

SAINT MARY'S PARISH

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Are you the Christ,
THE SON OF THE BLESSED ONE?

MARK 14:61





Mass Intentions

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses will be held in the Church until further notice.

Saturday, March 27

5:00PM Rosemary Cox

Sunday, March 28

7:30AM Manuel Insua, Sr.

10:00AM John Dunleavy

12:00PM Filomena "Phyllis" Nicastro
(1st Anniversary)

Monday, March 29

12:10PM Rosemary Cox

Tuesday, March 30

12:10PM Mary Lavan

Wednesday, March 31

12:10PM Patti Ianneci

Thursday, April 1

7:30PM People of the Parish

Friday, April 2

3:00PM Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 3

8:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 4

7:30AM People of the Parish

10:00AM People of the Parish

12:00PM People of the Parish

Hosts for each Mass have been donated by
The Rosary Society

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EMAIL: info@stmarysnutley.org

WEBSITE: www.stmarysnutley.org

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/stmarysnutley

ST. MARY'S CHURCH IS SERVED BY:

Parish Administrator
Reverend Thomas D. Nicastro

Parochial Vicar
Reverend Ralph Siendo

Deacon Ron Ronacher
Deacon Carl Lordi

Director of Faith Formation
Anthony G. Armando
armandoa@stmarysnutley.org

Patrick Perrone, *Trustee*
Anne Scheidel, *Trustee*

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

145 St. Mary's Place
Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm,
Closed on Fridays

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!!

St. Mary's is switching to a new communication tool called **Flocknote** to send out our parish emails. To be sure you don't miss out on our weekly emails, please add mail@flocknote.com to your address book or safe senders list to ensure that the emails are landing in your inbox, and not going into spam. We started using **Flocknote** last week, so you can also do a search of your email for *St. Mary's Parish* to see if our emails ended up in a different folder instead of your inbox. Thank you for helping us stay connected to you!

Vigil Lamps for the Week of March 28 – April 3

Blessed Mother Lamps donated
In Memory of
Julia Stelmack

St. Gerard Lamp donated in Memory of
Filomena "Phyllis" Nicastro
1st Anniversary

Divine Mercy Lamp donated in Memory of
Filomena "Phyllis" Nicastro
1st Anniversary

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday: Thursday, April 1st - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm

We celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood as we pray and remember Jesus' sacrificial offering of His Most Precious Body and Blood. Through Christ's example of the washing of the feet, we are reminded of Christ's call to humble service. The Church will remain open until 11pm for Adoration and Prayer.

Good Friday: Friday, April 2nd - Passion of Our Lord at 3:00pm

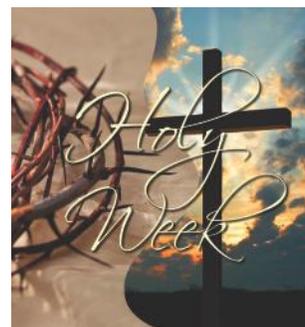
During this solemn service, we listen to the Gospel of Jesus' Passion, we pray for a conversion of hearts, and we venerate the Cross of Christ. The Church will be open from 12-5pm for personal prayer. We ask that all those who enter the Church wear a mask and maintain 6 feet social distance from others.

Holy Saturday: Saturday, April 3rd - Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

The Easter Vigil is the highlight of the ecclesiastical year. The lighting of the Easter candle in a darkened church symbolizes Jesus, our only Light. We read from scripture about the relationship between God and his people. All of the faithful will renew their baptismal vows. The Eucharist is then celebrated with a great sense of joy because of everything that Jesus has done for us.

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Sunday, April 4th - Mass Times: 7:30am, 10:00am, 12 Noon



LITURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR HOLY WEEK DURING THE PANDEMIC

HOLY WEEK this year will be celebrated differently because of the pandemic. These changes were made by the Vatican and will be adhered to all over the world in our Catholic churches.

On PALM SUNDAY Palms will be available at the beginning of Mass. We will use the simple entrance with no procession.

On HOLY THURSDAY the optional "washing of the feet" will be omitted and there will be no Eucharistic Procession. Instead the Blessed Sacrament will be brought from the altar to the tabernacle.

On GOOD FRIDAY there will be no procession with the cross. During the "adoration of the cross", only the presider will kiss the cross; all other clergy will adore the cross without kissing it and the people will adore the cross from the pews in silence.

At the EASTER VIGIL there will be no Easter Fire, no individual small tapers to be lit, and no procession with the Paschal candle at the beginning of Mass. The preparation and blessing of the Paschal Candle will be in private prior to Mass.

Since there are no catechumens or candidates this year, the celebration of Baptism and Confirmation is omitted. There is no Litany of Saints or Blessing of the Water. There will be no sprinkling of water after the renewal of Baptismal Promises.

From the Desk of the Parish Administrator **“Jesus Help Me to Stand and Walk With You All Week Long”**

Today we begin the most sacred and holiest week in the Church's Liturgical Year. We recall, remember and dramatize in a most solemn manner the Messiah's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In this week we are given a "great privilege" to stand and walk with the Lord Jesus as he undergoes His passion, suffering, death and glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

"The rituals of Holy Week and Easter offer Catholics an opportunity to understand the 'priceless gift of salvation obtained by Christ's sacrifice' on the cross," Pope [Emeritus] Benedict XVI said. He continued, "the Easter Triduum, which represents the heart of the whole liturgical year, is a time for the faithful to immerse themselves in the central events of redemption, to relive the paschal mystery and to meditate more vividly on the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord."



As we begin today not only to stand with Jesus and walk with Him, we may not always do this in a perfect manner. Maybe we will fall asleep in the garden, as well, instead of keeping watch in prayer. "We may strike out clumsily with a sword and miss the real foe." We may not always walk closely, but from a distance. We may even deny we know Him. Maybe we will only join Him at the end and ask for mercy and forgiveness like Dismas, the good thief on the cross. No matter what happens on our part, our divine Lord remains faithful and determined to do His Heavenly Father's will in all things. Why? Because He loves us so very much!

As we prayerfully reflect on the meaning of Palm Sunday in our lives, we realize there are "precious palms" in our "spiritual lives." The palms of our spiritual life symbolize "victory", "peace" and "reward." We must remember before the victory we will have to experience trials, tribulations and suffering. Before we experience true peace, we will have to be faithful in accepting and embracing the truth in "the words and actions of Jesus." Our reward in heaven will be given only for our loyal and faithful service to our Lord Jesus Christ. We must always remember that Jesus' victory only came about through His redemptive death on the cross. That is why, even as we celebrate His triumphant entry into the Holy City, we have placed before us the account in Scripture concerning His passion and death.

As this week we call "Holy" unfolds, we journey with Jesus on Holy Thursday to the Upper Room and watch as He washes the feet of His Apostles and institutes the Holy Eucharist for the first time and the holy priesthood. Later that night, we go into the garden and keep watch, watching and praying in front of the repositories (this year tabernacles) of our Churches where Christ is truly present. On Good Friday, we walk the Via Dolorosa and stand by at Calvary with Mary and St. John, as the Church is born at the side of Christ. At the Easter Vigil, we watch, wait and celebrate the victory over death and rejoice in our newly baptized and those received into full communion with the Church. Don't miss out on all the events of Holy Week; celebrate each liturgy with gratitude and love. If we remain close to Him, His grace will transform our lives. "Jesus thank you for enduring so much just to win our salvation. Help me to stand with you all week long."

And then with hearts filled with joy on Easter Sunday, but not until then, we can say truly He is alive. Alive in me and others, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is truly risen as He said." Alleluia!

In the peace of Christ,
Fr. Tom Nicastro
Parish Administrator

Hosanna

IN THE HIGHEST

Please visit our parish website at www.stmarysnutley.org to sign up for our online giving program with Parish Giving.

Your consistent stewardship is appreciated.

Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

Download the Parish Giving app today! Visit [Google Play](#) or [App Store](#)

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.

Prepare
Reflect
Rejoice



Help us to make our spiritual home of St. Mary's Church look beautiful for Holy Week and Easter by making a donation of Easter Flowers. You can find Easter Flower Donation envelopes in both vestibules of the Church.

the 2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship in Action

The 2021 Annual Appeal helps to fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

To Donate: <https://www.rcan.org/ways-to-give>

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit:

www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Save the Date

St. Mary's Rosary Society invites all members of the Rosary Society to attend the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother, Sunday, May 2, before the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please be in your seats by 9:20 a.m. as we will crown Mary and recite the rosary at 9:30 a.m. There will be no procession before and no social following the Mass. We ask that everyone in attendance follow the guidelines for attending Mass at St. Mary's that can be found on the parish website.

All members of the parish are also welcome to join us to honor our Blessed Mother!



Holy Year of Saint Joseph

Pope Francis declared a Holy Year of Saint Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the naming of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Holy Year began on December 8, 2020 and ends on December 8, 2021. In the Pope's Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, he states: "Each of us can discover in Joseph an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." During this time of pandemic, the Church turns to Joseph to intercede on our behalf and looks to him as a model of strength and humility to help the world through these difficult times.

The Archdiocese of Newark now has a webpage dedicated to the **Year of Saint Joseph** to provide parishes and institutions in the Archdiocese and beyond with helpful links and resources for this Holy Year: www.rcan.org/joseph

ADMINISTRATOR'S WISH LIST

From time to time, I will list things we are looking to purchase for the Church or to enhance the beauty of St. Mary's. I will not order anything until someone expresses interest in donating the necessary funds so it will not cost St. Mary's anything.

All donated items can be in memory of or in honor of a person or family.

1. Refinish statue of St. Jude to match St. Anthony, St. Gerard and St. Francis
2. Donations for Our Lady's Chapel in the old Baptistry location
3. Outdoor Shrine of the Blessed Mother
4. Vigil Lamp & Pedestal for St. Anthony
5. Vigil Lamp and Pedestal for St. Jude



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION MARCH 28, 2021

The **WORD** of **GOD**

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Like the prophets before him, Isaiah is mistreated and ignored, to the point of having spittle on his face. But his face is strong like flint. A direct reference to Christ's treatment.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

St. Paul exhorts his readers to selflessness. He quotes from an extant and beautiful hymn of the early Church. It poignantly describes both the abasement and the exaltation of Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15:47 or 15: 1-39

The Gospel of Mark has been described by scholars as "A Passion Narrative with a long introduction." Be that as it may, this latter part is key to the rest of the gospel.



Father, Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way:

*Giovanna "Jeannine" Atzeri
Jennie Casiello
Ernest Del Guercio*

In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the souls
of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Angela Mingardi