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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY MASS OF
ANTICIPATION**

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish

Hosanna

**Blessed
is He
who
comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!**

Matthew 21:9b



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – March 28... Lenten Weekday

9:00AM... Confirmation Candidates

5:00PM...+ Rita Washington, req. Parish Family

Sunday – March 29...Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00AM... +Matteo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

10:30AM.. +Bogdan Dziuba i Józef Błażejowicz

12:00 Noon...Health of Janet Berry,

req. Beverly and Peter Cirino

1:30 PM ... People of the Parish

Monday – March 30... Monday of Holy Week

9:00AM...+James De Cicco, req. Wife

Tuesday – March 31... Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00AM....Kathleen Mahala

(in Thanksgiving and gratitude for Baptism)

Wednesday – April 1... Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00AM...+John Charles Anderson, req. Mary Landriau

Thursday – April 2... Holy Thursday

9:00AM...Morning Prayer/Pastor's Coffee

7:00PM...Mass of the Lord's Supper

11:00PM... Night Prayer

Friday – April 3...Good Friday

9:00AM...Morning Prayer

3:00PM...Passion of the Lord (English)

5:00PM...Passion of the Lord (Spanish)

7:00PM...Passion of the Lord (Polish)

Saturday – April 4...Holy Saturday

9:00AM... Morning Prayer

2:00PM... Blessing of food

8:00PM... Easter Vigil

Sunday – April 5...Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:00AM....Karina Radecki 20th Birthday, req. Family

10:30AM.. +Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

12:00 Noon...+Mary Mosley and April

Birthday in Heaven, req. Family

1:30 PM ...Eulalia Duque Garcia, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for **Gregory Myers** at the request of Peter and Beverly Cirino.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF March/April is in Memory of **Frank Kazmierski** and for the month of April for **Lucia Simeone**.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, Jim Rushforth, Mike Parise, Brian Biddulph, Giovanni Todaro, Pat Cook, and Marie Polius.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all our Faithful Departed.

STEWARDSHIP

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events; they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

"Al salir encontraron a un hombre de Cirene llamado Simón y lo obligaron a cargar la cruz de Jesús". MATEO 27: 32

El Señor nos llama a amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo. Cada día se nos presentan oportunidades para amar a nuestro prójimo y ayudarlo a "cargar su cruz". Esas oportunidades no son usualmente grandes eventos, son usualmente situaciones ordinarias como ayudar a alguien a llevar las compras o mantenerles la puerta abierta. La clave es poner las necesidades de los demás antes de las nuestras y no esperar nada a cambio.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27, 66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.

Next Rosary Meeting is Sunday, April 12th after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Office.



Holy Week Schedule**Monday - Chrism Mass**

8:00PM ...Mass - Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark

Holy Thursday

9:00AM... Morning Prayer followed by Pastor's coffee

7:00PM... Bilingual celebration of The Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Eucharistic Procession with Adoration

11:00PM... Night Prayer

Good Friday

9:00AM... Morning Prayer

2:00PM...Stations of the Cross in English

3:00PM...Passion of the Lord in English

5:00PM...Passion of the Lord in Spanish

7:00PM...Passion of the Lord in Polish

Holy Saturday

9:00AM... Morning Prayer

2:00PM...Blessing of Food

8:00PM ...Easter Vigil - Trilingual

Easter Sunday

6:00AM... (Pol.) Sunrise Mass with Procession

9:00AM... Mass in English

10:30AM... Mass in Polish

12:00PM... Mass in English

1:30PM... Mass in Spanish

SWIECONKA CELEBRATED**SUNDAY, APRIL 12th**

This is a Polish Tradition that takes its roots from the Blessing of Food that is to be shared on Easter. There will be a gathering to celebrate this tradition after the 10:30AM Mass Sunday, April 12th in the school cafeteria with prayer and fellowship. Of course, everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Sunday**April 12th, 2026****Mass Schedule:****9:00 AM – English**

10:30 AM – Polish
(after Mass Swieconka in the gym)

12:00 PM – English**1:30 PM - Spanish***After the Spanish Mass***2:30PM - Exposition and Confessions**

3PM – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
in English, Polish & Spanish

**RICE BOWL**

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Guide to Holy Week

Palm Sunday takes place one week before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture as Jesus rode into the city on a donkey. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, inviting us to reflect on his sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week.

Holy Monday – Chrism Mass.

All of the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick are blessed and distributed at the Chrism Mass.

Large vessels of oils are carried to the altar for the blessings and consecration of Chrism, which is a mixture of oil and balsam. After Mass the oils are distributed to representatives of each parish. The oils are taken back to the parishes and used for the Sacraments throughout the year.

But that's not all. Another important moment of the Chrism Mass is that every priest within the diocese renews his priestly promise. We're also invited to pray for all priests and their ministry.

Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum, the most sacred days of the Catholic faith. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. During this Mass, the priest washes the feet of some members of the parish in memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. But perhaps the most significant thing that happened on Holy Thursday was that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus was clear. "This is my Body. Eat it." And "This is my Blood. Drink it." "Do this in remembrance of me." It's not a symbol or a metaphor. It's a clear and direct command. Jesus impresses upon his disciples that this is a sacred meal of his Body and Blood and that they should continue this practice after he is gone.

Good Friday is the day Jesus was tortured, mocked, crucified, and died. It was a day of incredible suffering and hatred—so why do we call it Good Friday?

We call it Good Friday because the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus saved us from our sins. And even though it was an incredibly tragic day, it was one of the greatest days in history. As it says in Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed."

There is no path to happiness in this life

unless you can make sense of suffering, and Christianity is the only place that understands the transformative value of suffering. While the whole world is doing everything it can to avoid and drown out their pain and suffering, we adore the cross of Jesus Christ, as the only way of our salvation. Separated from Jesus, our pain and suffering become meaningless, and that is why life is so depressing for so many in a world that has rejected God and the idea that suffering has value. Willing sacrifice out of love is a path most people have never tried. And it is a path that is essential if we are going to find our way back to thriving in this world.

Holy Saturday is a day of preparation for Easter. For some families this might mean praying together, preparing their home for guests, and dying Easter Eggs. Although there is no Mass offered in the morning, many churches host a short prayer service. When night falls, the Church officially begins its first Easter Celebration at the Easter Vigil Mass!

The Easter Vigil is a Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday. It begins with a bonfire outside the church, where everyone lights a candle. Mass attendees then process inside the church, filling the dark church with light.

The Easter Vigil is sometimes multiple hours long because the Mass includes a number of special readings from the Old Testament that foreshadow Jesus' death and Resurrection. If the parish has any new catechumens (people who are entering the Catholic Church), oftentimes they will receive their Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important day in history. The whole world changed on Easter Sunday. It was an earth-shattering, life changing, historic event, and the ultimate proof that Jesus truly is God. Catholics have been celebrating Easter Sunday for over 2,000 years.

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12 kwietnia - ŚWIĘCONKA PARAFIALNA, Mszą Świętą o **10:30am**. Po mszy zapraszamy wszystkich na poczęstunek do kafeterii szkolnej.

2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 22 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.

**Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please consider participating in this year’s Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$12,900.00!** Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code:



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From Fr. Marcin’s Desk

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The crowd of disciples accompanies Him in festive mood; their garments are stretched out before Him, there is talk of the miracles He has accomplished, and loud praises are heard. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace - joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings, He has shown the face of God’s mercy, and He has bent down to heal body and soul.

This is Jesus. This is his heart which looks to all of us, to our sicknesses, to our sins. The love of Jesus is great. And thus He enters Jerusalem with this love and looks at us. It is a beautiful scene, full of light - the light of the love of Jesus, the love of His heart - of joy, of celebration.

At the beginning of Mass, we too repeated it. We waved our palms, our olive branches. We too welcomed Jesus; we too expressed our joy at accompanying Him, at knowing Him to be close, present in us and among us as a friend, a brother, and also as a King: that is, a shining beacon for our lives. Jesus is God, but He lowered Himself to walk with us. He is our friend, our brother. He illumines our path here. And in this way we have welcomed Him today. Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst; it is born from knowing that with Him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life’s journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them! In this moment the enemy, the devil, comes, often disguised as an angel, and slyly speaks his word to us. Do not listen to him! Let us follow Jesus! We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that He accompanies us and carries us on His shoulders. This is our joy, this is the hope that we must bring to this world. Please do not let yourselves be robbed of hope! Do not let hope be stolen! The hope that Jesus gives us.

Fr. Marcin

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