

CHURCH of ST. ANN

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PARISH

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Theresa Kelly, *Coordinator of Religious Education* 12
John Roesing, *Facility Manager*

Parish Registration

We welcome you into the parish and hope that you will become an active part of the church. You can register any weekday during parish office hours.

Ministerial Visits

Ministerial visits are available to anyone confined to home, hospital or nursing home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the Eucharist on a weekly basis.

Devotions

The Rosary is prayed weekdays at 7:30A. The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed after the Monday 8:00A Mass.

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Holy Eucharist

Daily Masses Mon - Fri 8:00A
Weekend Masses Sa 5:00P
Sun 8:00A, 10:30A, 6:00P

Reconciliation

Sat 1:00P - 2:00P, 6:00P

and by calling the Parish Office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

In case of an EMERGENCY, please call the Parish Office at any time.

Baptism

Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00P. Prior to the Baptism, parents **must** attend a Baptism Preparation Class, which is held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00P at the school teacher's lounge. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class.

In accordance with the Diocese of Trenton, engaged couples planning to marry need to contact the Parish Office at least 1 year in advance for preparation. Please do not finalize your wedding date until you first meet with Fr. Richard.

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Good St. Anne, you were especially favored by God to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Savior. By your power with your most pure-daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the grace and the favor we now seek. Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the strength to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen.



Monday 4-6

8:00am *Purgatorial Society of St. Ann*

Tuesday 4-7

8:00am *"Special Intentions" of The Sisters of Mercy*

Wednesday 4-8

8:00am *Parishioners of St. Ann*

Holy Thursday

7:00pm *Parishioners of St. Ann*

Good Friday Service

3:00pm

Holy Saturday

7:00pm *Parishioners of St. Ann*

Easter Sunday

8:00am *Parishioners of St. Ann*

10:30am *Parishioners of St. Ann*



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
-St. Ignatius of Loyola

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Important information on Holy Week

On the advice of public health officials, Bishop O'Connell mandated the closing of all churches and chapels in the Diocese of Trenton to the public, effective April 1st 12PM, until further notice.

The parish will live-stream Masses and services at the following link, [Youtube](#).

Thursday 7P Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 3P Good Friday

Friday 7P Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7P Easter Vigil.

Bishop O'Connell will live-stream Mass as well. You will find their schedule at the following link <https://www.youtube.com/user/trentondiocese>



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Information on guidelines and restrictions continue to evolve rapidly and the likelihood of being closed longer seems eminent, but we will do our best to keep all our families informed. Here's how you can help: Make sure that you are signed into our CCD Text Blast system. Those already signed into "STANNCONFIRM" will continue to receive messages but all previous grade level options were eliminated in the fall as previously announced. Text "STANNRE" to 84483 & you will receive a confirmation notice that you are in the system.

Check our web-site for home study plans and important updates and Sacrament information.

Make sure that we have correct contact information for you! In doubt, email it to us.

Look for and like "St Ann's Religious Education" new facebook page!

Questions? Please email us and we will get back to you between 9am-2pm while we are closed down.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66 Or 27:11-54

When I was expecting my second son, I remember spending hours poring over decisions on his birth and what I wanted things to look like. Every step of the labor and delivery process was already planned out in my mind. So, when at 40 weeks pregnant and ready to make this plan reality, I experienced a partial placental abruption, I was completely blindsided. Everything that

I had anticipated for his birth was undone and I was sent on a completely new path in that single moment. In God's providential care, my son was born healthy. There was so much suffering that came from that birth, but that moment was also a vital turning point for me as a mother and Catholic and I wouldn't change it. God allowed it all for a good I couldn't see yet. I learned the profound lesson that our ways are very often not God's ways.

This Lent, our entire world has learned a similar lesson at a much larger scale. Many of us planned to spend our days preparing for the Lord's Passion and Resurrection in a very specific way. Like many of my friends, I had mapped out exactly what I was fasting from and the spiritual practices I would be implementing in order to create a little curated Lenten journey I thought fit to help prepare my heart for these holy days. However, this year we have seen in God's providential care that he has allowed a new way to be carved out for many Catholics this year. A way that God may see fit to call even more hearts to conversion as the world navigates the immense challenges of a pandemic. We've been called to give up far more than most had planned. At the same time we've been called to renew our hope and trust in the God who sees beyond any earthly suffering, not as a passive spectator but as the one who took on flesh in order to feel deeply the pangs of human suffering, in order to redeem it. At the end of Lent many of us are realizing God's plans were not our plans, and His plans will bear so much more fruit even if we don't see it yet.

The canticle in the second reading helps us commit to heart this reality: no matter how deep our suffering is or how tragic our world becomes, no matter how many plans are disrupted, we have a God who is so profoundly on our side that nobility and earthly power mean nothing to Him. He has literally cloaked Himself in the weight of our sin and sorrow in order to save us and ensure we get back to Him. If I had planned for a king to save the world, the last thing I would plan is a suffering servant who had to endure a horrendous death. But in His mercy and goodness, God planned a way that would convince even the hardest heart that we are never alone, and we will someday be in paradise with Him if we remain faithful and trust in Him.

Author Fr. Jacques Philippe teaches us about this trust in his book "Fire & Light" when he says:

"To the extent we have riches or place our trust in security and human support, we can't really practice hope, which consists in counting on God alone. God sometimes permits us to go through trials, the loss of some of our security, even lamentable falls, in order that we learn in the end to count on nothing but Him and His mercy. Peter is a good example: he had to fall, denying Christ during his Passion, in order to learn not to lean on his own virtues, his own courage, the momentum of human enthusiasm, but only on the love of Jesus."

Let us welcome Palm Sunday and our Lord's Passion this year with new hearts that have been formed by God's will, even if it didn't come as we had planned, leaning into the love of Christ and his wounded heart.

Written by Angie Windnagle for LPI.com



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JERUSALEM

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!

MATTHEW 21:9

APRIL 5
2020

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

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Today's passage from Isaiah presents us with a common human dilemma: what do we do with our suffering? The speaker describes himself as God's faithful servant, who suffers beatings and mockery. We can't be sure who the speaker is, but we can see his extraordinary response. He chooses not to fight back, not to respond to violence with violence. He chooses to endure with hope that God, in God's own way, will deliver and vindicate him. Christians later saw this passage as a poignant description of Jesus' suffering in his passion.

We all have many experiences of tragic or undeserved suffering. We might desire to run from our pain, or to inflict suffering upon others, or to live in despair. In faith, we are invited to share in the suffering of Jesus, sharing also with all who suffer similarly. We can place our wounds in God's hands. We may live in enduring hope that Christ is indeed present and accompanies us in our pain. In God's own way, our suffering may be transformed, so to serve God's purposes.

A NEW KINGDOM

The Gospel of Matthew, using various symbols from scripture, presents Jesus as the true and victorious king who begins a new kingdom. After his royal entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus ascends his scandalous and paradoxical throne, the cross. The cross reveals the nature of his kingdom, based on God's forgiveness and sacrificial love. Evil forces thrive when violence stirs even more violence. By accepting his suffering and offering forgiveness, Jesus broke the primary cycle of violence. The Gospels proclaim that the powers of evil, though continuing their effects today, were decisively defeated on the cross.

The resurrection of Jesus launches the reign of God, which will be fully complete upon Jesus' return. We are now offered a new path for being human by which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may partner with God to create new cycles of life and hope.

Today's Readings: Mt 21:1–11; Is 50:4–7; Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Phil 2:6–11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11–54]

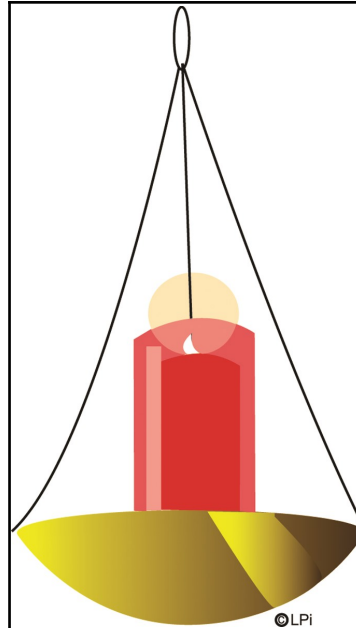
WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for all those who are ill in our parish that God's healing power may give them courage and strength. We pray especially for ...

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Anthony Metta, Phyllis Pitcock,
Dylan & Austin Kellenberger,
John Corcione,
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Theresa Marks, Lucy Healy,
Randy Smith, Patricia Brennen,
Dillon Noble, Pamela Hall,
Cooper Ascone, Derek Murphy,
Diane Clinton, Teresa Swarrow,
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J. Jeter, Fred Dollinger.
P. Brennan, Joseph White,
Arthur O'Keefe, Donna Malagien,
Ceilie Reynolds, Linda Reines,
Bob Wyatt, Gabriele Shuman,
Baby Nathaniel Linderoth,
Joe McCue, John Vincelli,
Michael Culkin, Jack Rondell,
Mary Becker, Nettie Bright,
Thomas Erickson,
Steve Angerami,
Baby Rocco Gallagher,
Dawn Sachs, Jean Reynolds,
Alice Barry, Frances Stein,
Betty Sue Olsen.
Annemarie Rossmell.*

If you would like to add or remove a name to our sick list please contact the Rectory.

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Parishioners of St. Ann's Parish



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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