



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## April 9, 2017



*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ~Matthew 21:9*

### Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – April 8

8:00am- † Thomas Romano  
5:00pm- † Margaret Latanzio  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Family  
*By:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

#### Sunday – April 9 ~Palm Sunday~

8:30am- † Nancy Pommerenk  
10:00am- † Giovanna Mezzacappa  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Family  
*Offered by:* Lena Mezzacappa

#### Monday – April 10

8:00am- ~ In Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit  
12:05pm- †

*Offered by:* Denelda Tineo  
*Offered by:*

#### Tuesday – April 11

8:00am- † Lydia Neira & Jorge Salazar  
12:05pm- † Elvira & Anthony Ancona

*Offered by:* Narcisca Pons  
*By:* daughter & sister, Theresa

#### Wednesday – April 12

8:00am - †  
12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

*Offered by:*  
*Offered by:* wife, Theresa

#### Thursday – April 13 ~Holy Thursday~

7:30pm- †

*Offered by:*

#### Friday – April 14 ~Good Friday~

3:00pm- †  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:*

#### Saturday – April 15 ~Holy Saturday~

8:00pm- † Rosaria & Giuseppe Vitiello  
Luigina & Alfredo Segreto

*Offered by:* Frulio Family

#### Sunday – April 16 ~Easter Sunday~

8:30am- † Grace, Ciro, Andrew & Ralph Frulio  
10:00am-~ Birthday Blessings for Fr. Marc Roselli

*Offered by:* Frulio Family  
*Offered by:* OLMC Ministry

### Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candle  
Memorial Candle



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~ † **MaryAnn Fair**  
*Offered by:* **grandson, Stefan Williams**  
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### Liturgical Minister's Schedule for Holy Week 2017

#### *Eucharistic Minister Schedules for Holy Week:*

**5:00 mass-** Linda Graves / Lindford Smith  
**8:30 mass-** Maria Oliveras / Delmeter Carey  
**10:00 mass-** Alexis Crowdell / Thelma Washington  
**Holy Thursday:** Lector- Victoria Garay  
E.M.- Delmeter Carey      Substitute E.M.- Alexis Crowdell  
**Good Friday:** Lector- Alexis Crowdell  
E.M.- Joan Fortunato      Substitute: Delmeter Carey  
**Holy Saturday:** Lector- Linda Torres  
E.M.- Samuel Torres      Substitute E.M.- Delmeter Carey



**Today begins Holy Week** – the most solemn and important week in the Christian calendar. Will our lives testify to the importance and significance of this week?

As Christians, we have to appreciate how significant this week truly is. It is the week in which we remember that Jesus, although wholly innocent and without sin, accepted his suffering and death so that through his resurrection we who are sinners might live in the hope of everlasting life. What a remarkable declaration of faith! What a remarkable declaration of the unconditional love of God for each one of us! If we had a thousand lifetimes, we could never merit or deserve such a precious gift. All we can do is make our best effort to conform our lives to the life of Jesus Christ as our expression of gratitude to him for what he has done for us.

How will you spend this week differently so as to demonstrate your appreciation of the importance of this week? Will you begin each day with a simple prayer of gratitude to God for God's great love for you? Will you end each day with a prayer of gratitude to God for the good things that happened during the day while also asking forgiveness for the times that you were not faithful to what God expects of you? If it is your custom to have beer, wine or alcohol at the end of the day, will you give that up for this week? Will you do something good for another person this week – visit a friend who needs support, visit a sick person, prepare a meal for an elderly neighbor, or help a colleague at work without being asked? Will you attend Mass on Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.? Will you participate in the services of Good Friday and make an extra effort to fast and to pray that day as you remember the death of Jesus? How will you celebrate Easter Sunday? Will you have attended Mass at the Easter Vigil, or on Easter Sunday itself? What will you do this week to make this week different and so demonstrate that you understand and appreciate how important this week truly is?

The Church declares that this is Holy Week. Will it be a holy week for you?

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*These readings are found complete on our parish web page ([www.olmcsi.org](http://www.olmcsi.org)). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."*

### **April 9: Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Passion - Matthew

### **April 16: Easter Sunday**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34; 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8  
John 20:1-9



**PRAYER for HOLY WEEK:** God of such unwavering love, how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus?

I often want to look the other way and not watch, not stay with Jesus in his suffering.

Give me the strength to see his love with honesty and compassion and to feel deeply your own forgiveness and mercy for me. Help me to understand how to "celebrate" this week. I want to be able to bring my weaknesses and imperfections with me as I journey with Jesus this week, so aware of his love. *Creighton University*

**REFLECTION of the HOLY FATHER FOR HOLY WEEK:** Hanging from the wood of the cross, beside derision [Jesus] now confronts the last temptation: to come down from the Cross, to conquer evil by might and to show the face of a powerful and invincible God. Jesus, however, even here at the height of His annihilation, reveals the true face of God, which *is* mercy. He forgives those who are crucifying Him, He opens the gates of paradise to the repentant thief and He touches the heart of the centurion. If the mystery of evil is unfathomable, then the reality of Love poured out through Him is infinite, reaching even to the tomb and to hell. He takes upon Himself all our pain that He may redeem it, bringing light to darkness, life to death, love to hatred. **Pope Francis.**

### **REMEMBER WHAT WE COMMEMORATE THIS WEEK:**

**HOLY THURSDAY** – Two focal points: washing of the feet and the Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ). The two are linked. In the Eucharist, Jesus gives all of himself to us in love. In order for us to follow his example of selfless love, we must imitate the One who was willing to wash the smelly, dirty feet of his disciples. We are called to place ourselves in the service of others through which we come to imitate the love and generosity of Jesus Christ.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – We remember the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Our God experienced suffering and death in the person of Jesus. There is nothing that we experience, except sin, that God has not experienced before us. We, therefore, always have confidence that God understands the struggles, the pains, the sufferings of our lives. We believe in a God who became one with us so as to show us how we, too, can persevere in faith through all the joys and sorrows of life.

**THE EASTER VIGIL** -We celebrate the victory of Christ over sin, suffering and death. The darkness of sin and death cannot triumph over the victorious light of Jesus Christ. When we ally ourselves with sin, we separate ourselves from the life of Jesus Christ and deny ourselves our share in the victory he won for us.

**EASTER** - Again, we celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. We celebrate the new life he has won for us. We begin now the Easter season which lasts fifty days until the great feast of Pentecost. How will you celebrate this feast for those fifty days? How will you try to remember each day the life to which you are called and in which you share now when you live in faithfulness to Christ?

**WAY of the CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE** – On Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 a.m. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near the 9/11 Memorial. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 p.m. There will be scripture readings, prayers and hymns. For more information, please call: 212-337-3580 or go on-line to: [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org).

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL!** – Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made a donation or made a pledge to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Your support is truly a blessing for our church and the greater church of New York! If you would like to make a donation or pledge, there are envelopes in the entrance of the church and in the parish office. *Thank you!*

**SISTERS of CHARITY 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – Celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity at a luncheon at the Staaten on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For reservations or information, please call: 718-549-9200, ext. 239. Or, go on-line at [www.scny.org](http://www.scny.org).

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** April 2: \$5,149. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY** - We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.