

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

MARCH 28, 2021 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
— *Philippians 2:8*

## 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

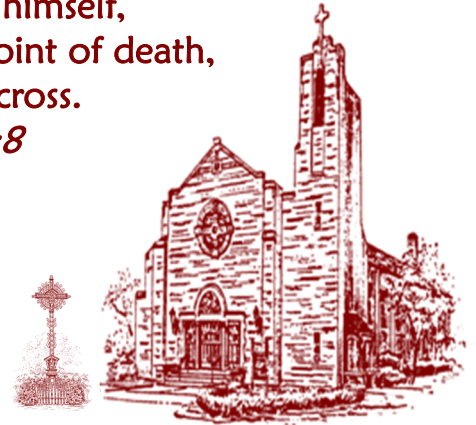
Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

## 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.



When the centurion  
who stood facing him  
saw how he breathed  
his last he said,

**"Truly this man was the Son of God!"**

Mark 15:39

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and previews its themes and events. Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Roman Missal gives three options for how this can be done, the most elaborate of which begins with the priest, ministers, and the entire assembly outside. The Gospel account of the entry is read, after which palms are blessed and distributed. Then everyone enters the church in procession, singing songs or psalms. However, the joy is temporary; the Passion narrative recounts how, after an intimate meal with his disciples a few days later, Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried. The reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs, while the psalm likewise gives voice to the suffering of the innocent. The reading from Philippians affirms the Incarnation as God's embrace of the entire human situation, including suffering and death.

### **SUFFERING . . .**

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

### **... AND INTIMACY**

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

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## **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, 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

Due to the production schedule, the collections for the March 21<sup>st</sup> will appear in a future bulletin. There is no second collection on Easter Sunday. 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](http://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

12 Noon Stations of the Cross  
Wayside Riverbank Park (Weather Permitting)  
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

### SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### 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

### Monday

7:30 AM

### March 29

People of the Parish

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### March 30

Deceased Members of FOSS & Al Francini  
Req. FOSS

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### March 31

People of the Parish

### Thursday

7:00 PM

### April 1 Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday

3:00 PM

### April 2 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross  
Passion and Death of the Lord

7:00 PM

### Saturday

7:30 PM

### April 3 Holy Saturday

### Easter Vigil Mass

Spiritual Bouquets

### Easter Sunday of the

### Resurrection of the Lord

### Sunday

8:00 AM

### April 4

Spiritual Bouquets

10:30 AM

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

### MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 28, 2021

#### Altar Bread & Wine...

Mary Donorovich / Alice Keogh

#### Sanctuary Lamp...

Mary Donorovich / Alice Keogh

#### Altar Candles...

Mary Donorovich / Alice Keogh



### HOLY WEEK OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory office is open Monday—Thursday from 9AM—12 PM. The office is closed on Good Friday. The office will open on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM—12 Noon.

### THE ONLINE NEWS SITE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

The Archdiocese of Newark is pleased to announce the launch of their new online news site [JerseyCatholic.org](http://JerseyCatholic.org). This news website is for the entirety of the faithful of the Archdiocese. It strives to inform, inspire and educate readers by sharing stories of our Church and mission in an effort to build our communities of faith. The site offers dedicated areas for local and global church news and feature stories, news in Spanish from the Archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate, clergy/religious updates, videos, interfaces with RCAN's social media, and more.

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