

**MASS INTENTIONS
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Sunday, April 9

5:00pm (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Anne & Mike Fazio
8:00 John Perry
10:00 Margaret & Michael Sullivan
12:00 Stephen Sidorik

Monday, April 10

9:00 Rose Campagna

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

Wednesday, April 12

9:00 Charles Capazzo

Thursday, April 13 – Holy Thursday

7:30 Mass of the Lords Supper followed by Adoration until 11:00pm

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday

3:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion followed by Divine Mercy, Liturgy & Veneration
7:30 Stations of the Cross w/Reading, Reflection, Veneration of Cross

Saturday, April 15 – Holy Saturday

9:00 Blessing of Food Baskets

Sunday, April 16

7:30pm (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Easter Novena Intentions
8:00 Easter Novena Intentions
10:00 Easter Novena Intentions
12:00 Easter Novena Intentions

**The Sacramental Bread and Wine for the Week of April 9th was donated in memory of:
Mary Catherine Finnegan
Lovingly remembered by the 8am Music Group**

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading	Philippians 2:8-9
Gospel	Matthew 26:14-17:66

RESPONSE

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Faith

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a - 43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, April 15th

7:30pm Fr. DeBellis

Sunday, April 16th

8:00am Fr. Vernon

10:00am Fr. DeBellis

12:00 noon Fr. Vernon



Thank you for your generosity

Offering

\$10,250

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

\$2,502

Please mark your envelope with the amount of your contribution, your name and address, so that we are able to record it for your year-end statement. If you are not a registered Parishioner we will gladly send you a registration form.

The 2016 tax contribution statements are available.



Please call the Parish Office to request your copy, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You may also fax or e-mail us as well. Thank you.

The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **Shelby Skinner, Michael Monfils, Robert Moe, Robert Sorrentino and Edward Hammond.** Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **Alfred Cuozzo, Jr. Christopher Connolly.**



**OFFICE
CLOSED**

Please mark your calendar! The Parish Office will be closed next Friday, April 14th. Have a blessed Good Friday.



From the Desk of Fr. John

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, the Church recalls the great entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the final steps of Our Lord's journey toward His Passion, Death and Resurrection. This week, Holy Week, the Church gives us a marvelous opportunity to walk with Jesus and to reflect more deeply on the central mysteries of our faith.

On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist and our individual call to serve.

On Good Friday, we will celebrate the passion of Jesus and the generous giving of His life for our sake.

On Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, we celebrate the glorious Resurrection and our entry into the life of grace.

Incidentally, if you have not had the opportunity to be with us for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, I encourage you to participate. While the Mass is a bit lengthier than our usual Sunday Mass, it includes the Service of Light. I will also baptize and confirm the adult candidates of the RCIA. It is a wonderful celebration of our faith.

I encourage everyone to join us for Holy Week, the schedule of which is printed on the subsequent pages of this bulletin.

God bless and have a grace-filled week.... **Fr. John**

The Bereavement Support Group will begin its Spring Series of meetings on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30pm in the Rectory Conference Room. They will continue thereafter each Tuesday until May 23rd. We invite all to join us and share their story of loss with others who are also grieving.

Please note that all participants are asked to call the Rectory and register for the meetings even if you have participated in the past. I personally keep all the bereaved in my daily prayers and look forward to meeting with you.

The Seniors Group Planning Group met last Sunday and are making final preparations to kick off the Holy Spirit Seniors Group. They will hold a "meet and greet" on **Friday, May 19th** from 10-12noon in the Parish Activity Center. All seniors are invited to mark their calendar and join us.



Souvenir Jubilee History Book

Just a reminder that copies of the Souvenir History Book are now available at the Rectory Office. If you are unable to come during the week, please call the Office for your copy. Thanks to all who made the book possible, to all donors and volunteers.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

The Finance Council-

Monday, April 24th at 7:30pm in the Rectory - We will discuss the current financial status and continue our long-term plans for upgrades to our grounds including driveway lighting and additional parking. These items do present some challenges but we continue to seek solutions.

The Liturgy Committee-Monday May 1st, at 7:30pm in the Rectory - The focus for our meeting will be Pentecost Sunday, our Feast day which is celebrated this year on Sunday, June 4th. Discussion will include planning some special events to mark the occasion.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Reconciliation Monday – April 10

Confessions - 3:00pm through 6:00pm and 7:00pm through 9:00pm

**Please note there are no confessions on Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday – April 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm

Followed by Adoration until 11:00pm

Good Friday – April 14

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm

(Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence)

Holy Saturday – April 15

Blessing of food baskets – 9:00am

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30pm

Easter Sunday – April 16

8:00am, 10:00am & Noon



Please note that there is no 9:00am Mass on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week

Easter Novena

As a spiritual gift, remember your loved ones during our Easter Masses. Easter intention envelopes will be available this weekend and next. Please fill out the intention envelope and return it with your stipend (offering) enclosed. You may place it in the collection basket or drop it at the Parish Office. All Easter Masses will be offered for these intentions.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to renew their vows and receive the Cardinal's award on Sunday, May 21st at the 10am Mass here at Holy Spirit Church. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you will be participating in the celebration. Thank you and congratulations!



ALSO

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass At St. Patrick's Cathedral



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish office for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12th, 2017. This event is sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

Annual Ladies Brunch

Ladies, save the date, Saturday, May 20, for the Annual Ladies Brunch. Come enjoy each other's company, some good food and a heart-touching talk by Sr. Danielle Baran. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.



From Scripture: Luke 24:13-35, Jesus hides in plain sight

Jesus was so close to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, he could have tripped them. Yet neither man recognized him. Jesus even gave clues to his identity that he quoted from Scripture. The men were too caught up in the pain and disappointment of the crucifixion. Only when he broke bread with them did they see Jesus for who he was. Then he was gone from their sight.

Both Cleopas and his friend had formed such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to see him for who he was. They expected a warrior king and almost missed the universal savior. Aren't we like that, too? Don't we have such expectations of what we want God to be that we miss who he really is?

Christ's presence in our lives isn't revealed so much by the song of angels as the whisper of a prayer. Taking the time to be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us will help us uncover Christ's presence everywhere.

- Growing in Faith

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Parish will gather to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the following dates and times.



- Monday, April 17th thru Saturday, April 22nd at 3:00pm
- Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00pm Feast of Divine Mercy - The Novena will conclude with music, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are invited to be with us.

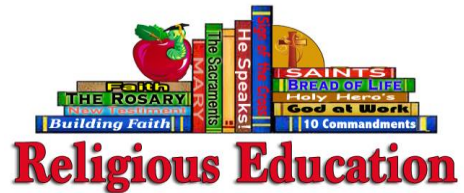
All are invited to participate in this ever-growing devotion which was begun by a Polish nun in the 1930's named St. Faustina. Divine Mercy which is on the Second Sunday of Easter each year, (April 23rd this year) was promulgated as Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II.

Theology on Tap is back!!

Coming Tuesday, May 16th

Catholic in Real Life is bringing Theology on Tap back to our area! The featured speaker will be our very own Fr. John DeBellis! A question and answer session will follow the talk. **Open to all adults.** Location details will follow. Mark your calendars!

RSVP to CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com or [Meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life](https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life)



Is your child entering first grade in September? Did you know that Religious Education starts in first grade and continues through eighth grade with the student attending every year? Please call Elizabeth Kogler in the Religious Ed Office at 734-9243 to find out about registering your child for September 2017. Registration will also be open to families with older students who have not recently or ever attended Religious Education. Registration forms for families currently enrolled in the Program will be mailed the first week of May.



Vacation Bible School

At Maker Fun Factory kids discover they were created by God and built for a purpose. The week will be an incredible adventure that will help kids deepen their faith through Bible-learning experiences where they will meet new friends, participate in creative games, eat lip-smacking snacks, go on surprising adventures and so much more. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life, something we call God Sightings. The fun starts August 28 through September 1. Sign your kids up for the best week of the summer! Call the Religious Education Office for more information.