CHURCH OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

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April 2, 2023

Dcn. Concepcion Cepin

Deacon

Mass Schedule (In Church)

Mon-Fri 9am

Saturday 8am

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am,

9:30am (Spanish)

11am, 12:30pm, &

2:00pm (Nigerian-Igbo)

On Holy Days, please check the bulletin for mass times

Parish Office Open:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm Saturday-Sunday 9am-2pm

Confessions Available:

Saturdays from 12pm-1pm



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

We, the Parish of the Blessed Sacrament:

Serve God and Others

Unite Cultures

Make Disciples

Share the Gospel

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Parish! We hope that all residents of the Valley Stream area can feel at home in our parish and strive to be an active part of our faith community. Please take a moment to stop in the Pastoral Center Office to fill out a membership form and to meet a member of the Pastoral Staff.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill or in danger of death should arrange to receive this Sacrament as soon as possible. For those able, you may come to the church at any time to request to be anointed. For those unable, please contact the parish office and one of our priests will come to you at home or in the hospital. We encourage those who are preparing for a planned hospital stay to celebrate the Sacrament before entering the hospital. Please note, that new safety protocols may limit the priests' ability to anoint in hospitals and homes. Call to find out options.

Baptism

Infant Baptisms are usually celebrated the Third Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM and on the Fourth Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM in Spanish. Parents & godparents are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Please contact the parish office as soon as you find out that you are expecting. Any child over 7 years old who has not been baptized should also be enrolled in Faith Formation and will need to attend classes for a time before being baptized.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office as soon as you become engaged and not less than *six months* in advance of your anticipated wedding date. Contact the parish *prior* to making your reception plans to ensure date availability. All couples are required to attend a Diocesan Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program.

Reconciliation (Penance, Confession)

Confession is on Saturdays between 12:00-1:00 PM and can also be heard by appointment.

Eucharist & Confirmation

Inquiries for Eucharist (Communion) and/or Confirmation for all school-age children should be made to the Director of Evangelization, Dennis DeMarinis.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

For adults seeking Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation or even simply inquiring about the Catholic faith. Call the Parish Office at (516)568-1027

Holy Orders and the Consecrated Religious Life

The celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders is reserved to the bishop. Any young man who believes he is being called to serve God as a priest should speak to one of the parish priests or contact Fr. Sean Magaldi the diocesan vocations director, at 631-424-9888. Any married man who believes he is being called to serve God should consider becoming a deacon. For those who are considering serving God as a consecrated sister or brother, please also contact the parish office or contact Fr. Magaldi.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Readings for the week of April 2nd, 2023:

Sunday: Mt 21: 1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:9-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66

Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 Thursday: Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is: 54:5-14/Rom 6:3-11 *We encourage you all to prepare for next Sunday...*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 9th, 2023

First Reading~ Genesis 1:1—2:2

God creates the heavens and the Earth. **Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35**

A song of praise to God, the Creator. **Second Reading~ Genesis 22:1-18**

God put Abraham to the test.

Gospel~ Matthew 28:1-10

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and the Mary, who carry the message that Jesus has risen and will meet his disciples in Galilee.

THE SANCTUARY
LAMP FOR THE
MONTH OF
MARCH 2023

In Memory of:

Rosa Sanchez

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Pierina Pinilla Martinez

Requested by:

Deacono Manuel
Martinez

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for 2023 are available! *SATURDAY, April 1:*

8:00 AM: Peter Wicks (lvg)

~Requested by: Eileen Tully

5:00 PM: Gertrude Sciacca

~Requested by: Edward & Rose Sciacca

SUNDAY, April 2:

8:00 AM: Estrella Chan

~Requested by: The Marquez Family

9:30 AM: People of the Blessed Sacrament

2. Cirilo, Melido & Andres Leclerc

~Requested by: Maria Quezada

3. Olga Vasquez

~Requested by: Carmen & Gustavo

Vasquez

11:00 AM: Frank & Frances Marconi

~Requested by: Newman Family

12:30 PM: John Rainone

~Requested by: Anne O'Shea

MONDAY, April 3:

9:00 AM: Isidora Tuazon

~Requested by: Bless Tuazon

TUESDAY, April 4:

9:00 AM: Ruben Galutera

~Requested by: Nori Duaz

WEDNESDAY, April 5:

9:00 AM: Cecilia Salonga (BDay)

~Requested by: Household 1

THURSDAY, April 6:



FRIDAY, April 7:



SATURDAY, April 8:

Holy Saturday
In silence we await

Greetings and Welcome to Holy Week 2023! Today we enter this holiest week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. As we bless the palm today, let it remind you about Holy Week and human nature. This palm signifies praising Jesus Christ received today, but we will hear another group of Jews this week. Humans can praise you, and humans can betray you. It reminds us of our humanity, but above all, God will never abandon his people, even at that very moment when we pose the question, "my God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" He is always with us. The readings this Sunday and Good Friday will show many aspects of human life - praises, betrayal, abandonment, rejection, judgment, condemnation, and even murder. These are what made up the story of our salvation. This is how we treat each other sometimes in life. I invite us all to meditate lovely on this Holy Week with regard to these behaviors but, more importantly, on what Christ went through to save us.

Holy Week reminds us that we are getting close to Easter. It is filled with events that remind us about what Christ did to save us. He emptied Himself for us to the point of death on the Cross (Philippians 2:6-11). This week we will re-enact in different ways his paschal mystery. Let us follow Him in His footsteps during this Holy Week. Holy Thursday is the start of the Triduum and reminds us of God's continuous promise to always be with us until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Christ, in His humility, washed the feet of the disciples, teaching us always to serve other people with. Jesus on this Holy Thursday instituted two Sacraments, the Sacrament of Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. On Good Friday, Christ's love was consummated on the Cross. We commemorate the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a greater love that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13). He died that we may live. The Love of Christ for us is unconditional. A love that always seeks to give even when we don't merit it. On Holy Saturday night/Easter Vigil, the resurrection tells us the triumph of God over evil. It reminds us that sometimes our suffering is necessary to pave the way for good things to come.

Please join us this Holy Thursday at 8:00 pm for the Mass of the Last Supper, on Good Friday for The Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm, Adoration of the Cross in Spanish at 5:30 pm, and our parish youth live Stations of the Cross at 8:00 pm, and on Holy Saturday night for the Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm. Confession will be offered on Monday, April 3rd, 2:00-4:00 pm & 6:00-9:00 pm.

There are special envelopes at the vestibule entrances of the Church and in the pews for our Easter Mass remembrance. Please fill out the intention or person you wish to have remembered on the front of the envelope, include your donation, mail it/drop it in the Sunday Mass collection, or return it to the rectory office. Please do so by Holy Saturday, April 6th.

Finally, MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS PRESENCE AND GENEROSITY. Please know that our primary source of income is our Sunday collections. Please help us if you can. We rely on your financial support to help the needy, pay our bills, and pay salaries. We cannot do it without YOU! You can use our online parish giving or drop your contribution at the parish office. Details regarding e-giving are also in the bulletin. Once more, thanks for your generosity, and may God continue to bless you and your family. Have a good Holy Week and

FROM THE

PASTOR'S DESK

see you next Sunday.

At your Service and His,

Father Lawrence

¡Saludos y Bienvenidos a la Semana Santa 2023! Hoy entramos en esta semana santa con la celebración del Domingo de Ramos. Mientras bendecimos la palma hoy, deje que le recuerde la Semana Santa y la naturaleza humana. Esta palma significa alabar a Jesucristo recibido hoy, pero escucharemos a otro grupo de judíos esta semana. Los humanos pueden elogiarte y los humanos pueden traicionarte. Nos recuerda nuestra humanidad, pero, sobre todo, Dios nunca abandonará a su pueblo, ni siquiera en ese mismo momento en que planteamos la pregunta: "Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?" Él siempre está con nosotros. Las lecturas de este Domingo y Viernes Santo mostrarán muchos aspectos de la vida humana: alabanzas, traición, abandono, rechazo, juicio, condena e incluso asesinato. Estos son los que componen la historia de nuestra salvación. Así es como nos tratamos a veces en la vida. Los invito a todos a meditar hermosamente en esta Semana Santa con respecto a estos comportamientos pero, más importante aún, en lo que Cristo pasó para salvarnos.

La Semana Santa nos recuerda que nos acercamos a la Pascua. Está lleno de eventos que nos recuerdan lo que Cristo hizo para salvarnos. Él se despojó a sí mismo por nosotros hasta la muerte en la cruz (Filipenses 2:6-11). Esta semana recrearemos de diferentes maneras su misterio pascual. Sigámoslo en sus huellas durante esta Semana Santa. El Jueves Santo es el comienzo del Triduo y nos recuerda la promesa continua de Dios de estar siempre con nosotros hasta el final de los tiempos (Mateo 28:20). Cristo, en su humildad, lavó los pies de los discípulos, enseñándonos siempre a servir a los demás con amor. Jesús en este Jueves Santo instituyó dos Sacramentos, el Sacramento de la Eucaristía y el Sacramento del Orden Sagrado. El Viernes Santo, el amor de Cristo fue consumado en la Cruz. Conmemoramos la crucifixión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. ¡Qué amor más grande el que uno da su vida por sus amigos! (Juan 15:13). Él murió para que podamos vivir. El Amor de Cristo por nosotros es incondicional. Un amor que siempre busca dar aun cuando no lo ameritemos. En la noche del Sábado Santo/Vigilia Pascual, la resurrección nos anuncia el triunfo de Dios sobre el mal. Nos recuerda que a veces nuestro sufrimiento es necesario para allanar el camino para que vengan cosas buenas.

Únase a nosotros este Jueves Santo a las 8:00 p. m. para la Misa de la Última Cena, el Viernes Santo para la Pasión del Señor a las 3:00 p. m., la Adoración de la Cruz en español a las 5:30 p. m., y las estaciones de la Cruz en vivo por nuestra juventud parroquial a las 8:00 p.m., y la noche del Sábado Santo para la Vigilia Pascual a las 8:00 p.m. La confesión se ofrecerá el lunes 3 de abril de 2:00 a 4:00 p. m. y de 6:00 a 9:00 p. m.

Hay sobres especiales en las entradas del vestíbulo de la Iglesia y en los bancos para recordar nuestros familiares en la Misa de Pascua. Complete la intención o el nombre de la persona que desea recordar en el frente del sobre, incluya su donación, envíela por correo o déjela en la colecta de la misa dominical o devuélvala a la oficina de la rectoría. Por favor, hágalo antes del Sábado Santo, 6 de abril.

Finalmente, MI MÁS PROFUNDO AGRADECIMIENTO POR SU CONTINUA PRESENCIA Y GENEROSIDAD. Tenga en cuenta que nuestra principal fuente de ingresos son nuestras colectas dominicales. Por favor ayúdanos si puedes. Confiamos en su apoyo financiero para ayudar a los necesitados, pagar nuestras cuentas y pagar salarios. ¡No podemos hacerlo sin ti! Puede usar nuestra donación parroquial en línea o dejar su contribución en la oficina parroquial. Los detalles sobre las donaciones electrónicas también se encuentran en el boletín. Una vez más, gracias por su generosidad y que Dios continúe bendiciendo a usted y a su familia. Que tengas una buena Semana Santa y nos vemos el próximo domingo.

A Su Servicio y a de El,

Padre Lawrence





OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

*** Stations of the Cross- Every Friday at 7:30 PM (English & Spanish)***

Holy Week 2023

Chrism Mass– April 4th, 2023

4:00 PM: St. Agnes Cathedral, Bishop's Chrism Mass

Palm Sunday - April 1st & 2nd, 2023

Saturday 5:00 PM: Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (Spanish), 11:00 AM,

12:30 PM and 2:00 PM (Nigerian-Igbo)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

April 3rd, April 4th, and April 5th: 9:00 AM

Holy Week Confessions

Monday, April 3rd: 2:00-4:00 PM & 6:00-9:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 8th: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Triduum Liturgies

Holy Thursday- April 6th, 2023

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer

8:00 PM: Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession and Visits to the Blessed

Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday- April 7th, 2023

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer

3:00 PM: Liturgy of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross

5:30 PM: Adoration of the Cross (Spanish)

8:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish)

Holy Saturday— April 8th, 2023

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer

9:15 AM: Blessing of Food for Easter Meal

8:00 PM: Solemn Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection / NO 5:00 PM MASS

Easter Sunday- April 9th, 2023

Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (Spanish), 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM (Nigerian-Igbo)/

NO 5:00 PM MASS

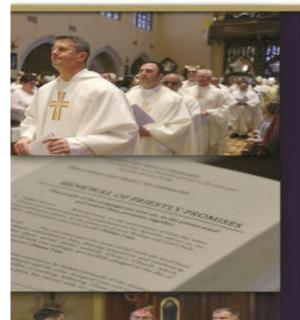
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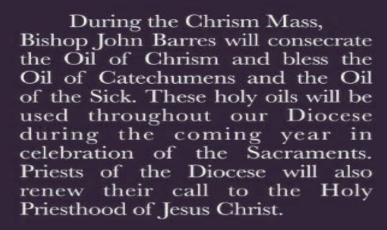
The Chrism Mass



April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Agnes Cathedral

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre



"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

Reconciliation Monday

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).

Monday, April 3 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Confessions will be heard at all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York.

To find a parish near you, visit: drvc.org.



Sacrificial giving— Thank you

COLLECTION DATA FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 26, 2023:

Expenses: \$12,000

Collection 3/26/23: \$8,559

Last Years Collection 3/27/22: \$7,047

We are grateful to all those who contributed to the offertory basket this past week. As we continue to pay salaries and bills we rely on your mail-in and direct contributions.

Please know our sincere gratitude for your sacrifice and do not forget Blessed Sacrament in your will!

How can I donate?

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- You can mail your offering to the parish office or put it in the offering baskets in the church.
- Give a One-Time
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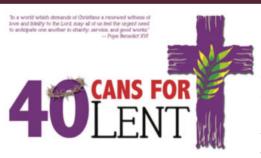
Easter Mass Remembrance

Many people would like to request the intention for a Mass during the Easter season. Those whom would like to have their loved ones remembered, please use the special envelopes on the vestibule entrances of the church and in the pews to fill out their intentions. Please include your donation and mail it/drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or return it to the rectory! Please do so by Holy Saturday— April 8th.

Easter Flower Offering

Please use the special envelopes on the vestibule entrances of the church and in the pews to fill out your intentions. Please include your donation and mail it/drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or return it to the rectory! Remember your loved ones by offering the flowers that adorn our Church Sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$30.00

Service, support & stewardship



This is a challenge that begins with a small step and makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Our Parish Social Ministry food pantry is a critical resource for families and_individuals in our community. The goal is amazingly simple to have each household contribute one non -perishable food item for each of the 40 days of Lent. Please consider taking a flyer and donating the items listed. Any

amount of the items listed will be appreciated it does not have to be 40. Thank you all for your constant support and generosity. The flyers are in both lobbies of the church. You can bring the items in all at once, or little by little. All items can be place in our food bins in either lobby of the church.

"Change for Life" Baby Bottle Drive

March 11th to April 16th, 2023

Take a baby bottle, fill it with change, cash or check (made out to Life Center of Long Island) and return it by April 16, 2023.

Money collected will be used to:

- 1. Offer free pregnancy related services and support
- 2. Provide healthy relationship information
- 3. Provide post-abortion healing program for women and men
- 4. Teach parenting and life skills
- 5. Provide practical resources to support women, men, and families seeking help in our community.

To volunteer to assist with the Baby Bottle Drive, call Anne Marie at 516-668-1150.

To learn more about how to get involved with the work of the Life Center of Long Island, please call 516-798-8746.



THRIFT SHOP HOURS & DONATIONS

Our parish Thrift Shop has re-opened. Currently the hours of the shop are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 9:30am - 1:00pm. Our shop is staffed by volunteers who give generously of their time. So we may be closed due to unforeseen circumstances or we may close early if the shop is not busy. If you like you can call 561-8969 to make sure the shop is open.

The Thrift Shop is in NEED of pocket books, household bric-a -brac, dishes, small kitchen appliances (blenders, toaster ovens, coffeepots, etc.) and costume jewelry. We ask that you please do not leave any donations outside. If you have any questions about donating please call (516) 561-8969. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Mass Online



AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

We live-stream all daily masses and the Sunday 11am mass. These streams can be viewed either live or later on our parish webpage, Facebook, or YouTube.

Live Times

Sundays: 11am

Mondays-Fridays: 9am

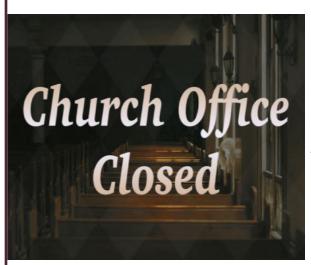
Saturdays: 8am

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OFFICE HOURS APRIL 6-10TH:



April 6th (Holy Thursday) the parish office will be open 1/2 a day from

9a-1pm

April 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th the parish office will be *closed* in observance of Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

Thank you!

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Ann Calisi
Stephanie Dixon
Charles McLaughlin
Kathryn Rudy
Bella Rivera
Dorothy Smith

Magdalene Vogric

Dorothy Strafer

Elizabeth Figueroa

Sal Strorendon

Tom Glotti

Valerie Barcheski

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Marie Teresa Turin
Dorothy Cattabiani
James McCormick
Robert Pitz

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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