

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday

MASSES for the WEEK

"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." (II Mac. 12:46)

Sunday, March 29, 2015

7:00 AM Alfred Feliciano

Req. Wife, Josephine

8:30 AM Rose Cortese

Req. Husband, Iggy

10:00 AM Smarsch and DeToro Families

Req. Mary DeToro

11:30 AM Vincent and Sadie Obiso

Req. Family

1:00 PM William F. Lyness

Req. Wife, Patricia

Monday, March 30, 2015

7:00 AM Maria C. & David J. May

Req. Family

8:30 AM William & Loretta Derby

Req. Carol Krzykalski and Family

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

7:00 AM Cristina Almeida

Req. Mr. & Mrs. Perez

8:30 AM John Dyer (Birthday)

Req. Wife, Teresa

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

7:00 AM Norman Russo

Req. Wife, Claire

8:30 AM Neil Esposito (Birthday Remembered)

Req. Wife, Gertrude

Please note the Holy Week schedule is also on page 9 of this bulletin.

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015

7:00 AM No Morning Mass

8:30 AM No Morning Mass

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4:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

7:00 AM No Morning Mass

8:30 AM No Morning Mass

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3:00 PM The Lord's Passion (Service)

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

7:00 AM No Morning Mass

8:30 AM No Morning Mass

12:00 Noon No Mass (Blessing of Food)

NO CONFESSIONS

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 5, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM All Parishioners

Living and Deceased

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Living and Deceased

10:00 AM All Parishioners

Living and Deceased

11:30 AM All Parishioners

Living and Deceased

1:00 PM All Parishioners

Living and Deceased

**Multiple Mass Intention
Monday at 9:30 AM
March 30, 2015**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)
Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family
Joseph P. Flaherty
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin
Frances & Harold LaSalle
Steven Kilianski (Speedy Recovery),
Req. Grandmother
William & Loretta Derby,
Req. Children
Mary Margaret McGinley,
Req. Bridie Vesey
Ceclia Bogovich, *Req. Katherine*
Valerie O'Leary, *Req. Husband,*
John
Joseph Maguire, *Req. Helen Osnato*
Trudy Daidone, *Req. Daughter, Dawn &*
Rufi Menendez
Charles Puleo, *Req. Silver Ridge First-Aid*
Squad
St. Anthony, *Req. Kay and Ed*
Zambrano
Oswald Cericola, *Req. Josephine*
Roeder
Bob Anderson, *Req. Dee & Dan*
Donovan
Mary Ripoli, *Req. John & Pearl*
Pfaff
Theresa Kurc, *Req. Rose & Paul*
Balzano

Harry Paule, *Req. Albert & Marie*
Huftalen
Vincent Campanelli, *Req. Marie & Frank*
In Thanksgiving, *Req. Joan & Silvio*
Adami
Camaylita Colas, *Req. Rita Cafaro*
Francis H. Reilly, *Req. Wife,*
Jean
Theresa Kurc, *Req. Cynthia Lelinho*
Maureen Moore, *Req. Joseph & Margaret*
Kissane
Jennie Timmons, *Req. Altar Rosary*
Society
Anne Loffler, *Req. Paula Limpert*
Ruth Goodheart, *Req. Clara Miller*

PALMS

From ancient times Christians have brought palm branches home from church on Palm Sunday. Farmers would bury palm branches in the corners of their fields. But how should a person dispose of old palms?

Palms are sacramental and it is usually recommended that the palms be burned rather than simply thrown away. Sometimes a parish will invite parishioners to donate their old palms. The palms are then burned and the ashes are used on Ash Wednesday the following year.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of March 28, 2015 to April 3, 2015

Bread & Wine – Church
Joseph Maguire, *Req. Helen Osnato*

Altar Candles – Church
Frances Tatano, *Req. John and Janet*
Caltagirone

Sanctuary Candles – Church
Reverend Francis E. Santitoro
Req. Andre & Ann Santitoro-Vispetti

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Our Rosary Mass has been changed to the second Sunday 4/12/15 (this month only) at 8:30 AM. The Rosary will be recited at 8:00 AM

The Altar Rosary Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Cake and coffee will be available prior to the start of the meeting

Our guest speaker at this meeting will be a Program Specialist, William Bradshaw from the NJ Natural Gas Co..

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WOMEN ANNUAL RETREAT

The Women's Annual Retreat will be held April 21, 22, 23, 2015, at St. Alphonse Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ The cost for this retreat is \$200.00 and a \$50.00 deposit is required upon registration. If interested call:

Carol Ingra (732) 281-0409

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The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal

We are planning a trip, to The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Lunch is on your own at a near-by restaurant. Information and tickets:

Josephine Roeder (732) 349-9379

All parishioners are invited to join us.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Coffee and cake are served at every meeting.

At this April meeting we will have a Sandwich Party (\$3.00 per person) and hope all will attend. If you missed our March meeting and would like to attend the meeting in April, kindly call Bob Colello at: (732) 818-9270

LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings take place on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Legion of Mary is pleased to offer a weekly visitation of the Blessed Mother's statue to homes within the Parish community

Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: April 6, 2015

Cost: \$23.00 Coins: \$25.00

Tickets are sold by the Parish Auditorium on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. or call: Mr. Sandy Monda (732) 349-0143
The bus leaves for Atlantic City from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church promptly at 9:15 A.M.

Note: All Cancellations are non-refundable.

ADORATION

The Adoration devotion is to join the Holy Father in praying for the unborn and for the special intentions of our families.

Please note: The Adoration and Stations of the Cross will not be held this week, April 3rd on Good Friday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 10899

Thank you all for supporting The Knights of Columbus luncheons every Friday during the Lenten Season. We will not have lunch on Good Friday. Have a wonderful and joyous Easter!

PARISH CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on:

Thursday, April 2, 2015 (Holy Thursday)

Friday, April 3, 2015 (Good Friday)

Monday, April 6, 2015

(Easter Monday)

Trivia: (Answers Page 6) Easy

1. "Home On the Range" is what State's song?
2. On what Christian holiday was President Abraham Lincoln shot?
3. What historic New England capital celebrates Bunker Hill Day each June?
4. What patriotic day was proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916?
5. What do people save when they belong to the American Philatelic Society?

BINGO...BINGO... BINGO

Bingo is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall auditorium. Doors open at 10:00A.M. and the games begin at 12:00 Noon. Food is also available for purchase.

NOTE: Bingo will not be held on Thursday, Holy Thursday, APRIL 2, 2015

ARTS & CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts group would like to thank all who helped make our sale a success. We made \$1025.00 on this sale. A special thanks to our "Sweater Lady" who made and donated the beautiful sweaters. Have a Blessed & Happy Easter!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2015 for the Church and Chapel.

Stop by the Parish Office during our business hours to request your special week.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The second collection this week is for Parish Maintenance and Development.

Next week is Easter Sunday. There will be just one collection.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Mausoleum

Our Mausoleum has been opened since November 2013 for Section One. If you are interested in a final resting place for a loved one or yourself, kindly call our Parish Office during regular business hours.

If you would like additional information about our seasonal flower program which we are implementing for the mausoleum, kindly call Maria at the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

During Holy Week may Jesus teach us to walk humbly with our God in a relationship of humble and loyal love. Jesus had a glorious and triumphal entry into Jerusalem and less than a week, He was Crucified. Let us resolve to serve Him faithfully.

THE SUFFERING OF JESUS

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Today, the liturgy presents us with a regrettable episode, the account of the betrayal of Judas, who went to the leaders of the Sanhedrin to bargain for and deliver his master to them: "What will you give me if I deliver Him to you?" This tragic act marks the beginning of Christ's passion which He chooses with absolute freedom.

As though He were an article for sale this one cost 30 pieces of silver. He had taken the path of humiliation and self-abandonment. Jesus traveled this path alone to the very end.

Jesus took upon Himself all human suffering and clothed Himself in this suffering.

Pope Francis

Remembering Pope John Paul II

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Pope John Paul II, was born Karol Jozef Wojtyla in Poland on May 18, 1920.

*Ordained a priest on November 1, 1946.

*Created a Cardinal on June 26, 1967

*Elected Pope October 16, 1978

*Died on April 2, 2005

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit elevated Your servant Pope John Paul II to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may enjoy forever his prayers and patronage through Christ Our Lord. Amen

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

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We have known about the Way of the Cross since childhood. When our parents took us to Church, we noticed all the images on the walls. Perhaps the Way of the Cross became one of our favorite devotions.

A pilgrimage to Jerusalem is probably not on your agenda. In a certain sense, however, Jerusalem is as near to you as any Church where the Way of the Cross is erected.

The Way of the Cross bears powerful witness to the goodness and mercy of the Redeemer. Reason enough to make frequent spiritual journeys to your local Church.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

May the wisdom of the saints inspire us in our daily lives.

- March 29 St. Joseph of Arimathea
- March 30 St. John Climacus, Abbot
- March 31 St. Benjamin, Deacon
- March 31 St. Guy of Pomposa
- April 1 St. Hugh of Grenoble, Bishop
- April 1 St. Mary of Egypt
- April 2 St. Francis of Paola, Monk
- April 3 St. Richard, Bishop
- April 4 St. Isidore of Seville

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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The Act of Faith you make each day as a Roman Catholic to unite yourself with the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Trenton is the foundation of the Works of Love that show our brothers and sisters in need what it means to be a Catholic every single day.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROGRAM

Catholic Charities, in the Diocese of Trenton provides care to more than 100, 000 people each year and touches the lives of one in every nineteen residents of Central New Jersey. Your gift provides funding for use in support of these programs.

A behavioral health care and social service agency, Catholic Charities offers 58 service sites and 72 residential sites in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties.

The mission of Catholic Charities is rooted in the Gospel mandate to alleviate human suffering and seeks to improve the quality of life for individuals and families by serving people in need, especially the poor and oppressed.

Catholic Charities offers a network of accredited programs that provide quality, cost effective services in the four counties of the diocese.

Trivia: (Answers from page 4)

- 1. Kansas
- 2. Good Friday
- 3. Boston, Massachusetts
- 4. Flag Day- June 14

5. Stamps

THANK YOU

+We thank you all for the kind donations of food for the needy of our parish community during the special seasons of Easter, Christmas and the year. Your continued contributions throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

+Our thanks to all the volunteers who donate their valuable time in the continuing support of our Parish. Thank You!

+And ... to all the wonderful bakers, workers and supporters of our monthly Bake Sale we....Thank You!

ASK FORGIVENESS

When Jesus was arrested, all the apostles but one ran away and hid. Peter denied knowing Him. After Jesus rose, He came to the apostles. They felt guilty for not being with Jesus as He suffered, but Jesus did not scold them. His first words were "Peace be with you."

Jesus then gave the apostles the Holy Spirit and power to forgive sins. Jesus forgives us through the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We Love Jesus -2012

EASTER EGGS

In the ancient Near East, eggs were a part of the celebration of the Spring equinox. It was easy for Christians to make use of the same symbol for the Resurrection.

The hard shell represents the tomb, with the new life sealed inside of it. In Orthodox and Eastern Churches eggs were dyed red, to signify the blood of Christ that was shed for our salvation.

The season of Lent originally included the fasting from dairy products as well as meat. (Eggs were considered a dairy product because they came from an animal without the shedding of blood).

Some eggs were hardboiled to help preserve them. The decorative eggs of today are still a symbol of the Risen Christ.

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The Life of Jesus

Matthew 27: 33-35, 37,38; Mark 15: 22-28; Luke 23: 33, 38; John 19: 17-22

THE CRUCIFIXION

At last they reached Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, where Jesus was to suffer death. Following the custom of the Jews, He was first offered a cup of wine mixed with myrrh, which was supposed to serve as a narcotic and to lessen the suffering of the condemned. Jesus put His lips to the cup, but He did not drink it; the world was to be cheated of none of His suffering.

Jesus was then stripped of His clothes, and they laid Him outstretched on the Cross and drove nails through His hands and feet, fixing them to the planks. Having completed the rudest part of their chore, the executioners heaved the Cross upright on the ground, dropped it into a hole and stamped the earth solidly into the ground.

Above the head of Jesus they place a plaque bearing in Hebrew, Greek and Latin, Pilate's inscription of the charge against Him: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Now began the darkest hours of Jesus' suffering. He was astride a kind of support which prevented His transfixed limbs being torn from the spikes by the weight of His body. The weight of His weary arms alone deepened the wounds of the nails and crushed the tiny nerves in His palms. The slightest movement intensified His agony a thousand fold.

It was only a little past midday, the sun was now completely obscured and whole countryside was enveloped in a hazy twilight. The crowd which had gathered on Golgotha was only discernible in the mysterious dusk, but the Cross of Christ stood clearly silhouetted against the gloom.

Jesus' first utterance from the Cross was a prayer for His enemies. Jesus said:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

While Jesus' life flowed out with His blood through the wounds of His Crucified body, the crowd sought diversion. The executioners to whom life was cheap and death was commonplace, sat at the foot of the Cross and began dividing up His garments. His tunic however was seamless, woven in one piece and when they saw how it was made said, "Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots for it, to see whose it shall be."

Some of the spectators began parading before the Cross and as they passed said, "Aha, Thou who destroyed the temple and in three days build it up again, save Thyself. If Thou are the Son of God, come down from the Cross."

The Sanhedrites and rulers mocked Jesus in the same way, saying, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save. Let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen one of God. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the Cross and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He wants Him for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' "

After dicing for Christ's clothes, the soldiers had settled down to wait for Him to die. They were supposed to maintain a degree of official dignity during their vigil; but seeing the chiefs of the Jewish people insulting Jesus, they entered into the vile spirit of the occasion and began tormenting Him in the same way. They mockingly held up their rations of cheap wine, inviting Him to drink. They yelled to Jesus, "If Thou are the King of the Jews, save Thyself."

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

"Father, Forgive Them..."

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Occasionally in this space will appear a short article covering the lives of the saints, especially with reference to those saints whose likeness appear on the stained glass windows in the church and chapel, or whose statue is present in the chapel area or the candle room area.

ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Patron of Funeral Directors

Joseph was a just and devout man who was looking for the kingdom of God. Although during our Lord's public life he was afraid to show himself openly as His disciple. However, after the Crucifixion he had the courage to seek out Pilate and ask for the Body of Jesus.

Aided by Nicodemus, Joseph took the Body of Jesus from the Cross, bound it up in wrappings of cloth with perfumed oil and laid it in his own tomb which was hewn from a formation of rock.

ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

Abbot

When John was sixteen years old, this young man joined the congregation of monks living on Mount Sinai and studied under the abbot Martyrios. Upon the death of his mentor, John who then was thirty-five entered a life of solitude, devoting himself to study and prayer.

Although John was secluded, his reputation as a counselor grew and he was often visited by people seeking spiritual guidance. At the age of seventy-five, and at the urging of the monks, John returned to the Sinai monastery as their leader. The wisdom, piety and effectiveness with which he carried out his duties became quickly apparent to Church elders and Pope Gregory the Great.

John was a great writer as well as a counselor. His legacy to the Church is his written work which explores the demands and rewards of a Christian. The work which is still read today in Orthodox monasteries every Lent, achieved immediate popularity and has since been translated into several languages. After years of serving others John died peacefully in his late seventies at his hermitage.

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE

Bishop

Hugh was born in France to nobility. Over the years his mother instilled in him the value of prayer and of helping others. He attended some of the finest schools and after he finished his education was appointed canon at the Cathedral of Valence in France.

Hugh attended a synod of Avignon and the delegates needed someone to reform the troubled diocese at Grenoble. Impressed by Hugh's talent, they made him a bishop and ordained. However, he was alarmed by the immoral behavior he found. Priests were living with women, influential laymen has seized Church property and the people knew little about their religion.

For fifty-two years, Hugh served as the Bishop of Grenoble. He preached eloquently, personally heard confessions, built hospitals and houses for reformed clergy and continued to give generously to the poor. Hugh was a humble man who had answered God's call., surrounded with monks with whom he felt most at home with.

ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA

Patron of Seafarers and Travelers

Francis was named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and was greatly influenced by him throughout his life. While still in his teens, Francis went to live as a hermit, devoting himself to prayer and fasting.

Two neighbors joined him at his retreat and attracted more followers. They called the Order, The Hermits of Brother Francis of Assisi. Later, he changed the name to Friars Minim.

The Brothers took a special vow to eat only a Lenten diet. Francis continued to live simply, fasting and sleeping on a board. This monk remained at the French court for two decades serving both as spiritual and political advisor.

Francis died on Good Friday in France and was quickly beatified and canonized.

Our Faith

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday – March 30, 2015

7:00 AM Morning Mass
8:30 AM Morning Mass
9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday – March 31, 2015

7:00 AM Morning Mass
8:30 AM Morning Mass

Wednesday – April 1, 2015

7:00 AM Morning Mass
8:30 AM Morning Mass

Confessions

1:00 PM To 2:00 PM

Holy Thursday - April 2, 2015

No Morning Masses

No Bingo

Parish Office Closed for the Day

4:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – April 3, 2015

No Morning Masses

No Stations of the Cross

No Adoration

Parish Office Closed for the Day

3:00 PM The Lord's Passion (Service)

Holy Saturday – April 4, 2015

No Morning Masses

12:00 Noon Blessing of Food (No Mass)

No Confessions

No Afternoon Masses

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses -April 5, 2015

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

1:00 PM Mass

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church cordially invite you to a Support Group for those who have lost a loved one through death.

It is a six week program to share your story, learn about the grieving process, coping skills and to be comforted.

Our goals are understanding your loss, respect, growth, acceptance and spiritual consolation in a confidential setting.

If you would like support on your "grief journey" and would like to attend, please call the number below to register.

Registration is necessary and is only during the month of March.

Please bring a "Framed" photo of your loved one with you to each session.

Refreshments will be served.

Dates: Fridays, April 10 to May 15, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

To Register:

Call: Madeline Gardner, RN
(732) 608-6840

Kindly leave your name and number and Madeline will get back to you.