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And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11



Al entrar Jesús en Jerusalén, toda la ciudad se conmovió. Unos decían: "¿Quién es éste?" Y la gente respondía: "Este es el profeta Jesús, de Nazaret, de Galilea". —Mt 21, 10-11

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. KEEP IN CONTACT If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office

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Mass Intentions Intenciones de la Santa Misa

Saturday/ Sábado, Apr. 13, 5:00 pm

† Marjorie Coughlin, 13th Anniv.,

R/B Bob & Joan Kenefick

† Atholine Sipples, 36th Anniv.,

R/B Family

Palm Sunday/Domingo De Ramos, Apr. 14,

9:00 am (English):

12 noon (Spanish):

Monday/Lunes, Apr. 15, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday /Martes, Apr. 16, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday/Miércoles, Apr. 17, 5:00 pm

Linda Passanisi, (Good Health),

R/B John & Sue Gombotz

Thursday/ Jueves, Apr. 18, 5:00 pm

Good Friday/ Viernes Santo, Apr. 19,

Saturday/ Sábado, Apr. 20, 5:00 pm (E)

Easter Sunday/Domingo De Pascua, Apr. 21,

9:00 am (English)

† Otto Silverman & James Dascanio,

R/B Family

† For the Souls in Purgatory,

R/B Rosa Family

12 noon (Spanish)

ATTENDANCE Apr. 06/07, 2019



Sat. 5:00 pm = 75

Sun. 9:00 am = 89

Sun. 12 noon = 150

TOTAL = 314

Cereal Donation: 71 lbs

Rice Bowl Collection Starts



Ofrenda Semanal

April 06/07, 2019 = \$4,240.00

April 07/08, 2018 = \$ 3,159.00

Year To Date

Fiscal Yr. '17- '18: \$148,978.40

Fiscal Yr. '18-'19: \$142,164.27



RECUERDE

ORAR POR:

Rick Csuhata, Jack Romegiali, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Carmelita Rivera, Frank & Sandy Magnoli, Sue D'Antonio, Tatiana Johnson, Ron Sirles, , Collen Watrous, Guaroa Peralta, David Monte, Allyson Matteo, Mary Birdsey, Dorothy Kunze, Jack Conklin, David Lachance.



Palm Sunday, April 13 & 14.

Regular Weekend Schedule

5:00 pm on Saturday.

9:00 am on Sunday

12 noon on Sunday. Procession from Parish Hall.

Monday, April 15, 6:30 pm.

Spanish reflection on Holy Week.

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 am St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. Mass of Sacred Chrism.

Thursday, April 18, 7:30 pm. Mass of the Last Supper. Bilingual. Procession to Church Hall for Adoration until 11:00 pm.

Friday, April 19, 3:00 pm. Good Friday Service. Bilingual. 7:00 pm.

Seven Last Words of Jesus. (Spanish)

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 pm. Easter Vigil Mass. Bilingual.

Sunday, April 21, 9:00 am Mass in English and 12:00 noon Mass in Spanish.

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY.

Monday, April 15, 5:45 – 6:45 pm, Parish Center.

Tuesday, April 16, 5:45 – 7:30 pm, Church.

Wednesday, April 17,

Thursday, April 18, 8:00 – 10:00 pm, parish center.

Friday, April 19, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, in Church after Good Friday Service.



PALM SUNDAY

"Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.'" Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'"

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly."

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well. It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of US. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring US salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.



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COMPARTIENDO LA PALABRA

Iniciamos la semana mayor, reactualizamos la prueba de amor más grande que Dios nos ha dado, la entrega de su hijo Jesús por nuestra salvación. Hoy leemos la pasión de Jesucristo, con cada personaje que aparece en el texto podemos irnos identificando, Judas, Pedro, María, Juan, las mujeres, los mirones, los judíos, Anás, Caifás, Poncio Pilato, Herodes, María Magdalena, los ladrones, José de Arimatea etc., si, ahí están todos, el que lo negó, el que lo vendió por 30 monedas, el que se lavó las manos, los que se burlaron, los que lo acusaron falsamente..., y en medio Jesús, con una actitud erguida, confiada, dispuesto a cumplir la voluntad del Padre... obediente hasta la muerte y muerte de cruz. Que maravilloso ponernos de frente a alguien que no se queja, no vocifera, solo sabe amar. El está ahí en tu camino, te mira a los ojos con compasión, con misericordia... y tú? Lo niegas, lo entregas, lo condenas, cada vez que niegas que el otro es tu hermano, cada vez que críticas, excluyes y desprecias a tu prójimo.

La Pasión de Jesucristo que hemos leemos este domingo, es también la pasión de las mujeres y los hombres de hoy que sufren hambre, injusticia, exclusión, pobreza...

Hermano, hermana, vivamos esta semana santa y vayamos con Jesús al calvario, para morir con El y vivir luego la PASCUA, el paso de la muerte a la vida. Feliz semana santa.

"JESUS" TRIP IS A GO!

I am excited to report that our June 11-13 trip to see "Jesus" at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA, including stops in Philadelphia and Longwood Gardens, has been confirmed. We will be sharing our bus with another group from Massachusetts.

"Jesus" - GREAT REVIEWS

The reviews I received from many individuals who have seen the "Jesus" presentation have all been very positive. It has been described as very moving and one of the best shows Sight & Sound Theatre has produced.

PHILADELPHIA

Experience the One Liberty Observation Deck in Philadelphia where you will oversee the "City of Brotherly Love". Lunch will be on your own. We then proceed to Lancaster to the historic Cork Factory Hotel for a wine & cheese reception prior to dinner.

LONGWOOD GARDENS

On our way home we will visit the beautiful Longwood Gardens, which were designed by Pierre S. DuPont. This 1,077 acre property is a site to behold - especially at this time of year when so many beautiful Spring flowers are in bloom.

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP

There is still time to sign up if you are interested. There are presently 10 seats still available. Anyone interested must register and pay for the trip by May 1, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$540 pp Double, \$490 pp Triple and \$690 for a single. Please contact Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870 if you are interested.

INSURANCE AVAILABLE

If you are interested in purchasing insurance for this trip, it needs to be done before May 1, 2019 as well. The cost for insurance is \$34 pp for Double, or Triple and \$44 p.p. for single.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER KENNEDY!



Best wishes to Father Kennedy on his birthday, which is Monday, April 15th!



PALM SUNDAY ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS
We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

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NUESTRO PRÓJIMO**

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Jesús esta semana en Jerusalén, una comunidad que conocía bien. Entramos en oración a nuestras propias comunidades también, saliendo al encuentro de los que tienen hambre y sed, y los que necesitan nuestra ayuda. ¿De qué manera nuestra jornada de Cuaresma nos motiva a servir a aquellos con quienes nos encontramos en nuestra vida diaria? Visita crsplatodearroz.org

No Bible Study on Monday, April 15th.

Our next Ladies Night Out will be Thurs. May 16th. We hope to see you there!

HINKA'S CUPBOARD NEWS:

Our next pantry date is April 25, 1-4 pm. We will be collecting donations at Stop and Shop on East Main Street on April 27, 9-6. Stop down and visit us!

Nuestra próxima fecha de despensa es el 25 de abril, de 1 a 4 pm. Recogeremos donaciones en Stop and Shop en East Main Street el 27 de abril, 9-6.

QUE ES LA VIGILIA PASCUAL?

Esta es una noche de vela en honor del Señor, y la conmemorando la noche santa en la que el Señor resucitó, es "la madre de todas las santas Vigilias". Durante la vigilia, la Iglesia espera la resurrección del Señor y la celebra con los sacramentos de la iniciación cristiana» .

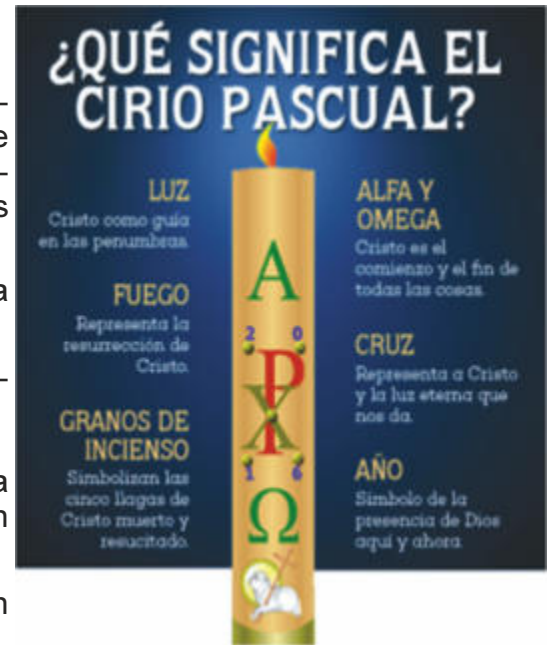
Es el culmen del Triduo pascual que es la celebración de la Pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Durante esta noche se hace la bendición del fuego y se enciende el cirio pascual.

La liturgia de la Palabra nos da un paseo por toda la historia de la salvación desde la creación hasta Jesucristo con quien se inaugura la nueva creación..

Durante la cuaresma se había omitido el aleluya, y el gloria, en esta noche se vuelve a proclamar el gloria y se canta aleluya.

En las parroquias donde hay adultos preparándose para los sacramentos de iniciación, esta noche son bautizados, confirmados y reciben la primera comunión., a estos adultos se les llama catecúmenos..



FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS PADRE KENNEDY.

Oremos por nuestro Pastor que el lunes 15 de Abril estará de cumpleaños. Que Dios lo bendiga y de la gracia de ser un santo sacerdote.

PROGRAMA DE SEMANA SANTA

Del 14 al 20 de abril celebraremos la SEMANA SANTA. Ten presente el programa para que participes.

Domingo 14 : 11:45am. Procesión con los ramos y Eucaristía.

Lunes 15: 6:30p. conversatorio. Despejando cuestiones acerca de nuestra fe. Todos son bienvenidos.

Martes 16: 10pm: Misa crismal en la Catedral San Patricio.

Jueves Santo 18: 7pm Eucaristía bilingüe de la última cena y espacio de oración hasta las 11pm.

Viernes Santo 19: 3pm. Servicio litúrgico bilingüe de la Pasión del Señor.

7pm. Meditación de las 7 Palabras. Servicio en Español

Sábado Santo 20: 8pm: Celebración bilingüe de la Vigilia pascual.

Domingo de resurrección: 12m. Eucaristía. Seguidamente celebración de la pascua con recolección de huevos.

Si deseas participar en la Misa crismal en la Catedral Saint Patrick en Norwich, el 16 de abril a las 10am, déjalo saber a Sr. Gloria.

Separa el sábado 27 de abril y a partir de las 9am participa de la formación impartida por el famoso predicador Martin Zabala. Aprovecha esta oportunidad. Solicita la ficha de registración con Sr. Gloria o en la secretaria.



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