

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



**PALM  
SUNDAY**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin the most important week of the Church's year. It is full of wonderful celebrations as we reflect upon the central mysteries of our Faith.

Today, Passion (Palm) Sunday, we begin by celebrating the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He is welcomed by the crowds. However, by the time the Passion is proclaimed, these crowds have turned on Him and seek to have Him crucified. Perhaps there is a lesson there for all of us, who may at one moment acknowledge Christ's kingship and at the next moment seek to crucify Him in our sinfulness.

The "heart" of the Church's liturgical year, The Sacred Triduum ("The Three Days"), begins on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On that day we commemorate two lasting gifts of the Lord to His Church, The Sacred Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. The Mass of the Lord's Supper that evening will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church at 6:30 pm. The Mass ends with the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We are invited to reflect on how on that first Holy Thursday, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to stay awake with Him as He prayed.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not offered. The Good Friday service is the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. It consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and a Communion Service (using the Eucharist consecrated the night before). It is one of the starkest, simplest and most moving services in the Church year. The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church (it will be live-streamed). On Good Friday evening we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church. The only Mass celebrated Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. The Church waits anxiously to celebrate Christ's glorious victory over sin and death.

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It is a beautiful celebration that includes the lighting and blessing of the new fire, the blessing of the Easter water, and the renewal of Baptismal promises. It is the grandest of the Church's celebrations. The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

As we prepare once again to celebrate these sacred days, I encourage you to join us in prayer. May we seek to walk together with Jesus this Holy Week on the road that leads to Calvary, to the Empty Tomb, to Eternal Life!!

You will be in my prayers during Holy Week; please keep me in yours.

In Christ,  
Fr. Caruso

## Reminder : This Week

### Sacrament of Penance

**On Monday, March 25th from 4:00pm-7:00pm, The Light Is On For You" campaign will be at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.**

**Wednesday, March 27th, Confessions will be heard at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter from 4:00pm to 5:00 pm.**



May God Bless and keep safe in his care our Service men and women whose lives are in danger every day. They heroically serve to defend and maintain freedom around the world as well as at home. Our prayers for them reflect our great admiration and love for them. May God bless them, watch over them and protect them always, especially at this holiday season.

We also keep in our prayers all those effected by the fighting in Ukraine—for those who have lost lives, loved ones and homes.

**This Week We Remember...**

**Monday:      *March 25***

**9:00 am**

Andrea Bortoloni/Clara Delledera

**12:00 pm**

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Tuesday:      *March 26***

**9:00 am**

Bob Ventre/Louis Bottega

**12:00 pm**

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Wednesday:      *March 27***

**9:00 am**

Joanne Bruse/Mary Ann Priola

Deceased Members of the Anthony Adornato Family/  
The Pocaï Family

**Thursday:      *March 28***

***Holy Thursday***

5:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vietnamese

6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper SJB/HT

Reminder: St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church will be open until 9:30 pm for visitations.

**Friday: *March 29***

***Good Friday***



3:00 pm Service of the Lord's

Passion OLP/St. P

5:30 pm Service of the Lord's Passion

(Vietnamese) OLP/St. P

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm SJB/HT

**Saturday:      *March 30***

***Holy Saturday***

Noon Blessing of Food SJB/HT

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass OLP/St. P**

**(Note: there is no 4:00 pm or 5:30 pm Mass)**

**Sunday:      *March 31***

***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***

Masses will be 7:30 and 11:30 am OLP/St. P

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

9:00 am (Vietnamese) OLP/St. P

9:00 am SJB/HT

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**5:00pm—No Mass**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

**OLP/St. Peter Collection:**

March 17, 2024

\$ 4,712.00

**Holy Thursday Visitation**

Dating back centuries, the tradition of The Visiting of Churches on the evening of Holy Thursday following the Mass of the Lord's Supper invites the faithful to journey from church to church, symbolizing the disciples' vigil with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We invite you to partake in this meaningful pilgrimage across the Diocese of Syracuse. Plan your own pilgrimage of churches for the evening, immersing yourself in prayer, contemplation, and reverence as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

View the interactive map on our website

**<https://syracusediocese.org/holy-thursday-church-visitation>**

of churches across the Diocese of Syracuse that will be open for visitation on Holy Thursday.

**Reverence for Blessed Palms**

Because the palms are blessed, they are now sacramentals, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare [us] to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1667). Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. Palms may only be burned or buried.



## BASKET BONANZA TICKETS NOW ON SALE

If you haven't gotten your Basket Bonanza tickets yet for our April 13<sup>th</sup> Basket Bonanza, we hope you will do so soon!! They are on sale this weekend (Palm Sunday weekend) and then the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we will not be selling on Easter Sunday weekend. Remember too, you can also purchase tickets at the Parish Offices anytime during the week. Tickets are \$10.00 each and that includes admission, 2 free raffle to use as you wish, food, fun, chances to win door prizes and of course what seems to be endless raffles. The fun begins at 5:00 in the School Cafeteria!!

It's always a great evening to share fun, delicious food and great comradery. Get a table together or come and join others...we would love to share the wonderful evening with you!!! You can get your tickets after all masses or at the School or Parish Offices. You can also call the Parish (315 422 7163) and we can get them out to you. Cash, Checks and Credit Cards always accepted.

Thank you to everyone that has **donated a basket or raffle item** to use for this year's Basket Bonanza. We are so very grateful!!! We are still hoping for more donations so if you are interested in helping with this, we would be so grateful as well!! If so, let us know if you will be dropping off your donation or if you want us to pick it up from you. (315 422 7163). Ideas are endless!!!! And so is our gratitude!!! Thanks so much again for considering!!!

Thanks for your always generous, always wonderful support....hope to see you on April 13<sup>th</sup> to share more Parish Fun!!!



**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, March 28th, Good Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st.

### LET US PRAY



Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Francis Galimi, Ellen Gangemi, Katie Stamm Gordon, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Dory Jones, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Moro, Rosemary Nastri, Joe Nicoletti, The Pavia Children, Rebecca Roman, Emily Rosenthal, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Roseanne Scrimale, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, Julie Smith, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

### VOCATIONS

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
For the weekend of March 30-31  
Easter Saturday Vigil & Sunday

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Bread and Wine  
For Masses Celebrated During The Week

In Loving Memory Of  
*Peter & Mary Caruso*

Requested By  
*Family*

**HOLY NAME**  
**50/50 RAFFLE**

Tickets are still available for you to purchase and they are only \$50.00 each. The drawing will be on **May 8, 2024 (think spring!)**. You may want to give a ticket (or two) as a gift!

Please Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis. We thank you for your support.

**Golf News**

**Thinking about getting out on the golf course?**

**Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Golf League** will begin on Tuesday May 7th. Call Jamie Lanza at 315-256-4540 after 2 pm if you are interested in playing. All are welcome!

**BEREAVEMENT**

Please remember in your prayers, Antonio Ceravolo and Francine Magnarelli, whose funeral Masses we celebrated this week. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**Traffic Impact**

**Sunday, March 24th** from 8am - 11am.

The 11th running of the Syracuse Half Marathon will bring 3,000 runners and spectators to the downtown Syracuse area on the morning of March 24th.

**You may need to give yourselves a little extra time in the morning** and if you feel that their route will be directly affected, find an alternative route just in case.

You can find the course at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/SyracuseHalfMarathon/Page/Course>

**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY**  
**DISTRIBUTION THIS**  
**WEEKEND**



Gertrude Hawk Candy orders will be distributed at church this weekend (Palm Sunday weekend). If you didn't pick yours up at church, you can do so at the Parish or School Offices any time this week. Or call the Parish Offices to make other arrangements (315 422 7163). If you placed your order on line the order will be delivered directly to your home. Let us know at the Parish Offices if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your support!! Enjoy!!!!

