



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

*175 Blue Point Avenue  
Blue Point, New York 11715  
Telephone: 631-363-6385*

*March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday  
“My God, My God, Why have you abandoned me?”*



**DAILY MASSES:**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM  
in Mother Church

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday 5:00 PM in Large Church  
Sunday 7:30 AM in Large Church  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM in Large Church

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
in Large Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Monday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
in Mother Church

**ROSARY:**

March 29, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

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*Meet our Staff*

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Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Catholic Marriage for couples  
married outside the Church:**

*If you have a civil marriage but now desire a Catholic sacramental marriage, call the Rectory for more information about a Convalidation. Convalidation is having a couple's marriage recognized and blessed by the Church through the Catholic Rite of Marriage.*

**Marriage:**

*Arrangements must be made at least six to twelve months in advance. It is advisable to call the church prior to arranging the reception.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.):**

*Persons interested in becoming Catholic and adults who have not received Confirmation or First Eucharist, please contact the rectory office.*

**Communion for the Homebound:**

*To make arrangements to have Communion brought to the home, please call the parish office at 363-6385, ext. 110. For emergency sick calls, please call the parish at any time.*

**Baptisms:**

*Call the rectory office to schedule a Baptism*



**Remember  
in  
Prayer**

*Lt. Col. Meghan Ederle*

*Major Kyle Brown*

*Major Robert Gervasio*

*Capt. Evan Bernstein*

*Lt. Sean Brown*

*LTJG Shannon Wojciechowski*

*LTJG Douglas Wojciechowski*

*LTJG Thomas Adair*

*DO, CPT, MC Kate Desmond-Baker*

*TSgt. Mark C. Erickson*

*SMSgt Harold L. Erickson*

*E3/ACAN Connor Rooney USN*

*Sgt. Samuel Campanella*

*Lt. Robert Fleming*

*Lt. Ross Oley*

**Pray for Our Sick**

*We pray for all who are sick, for their healing in both body and spirit....*

**John Marino**

**In Sympathy**

*For all who have died this past week, that they rejoice in the heavenly banquet...*

**Emily Travers & Richard Faver**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of  
Marie Strykowski*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of  
Marie Strykowski*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
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### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

During the Covid 19 crisis our food pantry has remained open to assist those in need in our community.

**We are in most need of:**

- Chili*
- Jelly*
- Canned potatoes*
- Cookies*
- Laundry detergent*
- Cleaning supplies*



All donations may be left outside the pantry doors in the large church before mass at the weekends, or during the week outside the doors of the

***Large Church  
Monday – Thursday  
10am-1pm.***

If you are shopping in the Blue Point King Kullen there is also a box to the left of the exit doors for donations.

We are most grateful to the volunteers, the parishioners and the local community who have assisted our efforts to serve those in need during these difficult times.

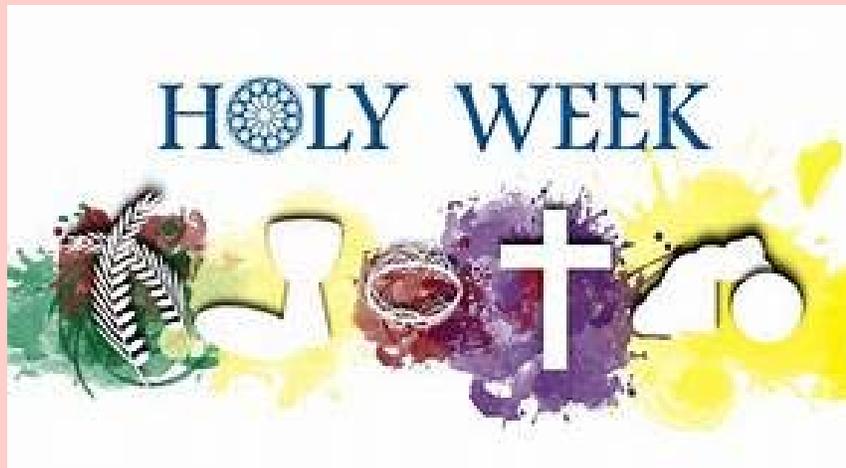
# **MASST INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 28, Palm Sunday</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Paul Renna †
11:00 AM	Mark Charvat †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar 29,</b>
8:30 AM	Bernard O'Brien †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar 30,</b>
8:30 AM	Ermalinda Vigliotta †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar 31,</b>
8:30 AM	Rick Reale †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 1, Holy Thursday</b>
7:30 PM	Mass of the Lords Supper
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 2, Good Friday</b>
3:00 PM	Passion of the Lord
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 3, Easter Vigil</b>
7:30 PM	Parishioners †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 4, Easter Sunday</b>
7:30 AM	Bernard O'Brien †
9:00 AM	Mark Charvat †
11:00 AM	Richard Xeller †

*Palm  
Sunday*

**Palm Sunday! Be reminded of the reason  
for the Easter season! Amongst all the  
busyness that goes on reflect on  
Jesus & His resurrection.**





## **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

**Monday March 29, 2021**

**Confessions 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Holy Thursday April 1, 7:30 pm**

**Good Friday April 2, 3:00 pm**

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass  
7:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday 7:30 am , 9:00 am  
& 11:00 am**

**All services will be in the Large Church**

## *Gospel Refection by Michael Dawidziak*

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. The word celebrate seems oddly out of place when we consider that the gospel reading for today is the passion, suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. The only other time in the liturgical calendar that the passion is read is at the Good Friday service, which is not a celebration of the Mass. Today's are the only masses when we recount the events of Good Friday, so the word celebration seems particularly inappropriate. And yet, many of us have fond memories of looking forward to Palm Sunday mass with a sense of great expectation. We were going to get the blessed palms to take home and Easter was now only a week away.

But the word celebrate can also be defined as commemorate or honor. In that sense it is certainly appropriate that we celebrate the events of Good Friday. As Christians, we tend to rank Christmas and Easter as our two most important days on the calendar. Maybe that's partly due to the fact that they commemorate events that are not only extraordinarily momentous but also extremely joyous. Easter being the day of Christ's resurrection, is unquestionably the most significant day of the year. Christmas, remembering the day that God became man, while undoubtedly hugely important is arguably bumped into third place by Good Friday. Last week we noted that we have to proclaim both a crucified Savior **and** a risen Savior. We don't get to skip Cavalry. Similarly, we don't get to go right from Christmas to Easter and skip Good Friday. The incarnation is meaningless if it doesn't include all three elements of His birth, death and resurrection.

Over the last few weeks of Lent, two themes have in our readings recurred: covenant and transformation. Good Friday is the consummation of the eternal paschal covenant. God's final covenant with all of His people. The events in today's gospel readings occur during the week of the festival of Passover which commemorated the Israelites' deliverance from bondage out of Egypt. Jesus is the paschal lamb that will be sacrificed for the forgiveness of sins, once and for all. This paschal sacrifice will deliver all people, not just the Jewish people, from the bondage of sin. Notice that in our epistle reading, St. Paul tells the Philippians that it was because Jesus was "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" that "God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend". Paul doesn't say that the reason Jesus is so honored was His birth or even His resurrection but rather His death. That's why we can't skip over Good Friday.

Actually, our first reading at the beginning of today's masses does start with a joyous celebration. Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The crowds cry out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" and "Hosanna in the highest!". The words are familiar to every church-going Catholic. They are the words we say to welcome Jesus' presence at every mass just before the consecration of the bread and wine. They are the words we say just before we welcome Jesus into our hearts and souls. But, by our last reading the crowd is shouting, "Crucify Him". In John's gospel they say, "We have no king but Caesar" (John 19:15). In other words, they choose an earthly king over a Heavenly King. Before we rush to judge them, how often do we put our own earthly, secular desires before serving the Kingdom of God?

At the second of Jesus' death, we read that "The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom". This undoubtedly refers to the inner veil of the temple that guarded the Holy of Holies. The imagery here is unmistakable. The veil is torn from **top** to bottom meaning God has torn the veil. God has left the building and dropped the mic! The old covenant is no more. The new and eternal one has begun with the death of the paschal lamb. No longer will God's Spirit dwell inside a building made of brick and mortar. God's spirit now will dwell in the hearts and souls of the subjects of His kingdom...in those who make Him welcome. And that brings us to our second theme: transformation. Jesus' transformation from death to life will happen on Easter Sunday. We have hopefully used the time of our Lenten journey to prepare ourselves to be ready to accept this gift of salvation: our own transformation from death to life. Do we welcome Jesus as our Savior and King or do we decide we have no king but Caesar? Which crowd do we stand with? The one that shouts, "Crucify Him" or the one that shouts. "Hosanna in the highest"?

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### **Level 2 Parents:**

Dates for rehearsals and Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion were mailed to families on Monday, March 1st. Thank you for your response to our surveys. Three sessions of First Reconciliations were held on Saturday, March 27. Please check your letter for dates of 1st Communion and rehearsal for 1st Communion coming up in April.

### **Level 9 Parents:**

On February 11th letters were mailed home containing Confirmation dates, rehearsal dates and Confirmation Retreat dates. Four Confirmation mini-retreats were held of Confirmation and rehearsal for Confirmation coming up in April.

**Also regarding Level 9:** A handful of students still need to fill out and submit the Confirmation Information Form located in the Classwork Page of the Level 9 Google Classroom. Also, some still need to download and print the Testimony of Sponsor form, and ask your child's sponsor to sign and return it either by email or mail. The need to bring it to a parish for a witness to the signature has been waived. Address is listed above.

### **What's Featured in March in the Google Classrooms?**

This month wraps up a year of digital learning. In March students are learning about Lent, Holy Week and Easter; they are exploring the meaning of The Kingdom of God at age appropriate stages. Levels 1 through 8 are completing a digital Faith Conversation, showing what they

have learned over the past months. Younger grades are accomplishing this task with the help of a parent.

### **Google Classroom Progress**

Students are completing assignments through the end of our religious education cycle in March. All classwork is asynchronous, meaning none of it is "live" and the assignments can be accessed by registered families at any time.

### **When is Virtual Work Due?**

We are in the middle of our sixth and final month of virtual learning for this school year. March assignments in the Google Classrooms for all nine levels are due the last day of March. For those making up work who may need time beyond March, all the Google Classrooms will be archived on June 30th, and the Google Classroom will be closed until next fall at that point as it is being updated.

### **Can Parishioners Without Children in the Program See What Students Are Learning?**

Yes! While access to level-specific Google Classrooms is for registrants only, parishioners can see some of what students are learning by visit-



**On Good Friday, our parish will take up  
the annual Good Friday Collection  
for the Holy Land.**

Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage experience on  
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29  
Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25