

Palm  
Sunday



MARCH 29  
2015

# SAINT MARY'S PARISH

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE!

**TUESDAY**, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM in Church.  
Lent Penance Service with Individual Confession.

**HOLY THURSDAY**, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM in Church.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper!

**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 PM in Church.  
The Passion of our Lord!  
2 PM - Seven Last Words by Msgr. Paul Schetlick

## EASTER MASSES!

**HOLY SATURDAY**, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM in Church.  
The Easter Vigil Mass!

**EASTER SUNDAY**, April 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, Noon!

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, all weekday Masses will be held in the Parish Center Chapel

### Saturday, March 28

5:30 PM Sandra Adams † (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

### Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

7:30 AM Manuel Insua †

9:00 AM Anthony and Genevieve Blaskewicz †

10:30 AM Intentions of Dr. Michael Collito (Birthday)

12:00 PM Ed Frerichs Sr. †

### Monday, March 30

7:30 AM Elizabeth Berman †

12:10 PM Jim Paulson †

### Tuesday, March 31

7:30 AM Ann Corrigan †

12:10 PM Joann Paulson †

### Wednesday, April 1

7:30 AM John and Frances Gagliardotto †

12:10 PM Geraldine DeJackmo †

### Thursday, April 2 (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

7:30 PM People of the Parish

### Friday, April 3 (Passion of the Lord)

7:30 PM People of the Parish

### Saturday, April 4 (Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil)

7:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday)

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM People of the Parish

## Octave of Easter

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday

April 11<sup>th</sup>

One Daily Mass at 9:00 AM

in the Chapel of the Parish Center!

Hosts for each Mass have been donated by the

## Rosary Society



Church Lamp in Memory of  
Special Intention



## Food Pantry

The Parish Pantry is in need of the following items: cereal, tuna fish and macaroni and cheese. If possible, cereals with lower sugars are preferred. Thank you for your help!

## Bingo Help Needed

As our attendance at Bingo is growing each week, we find ourselves in need of volunteers to help the evening run smoothly. We need workers for calling, for the back room and out on the floor. If you can assist us on Tuesday evenings, please call the Parish Center at 973-235-1100.



## Mount Saint Dominic Academy

### Open House

Open House for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their families on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center  
Call 973-226-0660, ext. 1122 for questions

Mount Saint Dominic Academy  
3 Ryerson Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006  
[www.msdacademy.org](http://www.msdacademy.org)

## Rosary Society

Rosarians should meet prior to the 9 AM Mass to recite the Rosary each first Sunday of the Month. The next meeting of Saint Mary's Rosary Society will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 in the school hall. All ladies of the parish are invited and light refreshments will be served.

## Come Join the Children's Choir

Children grades 3 - 8 are invited to sing with our children's choir on the following dates:

Sunday, April 12	9:15 a.m.	rehearsal	10:30 a.m	mass
Sunday, April 19	11 a.m.	rehearsal	12 noon	mass
Sunday, April 26	11 a.m	rehearsal	12 noon	mass
Sunday, May 3	9:15 a.m.	rehearsal	10:30 a.m.	mass

For more information e-mail Bruce Mauro at [b.mauro1@yahoo.com](mailto:b.mauro1@yahoo.com) or call the parish center.

## From the Desk of Fr. Tom

“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 Heaven 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 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.”

In the peace of Christ, Fr. Tom Nicastro

### Novena to St. Joseph Thank You

Thank you to all who made our Novena, the St. Joseph Table, and our St. Patrick’s Celebration such a great success. THANK YOU to those who baked the delicious Irish soda breads for our St. Patrick’s Celebration and the cookies for our St. Joseph Table. THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time to set up, serve, and clean up. THANK YOU to all our priests and music ministry for this time apart for quiet, reflection, and celebration. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Fr. Tom for bringing us this beautiful Novena to the Great St. Joseph. And, last but not least, to all who supported our efforts with your presence and good will – THANK YOU!

## Lenten Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, in Church at 7:00 PM.  
Make peace with yourself, your neighbor and God!

## St. Mary's Healing Mass and Luncheon

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's Church will be holding a Mass for all members of the Parish in need of physical or emotional healing. The Mass will be at 12 NOON and a reception will follow immediately in the School Gym. We are also in need of volunteers to assist us with this event. If you are able to help us in any way, please sign-up on the sheet in the vestibule or call the Parish Center at 973-235-1100.

- Usher Guests to their Seats in the Church
- Assist Guests in Wheelchairs
- Bake Desserts
- Assist with Food Shopping
- Donate Water and Juice
- Serve the Guests
- Set-up/Break-down the Luncheon
- Help with Clean up

## Good Friday Cross Walk

The Nutley Clergy Fellowship invites the community to join them for a *Cross Walk* on **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 12 NOON starting in front of Nutley High School. Prayers for peace, healing, safety, compassion and justice will be offered in front of locations like Town Hall, Nutley Red Cross, Nutley Police and Fire Departments. Participants of all ages can join for all or part of the walk and are invited to bring a cross of any size if they'd like to carry as a Christian witness. May this be a fitting remembrance of Jesus's cross walk of sacrifice and of love for the entire world.



## Inclusive Family Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church

On **Easter Sunday (April 5<sup>th</sup>)** St. John the Evangelist Church (29 North Washington Avenue Bergenfield, NJ) will be hosting an Inclusive Family Mass at 1:30 PM. Inclusive Family Masses are adapted for individuals with special needs and/or gifts, their families and friends. Very often individuals or families living with developmental, intellectual and/or other disabilities do not feel welcome attending their local parish liturgy, although they are very welcome. These are the people and families, in particular, that we are welcoming to attend these Masses and to celebrate the Eucharist with other members of the surrounding community. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemarie Flood at 201-384-3601 ([www.sjrc.org](http://www.sjrc.org)), or Anne Masters at 973-639-6536 ([masteranrcan@gmail.com](mailto:masteranrcan@gmail.com)). Sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church and the Office of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities for the Newark Archdiocese and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

## May Crowning and Communion Breakfast

Rosary Society May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30 AM in the Church. The Communion Breakfast will follow the 9:00 AM Mass to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 150 Chestnut Street, Nutley. More information to follow. All ladies of the parish are invited.



## Holy Father's Prayer Intention

We pray that those involved in scientific research may serve the well being of the whole human person. We also pray that the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.



Today we join Christians throughout the world in celebrating Palm Sunday. The liturgy begins in a unique fashion as two parts of Mark's gospel are proclaimed: Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (found on pg. 96) and

Jesus' Passion (beginning on page 100.)

The change in tone from the exultant "Hosanna" to the angry "Crucify Him" humbles each year as I realize that I have personally and actively participated in both choruses during the past year.

I hope that today's music will help you connect to this spiritual journey and afford you the opportunity to pray deeply. You will notice the shifting tone from the triumph of today's prelude ("He Is Exalted") and Gathering Hymn ("All Glory Laud and Honor") to the stark silence in which we will leave mass.

We will announce the numbers of most of the songs that are in the Breaking Bread Hymnal. The mass parts are taken from the Mass of Christ the Savior (#922, 923, 926, 927 and 928.) Please consider singing where you are comfortable or simply read and pray along with the words as they are being sung.

My prayer is that you will be moved to return this week for our Penance Service (Tuesday at 7 p.m.) or our Easter Triduum Worship (Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.)

Peace,  
Bruce

## Religious Education News

Today is the final Religious Education class for our Sunday students. We still have 2 more classes for our Tuesday session (March 31 and April 7)

Please be sure to pick up your family's registration packet for the 2015-16 school year. It will be available out side of the school building before and after class today and on Tuesday.

As Lent comes to a close, please remember to hand in your Operation Rice Bowl boxes. Every little bit helps to feed the hungry in our country and in our world. Rice Bowls are due back by Tuesday, April 7.

There have been so many great events going on in our Religious Education program this year that it has been tough to keep up with all of them. Beginning in April, we hope to recap a wonderful year of faith formation at St. Mary's Church. Be sure to check out our weekly articles about how we experienced joy while growing in our relationship with Jesus and one another.

Speaking of joy, we will soon be able to welcome 92 young people to the Eucharistic feast. We will begin celebrating First Holy Communions at our Sunday Mass on April 12. We hope that you will join us in this joyful event and moment in our children's lives.

## Holy Week - We are Peter!

As we enter into Holy Week, we again hear the Gospel of the Lord's Passion on Palm Sunday. It could be very easy for us to go on auto-pilot during this reading because it so familiar to us, but as I listen to the words from the Gospel of Mark this year, the person who stands out to me is the disciple, Peter. The most headstrong of Jesus' disciples, falls asleep three different times after Jesus asks him to keep watch and pray. Peter then runs away as Jesus is arrested and led off to the the high priest. We then hear that "Peter followed him at a distance" to the high priest courtyard and awaits to see what happens to his friend. When Peter is confronted by some bystanders and accused of knowing Jesus, he denies that he knows Him three times. In a short period of time, Peter falls asleep when Jesus is in anguish, abandons Jesus when He is arrested, keeps his distance from Him as He is falsely accused and then denies Him when others ask about Him.

While it may be easy to look down on Peter for all of these actions, I think this Gospel is instead a reminder to each of us that, we are Peter. How often do we focus and succumb to our own needs as Peter did when he falls asleep? How often do we choose to run away from doing what is right? How often do we follow Jesus at a distance? How often do we deny that we know Jesus by our words and actions? We are Peter!!! And while dwelling on those actions could cause us to weep as Peter did, we don't have to choose despair, because we are offered Holy Week. Holy Week offers us the opportunity to prepare our hearts by seeking the mercy and love of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, following Jesus' example of service and receiving His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist on Holy Thursday and praying and placing ourselves, our joys and sorrows, at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday.

If we allow ourselves to truly experience this Holy Week, we too will find ourselves running, as Peter did, to find out the Good News of Easter.

St. Mary's Church is served by:

**Rev. Richard J. Berbary**, *Pastor*  
**Rev. Thomas D. Nicastro**, *Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Trinidad José Cuevas**, *Parochial Vicar*

**Anthony G. Armando**,  
*PAC/DRE/Youth Minister, 973-667-8239*  
*armandoa@stmarysnutley.org*

**Bruce Mauro**, *Music Director*,  
*b.mauro1@yahoo.com*

**Patrick Perrone**, *Trustee*

**Anne Scheidel**, *Trustee*

### Mass Schedule Sundays

5:30 (Sat. evening)

7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00

### Weekdays

Masses in Parish Center Chapel

7:30, 12:10 (Monday - Friday),

8:00 (Saturday)

### Holy Days

7:30 AM, 12:10 AM, 7:00 PM

### National Holidays

9:00 AM

### Parish Business Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-4 PM, Parish Center

Saturday 3 PM-7 PM, Church Vestibule

Sunday 9 AM-1 PM, Church Vestibule

### Parish Collections:

The March 22<sup>nd</sup> collection was \$9615.00! We thank you for your generous donations!

**To Everything there is a season and a time for every purpose...**

### A Time of War and Peace...

We pray that our troops serving our country may be protected by the Holy Spirit, know the prayers of a grateful nation, and be brought home safely to their families. We pray especially for Patrick Connors, Collin Keating, Mark Nostro, Douglas Reiman and James Zaremba.

### A Time to Heal...

For all those who are sick or suffering especially all those listed on our webpage at <http://stmarysnutley.org/PrayerPage.shtml>.

### A Time to Die...

For all those who have entered into eternal life, especially Vincent Alifano, Jr. †, Harold Coppla † and Leonard Nicosia †

### A Time to Seek...

For all seminarians on the road to priesthood, especially: Diego Navarro

### Readings for the Week of March 29, 2015

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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### Confessions

Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:15 or by appointment

### Novenas

- Miraculous Medal: Mon., 12:00 PM before Mass
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Weds., 7:00 PM
- Devotion to the Divine Mercy: Thurs., 7:00 PM in chapel

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Adults who wish to receive Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation should call the Religious Education office (973-667-8239).

### Baptisms

Baptisms are the third Sunday of each month, at 1:30 PM. Please call at least a month in advance to make arrangements. Baptismal prep classes will now be held on Saturday, the week before Baptisms (the second Sunday of the month), at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center

### Parish Membership

Parishioners should register and should inform the Parish Center when moving from the parish.

### Good Shepherd Academy (973-667-2049)

Our Catholic grade school sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark. Sr. Jane Feltz, Principal [www.gsanutley.org](http://www.gsanutley.org)

### Religious Vocations

If you think you may have a vocation, speak to one of our priests, or call the Archdiocesan Vocations Office (973-497-4366).

### Care of the Sick

Communion will be brought to any parishioner confined to home, upon request; those who are seriously ill, or weak from the burden of years, should request the Anointing of the Sick. Urgent calls will be attended immediately.

### Marriage

Contact a priest to make arrangements. The Bishops have directed that the normal preparation time is a year or more.