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MARCH 21, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
— Jeremiah 31:33

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses:

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

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 27, 2021 - September 5, 2021

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. Arrangements for the Baptism should be made at least one month in advance. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage according to the Common Policy of the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey. Either the bride or groom must be registered with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of every Catholic. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of their collection envelopes. When moving, please notify the rectory office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.

MARCH 21, 2021

*Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.*

John 12:24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The prophet Jeremiah, in today's first reading, is looking beyond the often-messy history of Israel and Judah to a time when the people will no longer be disobedient to God, because God's law will be "written on their hearts"—that is, their natural inclinations and desires will be oriented toward God's will. The psalmist gives voice to the sorrow that Israel and Judah experienced in their separation from God "Have mercy on me, O God . . . A clean heart create for me." According to Saint Paul, the earthly Jesus, "son though he was," like his ethnic ancestors, he "learned obedience from what he suffered." The Gospel reading is part of Jesus' discourses not long before the Last Supper. Instead of a social encounter with Philip's friends who had come to see him, Jesus is grappling with his approaching death and its ultimate meaning for the world.

JEREMIAH: LOOKING BEYOND EXILE AND SUFFERING

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

LOOKING FOR JESUS, FINDING THE CROSS

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be *that* close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

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Today's Readings: Jer 31:31–34; Ps 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15; Heb 5:7–9; Jn 12:20–33

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both fast and abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On a day of fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the

First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.

**Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

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Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, especially **Barbara Russell**, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick"**.

May God grant them healing.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection for March 14th: \$647.00
 2nd Collection for March 14th: \$272.00
 The 2nd Collection for the weekend of 3/27th & 28th is for the Archdiocesan Monthly Assessment. Thank you for your support and generosity.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Parish goal for this year is \$9116.00. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Our goal of \$9116.00 can only be achieved through **YOUR** generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available in the pew and in the back of the Church. You can visit www.rcan.org/ sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

Palm branches blessed and distributed at all Masses.
 5:00 PM (March 27, Saturday Evening Mass)
 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

No Morning Mass
 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

11 AM—12 PM Confessions
 7:30 PM Solemn Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



Congratulations to the following students who received First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Our Lady of Sorrows:

Nicholas Ball and Ryder De Risi

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00 PM

March 20

Alice Daunoras
 Req. Kathy Daunoras

Sunday

8:00 AM

March 21

Leila Maceira
 Req. Theresa Tiberi
 Special Intentions for Samuel Manaiois on his 11th Birthday
 Req. Harry and Teresa Manaiois

10:30 AM

Monday

7:30 AM

March 22

Susan Cox
 Req. Toni Ann and Chuck Feuker

Tuesday

7:30 AM

March 23

People of the Parish

Wednesday

7:30 AM

March 24

People of the Parish

Thursday

7:30 AM

March 25

People of the Parish

Friday

7:30 AM

March 26

Deceased Members of FOSS & Johnnie Enright
 Req. FOSS

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Mary's Way of the Cross
 Bayard and Mackalonis Families
 Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

Saturday

7:30 AM

March 27

Souls in Purgatory

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday

5:00 PM

March 27

Rose and Joseph Bellog
 Req. Joanne Pearn

Sunday

8:00 AM

March 28

Susan Cox
 Req. Barbara Shugrue
 Mary Donorovich
 Req. Alice Keogh

10:30 AM

THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

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Altar Bread & Wine...

Anna Ferris / OLS

Sanctuary Lamp...

Anna Ferris / OLS

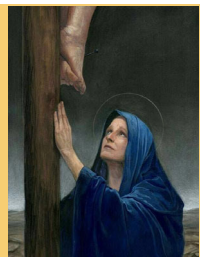
Altar Candles...

Anna Ferris / OLS



MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Join us for Our Lady of Sorrows traditional Lenten devotion, Mary's Way of the Cross, on Friday, March 26th, at 6:30 PM, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 7 PM.



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