

# Hosanna

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

Matthew 21:9b

**The Church of the  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
Mahwah, New Jersey**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

- 5:00PM +Joseph Crevani  
by daughters, Gloria & Irene  
+Fr. Anthony J. Sokol, SDB  
by the Sokol Family  
+Rose Leahy by Tom & Barbara Chickey

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 7:30AM +Victor Poplawski by the Poplawski Family  
9:00AM +Czeslawa Zakrzewski & Romuald Zwierz  
by Sabina & Family  
+Anna Garbowski by Danuta Reszuta  
+Deceased Members of the  
Polish American Club  
10:30AM +Henry Drozdowski by Roberta Drozdowski  
12:00PM +Jack Dempsey by Amy Reid-Thonus

**Monday, March 21 For Our Parishioners and**

- 8:00AM +Anthony Fontana by the Family  
12:00PM +Michele Szwed by the Family  
Fr. Floyd Rotunno on the  
Anniversary of his Ordination

**Tuesday, March 22**

- 8:00AM +Anthony Ostrowski by wife, Joan  
+Solomon Pil by Monette Cabig  
12:00PM +Helen Stoltz  
by daughter, Louise & Arthur Yankowski  
+Peter Jasenzak  
by sister, Mary Trusewicz

**Wednesday, March 23**

- 8:00AM +Yolanda Auditore  
by sisters Irene & Gloria  
+Stanley Spiech by wife, Lisa  
12:00PM +Stanley Spiech  
by Mom, Stephanie Spiech  
+Gina Lisi & Family  
by Vincent Lisi & Family

**Holy Thursday, March 24**

- 7:30PM Mass of the Last Supper  
For Our Parishioners



**Good Friday, March 25**

- 3:00PM The Lord's Passion  
7:30PM (Polish) Stations of the Cross



**Holy Saturday, March 26**

**Blessing of the Food – in Church**

- 12:30PM in English  
2:30PM in Polish



**Holy Saturday, March 26**

- 8:00PM +Adam E. Suleski  
by Grandchildren, Robert, Megan  
and Adam

**Sunday, March 27**

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

- 6:30AM +(Polish) Chrystine Wyszomirski  
by Sophia Losak  
9:00AM +Anna Stricker by husband, Don  
10:30AM +The Dempsey & Hennessey Families  
by the Families  
12:00PM +Lou Molinelli by wife, Mary & Children

**Memorial Candles**

**Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)**

In memory of **Steven Sochulak, Jr.**  
With love, from wife, Shirley

**Saint Joseph (Sanctuary Candle)**

In memory of **Steven Sochulak, Jr.**  
From Kenneth & Virginia Sochulak & Family

**Sacred Heart (Alcove)**

In memory of **Cynthia**, my loving wife  
From husband, Ed Plicinski

**Blessed Mother (Alcove)**

In Thanksgiving for Blessings received  
The Gerling Family

**PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS**

**For those who are ill:** Michael Helms, Christine Sanese-Brett, Joan Malone, JoAnn Best, Stella Moran, Jaclyn Best, Helen Kelly, Nora Dempsey, Tara Arbia, Peter Rice, Maryann Titko, Theresa White, John LaPlaca, James and Barbara Straut, Ruth Stager, Eleanora Swingle, Frances Konior, Irene Calotta, Gabriele DiCarlo, Mary Gisonno, Carol Zarcone, Nicholas Sorgine, Susan Saladino, Henry Baker, Louise Yankowski, Michael Cardinale, Nancy Mayer, Yolanda G. Kotos, George Leahy, Fred Tinoso.



**For the recently deceased:** Anton Leahy, Priscilla

Binko, Joseph Kotos, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Christina Wyszomirski, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Anthony Fontana, Helena Marut, Joseph Szwerc, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Gabriel Wolanski, Stanley Zembriski, Stanislaw Wrzesien, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Richard Gotowoko, Stephanie Spiech, Joseph DiDominico, Joseph DePiano, Robert Garza, Mary Stryko, Alice Levandowska-Pyka, Irena Nowicka, Ann Lake, Andrew O'Sullivan, Gloria Edlin, Pawel Gusciora.



March 20, 2016



**Message from the Pastor:**

## *Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord!*

Since the early centuries of the Church, Christians have carried palm branches in joyful processions on this day. We shout out "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" like the crowd that followed Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of what we now call Holy Week. This year we hear the Passion account from the Gospel of Luke. It tells a moving story of Jesus, who consoles the "good criminal" and forgives those who nailed Him to the cross. According to this passage, Jesus' friends "stood at a distance." Sometimes, when we go through hard times, even some of our friends also keep their distance. The only people around Jesus who recognized Him were this criminal, who accepted responsibility for what he did and asks Jesus only to "remember him", and the centurion who, after Jesus' death, glorified God and said, "This man was innocent."

The thief and centurion, who had never met Jesus before, believed in Him. Jesus was abandoned and left alone by his friends when He was dying on the cross. However, after His Resurrection, Jesus' first words to His friends were, "Peace be to you." He understood their weakness and forgave them. In this Year of Mercy, let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis on God's mercy from his first Angelus address: "God's face is that of a merciful father who is always patient. He always has patience, is always patient with us, understanding us, awaiting us, never tiring of forgiving us if we know how to return to him with a contrite heart."

We continue on our Lenten journey today, at all Masses, and this Monday and Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. Fr. Anthony Mastroeni will lead us in our Lenten Retreat in English. Fr. Mastroeni, a Pastoral Consultant, earned an S.T.L. in Spiritual Theology; a doctorate in Moral Theology from the Angelicum in Rome; a J.D. in Civil Law from Rutgers Law School; and an M.A. in Psychology from Seton Hall. For the last 33 years he has been teaching university students, as well as giving retreats.

We welcome everyone for our Lenten Pardon & Peace Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm, immediately following the completion of the Lenten Retreat (starting at 7pm). There will be time for individual confessions with a number of priests coming from outside parishes as well.

When we hear the proclamation of the Passion, we are mindful of all the suffering Jesus endured. Luke reminds us that the Passion also proclaims Jesus' ultimate self-giving ministry for others. As we now enter into Holy Week, let us continue to prepare ourselves for Jesus' glorious Resurrection -- in our thoughts, in our actions and in our deeds, now, and all the days of our life.

Welcome Spring -- new life, new birth, new beginnings. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

God Bless You!

Fr. Jacek

## Recent Collections

Sunday Collection \$4,721.00

Second Collection \$1,882.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### March Parish Calendar

March 20	Palm Sunday Youth Choir Sings Lenten Retreat English Sunday All Masses
March 21,22	Lenten Retreat Cont'd 7:00PM
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Pardon &amp; Peace 8:00PM</b>
March 24	Stations of the Cross English
March 25	Easter Triduum Begins
March 27	Easter Sunday
March 28,	Easter Monday 8:00AM Mass only
March 28,29	<b>Easter Recess CCD Closed</b>



## Lenten Pardon & Peace Service

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016.

8:00PM

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:  
**1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.**

### Our LENTEN RETREATS

continue on Palm Sunday, March 20th, at all masses and  
March 21, and 22 at 7:00 pm with  
Fr. Anthony Mastroeni, our guest speaker.



For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. With your support, the Holy Land Franciscans will continue to nourish Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care and service.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN SUPPORT  
CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND.**

## *Prayer on Good Friday...*

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul I pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, having in mind the words which David Thy prophet said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones." (Say one Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be for the Holy Father's intentions.)



### Holy Thursday – March 24, 2016

Morning Prayer – 8:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 PM  
(Adoration follows until 11:00 PM  
and Individual Confessions)

### Good Friday – March 25, 2016

Morning Prayer – 8:00AM

The Lord's Passion (English) – 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross (Polish) - 7:30 PM  
Followed by Confessions

### Holy Saturday – March 26, 2016

Morning Prayer – 8:00AM

The Blessing of Food – in Church  
12:30 PM in English  
2:30 PM in Polish

### Easter Vigil Mass (English) – 8:00 PM

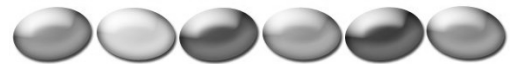
### Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016

6:30 AM (Mass of the Resurrection) – In Polish  
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon – All in English

The Rectory office will close at noon on Holy Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>; be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday, March 28, 2016. The office will reopen on Tuesday, March 29th at 10:00AM  
Emergency calls are always accepted.



*Have a Blessed Easter!      Wesolego Alleluja!*



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Resurrection Eggs Craft on March 13th. Thank you also to the members of our Youth Group who prepared all the supplies and manned the tables, lovingly explaining the Easter Story to the children as they filled 12 eggs with symbols representing Palm Sunday to the Empty Tomb.