even though I cannot always decipher His plan. Give it a try. My prayer is that it may also help you! *Maryann Rech*

GOLF OUTING

Our annual golf outing will be on May 11th at Mercer Oaks. Over the years, the Golf Classic has raised over \$200,000 to subsidize programs for the young people of our parish. Last spring was the first time in sixteen years that we were unable to host this event, so it is with great joy that we are announcing this date and we are eager to receive registrations. The staff at Mercer Oaks has been wonderful over the years and this year is no exception. The golf pro and catering staff have expressed their eagerness to support our outing and are working hard to ensure that the event follows all CDC guidelines and they’re also willing to support any additional protocols we request such as outdoor dining for the dinner. Any questions should be directed to Chris Small at csmall@borromeo.org.

From Where I Stand A Saint Charles Podcast



March 22nd: Alex Advani shares the story of his journey in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church through the RCIA program.



The light at the end of the tunnel seems a bit brighter these days. The falling infection rates as well as the increased availability of vaccines bring a surge of hope.

Since the reopening last June and until now, our parish has worked hard to provide a safe environment for those who are ready to return in person to church. We are committed to doing this for the foreseeable future.

Our staff has discussed over several months “the road ahead.” Our Parish Pastoral Council has had meetings on this subject as well. With the warmer weather coming, we are hoping to plan some outdoor activities that will be opportunities for parishioners to come together.

Each week, this column will appear in the bulletin to let parishioners know about upcoming opportunities. Our mission is to provide moments when we can **Gather, Pray and Serve**.

On the road ahead, two events we invite you to join:

Palm Sunday at the Cross March 28 | 4:00 PM. Each year on Palm Sunday we gather to mark the beginning of Holy Week. This service, which we plan to hold outdoors, will be a time of prayer, reflection and community, all at a safe distance.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross April 2 | 12 Noon Together we will pray the Stations of the Cross outside. The service is about a half hour long and is designed for families to observe this holy day.

Lighting of the New Fire April 3 | 1:00PM On Holy Saturday afternoon we will prepare the fire to be used to light the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil that evening. This service will be about a half hour long. It is a good opportunity not only for prayer, but to understand the meaning of the Paschal Candle which stands near the baptism font throughout the year.

Youth Ministry This past week students gathered virtually on Tuesday, March 16th at 7pm for GLO. This is a small bereavement group where students contending with anything from death to divorce can gather in a supportive environment to share their experience. Each month one aspect of loss is presented (typically with a video clip but we’ve also used songs, poems and the occasional guest speaker) and then there are questions used to facilitate the conversation. This has always been an especially meaningful experience for our members and we’ve been happy to see our group transition to the virtual platform for now, and hopefully with warmer weather we’ll be back in person next month.

In years past we’ve always had a big turnout for the annual Good Friday Service to the Suffering, where students spent the day serving in and around the Trenton area before joining us in church for the Good Friday Service. This year will be different with so few service agencies taking volunteers, but we are excited to offer an afternoon retreat. Students will gather from 1-3pm for a short retreat and then join us for the 3pm Good Friday Service. There is a sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044AA4AB2AA13-good> and all are encouraged to contact Chris Small at csmall@borromeo.org with any questions. -Chris Small

Faith 365 LENT

WEEK THREE Theme: Loss After the year we have experienced, we are all keenly aware of losses on so many levels. Such losses include loss of a loved one, loss of a job and financial security, loss of time with loved ones, loss of a daily routine, loss of the usual celebrations of milestones, loss of planning for the future, and the small daily losses known only to each one of us.

It might be difficult to understand how we can be called by God through an experience of loss. But it can be precisely in the midst of sorrow and pain that an unexpected pathway opens before us...leading us to discover hope and new life in unexpected places.

Scripture passage: *Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:18-39*

Video: Go to YouTube and type in: [The Loss of a Child Inspires a Movement of Giving](#) As part of the continuing series "On the Road," Steve Hartman visits a Michigan couple whose loss of a child has inspired a thousand acts of kindness. To place this in context, this occurred a few weeks after the Sandy Hook Shooting Massacre in December 2012.

Reflection: ~As you reflect on the losses you have experienced in your own life, did you ever have a sense of being called to something new through that experience?

~Jayden left a message of hope for his community. Even though many did not know him, it called forth from them a sense of generosity and goodness. Through this past year of so many losses, what is being called forth from each one of us that can lead to a renewed sense of community, compassion, and the common good? Have you witnessed any examples of this already?

WEEK FOUR Theme: FEED This week we reflect on the idea of being called to **FEED** others. When we consider the many meanings of "being fed", we certainly think of the act of giving food to nourish one's body. But it also can mean nourishing the whole person: body, mind, and spirit.

As we consider the needs of our nation and world, what are the ways God might be calling us to be a presence of nourishment?

How might we offer our time, our gifts, our resources to nourish those who are hungry, alone, fearful, and discouraged?

Scripture passage: *Gospel of John 21:1-17*

Video: Go to YouTube and type in: [At this buffet, you pay as you wish](#) Since 1986, Annalakshmi in Singapore has been serving pay-as-you-wish meals to people based on the Hindu philosophy of 'Atithi Devo Bhava" (**our guest is God**), so that no one will be turned away just because they could not afford a meal.



One of our on-line Faith 365 groups.

Using recipes passed down orally by grandmothers and mothers from the first generation of volunteers, the restaurant has seen close to 700 recipes originating from different parts of India! For some, it may just be a buffet spread, but for many of the regulars, it is familiar taste of home.

Reflection: ~The video mentions the idea of giving without expecting anything in return. It seems that those who come to the restaurant are fed not only by food, but also by love. How does that impact you? How do we feed people?

~Are there experiences in your own life that recall a time when you needed to be fed...body, mind, or spirit? Who reached out to you at that time? How were you nourished?

LOAVES & FISHES



Spring is almost here! In these challenging times L&F has found a way to continue the important ministry of serving those who are food insecure. About 400 individuals are continuing to pick up their "to go"

meal on the side door of St. Mary's in Trenton. They are so thankful for the support they are receiving. We hope we can count on you to sign-up to support our parish continuing to serve this ministry of feeding the homeless. All meals are put in "to go" containers in the parish basement. We will not be serving patrons. We are cooking the meal and preparing lunches.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 24, 2021. The link for sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10coc4eaaa92da2f58-loaves>.

Night of Lunches

Save the Date ~ April 22, 2021

Join us in feeding those in need. The St. Charles community will be providing 400 bagged lunches to St Mary's. The lunches will accompany the Loaves and Fishes meals. Night of Lunches Spring 2021 will be similar to the Fall 2020 Night of Lunches. Signup Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45A9AE28A4FA7-night>.

Any questions please feel free to contact Dawn Fogarty dawnfogarty@gmail.com or Christine Hoffman christine.hoffman06@gmail.com

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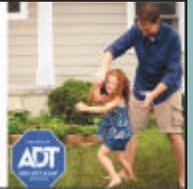
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