

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 25, 2018**



SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton
Tom Karwacki
Kathleen Guerin
Silverio Conte
Intentions of Pasquale Fatica & Jayne Cori

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Intentions of Eileen McPartland
Jim Day
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Roy & Shirley Parian
Rocco Tarulli
Hank Floyd
12:00 NOON Angela Caporale
Joan Bellantoni
Augusta Lorenzini, Regina, Kyzysztof,
Jan Thardowski

Genowefa Majdosz

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

8:00 A.M. Joseph Blandino

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

8:00 A.M. Clara Vidale
Ed Garbarino

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

7:30 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018

3:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE PASSION & DEATH
OF OUR LORD

7:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

8:00 P.M. PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

7:30 A.M. PARISHIONERS
10:00 A.M. PARISHIONERS
12:00 NOON PARISHIONERS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Evelyn Means Barry Bach
Tom Guzowski Ava Rae Nebbia Joan & Sal Ruffino
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Larry Perry George Link
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Frank Morici Mike Tidaback
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland Grace Garbarino
Cenelia Soto Sandra Pacifico Robert Moreno
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Mike Durkin
Sister Marie Louise Florence Grim Estella Soto
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo
Christine Morrison Karen Cisco

DECEASED: Our Deceased Loved Ones

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Mary & Joseph Purcella
requested by Family.



Dear friends in Christ,

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage.



This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed, and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year.

Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

St. Acacius

Feast Day: March 31

St. Acacius is one of the early martyrs of the church. He was a native of Cappadocia and as a young man, joined the Roman army. He served as a Roman soldier during the reign of Emperor Hadrian and eventually earned the rank of Captain. According to tradition, one day, as He was leading his troops into battle, Acacius heard a voice saying to him, "Call on the God of Catholics." He was completely surprised, but also deeply moved by what he heard. Shortly after he heard that voice, Acacius sought instruction in the Catholic faith. He was baptized, and through his baptism became a member of the Catholic Church. He was so excited about his newly found faith and the ideas of love and mercy that he shared these beliefs with the pagan soldiers in the Roman army.

When the Emperor heard that Acacius was converting the Roman troops, he had him thrown into prison. The brave Christian captain refused to make sacrifices to the pagan idols to avoid torture. So, the emperor had him racked, and then bound to a post and scourged. Torture failed to make Acacius change his mind, and the prisoner was brought before the Roman tribune, Bibianus. When the tribune asked Acacius what his name was and which country he was from he replied, "My name is Catholic because I am a follower of Christ, but men call me Acacius. My country is Cappadocia. There my parents lived; there I was converted to the Christian faith, and was so inspired by the combats and sufferings of the Catholic martyrs that I am resolved to shed my blood for Christ to attain Heaven." Acacius was then taken to Byzantium, and he suffered greatly. The guards were especially cruel to the new Catholic convert. During the painful journey, Acacius prayed to God for strength and a voice from the clouds answered him, "Acacius, be firm!" Everyone heard it and the soldiers of the guard were terrified.

Parish pilgrimage- save the date.

"On May 19th, there will be a parish pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The cost is \$35 per person. Please save the date."



KIDNEY NEEDED

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

Thank you to all who participated in our Calendar Raffle!
 Congratulations to the following winners:

Final Week Winners:

Date	Prize	Ticket #	Winner
3/18/18	\$ 50.	749	Mary Anne Witowski
3/19/18	\$ 25.	518	Verna Mitchel
3/20/18	\$ 25.	676	Christine Muller
3/21/18	\$ 25.	221	Stephanie Torres
3/22/18	\$ 25.	371	Eucaris Cruz
3/23/18	\$ 25.	665	Barbara Goebel
3/24/18	\$200.	079	Ben Vollaro

DON BOSCO PREP HOLDS SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Don Bosco Prep will host its spring Open House for prospective students on Thursday, April 26, 2018, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All seventh and eighth grade students and parents are invited to attend. Come and get a tour of the campus and hear about our exciting programs, classes, clubs, activities, sports teams, and financial aid opportunities. To register, visit www.donboscoprep.org.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus extends a great big "THANK YOU" to all who supported the first time they sponsored the Fish & Chicken Fry. They also thank all the volunteers who served the dinners and who helped in various ways.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

April

- 4/6 OVERNIGHT ADORATION – Friday -7pm to Saturday - 10:30am - Divine Mercy Novena at 10:45 am. Mass at 11am – Chapel.
- 4/7 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY- 2pm- Church
- 4/29 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST After all Masses – Church Hall (Communicants Free)

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us here at St. Francis for our first ever, Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30th at 7:30pm. Come experience and re-live Jesus' immense love for us as seen through his suffering on the way to the cross.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

April 6th is the first Friday of the month and is also the Friday before Divine Mercy Sunday. Mass will be said in the morning honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus as He requested. There will also be overnight Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel on Friday from 7 PM to 10:30 AM. How special it would be to spend an hour with Jesus thanking Him for His unfailing love of us and for all the graces that He has offered on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, to those who make a good confession and attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday.

If you would like to spend an hour with Our Lord, please contact Jane in the Rectory to learn the keyless entry code. Adoration will be followed at 11 AM with the first Saturday Mass and the Patriotic Rosary for our country, honoring our Lady's request for a first Saturday Mass & Rosary. Hope to see you there. Thank you



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Individual Reconciliation

Saturday, March 24, 2018
4:00 – 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:30 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Procession and Adoration
after Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

3:30 PM – Liturgy of the
Passion and Death of Our Lord
7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018

11 AM – Blessing of Food - Church
8:00 PM – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Masses: 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

QUESTIONS ON THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM (continued)

The following questions address the most commonly received questions concerning the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and may be freely reproduced by diocesan Offices for Worship, parish Liturgy Committees, and others seeking to promote the effective celebration of these most sacred days

1. How many readings should be proclaimed at the Easter Vigil?

One of the unique aspects of the Easter Vigil is the recounting of the outstanding deeds of the history of salvation. These deeds are related in seven readings from the Old Testament chosen from the law and the prophets and two readings from the New Testament, namely from the Apostle Paul and from the Gospel. Only in the case of grave pastoral circumstances can the number of readings be reduced. In such cases, at least three readings from the Old Testament should be read, always including Exodus .

2. What directions are given for the celebration of Masses on Easter Sunday?

Mass is to be celebrated on Easter Day with great solemnity. A full complement of ministers and the use of liturgical music should be evident in all celebrations. On Easter Sunday in the dioceses of the United States, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises may take place after the homily, followed by the sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil, during which the antiphon *Vidi aquam*, or some other song of baptismal character should be sung.

3. Where is the paschal candle placed during Easter Time?

The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After Easter Time the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate Christ's undying presence, his victory over sin and death, and the promise of sharing in Christ's victory by virtue of being part of the Body of Christ . The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside Easter Time.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, July 17 to **Saturday**, July 21, 2018 – St. Francis 57th Annual Parish Carnival.

A special request to anyone who would like to help out in the kitchen preparing our delicious carnival food, please call the rectory – 973-835-0480. (Man or woman) We need your help. Thank you.



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell
10:00 A.M. Chris Marren
12 NOON Hatima Omolon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan
10:00 A.M. Annie Rivera & Melissa Rivera
12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Matt Kampff

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid
10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue
12 NOON Aaron Manalili & Divine Crilly

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Mark 14:1–15:47

In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

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- INGREDIENTS -

EASTER BREAD (6 single servings)

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

3 3/4 cups flour

large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

**Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.*



GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!