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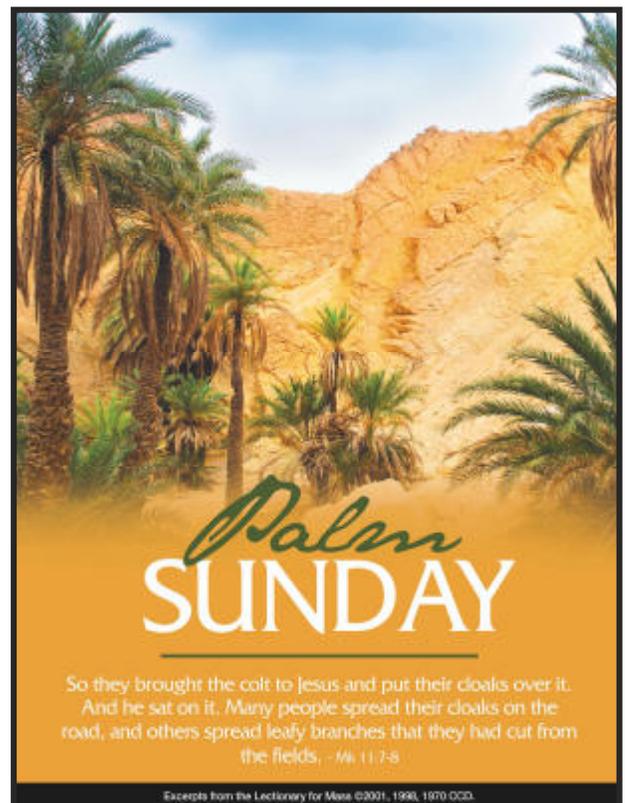
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DAILY MASS
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
8:00A.M. CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY VIGIL, 4:00 PM
SUNDAY, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS
SATURDAY: 3:00-3:30 PM



Please remember St. Mary Magdalen Church in your Will.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 28, 2021, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:30 a.m. † Michael & Filomena Mucciacciaro
requested by their family

10:30 a.m. † Anthony & Sally Bavone
requested by John Bavone

MONDAY, March 29, 2021, Monday of Holy Week
8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, March 30, 2021, Tuesday of Holy Week
No Morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 2021, Wednesday of Holy Week
No Morning Mass

EASTER TRIDUM

THURSDAY, April 1, 2021, Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 2, 2021, Good Friday
3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 3, 2021, Easter Vigil Mass,
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, April 4, 2021, Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Intentions

The Holy Mass is the most precious gift one can offer for another person. Remembering someone with a Mass honors him or her in a unique way surrounding them with the warmth of God's love. A Mass may be offered for anyone, living or deceased. To arrange a Daily Mass or Weekend Mass, please call the parish office or stop by Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and speak with Roberta.



Palm Sunday, March 28th

Palms will be available to those who aren't attending Mass in person on Sunday, March 28th from 12pm to 12:30pm by means of a drive through in the Church parking lot.

VOCATIONS: The Israelites turned away from God and spurned His commandments. Jerusalem was destroyed and the survivors became slaves. In His mercy and grace, He later provided a way back. He so loved the world that He gave us His Son that we may turn away from the darkness of sin, turn to the Light, and have eternal life. Are you being called to share the joy of this Good News with others as a priest, deacon, or in religious life? Come and see. Call Father Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, 860-761-7456, or visit www.hartfordpriest.com.

Activities & Meetings

March 28 - April 3, 2021

Monday 6-7:00 p.m. Confessions, Church
Concludes with Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts, Church Hall

Our parish Facebook page "Keep the Faith" will live stream Mass from our church at 10:30 am on Sunday <https://www.facebook.com/>



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Catholic Education: Interested in a Catholic Education for your child? St. Mary Magdalen School is the answer. Located at 140 Buckingham Street in Oakville. For more information, call Principal Mrs. Deborah Mulhall at 860-945-0621.

Stewardship of Treasure

Our spiritual home needs \$5,500 every week to maintain it financially. March 20 & 21 weekend: In-pew \$1,944., On-Line \$1,123., Total \$3,067.00.

We continue to **Thank you** for mailing or dropping off your offertory envelopes, or for signing up and using our On-Line Giving Program during this unusual time in our lives. Your continued support to our parish is vital. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your faith home.

2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

"Reaching Out, Healing Together"

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2021 Appeal literature.

You may visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. to review how your donation is being used.

All funds contributed to the AAA are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



Palm Cross Pick up

Drive through pick up of pre -ordered / paid palm crosses will be held this weekend.

Saturday, March 27th 12p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Sunday, March 28th 11:00a.m. - 12.m.

Thank you for your support!

What an extraordinary gift—the gift of divine forgiveness!



Monday evening is an opportunity prepare for Easter by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this last Monday of Lent many

Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be open from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. for Confession.

CRS RICE BOWL

Thank you for your participation in the CRS Rice Bowls this year.

Please return your Rice Bowl contribution this Sunday, March 28th.

Support Knights of Columbus Council 3594



Easter Flower Sale

Friday, April 2 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Saturday,(4/3) from 8a.m. till 7p.m. and Easter Sunday 8:00a.m. till 1p.m. Assortment of perennials and fresh cut flowers. Payment: Cash, or Credit Cards. All profits goes back to serve the

community. St. Mary Magdalen have been blessed with such donations including our beautiful manger scene figures and the gooseneck microphone on the altar table.

Stop by Knights of Columbus, Main Street Watertown across from Dunkin Donuts. Purchase a plant of two! Thank you!



Holy Thursday, April 1st

7:00 p.m. – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper Adoration Followed by Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 2nd

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
(There will be no 4:00 p.m. Mass.)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2020

Mass at 8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m

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? ©L.P.

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