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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—April 10, 2022

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Dear Friends,

“As we enter Holy Week, it will certainly be better than the Holy Week we experienced last year.” That was the sentence with which I began my column for Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, last year. I could repeat it again for this year but would have to add—“and much more like the last Palm Sunday of 2019, before the pandemic, and the years before that.” In those years before the pandemic, I repeated my Palm Sunday column quite frequently because it’s easy to forget why we celebrate **Holy Week** the way we do and the column serves as a reminder and teaching tool about the importance of what happens this week. As happens so often, the schools are closed this week and the challenge is that many will forget that for all of us who call ourselves Christians, this is the holiest week on the calendar. And I hope for those who are away, that they may, in some way, remember what this week means. But for those of us who are around, I encourage everyone to see the significance of these days and observe them accordingly.

With Palm Sunday, the Church begins the remembrance of Jesus’ last days on earth. Of special importance are the days of the Easter Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/the Easter Vigil. On these days, the Church looks at the events which have become the center of our salvation.

The single Mass on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, remembers the institution of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Church’s life of grace. It is from the Eucharist that all of us draw our spiritual strength. It is from the Eucharist that we are fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Himself, as food for the journey. The Eucharist is the pledge of the Pascal Feast of Heaven. In addition, at this celebration of the Lord’s Supper we remember the institution of the ministerial priesthood, a priesthood by which Jesus has chosen to continue His own priestly presence through the ages. Most especially, the ministerial priesthood is entrusted with the sacramental ministry through which grace (the divine life) is offered to the Church from the hands of Christ, Himself. On Monday evening, the priests of the Archdiocese will gather around their Bishop and renew the promises of service to the people of God that they made at their ordination. On Thursday, during this Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, your priests will repeat that promise in front of the whole community gathered as Mount Carmel. Pray for us, that we may always remain faithful to that promise. Also at this Supper, we remember the Lord’s example of charity and service, in the washing of the feet, a call which Christ speaks to the whole Church, also as a sign of His continued presence in the Church, so that the Church may be a sign of His presence in the world. Honoring the Sacrament of Christ’s own Body and Blood, the Holy Thursday celebration concludes with the Eucharistic Procession. Both the Eucharistic Procession and the Washing of the Feet have not been celebrated since 2019. The church will remain open for private prayer and adoration until midnight on Holy Thursday evening.

On Good Friday, the Church remembers the death of her Lord. The principle worship service is not a Mass but is officially called the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. It has three principle parts: (1) the Liturgy of the Word, especially the

Passion, which recounts the Lord's suffering and death, (2) the Veneration of the Cross, in which each of us are invited to venerate the Cross as the instrument of our salvation, and (3) the Communion Service, in which Holy Communion, consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper the previous evening, is distributed to the faithful. Good Friday is the most solemn day on the Church's calendar. The faithful should make every effort to celebrate it as such. I have mentioned before that in this one we could learn from our brothers and sisters of Jewish or Moslem adherence. It would be considered a rarity that they would not celebrate their "high holy days," Yom Kippur or Ramadan. And yet, we Catholics have become so cavalier about the way we commemorate Good Friday, our high holy day. We think nothing of scheduling ball games and practices (coaches, please note) or going to work. I wonder how many will spend Good Friday on a beach somewhere? What kind of a message are we giving to our children and our world? Please try to reverse that, even if it means taking a personal day from work, to witness to your co-workers and your family and your neighbors that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross means something to you. And if you take off, honor the day by worshipping with us and by leaving household chores, shopping, the lawn and garden, etc., to another day.

The Easter Vigil is often called the "mother of all vigils," because it was an ancient custom of early Christians to stay up on the eve of Easter to wait, with the whole Church, for the Resurrection of the Lord. It was a time to remember, through the many readings, the history of salvation, culminating in that final act of God on our behalf, the Resurrection. In addition, all those who wished to join the community were baptized at this Vigil. It is a beautiful celebration of hope and joy. Join us, for the first time in three years, for the special Vigil Mass that begins at 8:00PM Saturday evening. At the Vigil those who are to be baptized into the Christian faith and the Catholic Church and with whom we have shared a journey these weeks of Lent, especially if you attended the weekly 11:00 Mass, will join our Eucharistic community for the first time. This year, Gabriela Blacido will join this local Catholic community when she is baptized. It would be a wonderful thing if, as a parish, a large part of our community were there to welcome her. I know Mass will take a little longer than usual, but when you think of the fact that Gabriela has now found Christ, what a wonderful sign to her that our community truly appreciates this decision for the faith. And what a continuing encouragement to us to rekindle the faith that brought Gabriela to this moment. Please come. You might be inspired to speak an invitation to the faith to someone who is searching for God in their lives.

The full schedule of these masses and services appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

In the Gospel read at all but the 11:00 Mass last Sunday, when Jesus starts writing on the ground, the elders slink away, one by one. Whatever he was writing, and Scripture doesn't tell us, when combined with his words, "whoever is without sin, let him cast the first stone," "caused all in the crowd to examine themselves, to look into their own hearts and to see their own sins. When they did, they left. Jesus invites each of us to do the same, to look into our own hearts, to see our sins and to seek forgiveness. Confessions will be heard by four priests on Saturday, 4/9, from 1:00-2:00PM and again on Wednesday, 4/13, by four priests, from 7:00-9:00PM. No confessions will be heard after Wednesday evening and there will be no confessions Monday evening because of the Chrism Mass at

the Cathedral.

May Holy Week be, for each one of us a time of renewal in faith, deepening in hope and growth in charity by the way we walk with the Lord through these saving mysteries.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

P.S. COVID CHANGES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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STEWARDSHIP

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." The words of Jesus today, in the reading of the Passion, are addressed to us, as well. But how do we deny Christ? If our attention is elsewhere, do we not deny Him? If we give our **Time, Talent and Treasure** to other things, do we not deny Him? Ask yourself today, if by your actions, if not by words, you are denying Him more than you think.

God bless your generosity in support of the Gospel. For the first time in two years, we will return today to a regular in-pew collection. We'll let it go for the month of April and then re-evaluate it going into the future. A reminder—for those who use electronic giving, **WE SHARE**, there are notes available on all the tables at the doors of the church, if you want something to throw into the basket as it passes you. If everyone used electronic giving we wouldn't need to take up an in pew collection. Just a thought.



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All Hands on Deck!

**We will be decorating the church for Easter,
immediately following 8:30 morning prayer
on Holy Saturday, April 16th.
If you can spare even a short time,
please jump in.
Many hands make light work!**



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRANT: CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN, C.Ss.R

April 24, 2022 3:00PM 5 & 25 Years
Deadline to Register—April 14, 2022

May 15, 2022 3:00PM 50 Years
Deadline to Register—May 5, 2022

Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in 2020 or 2021, when we were unable to host these celebrations, is also welcome to join us! (*Certificates will read "Silver" or "Gold," not 26 or 51.*)

To register contact Patti Roche
proche@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.2000 x200

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Auditorium</u>
Sat. 4/16	8:00PM Fr. Ron	
Sun. 4/17	8:00AM Fr. Ron	
	9:30AM Fr. Frank	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM Msgr. Sheeran	Fr. Anthony
	12:30PM Fr. Anthony	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM Fr. Anthony	

NOTE SATURDAY SOLEMN VIGIL : 8:00PM

AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH!

**SATURDAY, MAY 14TH | 9:15AM-11:30AM
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH CENTER**

Please join your hosts, Women's Cornerstone, for an inspirational presentation given by a special guest speaker. Linda Baratte of Loyola Retreat House will be guiding us in a morning entitled:

"FORGING NEW LINKS TO GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES"

It will focus on the power and need for prayer and help bring us ever closer to God. For information, contact:

womenscornerstone@olmcridgewood.com or
Kristin Halvey at 201-294-4306

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

**Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale,
Edgar Delgado, James Nardelli, Robert Smith**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2022

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions Saturday, April 9, 1:00-2:00pm
Confessions Wednesday, April 13, 7:00-9:00pm

**No Confessions Monday, April 11 or Saturday, April 16
No Penance Service Tuesday, April 12**

PALM SUNDAY—April 10

Saturday Eve: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

12:30pm, 3:00 (Spanish), 6:30pm

**11:30am—Blessing of Palm & Procession from
Veterans Field to the Church for the 12:30pm Mass**

HOLY THURSDAY—April 14

Morning Prayer—8:30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY—April 15

Morning Prayer—8:30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00pm

No Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY—April 16

Morning Prayer—8:30am

Blessing of Easter Baskets—12:00 Noon

Solemn Easter Vigil—8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY—April 17

8:00am

9:30am Church 9:30am (Auditorium)

11:00am Church 11:00am (Auditorium)

12:30pm Church 12:30pm (Auditorium)

3:00pm (Spanish)

NO 6:30 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

2022 Annual Appeal

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Checks may also be placed in the boxes at the doors of the church or mailed to/dropped off at the Rectory.

Checks Payable: 2022 Annual Appeal

Pledges made by June 30th and fulfilled by December 31st aid in
reducing our assessment & are used to calculate our rebate.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Martha Bombardier, Francis Cabrera, Reynaldo Caling, Art Carpenter, Ellin Carroll, Peter Colgan, Maria de la Rosa, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Irene Frey, Maria Garate, Kitty Gill, Frank Gillen, Sydney Heinold, James E. Hough, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Ryan Kelly, Lorenzo Kim, Claudia LaFrance, Anna Lobascio, Beverly Magner, Dennis Maloney, Emeteria Mariano, Juan Martinez, John McGowan, Gemma Miller, Mark Mongon, Pat Mullen, Bea O'Rourke, Joseph Pasculli, Cathy Ricciuto, Gerard Rolling, Michael Runz, Donald Schwenker, Mark Steppe, Don Strittmatter, Dennis Tomala, Sebastian Yarleque, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included on our prayer list.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will **CLOSE** immediately following the 6:30PM Mass this evening, April 10. The Chapel will **REOPEN** Easter Monday, April 18, at 7:00AM

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INSPIRE: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
Calling All Young Adults in your 20's & 30's
Join Us at Our Upcoming Events!

PICKUP BASKETBALL GAME

Wednesday, April 27th | 7:30PM | School Gym
52 Passaic St., lower level of school bldg., Enter through rear door.
Text RSVP to Vicky, 201.739.3459 or Melissa, 201.220.0504
Wear appropriate footwear & athletic attire. Bring your own water.

FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY MEETING—ASK A PRIEST

Friday, May 6th | 7:30PM | School Gym

PRAYERS & PANCAKES

Saturday, May 7th | 8:30AM Daily Mass
We'll walk into town for breakfast after.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION AVAILABLE

Full time, Monday-Friday, 9AM-4PM
Duties include cleaning and laundry.

Interested? Contact Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
201.444.2000 x205

News from Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Homeless Retreat Ministry

The Women's and Men's Teams of the Homeless Retreat Ministry (ISP*) recently hosted overnight retreats for formerly homeless women and men at St Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham, NJ.

ISP Retreats are designed to bring hope, healing and transformation to those living on the margins of society. The retreats are followed by ongoing reflection programs. Through invitation to participation as witnesses, team members and retreat leaders, retreatants become integral to the core mission of ISP, ending the injustice of homelessness.

Recently homeless women and men recovering from addiction are given the gift of Christian community and spiritual nourishment from parish volunteers through the generosity of donations. The total estimated cost for one person to attend a retreat is \$250. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and can be made directly to the parish by scanning this QR code with a mobile phone or going to this web address: <https://bit.ly/ispdonate>

*ISP Ignatian Spirituality Project (website: ispretreats.org)



The women's retreat was facilitated by Women's Team members Rebecca Kingston, Christy Kearney, Maureen O'Connor Martin, Anne Burton Walsh and Maryann Kearns.



The men's retreat was facilitated by Men's Team members Ed Callan, Ken Kingston, Joe Roche, and Mike Reinhard.



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, April 11

- + 6:30AM **Thomas & Francis Griffin**
req Kitty Gill
- + 8:30AM **Eliza Paris Harrison**
req Tara Miller-Jones
- +12:00NN **Ann & Ed McCabe**
req Ed & Monica McCabe

Tuesday, April 12

- + 6:30AM **John Heaney**
req Jeanne & Michael Bessel
- + 8:30AM **Grace Fox**
req The Sonnick Family
- +12:00NN **Pascual Quimbo**
req His Family

Wednesday, April 13

- + 6:30AM **William "Ron Weiscarger**
req Ann & Bill Leahy
- + 8:30AM **Julie Nowill**
req Her Friends
- +12:00NN **Vincent Leale**
req Tony & Gina Damiano

Thursday, April 14 *Holy Thursday*

- 8:30AM **Morning Prayer**
- 7:30PM **The Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Friday, April 15 *Good Friday*

- 8:30AM **Morning Prayer**
- 3:00PM **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

Saturday, April 16 *Holy Saturday*

- 8:30AM **Morning Prayer**
- 12:00NN **Blessing of the Easter Baskets**

Sunday, April 17 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

- + 8:00AM **Julia Wojcik**
req The Woodward Family
- + 9:30AM **Marybeth Frank Pettenati**
req Carole & Bill Frank
- + 9:30AM **Grace Fox (Auditorium)**
req Jeanne & Michael Bessel
- 11:00AM **Special Intention of All Married Couples**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- +11:00AM **Maureen Barron (Auditorium)**
req Robert & Antonia Fox
- +12:30PM **Danny McGinley**
req His Family
- +12:30PM **Pascual Quimbo**
req His Family
- 3:00PM **Special Intention of the Torres Family**
req Robert & Elba Torres

NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

1. Isaiah 50:4-7

Scholars debate who is represented in the Suffering Servant. Some see him as the author himself, the man come to be known as Deutero-Isaiah. Others see in it the figure of Jeremiah, who was up-front in admitting the personal cost of being God's "mouthpiece." For others it is the whole Israelite community, described in their suffering in exile. But the actual identity is unimportant. What is important is the teaching, the Servant who truly speaks God's word endures the hostility and rejection of those who will not listen. But this will not deter him because of his awareness that God is with him. In his fidelity, he finds the capacity to uplift a whole community.

2. Philippians 2:6-11

In this beautiful and ancient hymn, Paul describes Christ's emptying of Himself, surrendering His power to become powerless, thus living perfectly the demands of human existence before God—total obedience in a world of total disobedience. In referencing this hymn to the Philippians, Paul invites his readers to adopt the same attitude, of surrender and obedience. Only then will the reader, the believer, experience the exaltation and zenith of divine glory experienced by Christ.

3. Luke 22:14—23:56

The Lukan Jesus understands His passion as the confirmation of the prophet's fate, evident through generations of Israel's prophets, a result of the obstinacy of Israel to recognize and accept God's saving actions on its behalf. The suffering Lukan Jesus invites the reader to recognize the depths of God's love for the sinner, and the cost of our forgiveness. Like the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, the Lukan Jesus, in His fidelity and obedience to the father's will, finds the capacity to lift up those who believe.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. As a Christian, have I ever accepted the call of bringing a "rousing" word to people?
2. The theme of the Suffering Servant, both Jesus and the one of Isaiah, is prominent today. Do I see God touching or meeting me in my own suffering?
3. In the Passion account, some stood and watched, some jeered, some took action, for or against Jesus. Have you ever stepped out of the crowd, identified yourself with the Lord, and taken up his Cross?
4. Has this year's Lenten journey been different than in the last two, Covid, years? Have you been able to be more focused?

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MEN & WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ—May 13-15, 2022

Please join Men & Women from our parish family for a quiet listening Retreat (in person or virtual). Cost—free will offering. All are welcome at Loyola regardless of financial status. For more information or to register, contact: Dcn. Bob Liwanag, 201.663.3644, bob.liwanag@olmcridgewood.com, Bob Reilly, 201.447.2430, rpreilly1@hotmail.com, or visit www.loyola.org

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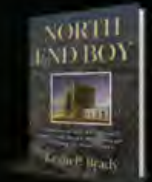
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