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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

We begin Holy Week on a high note, the same high note that Jesus entered into Jerusalem for the final time with the royal welcome.

As Jesus approached Jerusalem people were *coming to him*, treating it like the arrival of a king. In fact, they explicitly refer to him as a king when their words of greeting, "*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.*" We sing similar words in the Sanctus as we start the Eucharistic Prayer with "blessed is him who comes in the name of the Lord."

While they didn't yet really know what it meant to call Jesus their king, they clearly wanted him as their king.

While the week starts with great joy, it turns into a very difficult week in the story of Jesus' Passion beginning with the Last Supper.

It was the time for the Passover meal that Jesus had "*eagerly desired*" to eat with his disciples even though He knew that it would lead to his suffering.

Knowing what was about to happen, Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist, *his Body and Blood*. Jesus intimately ties the Eucharist to his sacrifice on the Cross when He says, "*This is my body, which will be given for you.... This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.*" The Eucharist *is* the sacrifice on the Cross so each time we celebrate and receive the Eucharist; we *must* remember the Crucifixion.

This can be a challenge. In human terms, the Crucifixion doesn't make sense. How can this happen to the Messiah? Confused Peter will deny that he knows Jesus three times.

Even Jesus who knows his Passion is coming "*as it has been determined*" is troubled by it. After the meal is over, Jesus goes off to pray to prepare for what is to come. In the garden, he prays, "*Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me.*" Jesus did not *want* to suffer. "*He was in such agony*" that "*his sweat became like drops of blood*" as his prayer continued, "*still, not my will but yours be done.*" Jesus is then arrested, betrayed by the kiss of Judas who He had called to be one of his Apostles.

From there Jesus is questioned and put on trial. He is *completely innocent*! They must grasp at straws for testimony against him to put him on trial for making himself a king.

Remember when Jesus received the royal welcome to Jerusalem? Some of the Pharisees told

Jesus to rebuke his disciples for making him a king but now they are the ones calling him a king to use it against him.

Even Pilate declares Jesus to be innocent three times! Yet it is also Pilate who consents to Jesus' Crucifixion just to appease the crowds. The mob mentality takes over. The crowds have lost their senses.

Jesus knows this when he says, "*Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.*" They say to him, "*save yourself*" but Jesus did not come to save himself.

Even one of the criminals crucified alongside Jesus mocks him, "*Save yourself and us.*" Yet, it is the second criminal crucified with Jesus who rebukes the first criminal as he recognizes that Jesus is innocent.

It is also the second criminal who realizes that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world and that Jesus has the power to save when he says to Jesus, "*Jesus, remember me when you come into our kingdom.*"

This criminal admits his own guilt while also knowing that Jesus has the power to save him. Jesus responds to him, "*Today you will be with me in Paradise.*" Salvation is possible for sinners because of Jesus' action on the Cross.

How can death save us?

It is not death itself that saves us but rather Jesus' supreme act of love as He gives, *as he sacrifices*, his life for us.

Jesus gives it all over to his Father.

Look at the Crucifix. Does it make sense? It doesn't have to. The Cross is not about what makes sense. Look at Jesus on the Cross and see love. It is in love that Jesus saves us as long as we follow the second criminal, repent and believe in what Jesus does for us.

Remember the words of the repentant criminal "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*"

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish office will be closed for Holy Thursday, April 17th and Good Friday on April 18th.

On Monday, April 21, Mass will be celebrated at 9AM. The church will be closed following the Mass. The Parish Office will be closed.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK 2025

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12

4:30 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Mass

Sunday, April 13

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

Holy Monday

April 14

9 AM Mass

Holy Tuesday

April 15

9 AM Mass

Holy Wednesday

April 16

9 AM Mass

TRIDUUM 2025

Holy Thursday

April 17

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Broadcast)

8:30 PM to 11 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Auditorium

Good Friday

April 18

3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Broadcast)

7 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

April 19

1 PM Easter Food Blessing

Please note that there is NO 5:30 PM Mass. Regular confessions at 4:30 PM will NOT be heard.

Saturday confessions at 4:30 PM will resume on April 26.

8 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

April 20

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

WOODEN CLACKERS

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Wooden clackers, whose official name is "crotalus" (meaning "rattle"), are used in place of altar bells in the Catholic church during Holy Triduum. The sweet rings of altar bells are not appropriate after the Gloria on Holy Thursday through the Gloria at Easter Vigil. Therefore, rare instruments, like wooden clackers, are used to maintain an appropriate somber mood where the altar bells would be rung. The clacker is sounded at the consecration of the gifts during the liturgy of the Eucharist, reminding the congregation of the awesome transformation that takes place at these moments. Why wooden clackers you may ask? The Catholic Church did not specify what should be used in place of altar bells for the Holy Triduum. Therefore, an instrument that simply "made noise" and provided a somber tone was needed. Hence, wooden clackers were brought into the liturgy.



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

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ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students at SPPS have been very busy this past week! The fifth graders are learning about phases of matter and conducting an experiment to see how quickly carbonation leaves soda when placed in different temperatures. The fourth grade science class is learning how to calculate density and to find the mass of irregular objects. In their religion class they are creating their own original parables based on a parable that Jesus used in the Bible; only with a modern twist. The third graders have been learning more about the Rosary in religion class. They made their own rosaries and even had Father Montelone bless them. In the second grade the students are preparing for their First Holy Communion. They attended a special Jesus Day Retreat where they were provided with experiences to bring them closer to Our Lord as they will be celebrating their communions next month.



TICKETS on Sale

Tickets for the Middle School production of *The Little Mermaid* go on sale Monday, March 31, 2025. Click on the links provided to purchase tickets.

- Performance 1: Friday, May 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1279746429019?aff=odtdtcreator>

- Performance 2: Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1279782717559?aff=odtdtcreator>

There will be a special daytime performance for Senior Citizens (\$5) and Veterans (Free with proof of ID card) on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Tickets are not sold in advance for this performance. Pay at the door.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

BOY SCOUTS

Palm Cross Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be selling palm crosses before and after masses this weekend. The palm cross price is \$15 and can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo. Please support Troop 21!

ROSARY SOCIETY

SOCIAL TEA

HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS!

All are welcome to join the Rosary Society Social Tea on Sunday, May 4 in Marian

Hall at 1:00.

Delicious food, 50/50 and over 40 tricky tray baskets.

\$35.00 contact Elaine at 973-931-2383

by April 27th.

Have fun and wear your hat!



COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings will be Wednesday May 7 and Thursday May 22, 2025 at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! We welcomed one new member at the last meeting. To date we have handmade 1,820 blankets since May 10, 2012. This is possible due to our generous volunteers! For information or donations, please call Cathie. (973-474-1265)

VACATION BIBLE FUN

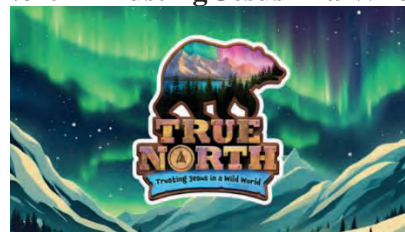
Reserve the date for our Vacation Bible Fun

Mark your calendar July 28- August 1

8:45 AM – 12 Noon

This year's theme is

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Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt, free music CD

Registration begins May 1 and ends July 11.

We invite children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Only \$20.

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Thanksgiving
Mass FOR THE
CANONIZATION OF
SAINT CARLO ACUTIS
MASS PRESIDER: FR. EMERSON FRANCISCO

APRIL 28, 2025
MONDAY
9:00 AM

**THE VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF
SAINT CARLO WILL FOLLOW AFTER MASS**

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) will be canonized by Pope Francis this coming April 27th, Divine Mercy Sunday. He is the first Millennial to be canonized. A first-class relic of Carlo Acutis (strands of his hair) will be exposed for public veneration on April 28th, Monday, at the 9AM Mass.



Scan this QR code and check out a short, animated YouTube video about Saint Carlo Acutis.

Scan the QR code to view more short, animated YouTube videos about the Saints, or type “@SaintsOnScreen” on the YouTube search bar.



WHAT IS A RELIC? A **relic** is a fragment of the body or physical possession of a Blessed or Saint. Relics are divided into 3 classifications: A 1st class relic is a body part of a saint, such as hair, bone, blood, or flesh. 2nd class relics are possessions that a saint owned, and 3rd class relics are objects that have been touched to a 1st or 2nd class relic.

Relics have biblical foundations: See **The Cloak of Christ** (Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43:48; Matthew 9:20-22); **Saint Paul's Linens** (Acts 19:12); **Elijah's Mantle** (2 Kings 2:11-14); **Elisha's Bones** (2 Kings 13:20-22); **The Shadow of St. Peter** (Acts 5:12-16).

DIVINE MERCY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us on
**Sunday, April 27th
at 3 PM**
in the church for Holy Hour
and recitation of the Chaplet of
the Divine Mercy.



DIOCESAN NEWS

NJ Catholic Youth Rally: Jubilee of Teenagers

Sunday, May 18, from 9 am – 8 pm – Six Flags Great Adventure

(1 Six Flags Blvd., Jackson Township, New Jersey)
Calling all teens for a day of fun, adventure, and fellowship! Join the Diocese of Paterson and dioceses across New Jersey for the NJ Catholic Youth Rally! This is a day-long event held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey.

For more information, visit

<https://insidethewalls.org/six-flags-great-adventure>

Jubilee Family Fest

Saturday, May 31, from 12 - 1:30 pm (Pilgrimage)

1:30 – 5 pm (Family Fest) – Shrine of St. Joseph
(1050 Long Hill Rd., Stirling, New Jersey)

Can't make it to the pilgrimage in Rome? Join Bishop Sweeney and the faithful of the Diocese for an exciting day celebrating the joy and gift of families.

Families will have the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage and receive a plenary indulgence, while creating lasting memories. Gather the kids, grandparents, and friends for a day filled with faith, fun and family time! The first 50 families to register get a free Jubilee Family Fest tote bag!

For more information, visit

<https://insidethewalls.org/jubilee-family-fest>

THANK YOU'S

FROM RILEY SIEDLECKI

Thank you to all the parishioners that donated to my Troop 21 Eagle project to refurbish the walls leading to the middle school wing and its dedication to Mrs. Chidiac. I will update the parish when the project is complete. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FR. ENGLISH CENTER

The first week in April there were many empty shelves in the Fr English Food Pantry. However, a very Huge thank you to all who donated food this past weekend. The bags were heavy and full of many excellent food items. We know times are hard and you may not always be able to give but remember even if you bring one item with you to Mass, it adds up and we can have all the shelves filled from our parish! Blessings to All!

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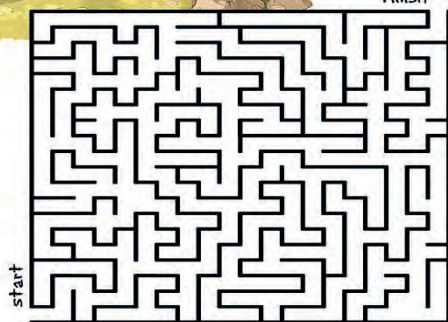
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Gospel Today
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Luke 22:14—23:56
 The Passion narrative ends Jesus' earthly public ministry. Creating the Eucharist at the Last Supper and continuing until His death, He is always faithful and obedient to the will of God, His Father.



This last week in Lent, walk in Jesus' footsteps through Holy Week and be obedient to God as we:

FOLLOW OUR FAITH for 40 DAYS



Follow Jesus through Jerusalem as He is welcomed with palm branches.

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 31, 2024	
(EASTER) ONLINE GIVING 2024	\$ 6,244.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 6, 2025	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 13,017.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,378.00
TOTAL	\$ 19,395.00

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Mary Rogers, Roy J. McTernan, Alfred J. Eickenberg, Georgeanna Hall, Peter DeBlaise

A Time to be Healed...

Irene Chmura, Marge and Barbara Sikora, Diane Albanesius, Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenco, Angelo Torres, Paula Mutter, Nina Sova, Margaret Potoczak



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8:00	Teresa Villegas Shannon Carroll
10:00	Clara Hrinuk Logan Joseph Brackenbury Caterina Masucci Elvira Maldonado
12:00	All the People of Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Margaret Potoczak- Special Intentions Guy John Fella
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TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

9:00 AM	Giuditta and Nicola Ruggiero John Cannon- 3 rd Anniversary
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

9:00 AM	Valentine Aquinaldo
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THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM	All the People of the Parish
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FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
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SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00PM	All the People of the Parish
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SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00	Mary Godri Patricia Hassert
10:00	Michael Altomare Louis D'Angelo Joseph Scafidi Logan Joseph Brackenbury
12:00	Michael Paul Robinson Aquila R. Valencia

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