

March 20, 2016

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 20, 2016

7:00 AM Ruth Goodheart
Req. Husband, Thomas & Son, Wayne
8:30 AM Nicholas & Maria Iannelli
Req. Rocco Iannelli
10:00 AM Susan Cordell
Req. Love. Mom
11:30 AM Vincent & Sadie Obiso
Req. Family
1:00 PM Barbara & Renee Kittredge
Req. Bob Kittredge

Monday, March 21, 2015

7:00 AM Amelia Frances Paul
Req. Phyllis & August Fusco
8:30 AM Joseph A. Pace (6th Anniversary)
Req. Children & Grandchildren

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 AM Joseph Iacona
Req. Rosemary & Dave Fisher
8:30 AM Louise Parillo (Anniversary)
Req. Parillo & Cairo Families

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

7:00 AM Margaret Paolini
Req. John and Sharon Mc Laughlin
8:30 AM Martin Timmons
Req. Mother

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

7:00 AM NO Mass
8:30 AM NO Mass
4:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 25, 2016

7:00 AM NO Mass
8:30 AM NO Mass
No Stations of the Cross & No Adoration
3:00 PM The Passion of Our Lord
(No Mass)

Saturday, March 26, 2016

7:00 AM NO Mass
8:30 AM NO Mass
12:00 Noon – NO Mass – Blessing of Food
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4:00 PM NO Mass
5:30 PM NO Mass
7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 27, 2016

EASTER

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

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

We invite all the women of the parish to join the Altar Rosary Society in promoting devotion to the Blessed Mother. Coffee and cake will be available prior to the meeting
Rosalie Fuentes (732) 505-4432

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Coffee and cake will be available prior to our meeting.

Andrew Turco (732) 286-6353

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.

If you are sick or homebound and would like to say the Rosary with someone, kindly call:
Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

"NO GREATER LOVE"

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No Greater Love is a vibrant musical drama celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, will be performed at St. Justin's Parish in Toms River on:

Sunday, April 3rd at 4:00 PM

The musical will be performed by The Xavier Company a unique group of Christian performing artists. There is NO admission fee, but there will be a freewill offering after the performance followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

"For the grace this week to face the trials and difficulties of life with the confidence and certainty that come from the Resurrection."

PARISH NEWS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: April 4, 2016

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.

The Stations of the Cross and Adoration will not be held this Friday, March 25th because of Good Friday's The Passion of Our Lord.

PARISH OFFICE EASTER CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on:

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

Good Friday, March 25, 2016

Easter Monday, March 28, 2016

THE ANNUNCIATION

On the Feast of the Annunciation, the Church commemorates the coming of the Archangel Gabriel to announce to the Blessed Mary that she was to be the Mother of the promised Redeemer.

On the same day, God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, by the power of the Holy Spirit assumed a human body and became the Son of Mary.

After His Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, there was no one whom Jesus venerated and loved as He venerated and loved His Blessed Mother. Besides all this, love and veneration are due to Mary for her own sake, because she is the Mother of mankind.

Mary is the Mother of all of us.

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: There will be NO Bingo on Holy Thursday, March 24th.

ARTS & CRAFTS

The group is continuing to meet on Mondays, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Come join us and bring some of your ideas.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2016 for the Church and Chapel.

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

COLLECTION

The collection on March 25th is for the Holy Land/ Good Friday.

CRUISE TO BERMUDA

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Date: June 5, 2016

- Seven (7) Nights Bermuda Cruise
- Book early as Cabins sell quickly.
- Sail on Celebrity Summit. This ship will be newly refurbished in February 2016,
- Bus from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church to Cape Liberty and back.

(Based on 25 passengers)

For additional information and pricing call:

Barbara Kwiatek, CTC, MCC
(848) 227-3963

CONFESSIONS

There will be NO confessions on Holy Saturday, March 26th.

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

In honor of the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy which started on the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8th and last until Jesus, King of the Universe, Sunday of November 2016. Pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country.

We have a framed blessed picture of Jesus as the Divine Mercy (12" X 17" with stand) that you can take home for one week. This way it can be passed about throughout the parish during the Holy Year.

Sign up now for your special week by contacting the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

The Altar Rosary Society of our church is going on a retreat to San Alfonso's Retreat House, 755 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, NJ.

The mid-week retreat for women, is on: April 26, 27 and 28, 2016. A \$50.00 deposit per person is required. The price for the retreat is \$210.00 per person and meals are included.

Josephine Roeder (732) 349-9379

MAUSOLEUM

Christ the King Mausoleum has been opened since November 2013. 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 someone you love is "at rest" in the mausoleum, our seasonal flower program is available which we have implemented for our mausoleum. Call the Parish Office for additional information. (732) 914-0300

SPRING

Every opening flower proclaims the glory of God,

Every grain of wheat illustrates for us God's providence,

Every drop of rain proclaims God's concern for the welfare of all people.

Every rainbow symbolizes the promise of a better tomorrow.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Monday, March 21, 2016

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

7:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

CONFESSIONS- 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, March 24, 2016 – Holy Thursday

NO Morning Masses

NO Bingo- Parish Office Closed.

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4:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 25, 2016 – Good Friday

Parish Office Closed

NO Morning Masses

NO Stations of the Cross/ NO Adoration

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3:00 PM The Passion of Our Lord

Saturday, March 26, 2016 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food – 12:00 Noon

NO CONFESSIONS

NO Morning or Afternoon Masses

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7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 27, 2016 – Easter Sunday

Masses

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

1130 AM

1:00 PM

REJOICE IN THE LORD!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, cordially invites you to a Support Group for those who have lost a loved one through death. Our goals are understanding your loss, respect, growth, acceptance and spiritual consolation in a confidential setting.

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

If you would like support on your "grief journey" and would like to attend, please call the number listed below to register. Registration is necessary and is during the month of MARCH only. Please bring a framed photo of your loved one, who passed away, to each session.

Refreshments will be served.

Dates: Friday, April 8 to May 13, 2016

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

To Register call:

Madeline Gardner RN

(732) 608-6840

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

PALM SUNDAY

In ancient times the palm tree, because of its height and graceful trunk, was considered a princely tree and its branches became a symbol of victory and were also used for decoration. Victorious Roman soldiers carried palm branches when parading in Rome, and the palm was given as a victory emblem at public games.

All four Gospels describe a "grand entrance" of Jesus into Jerusalem on His final visit there. But only John has the detail about the palm branches. The custom of reenacting Christ's entry into Jerusalem gradually spread to churches around the world.

The palm branches were blessed and carried home by the faithful as a symbol of Christ's presence.

Lent 2006

The Life of Jesus

Matthew 27:15-23; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23: 13-23; John 12:39-40

CHRIST OR BARABBAS

In ordering Christ to be scourged, Pilate undoubtedly told himself that he was thereby saving him from death sentenced by the Jews. Pilate was merely playing politics with the Jewish leaders. Pilate was convinced that Jesus was innocent of the charges placed upon Him but was devoted to enforcing the principles of Roman Law and being in the good graces of Herod.

Pilate's wife, Nebuchadnezzar warned her husband against condemning so righteous a man as Jesus, due to a dream she had. Pilate ignored her outburst, then called for water and Pilate washed his hands and delivered Jesus to be crucified. Pilate turned to the crowd and said, "Behold your king? Shall I crucify your King? " The chief priests answered, " we have no king but Caesar.

The leaders of the Jews mocked and derided Jesus. They stripped Jesus of the red rags the soldiers had dressed Him in. They clothed Him in His own garments and led Jesus away to be crucified. It was customary, according to the Law that the instrument of His execution be carried to His place of death in Calvary.

Jesus was fatigued to the point of death. He had not slept since Wednesday night and had been on His feet. Along the route Jesus fell, the soldiers prodded Him with their spears and called for their captain to help get Him up. However, they took a man, a passer-by and ordered him to take up the condemned man's cross. The man's name was Simon of Cyrene, and was forced to follow Jesus to Golgotha.

All of Jesus' enemies seemed to have come to witness the final humiliation, but also there were other disciples whom Jesus had healed and comforted in the crowd. Many women followed namely Veronica and His mother Mary.

Finally, they reached Golgotha. Jesus was offered a cup of wine mixed with myrrh, supposed to served as a narcotic to lessen His suffering, but Jesus did not drink it. They stripped Him of His clothes, laid Him out stretched on the Cross and drove nails through His hands and feet, fixing them to the planks on the cross. Then heaving the Cross upright dropped it into a hole and tamped the earth solidly with their feet.

Two other thieves were crucified along side of Jesus. One said to Him, "If thou art the Christ save thyself and us." The other man said, "Dost not even fear God, seeing that thou art under the same sentence? We indeed justly deserved what we have done but this Man has done nothing wrong." The man who spoke was named Dismas and we know him as the good thief.

Though it was only past midday, the sun was obscured and the whole country side was engulfed in a hazy dusk. Christ looked mysterious and His shadow stood clearly silhouetted against the gloom. The soldiers began to dice His clothes and settled down to wait for Him to die. Then mockingly held up their cheap wine and invited Him to take drink. They yelled out to Him, "If Thou are the King of the Jews save Thyself."

The others who had witnessed His Passion were shaken by His death. They returned to the city of Jerusalem lamenting and beating their breasts. The mother of Jesus, the holy women who had followed Him from Galilee, and His disciples all remained looking on from some distance away.

The Life of Christ
Catholic Press

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Our Faith

THE HOLY SPIRIT

At the Last Supper, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit, *"I will send Him to you"*
(John 16:7)

Jesus kept His promise. After His death, Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit created courageous witnesses to Christ who formed a community of love, built around word, sacrament and service to God.

Those who believed in the Spirit became evangelizers, bringing Christ's message from Jerusalem to Antioch, Athens, Corinth and finally to Rome. Today, Jesus Christ is known and proclaimed in all nations of the world.

The Spirit comes to us in the midst of prayer, in a very special manner. We can experience a richness of grace that recalls the impact upon the first prayer group members in the Upper Room at Pentecost.

What is the relationship of the Spirit to the Father and to the Son?

The Holy Spirit is the bond of unity between the Father and the Son in the most Holy Trinity. Love is a person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Trinity is like a family, a Father and Son who love each other, and a Holy Spirit who is the very person of love who binds the Father and son together.

"The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.:" (Rom. 5:5)

What is the purpose of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to each of us that we may become endowed with a diversity of special gifts. All the members of the Church are to use their gifts in a spirit of unity to help build up the Body of Christ (Church.)

What is the greatest gift of the Holy Spirit?

Love is the greatest gift of the Spirit. St. Paul sings of the Spirit's gift of love in a language worthy of the richest poetry.

The Spirit's gift of love comes from God through Jesus. It is motiveless and creative and does not depend on whether we are good or bad.

God does not love us because we are good. Rather we are good because God loves us. We should become open to the Spirit's love, that we may be activated to have free, unconditional and unselfish love for others. (1 Cor. 13)

How does the Spirit help us to pray?

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought to. But the Spirit makes intercession for us with groans, that cannot be expressed in speech." (Rom 8: 26)

How does the Spirit produce the "mind of Christ" within us?

Acting under the guidance of the Spirit, we come to see life from the viewpoint and attitudes of Christ. We experience ourselves as children of God, who is our "Father".

Just as Jesus was led by the Spirit, so are we. Jesus is the way to the Father and the Holy Spirit is the way to Jesus.

Who are called to be missionaries for the Church?

Every follower of Christ is called to witness and proclaim Jesus to others. We receive direction about missionary work from Vatican II which teaches "The whole church is missionary and the work of evangelization is a basic duty of every member of the People of God."

The obligation of sharing the faith is imposed on every disciple of Christ. The Church is compelled by the Holy Spirit to do her part towards the full realization of the will of God.

Learning Guide for Adults
Rev. Alfred McBride, O. Praem.