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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday — Friday 7:30 am

Saturday — 8:00 am

Monday's of Holiday Weekends ~ Daily

Mass time moves to 8:30 am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Confession: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Saturdays ~ Mask are required.

Holy Days

7:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First

Friday of every month 8 am to 3 pm

Registration: All parishioners should be registered. Please contact the Rectory

Secretary:

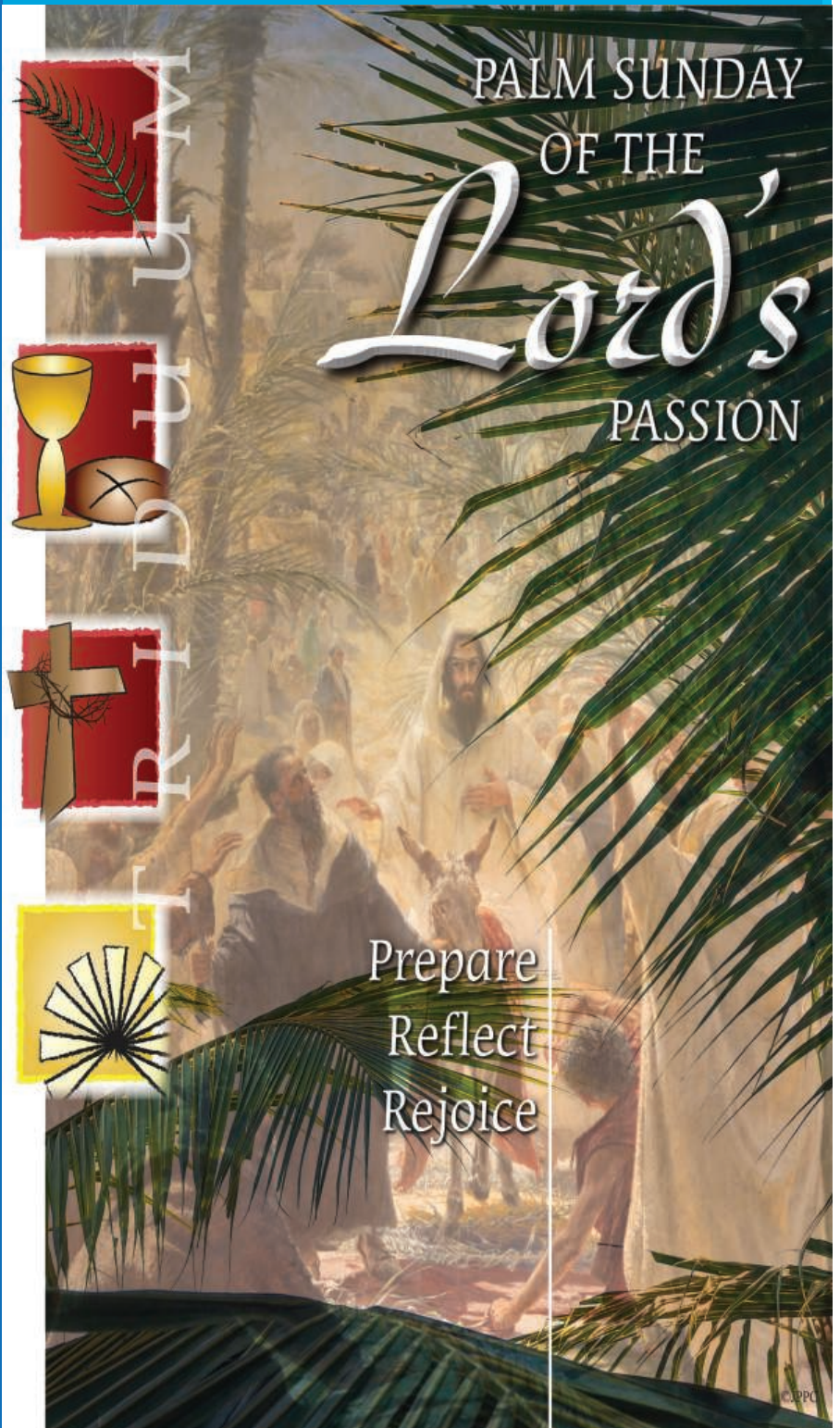
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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023
5:00 PM Marie & William Dolton /o Helen Marie Dolton Religious Teachers Filippini of Villa Victoria r/o Donna & David Collins

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 Palm Sunday
10:30 AM Intentions of Michael & Eileen Giglio on their 50th Wedding Anniversary r/o Family
A. Joseph Dempster & Rosalie Gambino Brenna r/o Deacon Steve & Mary Szmuto

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023
7:30 AM Egilda Notte Cifelli r/o Carmela Giovanni Cifelli Intentions of Maggie McMyne r/o Mom

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
7:30 AM Rosina Cifelli Petrecca r/o Gilda Cifelli Picerno

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023
7:30 AM Dec'd Members of Fekete & Walley Family r/o Family



Mass of the Lord's Supper

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 HOLY THURSDAY 7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Church open for reflection until 10:00 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross with Holy Communion.
7:00 PM SOLEMN STATIONS of the CROSS



SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023
7:30 PM VIGIL MASS OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023
8:30 AM Intentions of Theresa Gregorio r/o Donna & David Collins
10:30 AM Intentions of Dina & Rocco Zangrilli and Nancy Milano r/o Donna & David Collins

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Registered Parish Families	677
Parishioners using envelopes	124
Envelope Contributions	\$2,651.00
Average Contribution	\$21.38
Loose Cash	650.00
Total Contributions March 26th	\$3,301.00

The Holy Land Collection is Good Friday, April 7th.

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Readers

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 PM Elise Stankus

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
3:00 PM Elise Stankus

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 PM Maeve Cannon

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
8:30 AM Laura Shea
10:30 AM Maggie Masterson/Tony Jones

Eucharistic Ministers

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 PM Joyce Christensen

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 PM Ginny Evans

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
10:30 AM Tony Jones

Altar Servers

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 PM Nathan Stankus, Brayden Spina, James Gummel

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 Good Friday of Lord's Passion
3:00 PM Nathan Stankus, Brayden Spina, Dylan Rutkowski

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 VIGIL MASS OF EASTER
7:30 PM James Gummel, Nathan Stankus

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
8:30 AM Brayden Spina, Daniel Wilkes
10:30 AM Dylan Rutkowski

News & Events

All Religious Education Classes are closed for the Easter Holiday. Classes resume April 16/17.

Wednesday, April 5, The Seniors Club will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:00 AM. All Seniors are welcome to join in the fun!

Thursday, April 6, No morning Mass. Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM. Church open for reflection until 10 PM.

Friday, April 7, No morning Mass. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross with Holy Communion at 3 PM, Solemn Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in Church.

Saturday, April 8, No morning Mass. Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude and afternoon Reconciliation are cancelled. Great and Solemn Vigil of Easter 7:30 PM.

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord **MASSSES:** 8:30 & 10:30AM.



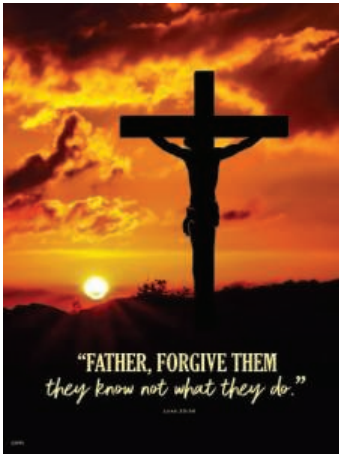
Pray for our Sick: Rosemarie Buker, Richard Cook, Helen Marie Dolton, John Finn, Al Gatto, Leo Genovesi, Brian Gershon, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Theresa Gregorio, Leslie Hall, Sherri Hanlon, James A. Keenan, IV, Mary Lou Kramli, Carol Lake, Laura Lynch, Kevin McBride, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjana, Carol Perrine, Lucy Saganowski, Vincent Schnell, G. Welly Samuels, Debbie Sattler, Gregory Schafer, Dolores Sebasto, Kristy Shanahan, Steve Schmierer, Linda Solinski, Erin Cahill Wetzel, Stanley Wrobel, and all parishioners who are sick or homebound.

Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.

APRIL 2ND ~ PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isa 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24; Phi 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Phi 2:8-9)

The time between Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his passion and death was extraordinarily short. The rapid turn of events shows the vagaries of human behavior when measured against the eternal constancy of the Kingdom of God. Jesus, the one who was welcomed as a prophet with palm branches and hosannas would be soon executed as a criminal: arrested, convicted, scourged, and nailed to the cross. Why such treatment for one who proclaimed a message of repentance, love of God and neighbor, and salvation? Is the human heart so shallow?

The manner of Jesus' suffering and death reminds us of the ongoing challenge of conversion and fidelity, even for the closest of his disciples. Among those who called Jesus friend and master, one would betray him, another would deny him, and others would leave him to die alone. Matthew's account of the Passion poignantly describes the genuine and utter sacrifice of the Lord. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

The Passion narrative reveals Jesus in the fullness of his being. Although fully divine, he is at once fully man — capable of excruciating agony. His sacrifice was not a divine abstraction, but the ultimate experience of human suffering for the expiation of our sins. He, who was without sin, gave himself completely, so that we might be restored as sons and daughters of the Father.

We enter into Holy Week, the most solemn days of the liturgical year. Let us pray for ongoing conversion to the Lord so that, as we share in Christ's passion, we experience the joy of his resurrection.

Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. (Mt 26:45b-46a)

Deacon Steven K. Szmuto

RCIA Welcome to the holiest week of the year! There are so many beautiful events and liturgies this week. We start with the **Chrism Mass** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold Monday at 7:00 PM. **Holy Thursday the Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7:30 PM, **Good Friday** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross with Communion at 3 PM, Solemn Stations of the Cross at 7 PM, and **Holy Saturday Great and Solemn Vigil of Easter** at 7:30 PM, this is when our Catechumen will be fully received into the Catholic Faith. **Easter Sunday** Mass schedule is the usual 8:30 and 10:30AM.

Our liturgies this week allow us to walk with Jesus as He enters Jerusalem today, celebrates the Last Supper on Thursday, endures His death and passion on Friday, rests in the tomb on Saturday, and rises from the dead on Sunday! Even though we all are busy, and the world doesn't seem to stop for this special week, the Church encourages us to try to make this week special in some way. No matter how well or not so well we have done this Lenten season, this last week gives us an opportunity to really focus on our almsgiving, fasting, and praying. Let's keep each other and our whole Church community in prayer especially our Catechumen, **Thomas Bayley, Danny Morales, Izaiyah Morales, Christina Vasquez, Lucas Jones and Jennifer Policarpio** that they continue to **receive God's grace and blessings during this time.** God bless our candidates and their families!

Congratulations to our RCIA candidates for having their marriages Validated the past two weeks

Danny & Elizabeth Morales & Family



Brian & Jennifer Policarpio & Family





Religious Education Classes

All Religious Education Classes are closed for the Easter Holiday. Classes resume April 16/17.

Parents please note: *Pictures* are needed of all students receiving their First Communion and Confirmation this year. Please email a .jpeg photo to Dsmith@olgcc.net or drop off to the Parish Office. Photo's will be featured in the parish bulletin and on our website. Thanks for your help.

40 Cans for Lent –FINAL WEEK!

Our Social Services Committee invites everyone to participate. Please leave your donated cans of fruit, low-salt soup, or vegetables in the designated area in our Church Hall.



Gift cards also welcome. Please drop in the collection basket marked "40 cans" or drop off at the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity.



Newly Formed Eucharistic Ministry to Nursing Home

OLGC has a new ministry to bring the Eucharist to Catholic residents at Greenwood House in Ewing on a weekly basis. Some have not received Communion in over three years. We are asking for anyone interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project to call **Mary Arcadipane at 609-532-1595** or email: marcadipane@hotmail.com. Training will be provided if you're not a Eucharistic Minister and the volunteers must meet the following Covid criteria: 2 Covid Vaccines and one booster, Show vaccination card 1 time for their records, Wear a mask while in facility, Take a Covid Test (they provide on site) before entering the facility.

Depending on the number of volunteers we get the schedule would be once every 4-6 weeks. An activities person will walk you around & gather residents for a small prayer service. Total time at GWH is one hour. We prayerfully ask you to consider this important ministry.



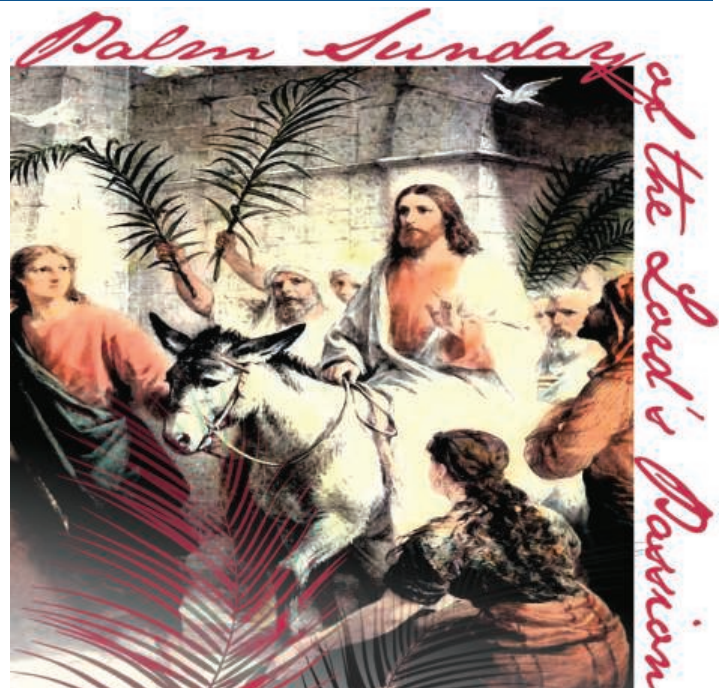
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Good Friday Liturgy

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this Ewing Council 3756 is asking as many parishioners as possible join representatives of the Council in attending Good Friday services with their families.

Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Solemn Liturgical Service and Holy Communion
3:00 PM.

Solemn Stations of the Cross with Veneration
7:00 PM

Brothers will also have Prayer Cards for Christian Refugee Relief available.

Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday April 6~ Mass of the Lord's Supper Church will remain open for reflection until 10:00 PM	7:30 PM
Good Friday April 7 ~ Solemn Liturgical Service & Holy Communion Solemn Stations of the Cross	3:00 PM 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday April 8 ~ Vigil Mass of Easter	7:30 PM
Easter Sunday April 9 ~	8:30 AM 10:30 AM

DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN ~

~ OASIS ~

Sponsored by the Religious Teachers Filippini, will take place on Saturday, April 22nd between 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM at Villa Walsh.

Please send a Registration Fee of \$15 p.p., payable to Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960. Include your name, address and phone number. For more information, call Sr. Alice at 732-238-9222. **Day Includes:** Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary/Stations & Adoration. (Outdoor Stations on grounds) bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks provided, Handicapped accessible. Gift Shop onsite. Come aside and rest with the Lord.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Parish Feast Day Celebration April 23rd



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- Mass 10:30 AM followed by
- Rosary Procession
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The Challenges and Dangers of Losing Our Religious Freedom in the United States

Historically, the United States has enjoyed strong protections for religious freedom, and Catholics have thrived here even when a religious minority. There are discouraging signs, however, and many people suggest religious freedom is not as secure as it once was. We will examine some of the history, and the current situation. Please join us:

April 18 at 7:00 PM
Ferrante Hall



Dr. R. J. Small is Director of the Center on the University and Inheriting Life at the Witherspoon Institute. Prior to his appointment as the Director, he was for many years Professor of Philosophy at Eastern University and the Templeton Research Fellow. His research interests include the liberal arts, ethics, natural law theory, Thomas Aquinas, the Catholic intellectual tradition, and the work of Bernard Williams, S.J.

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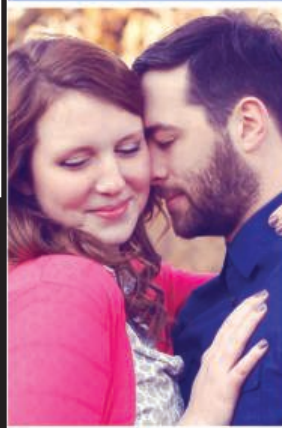
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