
Church of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist

April 1, 2007

Vigil: Palm Sunday

4:30 p.m. Matthew Healey Bill & Betty Decker

5:30 p.m. Richard Browne Jim & Nina Cahill

Sun. Apr. 1

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:30 a.m. Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Vincent Arquilla

Donald, Giovanna & Daughters

Spanish

10:30 a.m. Jenny McKenny

Gus & Charlene Westerhuis

12:00 p.m. Maria Rodriques

Carmen Medina

12:00 p.m. Paul Scagnelli

Jessica, Christina & Laura Davis

6:00 p.m. Special Intention

Mon. Apr. 2

Monday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Larkin/Keto Families

Eugene Larkin

8:00 a.m. Regina Toolan (Mass for healing)

Kathy & Jim Whalen

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

Tues. Apr. 3

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Donald Policella

Wife, Rosemarie & Children

8:00 a.m. Lillian Hopper

Thomas Hopper

7:00 p.m. No 7 pm Mass

Wed. Apr. 4

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Schmitzer Family

The Family

8:00 a.m. Irving & Nellie Morse

Kevin & Pat Bradley

7:00 p.m. Fletcher Bolsover

Jeanne & Richard Cole

Holy Week Schedule - Revised

Thurs. Apr. 5

Holy Thursday

9:00 a.m. Tenebrae, St. John's

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. John's

8:45 – 10 p.m. Altar of Repose, St. John's

Fri. Apr. 6

Good Friday

9:00 a.m. Tenebrae, St. John's

Noon Contemporary Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St. Joachim's

4:00 p.m. Spanish Way of the Cross, Procession from St. Joachim's to St. John's

5:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish), St. John's

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. John's

Sat. Apr. 7

Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. Tenebrae, St. John's

noon Blessing of Food, St. John's

5:30 p.m. Children's Mass, St. John's

7:35 p.m. Easter Vigil, St. Joachim's

Sun. Apr. 8

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Spanish

12:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

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NO 6:00 pm Mass today

Sacramentals

Sanctuary Lamp: St. Joachim's – Joseph Kochay, Casimir & Karol Dokurno

Sanctuary Lamp: St. John's – Leeann & Simon Lee Antalek

Bread & Wine: St. Joachim's –

Bread & Wine: St. John's – George & Linda Houghtalin

Altar Candles: St. Joachim's –

Altar Candles: St. John's – Peter Ramputi

Parish Mission

To expand and improve our Catholic faith community by responding with compassion and understanding to the spiritual and corporal needs of our parishioners and neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.

Revenue Sharing Program

Winner March 25 Fran Gensoli

Easter Baskets for the Area's Needy

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting Easter Baskets, candies, toys, dye, etc. for the area's needy. Donations may be left in the rear of the churches.

Attendance

March 18, 2007 March 26, 2006
1,035

Cardinal's Annual Appeal

Our current pledge total for the 2007 Annual Cardinal's Appeal is \$24,100 with \$18,580 paid. So we are over halfway toward our parish goal of \$43,050. Thank you to the 129 families who have contributed so far. If you have not yet contributed, please make your gift soon so we can finish our solicitation phase timely. Please be as generous as you can. Cardinal's Appeal envelopes are in the vestibules of the churches.

This Week's Events
Today, Sunday April 1
No Religious Ed Classes this week.

Monday, April 2
No Religious Ed Classes this week
Parish Penance Service 7:30 pm, St. John's

Tuesday, April 3
Bus trip to Chrism Mass

Morning Prayer

Please join us for Morning Prayer beginning at 7:45 Monday through Wednesday this week.

Adult Education Classes

No class this week (Wednesday of Holy Week).

Bulletin Submissions

A reminder that items for the bulletin should be received in the Parish Office by Friday one week before the desired publication date. Occasionally items can be used if received by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, but this is not guaranteed. Submit items via e-mail if possible.

Bus for Chrism Mass

Our parish bus going to the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 3 will leave St. Joachim's parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and return about 11:00 p.m. Cost will be \$16.00. Please call the parish office for reservations. The bus is filing up fast.

Seniors

St. Joachim-Ct. John Senior Citizen Club will NOT meet on Friday, April 6. The next meeting will be on Friday, April 13, with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Call Helen at 831-1230. All Parish Seniors are invited to join the Club.

Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday

We would like to have a larger number of parishioners have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. All you need is to have shoes and socks that are easily removed (and clean feet). You may sit anywhere in the church and don't have to be in the procession. Just approach the altar in groups at the appropriate time.

Pilgrimage/Leisure Tour of "Majestic Italy"

Planning for this parish pilgrimage is going well. It should be a great trip for all. For more information call Marianne Dahl (831-5406) or Helen Iannone (831-1230).

Rummage Sale

Sale dates - April 19 - 21. Collection dates - April 16-18. Save any good, usable clothing and light household items please.

Thank You

To all who helped make Fr. Richard's party a success, especially Christine MacHarry and her sister for preparing the Nigerian food.

Couples Married 50 Years During 2007

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary anytime during 2007 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the parish office to register before Friday, May 4. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

To serve your needs better, Fr. Nolan would like to know:

- Of any parishioner who is hospitalized
- Of any one in need of prayer
- Of any one who would like a pastoral visit

Our parish priests and the Special Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Eucharist to our ill parishioners. The Sacraments of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available from our priests on their visits. If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacraments, please call the parish office.

Through the Outreach Program – Parish Volunteers provide supportive and practical services for seniors and other persons who are in need. These include friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, shopping and local medical transportation/escort. *Drivers are needed for the Outreach Program for doctor's appointments. If you are able to help please call the parish office.*

Pray for the Sick – Lorraine Barnett, Annie Bates, Deborah Bonnell, Victoria Burke, Noah Cory, Dorothy Edwards, Cornelius D'Aprile, Gilda D'Aprile, Jane Diritto, Marie Ann Gama, Gabrielle Engstrom, Valerian Fernandes, Russell Fullen, Lillian Hughes, Cindy Kyriazis, Jane Licht, Eileen Malik, George Maleakas, Aric Morgan, Carol Morrone, Charles Morse, Kevin McElduff, Jim O'Donnell, Nancy O'Neil, Marion O'Shea, Diane Pavelock, Mary Rafter, Helen Resek, James Rogers, Bibi Rodrigues, Steve Rose, Seabury, Dorethea Tompson, Jean Torrie, Christian Toro, Wanda Tortora, Patricia Tribble, Thomas Trochan Jr., and Bill Wassweiler.

In your kindness please remember in your prayers those at home:

Emily Adams	Ann Petix
Antonina Giavatto	Jean Pettorossi
Tomasso Giavatto	Robert Sandford
Anne Komer	Florence Sensel
Charles Morse	Catherine Smith
Debbie Milkovich	Kathleen Thurston

And also our friends in McClelland's, Elant (formerly Fishkill Health Related), Wingate at Beacon, Forrestal Heights and Hamilton Fish.

If you know of anyone who is homebound or ill, please call the parish office.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the people who have recently died, and ask God to grant their family and loved ones the strength to carry on until we all join God in the Resurrection: Joan Carmelitano, and Stephen Bettina.

Broadway Musical

The tickets to see the Broadway musical, "Mary Poppins" on Sunday, August 26 are sold out! Thank you for your interest in these parish social events.

Outside the Parish

Literacy Volunteers

Literacy Connections invites lovers of literacy to call 452-8670 to register for training to become a volunteer tutor of adults in Basic Reading or English for Speakers of Other Languages.

High School Teens

There is a special retreat just for you called Day-by-Day Agape at the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries in Garrison. Agape is a Greek word, which expresses the love between the human and the divine. So DDA refers to living in God's love as an individual and in community. The next weekend for girls will be Thurs. evening Apr. 19 thru Sun. Apr 22. If you have any questions or would like an application, please call Michelle Antalek at 831-1544.

Country Night

Sponsored by Trinity Council, Knights of Columbus. Friday, April 13, 7 pm until midnight at the Council hall. Buffet dinner, draft beer, wine, soda. DJ Kactus Keith line dancer instructor. Tickets \$20 before April 4, \$25 at the door. For reservations, please call the Council at 831-0445. Part of the proceeds to benefit Special Olympics.

Spanish/English Discernment Weekend

Friday, Mar. 30 – Sunday, Apr.1 at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers. Register by calling the Office of Vocations at 914/968-1340.

Mount St. Alphonsus Retreat Center

Special Holy Week Taize Prayer Song, Wed. Apr. 4 7:30 pm. 845/384-8000

Day of Prayer Tuesdays, Apr. 17, May 15, Jun. 19 from 9:30 am to 3 pm. A day for men and women of presentation, discussion, prayer and reflection, including the opportunity for Reconciliation and Eucharist. 845/384-8000.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Denis Church, Beekman Rd., Hopewell Junction will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning April 10, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the St. Denis Rectory Meeting Room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the Church. If you know of someone who has left the Church, please invite them to attend. For more information, call Deacon Enrico at 227-8382.

What is the Role of Prayer in Lent and in our Lives?

Sacrifice and the effort to serve God through His people can lead to Lent's special joy. As St. Augustine said: "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song."

Prayer is an important part of our Lenten obligations. If you find it difficult to pray, you might simply imagine God is speaking to you. His words might sound something like this:

You don't have to be clever to please Me; all you have to do is to want to love Me. Just speak to Me as you would to anyone of whom you are very fond.

Are there people you want to pray for? Tell Me their names, and ask as much as you like. Trust Me to do what I know best.

Is there anything you want for your soul? Tell Me if you feel guilty about anything. I will forgive you, but you will have to accept my forgiveness.

Tell Me about your self-centeredness and your laziness. I love you in spite of your faults. Do not hesitate to ask Me for blessings for mind and body. I can give everything you need for a happier, holier life.

Are you afraid of anything? Trust yourself to Me. I am here. I see everything. I will never leave.

Have you any joys to share with Me? What has happened recently to cheer and comfort you?

Are temptations bearing heavily upon you? Yielding to them always disturbs the peace of your soul. Ask Me and I will help you to overcome them.

Well, go along now. Come back to Me soon. Tomorrow I shall have more blessings for you.

From *Christopher News Notes*

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007

“Jesus proceeded on His journey up to Jerusalem ... Go into the village opposite you ... and if anyone asks you ‘Why are you untying it,?’ you will answer ‘the Master has need of it.’”

“Lord, where are you leading me?”

Today the question we have reflected upon during this Holy Season takes on even greater significance. He is leading me to the Holy City, celebrating a certain triumphal return. He is leading me to the Upper Room, where we experience the gift of the Holy Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood. He is leading me to trial, to Calvary, to participate in an act of capital punishment. He is leading to the quiet of a tomb.

The signs and symbols of this week are known to us all. The waving palms of short-lived joy and glory, remind us that we accept Jesus as our Leader. The simple elements of bread and wine recall God leading His people from slavery to freedom, feeding them with manna, and now they will become the sacred species of His Body and Blood. The humble gesture of foot washing becomes the mark of all disciples, that of service to one another.

The prayer in the garden and betrayal teach us to call upon the Father, seeking the forgiveness we need, imploring that He not abandon us. The questions in the Passion story are asked, but this time we are called to respond. They require a response that is personal and genuine.

With those who are faithful we leave the tomb, saddened, aware of our role in the unfolding drama of the Passion, yet waiting the fulfillment of a promise.

“Lord, where are you leading me?” For many weeks we have furnished the answer and moved on. Today, we begin the Holy Week, watching, waiting as the Biblical events unfold, looking to the signs and symbols that speak to us of God’s great love. That love was expressed so clearly in Jerusalem. We are to reflect the fruit of His saving work wherever we are at this moment, reading this word.

“Lord, where are you leading me?” My friend, if you are faithful I will carry you through the passion to the fullness of life and glory.

“Lord, let me walk with you!”

Tenebrae

Tenebrae is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week. It differs from the Office of the rest of the year. All is sad and mournful, as though it were a funeral service: nothing could more emphatically express the grief that now weighs down the heart of holy Mother the Church. Throughout the Office of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, she forbids herself the use of the formulas of praise and hope used on all other days. Nothing is left but what is essential to the form of Divine Office expressive of grief. The tone of the whole office is most noticeably mournful; the lessons taken from the Lamentations of Jeremiah, those from the Commentaries of St. Augustine upon the Psalms, and those from the Epistles of St. Paul, so the darkness of these services seems to have been designedly chosen to mark the Church’s desolation.

What is the lesson of these ceremonies? The glory of the Son of God is obscured by the ignominies He endured during His Passion. He, the Light of the World, powerful in word and work, Who but a few days ago was proclaimed King by the citizens of Jerusalem, is not robbed of all his honors. He is, says Isaiah, the Man of sorrows, a leper. He is, says the royal prophet, a worm of the earth, and no man. He is, as He says of Himself, an object of shame even to His own disciples, for they are scandalized in him and abandon Him, even Peter protests he never knew Him. This desertion is expressed by candles being extinguished, one by one. But Jesus, our Light, is not extinguished.

Tenebrae will be at St. John’s at 9:00 a.m. on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Please come and experience the sadness of this special time of the Church year in preparation for the liturgies of those days which lead to His glorious resurrection on Easter.

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and help protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. Thank you.

