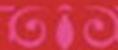


March 28, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday



**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Northville ,NY
St. Joseph's Church, Broadalbin, NY
Fr. Jun Segura, Pastor**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Sat (27) 4:00 pm

Mike Molloy + Mary Pisanti

Sun (28) 10:30 am

Edward Carey + Murray family
Michael Fabian + Tom & Marie Jablonski

Monday (29) 8:30 am

Joealbert Duller + Judy Abalajon

Holy Thursday (1)

10:30 Morning Prayer

Friday (2) Good Friday

10:30 Morning Prayer

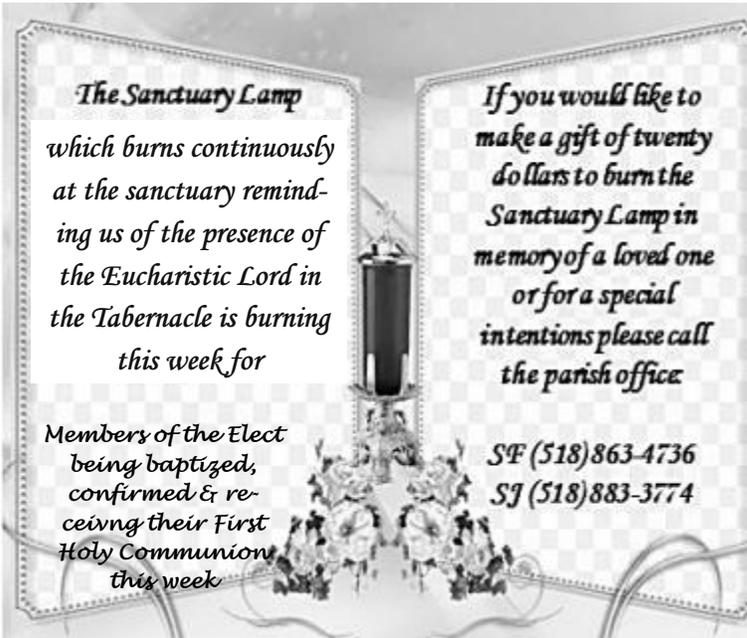
Sat (3) 8:00 pm

Mass at St. Francis

Sun (4) 10:30 am

Special intention for Kita Murray
(kidney donor)

+ Murray family



St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (28) 8 am

Loren Bentley + R & J Morrison
Betty Mahoney + H & M Frank
Jeff Barkalow + H & M Frank

Tuesday (30) 8:30 am

Vincent Gagliardo & daughters
(living) + Mary Pisanti

Wednesday (31) 8:30 am

Rev f Buechler, Rev A Ashline

Holy Thursday (1) 6:30 pm

Lois Yunker + Family

Good Friday (2) 3pm

Holy Saturday (3) 8pm

Eric Jone + D & D Walendziak

Dan & Don Frasier + A & L Frasier

Sun (28) 8 am

Lucille Javino Lambreau & De-
ceased Howell family + M Howell
Albert MacGregor, Jr. + Family
Bill Moeller

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Holding our blessed palms and shouting hosannas, today we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that his arrival is also his entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony & death. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness, and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better? ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week! ©LPI

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021 ~ Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39 ; Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11; Tues: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38; Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25; Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21; *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15; Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42; Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32:4-4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:8c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7; Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

SJ Lector: 4/3 (at SF) J Raven, D Jankowski, J Naple, D Walendziak **SF Lector:** 4/3 C Lott, Y Gifford, J Morrison
4/4 K Murray 4/4 R Koval



It's Holy Week—the most important week of our faith. Jesus enters Jerusalem and the people receive him triumphantly. But in a matter of days, the crowd that acclaims him as a king demands that he be crucified.

When Jesus was apprehended, his disciples fled. After the trial, he was flogged, spat upon and stripped of his clothing. While hanging on the cross, Jesus was thirsty—he was given vinegar to drink.

This story is a reminder to us of attitudes we may still hold today. We are members of the same human family, but we can turn a blind eye to the suffering of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers. But Jesus reminds us that what we do to the little ones, we do to him.

Throughout history, many have understood what it means to be merciful toward people who are suffering. On Jesus' journey to Calvary, a bold woman moved by love wiped his face. A bystander, forced to help carry the cross, was forever transformed by the experience. At the foot of the cross, the beloved disciple promised to care for Jesus' mother as his own. After the crucifixion, a wealthy man offered his own new tomb to bury Jesus.

These are unquestionable examples of the works of mercy-of hearts showing compassion to those in need. And that is what Jesus expects of us—that we offer our hands and hearts to others so that with him, we may enter into eternal life.

As we prepare for Easter, we reflect on how our sacrifices and actions might transform another's life. We pray for the grace to realize that by sharing the cross of others, we become servants of salvation. During this most important week, we strive to make the works of mercy a daily habit-at home and around the world

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE:

The safety of everyone is our main concern. St. Joseph's Church building and grounds are equipped with CCTV security cameras. Aside from the security of our parishioners, the system also prevents theft and vandalism. Thank you to the Safety Committee for coordinating the installation of the security cameras.

PLEASE remember when wearing a mask that it should **cover your nose and your mouth.**

Continue to wash your hands, practice social distancing & don't touch your

REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living & deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

2021 Sacred Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer – St. Joseph's Church
6:30 PM • Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Francis of Assisi
Procession following Mass to the Chapel
Silent Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, April 2

10:00 AM – Morning Prayer – St. Joseph's Church
12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross – St. Joseph's Church
6:30 PM • Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday – St. Francis Church

Holy Saturday, April 3

10:00 AM – Morning Prayer – St. Joseph's Church
8:00 PM • Solemn Easter Vigil – St. Francis of Assisi Church
with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion for the Elect

Easter Sunday, April 4

8 AM Mass St. Francis of Assisi Church
10:30 AM Mass St. Joseph's Church

NEW AT ST. FRANCIS (BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE):

Work was done in the Church's building steam heating system. Exposed main steam pipes & fittings were covered with fiberglass insulation. Thank you Jim Ryan for the job well done!

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**** The "Keyword" is the Church's zip code.
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Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest & instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection has provided humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

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July 1, 2020- July 30, 2021
St. Joseph's Goal \$21,882.00

For we walk by **faith**,
not by sight.



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OUR GIVING

	Attend	3/14/21	Electronic Giving	CRS	Candles	Poor Box
SJ 4 pm	45	\$1,405	February	\$105	n/a	n/a
SF 8 am	33	\$2,242.82	\$643.44	\$197	\$22	n/a
SJ 10:30	46	\$464	\$591.35	\$98	\$27	n/a

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