



# PALM SUNDAY

## MARCH 24, 2024



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 23 ~ Vigil/Palm Sunday**  
5:30 PM Frank & Gussie Stiano, William Pitt, Sr.

**Sunday, March 24 ~ Palm Sunday**  
9:30 AM William & Paula Zahn

**Monday, March 25**  
9:00 AM

**Wednesday, March 27**  
9:00 AM The People of the Parish

**Holy Thursday, March 28**  
7:00 PM

**Good Friday, March 29**  
*No Intentions For Stations of the Cross at 3 PM, or for Veneration with Communion at 7 PM*

**Saturday, March 30 ~ The Easter Vigil**  
8:00 PM William Pitt, Sr.

**Sunday, March 31 ~ Easter Sunday**  
9:30 AM Marie Texter

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**Holy Thursday, March 28**  
7:00 PM AnnMarie Minerly

**Good Friday, March 29**  
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Gail Lewis)  
7:00 PM B Texter (narrator), J Herschel (voice)

**Saturday, March 30 ~ Easter Vigil**  
8:00 PM J Zupetz, B Texter, T Wall (Lectors)

**Sunday, March 31 ~ Easter Sunday**  
9:30 AM Sam Osborne

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, March 30 ~ Easter Vigil**  
8:00 PM Denise Turner (a), Kim Grybek (c)

**Sunday, March 31 ~ Easter Sunday**  
9:30 AM Colleen Wall (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*) Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)  
Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)  
Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)  
Robert Pape-Laucella (*Marines*)  
Pashko Shkreli (*Army*) Carissa Tironi (*Army*)  
Nicholas Turner (*Army*) Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Barbara Ceriale, Gina Lempka,  
Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Elissa Zahn

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,  
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale,  
Brad Ceriale, Lois Chanofsky, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,  
John & Lorraiane DiCicco, Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare,  
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Margaret Hale, Mike Hurd,  
Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski, Carol Orlando, Frank Orlando  
Kerry Roberson, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus,  
Chris Strobl, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday by Appointment.  
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**AA Meetings**  
Sundays 3:00 PM ~ Thursdays 6:30 PM

### EASTER TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday, March 28**  
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper with  
Washing of Disciples' Feet ~ 7:00 PM  
*followed by a procession to 'the Garden' to pray with  
Jesus for a while (open until 10:00 PM)*

**Good Friday ~ March 29**  
Stations of the Cross ~ 3:00 PM  
Veneration of the Cross & Communion ~ 7 PM

**Holy Saturday ~ March 30**  
Easter Vigil ~ **8:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday, March 31**  
**Mass of Easter ~ 9:30 AM**

**Monday, April 1 ~ NO 9 AM MASS**

**Tuesday, April 2**  
Religious Education Classes, 6:30-7:30 PM

## THE WORD



## Today's Scripture Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

## Holy Week



### LIVING THE LITURGY:

## The Meaning of the Cross

Excerpt from *Gaudium and Spes*: The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, from the Second Vatican Council, #37.

“Sacred Scripture teaches ... that while human progress is a great advantage to man, it brings with it a strong temptation. For when the order of values is jumbled, and bad is mixed with the good, individuals and groups pay heed solely to their own interests, and not to those of others. Thus it happens that the world ceases to be a place of true brotherhood. In our own day, the magnified power of humanity threatens to destroy the race itself.

“For a monumental struggle against the powers of darkness pervades the whole history of man. The battle was joined from the very origins of the world and will continue until the last day, as the Lord has attested. Caught in this conflict, man is obliged to wrestle constantly if he is to cling to what is good. Nor can he achieve his own integrity without valiant efforts and the help of God's grace...

“Hence if anyone wants to know how this unhappy situation can be overcome, Christians will tell him that **all human activity, constantly imperiled by man's pride and deranged self-love, must be purified and perfected by the power of Christ's cross and resurrection.** For, redeemed by Christ and made a new creature in the Holy Spirit, man is able to love the things themselves created by God, and ought to do so. He can receive them from God, and respect and reverence them as flowing constantly from the hand of God, using and enjoying them in detachment and liberty of spirit...” (*Emphasis added*)



## Mass Attendance/Collection

At Mass on March 16 & 17: **144**  
Weekend Collection: **4,157.00**

## A story of the season . . .



## The Easter Bunny

. . . is a beloved mythical mammal associated with the Easter holiday period. Its origins are intertwined with both pre-Christian and Christian traditions.

### Pre-Christian Roots:

- The rabbit has pre-Christian roots associated with **fertility, new life, and spring.**
- Rabbits, known for their prolific procreation, have long been a symbol of fertility and renewal.
- The cyclical nature of their breeding patterns aligns with themes of **prosperity** and **regeneration.**
- These associations with fertility and new beginnings made rabbits a natural fit for springtime celebrations.

### Christian Adaptation:

- Early Christians incorporated the pagan symbolism of the rabbit into their Christian traditions.
- By doing so, they aimed to make the teachings of **Jesus Christ** more relatable and accessible to those outside of the faith.
- While the Bible doesn't mention a long-eared, egg-laying creature like the Easter Bunny, it has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday.
- The exact origins of this mythical mammal remain unclear, but its association with fertility and new life persists.

### Easter Eggs:

- Another significant Easter symbol is the **decorated egg.**
- From a Christian perspective, eggs represent **Jesus' emergence from the tomb** and **resurrection.**
- The tradition of decorating eggs dates back to at least the 13th century.
- People would paint and adorn eggs to mark the end of Lent (when eggs were forbidden) and celebrate Easter.
- The egg, like the rabbit, symbolizes new life and renewal.



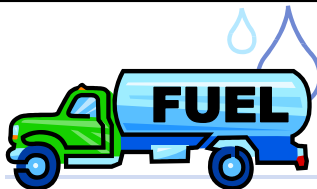
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