SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830

Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord

March 28, 2021

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28 Masses: SATURDAY – 4:00 PM SUNDAY - 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 30 —5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Church (No Appointment Necessary)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 PM - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 PM

<u>GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2</u> 3:00 PM – Passion of the Lord 6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3 12:00 Noon - Blessing of the Easter Food 7:30 PM - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4 Masses: SUNDAY - 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

*The following masses/ceremonies will be live streamed:

- 1. Palm Sunday Vigil—March 28 at 4:00 PM
- 2. Holy Thursday—April 1 at 6:30 PM
- 3. Good Friday—April 2 at 3:00 PM
- 4. Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday—April 3 at 7:30 PM

*Mass registration is needed for all masses. Please call or text 203-559-9256 or email us at sacredheartgrn@optonline.net

FOR LIVE STREAMING OF THE 4:00 PM MASS. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SACREDHEARTGREENWICH.ORG



PARISH STAFF

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Parish Office

38 Gold Street Greenwich, CT 06830 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Monday to Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church) by appointment Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 PM. Please call the parish office in advance to schedule a **Baptism**. **Sacrament of Matrimony** Should be arranged at least 6 months

Call the parish office for information.

<u>Masses</u>

Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM in Chapel Saturday Vigil : 4:00 PM in Church Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM in Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



SIX DAYS BEFORE THE PASSOVER, WHEN THE LORD CAME INTO THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, THE CHILEDREN RAN TO MEET HIM; IN THEIR HANDS THEY CARRIED PALM BRANCHES AND WITH A LOUD VOICE CRIED OUT: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!



Saturday, March 27 4:00 PM [†]Sofie & John Mucha—Paula Jablonski & Family Sunday, March 28—PALM SUNDAY 7:30 AM **Conversion of Sinners** 9:30 AM †John Zuccerella—Veda & Joe Fratello *Liguory & Grace D'Silva—Fr. Mark 11:30 AM Monday, March 29 [†]Salvator Blalotta, Jr.—Tony Longo 7:00 AM Tuesday, March 30 [†]Pedro Mattos (Anniversary)—Mom, Solange Carneiro 7:00 AM Wednesday, March 31 7:00 AM XXX Thursday, April 1—HOLY THURSDAY (NO 7 AM MASS) SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30 PM Thanksgiving—Cecilia ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UNTIL 11:00PM Friday, April 2-GOOD FRIDAY (NO 7 AM MASS) 3:00 PM **PASSION OF THE LORD** 6:00 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Saturday, April 3—HOLY SATURDAY SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION 7:30 PM *Catherine & Joseph Grygorcewicz—Paula Jablonski & Family Sunday, April 4—EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 AM **†Geraldine Fratello—Husband, Michael & Family** 9:30 AM **†Frances Kristoff—Family** 11:30 AM †XXX Monday, April 5 7:00 AM [†]Anna & Domenick Latella & Daughter, Joanne Phin— Virginia & Catherine Latella Tuesday, April 6 7:00 AM Parishioners Wednesday, April 7 7:00 AM XXX Thursday, April 8 7:00 AM **†Bill Heminway—Alice Neal** Friday, April 9 7:00 ÅM **†Rose Cicatelli**—The Cicatelli Family

Ministry to the Homebound

If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like our priest visit you, please contact the Rectory at 203-531-8730.

Due to Social distancing, the priest will meet you at the door and administer the sacraments.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, May 1st: Group 1 at 10:30am Group 2 at 12:30pm Sunday, May 2nd: Group 3 at 2:00pm

CONFIRMATION

Saturday, June 5, 2021 Group 1 at 10:00 AM Group 2 at 12:00 PM BLESSED ARE YOU, WHO HAVE COME IN YOUR ABUN-DANT MERCY! O GATES, LIFT HIGH YOUR HEADS; GROW HIGHER, ANCIENT DOORS. LET HIM ENTER, THE KIG OF GLORY! WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? HE, THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KIG OF GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED ARE YOU, WHO HAVE COME IN YOUR ABUNDANT MERCY!

THIS WEEK—UTILITY FUND NEXT WEEK—EASTER OFFERING March 21—THANK YOU! Weekly Collection—\$1,144.00 Second Collection—\$774.50—MONTHLY COLLECTION Miscellaneous —\$164.75

<u>The following list is for the most recent availability for</u> <u>Masses</u>:

Mar. 31. **Apr.** 2, 6, 7, 21, 23, & 29. **May** 3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27 & 31. **Jun.** 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11,13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28 & 29. **Jul.** 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 25, 27, 28 & 29. **For Altar** Bread & Wine: **Mar.** 28. **Apr.** 11 & 18.**May** 23 & 30. **Jun.** 13 & 20,

For Altar Flowers: May 30. Jun. 13. July. 18 & 25.

PALM SUNDAY—B

Forget me not

Jesus has entered Jerusalem. Our forty-day penitential journey nears completion. Lent ends when we begin the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Ash Wednesday seems like only yesterday. Have we answered the Lord's call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving? It's not too late! Our procrastination keeps good company. The apostles were also often slow to catch on to the Lord's revelations. Don't despair. Cling to the Church's liturgical schedule over the upcoming week — it may turn out to be the best week of our lives. As we enter Holy Week, be eager to tell others about the amazing liturgies awaiting us. With the Psalmist say, "I will proclaim Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You" (Ps 22:23).

On Holy Thursday, be awed as Jesus ordains His first priests and gifts us His Body and Blood (see Lk 22:17-20). At the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. "And it was thus that He humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross!" (Phil 2:8) Then rejoice with the Church as many new Catholics communion with His Body at Holy enter into full Saturday's Easter Vigil. Finish with a flourish on Resurrection Sunday, "for it was impossible that death should keep its hold on Him" (Acts 2:24). Where will spend your time over the next seven you - Don Schwager days?

SACRED HEART CHURCH



<u>Stations of the Cross</u> <u>In the Church in person</u> (You may also view the previous live-stream from home)

Good Friday at 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND, IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Please pray for the sick and deceased members

of our parish



During the Coronavirus crisis, our donations have and will continue to drop significantly. Won't you please consider helping us continue to pay our bills? Many thanks for your generosity and support!

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

A sincere 'Thank you' to all who contributed towards our Easter Food Drive. We will be able to help over 26 families.

May God bless your generous gifts.

DO YOU KNOW?

To be officially registered in any parish, you need to complete a Registration Form.

Even if you attend Mass regularly, contribute or receive Offertory envelopes, you are not registered in a parish if you haven't completed a Registration Form.

These forms are available at all the doors of the church. You may return them in a sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail them or bring them to the parish office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

If you have never completed a Registration Form, or if you don't remember if you completed it a while ago and your family information has changed, why not fill one out today? Thank you!

Reflections for Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical year. The truth behind the tradition of bearing palms today goes to the story of Palm Sunday, when the people heard that Christ was coming and "they took out palm branches and went out to meet him and cried out 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel'" (John 12:13). It was a tradition to spread palms before a king as he processed into his city. It was a way to welcome him, to show him glory and homage. Thus, Christ, the true King, was welcomed into Jerusalem. But one short week later, they crucified him. We celebrate this feast and carry palm branches home with us to commemorate the great humility of Christ, who loved us so much that he chose the cross for our salvation.

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper

"Washing the feet. At that time, feet were washed by slaves: it was a slave's task. People traveled by road. There was no asphalt. There were no cobblestones. At that time the roads were dusty and people's feet got dirty. So at the entrance to the house there were slaves who washed one's feet. It was slaves' work. But it was a service: a service carried out by slaves. And Jesus wanted to offer this service, to set us an example of how we should serve one another." (Pope Francis, March 29, 2018)

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

"This is a great mystery, Jesus. You love us by dying, by suffering abandonment, by bestowing your spirit, by doing the Father's will, by withdrawing. You remain on the cross, and that is all. You do not try to explain the mystery of death, the destruction of all things. You do more: you cross over it completely in body and spirit. A great mystery. One that continues to question us and to unsettle us. It challenges us and it invites us to open our eyes and to see your love even in death, indeed even starting from death itself. It is there that you loved us as we really are, truly and inevitably. It is there that we grasp, however imperfectly, your living and authentic presence. We will always thirst for this: for your closeness, for your being God -with-us." (Meditation on the 12th Station of the Cross during the Way of the Cross led by Pope Francis on Good Friday, 2018. Meditations for each of the stations were written by young people between the ages of 16 and 27.)

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

"Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. Human history does not end before a tombstone, because today it encounters the 'living stone' (cf. 1 Peter 2:4), the risen Jesus. We, as Church, are built on him, and, even when we grow disheartened and tempted to judge everything in the light of our failures, he comes to make all things new, to overturn our every disappointment. Each of us is called tonight to rediscover in the Risen Christ the one who rolls back from our heart the heaviest of stones." (Pope Francis, at his 2019 Easter Vigil homily)

Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord

How has your Lenten and Holy Week observance helped you to be a better follower of the Risen Lord?