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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Monday—Thursday

We will receive visitors one person at a time.  
Please wear a mask.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** 4:30 PM Saturday  
8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday  
**Weekday:** 9:00 AM Monday-Wednesday  
**Confessions:** 3:30 PM-4:00 PM Saturday  
**Holy Days:** 9:00 AM  
**Baptisms:** 2nd Sunday/Month 12:30 PM  
**Marriage:** Contact Pastor 6 months prior

Our church doors will open 15 minutes before  
Mass. Masks are required.

Please enter and exit using either the front door or  
the handicapped side door.

Ushers will assist parishioners to their seats.

March 28, 2021



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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?

March 28, 2021

# Your Sacrificial Offering

Parish Support - March 21, 2021:

\$1,751.00



Next week's Easter collection will benefit **Clergy Trust** which cares for the health and well-being of our 536 active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. This year more than ever, your support is needed and appreciated. On behalf of myself and my brother priests who benefit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you.



- Saturday 4:30 pm March 27th  
**Carla Confalone** Birthday  
Remembrance Mass (D) requested by John Confalone
- Sunday 8:00 am March 28th  
**Joseph & Antionette Puleo** Memorial Mass requested by their Family
- 11:00 am **John McGovern** 1st Year Anniversary Mass requested by his Family
- Wednesday 9:00 am March 31st  
**Ernie & Ann Kuklinski** Memorial Mass requested by Marie Adinolfi

*The suggested offering for all published Mass Intentions is \$20.00.*





# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

We will hold **Confessions** on Monday, March 29th, from 4:00-5:00 pm and from 7:00-8:00 pm and on Tuesday, March 30th, from 4:00-5:00 pm and from 7:00-8:00 pm.

**Holy Thursday** Service at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday** Service at 7:00 pm

**Easter Vigil** at 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday** Masses at 8:00 am and 11:00 am



The **Catholic Appeal** is well under way. Thank you to those who have already made a gift. Our Parish has already received **over \$6,000** in donations—that's **38%** of our assessment. Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. Every gift makes a difference. Please consider making a gift today by visiting [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you in advance for your generosity.



St. Florence is thankful for all our parishioners and their ongoing generosity. In addition to your weekly offering, there are many ways your family can support our Parish. Perhaps you would like to donate a monetary gift toward the **Bread & Wine, Altar Candles or Altar Flowers** or our fundraising efforts for **altar supplies and vestments**. If you are interested in making a donation in your family's name, please contact the office.



St. Florence Parish now offers online giving as a convenient and secure way to make a one-time or recurring donation. To date we have **13 donors** with one supporting us all the way from Florida; and we have received nearly **\$4,700** just this year. If you have any questions, contact Christine Breslow in our Business Office or feel free to visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stf47b293> to simply give online.



We continue to collect gift cards and nonperishable food items for the **Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry**. Gift cards may be dropped in our offertory collection box in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and food items can be left in the front lobby of the church. Please help feed those in need.



If you prefer to celebrate Mass from home, St. Florence Parish continues to air one of our weekend Masses on **WCAT Wakefield**. Tune in on **Sunday @ 8:00 pm, Tuesday @ 12:00 pm, or Thursday @ 7:00 pm.**



Confessions are heard on **Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm.** We ask that you please wear a mask. For Holy Week confessions, please see our Holy Week Schedule above.



**Mass Intention Cards** are available at the Rectory during normal business hours. The suggested offering is \$10.00 per card.

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