

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- Mk 11:9



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Parish Vision Statement:

We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.

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Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,
Saturday 10am—1pm

Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Lord's Day:

Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM

Weekday:

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM
(No Mass on Wednesday)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

Confessions:

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF March 24 & 25, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. March 24 - *Vigil: Palm Sunday*
4:00 PM - Special Intentions for Paul Meaney & the Meaney Family

Sun. March 25 - *Palm Sunday*
10:00 AM - All our Parishioners here at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

Sat. March 31 - *Vigil: Easter Vigil*
4:00 PM - Robert Luikex - Family

Sun. April 1 ~ *Easter*
10:00 AM Special Intention for Fr. George Ridick
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

Palm Sunday

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days -- even hours -- Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Jeaneen Kozlowski, George O'Connor, Marie Grout. Memorial Hospital: **None Listed.** UMass. Campus: **None Listed.**



Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.

(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Holy Thursday, March 29

Lector: Alma Sheehan
Altar Servers: Jacob Lorusso & Rafael Albino
Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Dawson, Elaine Halpin, Carole Gardella & Eileen Lohnes

Good Friday, March 30

Lector: Patricia Reardon
Altar Server: Elisabeth Villa
Ministers of Holy Communion: Alissa Doiron & Glenn Gibson

Saturday, March 31

Lector: Deb Durnin
Commentator: Kathy Hannon
Altar Servers: Caroline & Tony Villa
Minister of Holy Communion: John Harrington, Eileen Lohnes, Diane Marotta & Alma Sheehan

Sunday, April 1

Lector: Kathy Gibson
Commentator: Mike Buffone
Altar Servers: Jacob Lorusso & Noah Sulminski
Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Doiron, Prisca Yawlui, Elaine Halpin, Richard Flynn

Worcester Bravehearts Parish Night

We are planning a Parish Night at the Worcester Bravehearts Game
Friday, June 15th @ 7:05pm

The cost is \$8.00 and will be due by April 16th with the flyer form from the table near the elevator with the required information.

BINGO

March 30, 2018

NO BINGO

HOLY Week

Palm Sunday

1pm Walking Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 27

7-8 Confession available

Wednesday, March 28

6:30pm Seder Meal for Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors & Families

Thursday, March 29

NO 9AM MORNING MASS

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration follows until 10pm

Friday, March 30

NO 9AM MORNING MASS

3pm Stations of the Cross (no Benediction)
7pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 31

NO CONFESSIONS HELD

NO 4pm MASS

7:30PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1

10am Easter Morning Mass

Saturday & Sunday April 7 & 8

Divine Mercy Weekend

Sunday, April 8

3pm Confirmation held at St. Paul's Cathedral

Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world.

Good Friday Collection

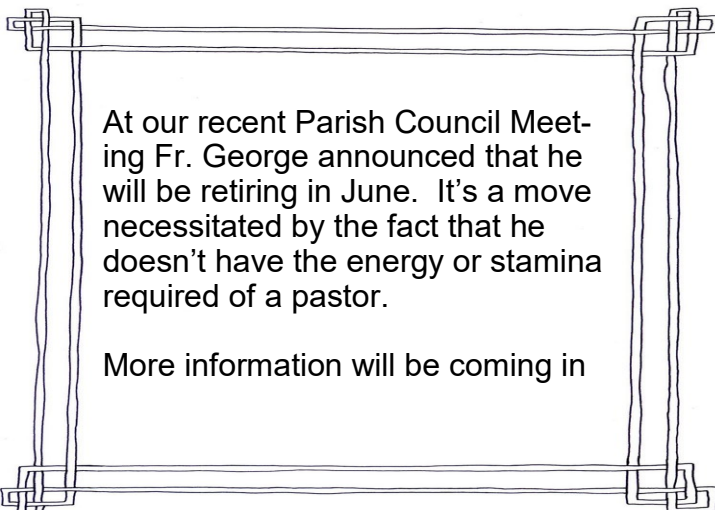
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

We will be having the Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat beginning April 12 through June 14th, meeting every Thursday 6:30-8pm in our parish hall. If you are interested please see Cathy Flynn or call Lynn in the rectory to sign up.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Not Updated

Partners in Charity

Goal \$28,700

Raised \$18,265

Balance to Raise \$10,435