

St. Mary's Church of Nutley

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TRULY, THIS WAS
THE SON OF GOD!

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“Palm Sunday”

March 29, 2026

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Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2026 through April 5th, 2026

- **Saturday** **March 28th, 2026**
5:00 pm Filomena (Phyllis) Nicastro
(6th Anniv) (Deceased)
- **Sunday** **March 29th, 2026**
7:30 am Ernest Del Guercio (Deceased)
10:00 am Mary Flammer (Deceased)
12:00 pm Biagio Robba (Deceased)
- **Monday** **March 30th, 2026**
8:00 am People of the Parish
- **Tuesday** **March 31st, 2026**
8:00 am Joseph Martino (Deceased)
- **Wednesday** **April 1st, 2026**
8:00 am Patty Ianneci (Deceased)
- **Thursday** **April 2nd, 2026**
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **Friday** **April 3rd, 2026**
3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death
7:30 pm Veneration & Procession of the True Cross
- **Saturday** **April 4th, 2026**
12:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Food
8:00 pm Easter Vigil and Remembrance Mass (L&D)
- **Sunday** **April 5th, 2026**
7:30 am Easter Remembrance Mass (L&D)
10:00 am Easter Remembrance Mass (L&D)
12:00 pm Easter Remembrance Mass (L&D)

Vigil Lamp Remembrances

**March 28th, 2026 through
April 3rd, 2026**

Church Sanctuary
John Long (Deceased)

Chapel Sanctuary
Dolores Liebl (Deceased)

Blessed Mother
*Mr. & Mrs. James McGinley
(Deceased) 90th Wedding
Anniversary in Heaven*

Divine Mercy
Intention Still Available

St. Anthony
Richard Citarella (Deceased)

St. Gerard
Ernest Del Guercio

St. Joseph
Intention Still Available

St. Jude
Intention Still Available

St. Patrick
Owen and Mary Lavan (Deceased)

Blessed Michael McGivney
Intention Still available

Please Pray for Those Who are Deceased:

*Garrett Sprong
February 18, 2026*

*Jean Russo
February 22, 2026*

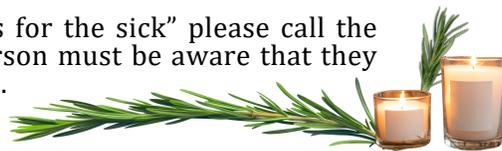
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Mary M. Sam R. Patrick M. John L.

*In the midst of illness and pain, may the sick be united with Christ,
who heals both body and soul. Amen.*

If you would like a loved one included in our "prayers for the sick" please call the parish office to provide more information. The sick person must be aware that they are being prayed for to comply with HIPAA privacy laws.



Upcoming Events

MAR 30 2026 Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica



APR 6 Rosary Society Social Meeting at 7pm to present the slate of officers for the upcoming two-year term



APR 6 Pasquetta Party at 7pm in OLMC Lyndhurst Parish Center

MAY 3 May Crowning

JUN 1 Rosary Society Meeting/Social/Baby Shower



Financial News

Transparency is the Goal

Offertory Collections

March 22nd - Donations	\$ 6218.00
St. Joseph	\$ 1606.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 297.00
Easter	\$ 115.00

Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget \$ 6,961.00

Your Electronic Donation to the Parish

Of the \$355,000 collected each year in the weekly offertory at St. Mary's, \$115,000 is donated electronically, through a secure process called Parish Giving. This helps the parish cash flow tremendously!



Join us for BINGO in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evenings.

Our next Bingo nights will be
Apr 7, 14, 21, 28

Our Hall opens its doors at 5:30pm. Early Bird game at 7:15pm.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Leo 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 preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity where the Church was born.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. 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 in the place 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 or www.custodia.org.

“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.”

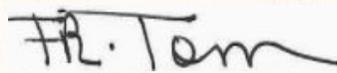
As we begin today not only to stand with Jesus and walk with Him, we may not always do this in a perfect manner. Maybe we will fall asleep in the garden, as well, instead of keeping watch in prayer. “We may strike out clumsily with a sword and miss the real foe.” We may not always walk closely, but from 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 that 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.”

With hearts filled with joy on Easter Sunday, we say truly He is alive, Alive in me and others, but then and only then can we proclaim “Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is truly risen as He said.” Alleluia!

In the peace and Serenity of the Crucified Christ,

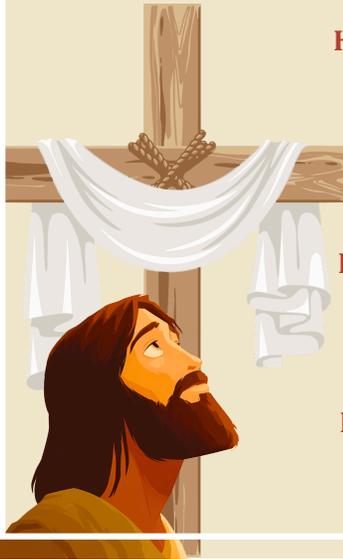


Very Rev. Cav. Thomas D. Nicastro, V.F., K.H.S. (Fr. Tom)
Pastor and Dean - Deanery 16



Holy Week Schedule 2026

St. Mary's Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY NO MORNING MASS

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY NO MORNING MASS

3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death

7:30 PM Veneration & Procession of the True Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 12:00 PM Blessing of the Easter Food

NO 5 PM MASS

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Remembrance Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 AM Easter Remembrance Mass

10:00 AM Easter Remembrance Mass

12:00PM Easter Remembrance Mass

Annual Appeal 2026

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend is here! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or scanning the QR code.

GOAL: \$52,578



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ME!



The Italian Apostolate Invites You

THE ITALIAN APOSTOLATE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK PRESENTS THE FOURTH ANNUAL



Pasquetta Party

PASQUETTA DINNER IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER THE 6PM MASS

Bring your Easter leftovers to share: pizza chiena, Easter pie, grain pie, rice pie, pastiera, etc!

MON | APR 6 | 7PM

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH CENTER
149 COPELAND AVE, LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

Rosary Society

Join the Holy Rosary Society!

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A social meeting of the Rosary Society will take place on Monday, April 6th at 7:00 PM in the Phoenix Center cafeteria. The nominating committee will present the slate of officers for the upcoming two-year term. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

MAY
3 Crowning - 10:00AM Mass
Breakfast to Follow

JUN
1 Social/Baby Shower

Trip to Portugal

Join Fr. Ken Brighenti, who occasionally assists at St. Mary's, Nutley and Vice Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, on an unforgettable pilgrimage trip to Portugal in **July of 2026**.

Explore Lisbon, Fatima, Nazare, Avila, and Porto, enjoying activities such as port wine tasting, tapas bars, street food, boat trips on the Tagus and Douro rivers, and a captivating Fado show. Experience the spiritual ambiance of Fatima's candlelight processions and immerse yourself in Portugal's rich history, culture, and Faith.



For more information or a complete brochure, email **Father Ken** at kbrighenti@pcj.edu, louis@fratelliandcompany.com, or call 908-766-8994.

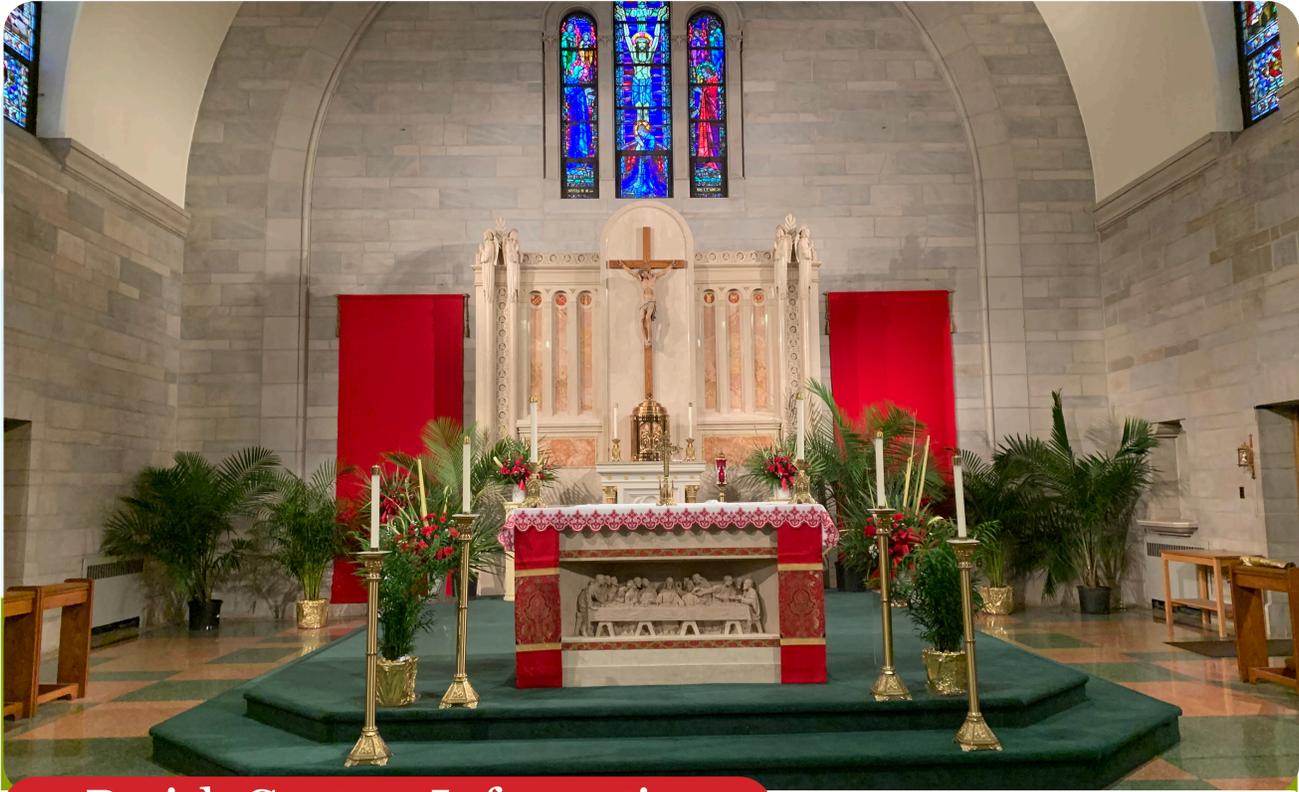
Parish Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings
5:00PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday to Friday 8:00AM
in the Parish Center Chapel

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Individual Confessions Saturdays
4:00pm to 4:45pm



Parish Contact Information

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Office Hours

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