



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

April 2, 2023

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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9 AM—12 PM

(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Arrangements for 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

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

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.

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.



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Church, Kearny, NJ

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH!

OUR MISSION

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "**The master has need of it,**" they let them take it. Of course, Jesus *knew* they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "**The master has need of it.**" And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: *And you're not going to do anything about it?*

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5

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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2023 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 26, 2023 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.

**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.*

Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}

Please help us reach our goal. Donations can be made online at www.rcan.org. Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with faith, hope and charity. If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the Church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

Sacraments for the Homebound

We invite all those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes during this Lenten/Easter season, to contact the Rectory office from 9AM—12PM to make the necessary arrangements.

HOLY WEEK

**HOLY THURSDAY,
APRIL 6, 2023**

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

**GOOD FRIDAY,
APRIL 7, 2023**

12 Noon Stations of the Cross
(Wayside Cross)
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 8, 2023**

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

**EASTER SUNDAY,
APRIL 9, 2023**
9:00 AM

2022-2023 Religious Education

April 2	Class
April 9	No Class (Easter Sunday)
April 16	Class
April 23	Class

Easter 2023 Spiritual Bouquets

All Masses on Easter Day, including the Easter evening Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM, will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, as stated on the Spiritual Bouquet Mass Remembrance envelopes. Spiritual Bouquet Easter cards are available at the Rectory office during office hours. The donation for the Mass Remembrance is \$5.00. All intentions will be placed on the Altar during all Easter Masses.

Easter Flowers

Our Lady of Sorrows is decorated beautifully each year for Easter by the generous donations of our parish community. If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers, envelopes for the Easter flowers can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Easter Decorating

Volunteers are welcome to help decorate the Church for Easter on Good Friday, April 7th, after the 7:00 PM Good Friday Service.



Thank You!!

The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Church are sincerely grateful to all those who participated in the purchase of Palm Crosses the weekend of March 25th and 26th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Holy Week Office Hours

The Rectory office is open Monday—Thursday from 9 AM—12 PM. The office is closed on Good Friday, April 7th. The office will open on Monday, April 10th.



Saturday
5:00 PM

Sunday
9:00 AM

Monday
7:30 AM

Tuesday
7:30 AM

Wednesday
7:30 AM

Thursday
7:00 PM

Friday
12:00 PM
3:00 PM
7:00 PM

Saturday
7:30 PM

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday
9:00 AM

April 1
Dennis Troy
Req. Anthony Lore

April 2
Anita Tiberi
Req. Theresa Tiberi

April 3
Alexander Mazur
Req. John and Annie Cierpial

April 4
Special Intention for Alice Keogh
Req. Irene Potts

April 5
James Mooney
Req. Mary Mooney and Family

April 6 Holy Thursday
No morning Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper
People of the Parish

April 7 Good Friday
Stations of the Cross (Wayside Cross)
Stations of the Cross (Church)
Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

April 8 Holy Saturday
Solemn Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Spiritual Bouquets

Memorials for the week of April 2, 2023



Altar Bread & Wine...

Klara Schenk / Gen Mazur & Family
Sanctuary Lamp...

Klara Schenk / Gen Mazur & Family
Altar Candles...

Klara Schenk / Gen Mazur & Family



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 **Maria Cunha, Gary Davitt, Meme Evans, Kathleen Fudali, Jay Harris, Ted Hirschi, Alice Keogh, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzinski, 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 weekend of March 25/26 will appear in a future bulletin.

There is no second collection for Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!