

Mass Intentions for the Week

- 3-25 Mon 9:00 AM Marie Capoccia
By Ann Zieno
- 3-26 Tues 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 3-27 Wed 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- Holy Thursday**
- 3-28 Thurs 5:30 PM Frances Zieno
By Thomas Zieno & Maria Aebi
- Good Friday**
- 3-29 Fri 3:00 PM Service of the Lord
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
- Easter Vigil**
- 3-30 Sat 8:00 PM Fred Schuck
By the family
- Easter Sunday**
- 3-31 Sun 10:30 AM Tom & Mille Cardi
By Tom & Vicky Cardi



Please note this Tuesday is the last opportunity to participate in Eucharistic Adoration during Lent. Eucharistic Adoration immediately follows the 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel, followed by Benediction at noon. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

Holy Week and Easter

HOLY THURSDAY- No morning Mass. We will celebrate Mass at 5:30 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for twelve volunteers that are needed for the "washing of the feet". Please sign up if you would like to volunteer.

GOOD FRIDAY- no communion service
Father will be available for confessions from 12:00-1:30 PM.

EASTER VIGIL- Mass at 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY- Mass at 10:30 AM

Please join us after the 10:30 AM Mass today for a parish breakfast. Join us for eggs, sausage, pancakes and coffee. All are welcome to attend.



The Parish Offices will be closed this Thursday, March 28th. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Palm Sunday

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn period when we remember and relive the events that brought about our salvation. During this holiest of week, we reflect more deeply on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The liturgy of Palm Sunday begins with the blessing and distribution of palms followed by a procession. This first part recalls Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey amidst hope, expectation, and jubilation. A large crowd of people waved palm branches and spread their cloaks on the roadway to welcome Jesus. They shouted hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord. The crowds recognized Jesus as the Messiah but of a different kind. They saw him as a political warrior, one who will save them from the oppressive rule of the Roman government.

But the jubilation was short lived. The same crowds who cheered Jesus and sang his praises turned against him and demanded his crucifixion. This is vividly depicted in the second part of the liturgy where we hear readings of the passion of the Lord. The narrative from Mark recounts how Jesus was abandoned, betrayed, and denied by his own disciples. We hear about Jesus' arrest, his unjust trial and condemnation, crowned with thorns, mocked, bullied and tortured, crucifixion, death, and burial. The passion story is always deeply moving for Christian believers. It puts all of us into a mourning mood. It is heart breaking why people subjected an innocent person to such horrible and inhumane treatment. Jesus had the power to knock the heads of his abusers off but he did not rebel against them. He demonstrated himself as a model of humility, faithfulness, and patient endurance. He showed to the world that he is the suffering servant of God described by the prophet Isaiah in the first reading. Jesus set his face like flint, and gave his back to be beaten, as well as his beard to be plucked knowing that his suffering and death will not end in shame but rather in glory.

In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul reminds us that although, Jesus was divine, he did not count equality with God. He speaks of how Jesus humbled himself to the point of death in order to fulfill his father's will. We are called to follow the footstep of the Lord in his self-emptying, humility, and obedience in our relationships and actions. For some of us, our cross or suffering might be an illness, the loss of a loved one, unjust treatment, being falsely accused, betrayal in relationships, separation or divorce. Like Jesus, we too must embrace our individual crosses and empty ourselves for others.

As we journey together through holy week, let us in faith unite ourselves with Christ in his suffering and go forward with him to Easter full of hope. Let us carry our spiritual palm branches and wave them in our hearts to welcome Jesus as our Lord and redeemer.

Have a fruitful Holy Week and Happy Easter!
God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of March 30th & 31st 2024

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Saturday 8:00 PM

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Bill Babbage
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Smith
- Altar Servers** Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading- Colossians 3:1-4

Easter Sunday

Gospel- John 20:1-9

Sunday 10:30AM

- Fr. Ben
- Judy Roldan
- Terry Maggio
- Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings on March 16th & 17th, 2024 Regular, \$2,132.00; Fuel, \$55.00; Evangelist, \$40.00; Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$30.00; Catholic Relief Services, \$38.00; Easter Flowers, \$375.00



FAITH FORMATION

A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

March 24th - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
March 31st - No Classes

As of the end of February 2024 the regular collection and Holy Days was \$88,118.00. The budget for these collections is \$89,095.54. To date we are \$977.54 below budget. This report is done monthly now to better reflect the financial standing of our collections.



2024 Women's Retreat

This year's retreat will be held on April 19th -21st at the Dominican Retreat House in Niskayuna. See Paula Ciborowski or Ellen Reuter for information on how to register.



9 Month Novena

Join Catholics around the world to pray a 9Month Novena for the protection and love of our Lady of Guadalupe over the next nine months. The novena will culminate in a consecration on her feast day on December. To learn more and to join the 9 Month Novena by log onto novena.cardinalburke.com



Easter Flowers

In your packet of envelopes there is one for Easter flowers. There are also Easter flower envelopes in the vestibule for those who do not use envelopes. If you wish to contribute in memory/honor of a loved one please print their name on the envelope and place it in the collection. Your loved ones will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!

50/50 Raffle

A list of prize winners is posted in the vestibule. 435 letters were picked up or mailed to registered families. There were 100 responses. Expenses amounted to \$231.20 for postage and \$136.00 in ticket costs. \$1,425.00 in prize money was awarded. In addition to Sacred Hearts half of \$1,425.00; additional donations of \$573.00 were received for a total of \$1,998.00 realized for Sacred Heart. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

March Bulletin Quotes

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life...Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including those in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org.

Rice Bowls just arrived and are located on the table in the vestibule. Please consider making a donation to this program even though we did not have the supplies earlier in Lent. You can put your donation in the collection in an envelope with “Rice Bowl” written on the envelope. Thank you!



Palm Sunday

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe,

Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, [Paul J. Hamilton, Sr.](#), Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, [Matthew Baxter](#), Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, [Bob Oliver](#), Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Ferroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Father Peter, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joan Barber, Stephanie Soldingier, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.

