St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish

HOLY WEEK

Passion Sunday – Our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem remembered with blessed palms. We hear the story of Jesus’ saving deeds.

Penance Service – Monday, March 21
7 PM, St. Anthony Church. Several area priests available to hear confessions.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – make time for Prayer, read the Last Days of Christ on earth. John’s Gospel.


Good Friday - Parish Stations of the Cross at 3PM in church. Liturgical Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 7PM with Scriptures, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil at 8PM. Happy Easter! We celebrate the Risen Lord and renewed faith among His people, we welcome new members into the Church Community.

Easter Sunday – He is Risen!!!
Mass of Our Lord’s Resurrection at 8AM & 10:30 AM

COME WALK WITH THE LORD – JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK
Lately, signs of Spring have been close by…… slowly, patiently and surely there is felt the warmth of the sun and glimpses of the fact that Old Man Winter is exiting!! As Lent draws us nearer to Holy Week and the life-saving events of Christ’s suffering, passion….death and rising, one sure sign of this spiritual Springtime.

Now we cross the threshold and enter into the life-giving days of Holy Week, we do this not separated as individuals but as a parish and faith community together. Of the **THREE GREAT DAYS,**

**THE TRIDUUM, HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY....AND THE EASTER VIGIL ON SATURDAY EVENING,** Holy Thursday has a special solemnity and evening peacefulness about it that makes it so spiritually rewarding. The Mass of Thursday night recalls the origins of the Eucharist and inspires us to serve and care gently for others as Jesus did when he washed the feet of the Twelve. Come walk with Jesus carrying the cross on Good Friday— the simple stations of the cross at 3:PM and the very moving and stark service honoring the cross at 7:PM in the evening. As the Alleluias ring out Holy Saturday at our great Easter service at 8:PM, when we welcome new Catholics, that Easter song echoes throughout our Masses on Easter Sunday!

Come let us walk together during these days of Holy Week!

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**In Gratitude for God’s Blessings….**

**Reg. Coll. 3/13…..$6685.50**

Self Denial. The magnitude of what Jesus sacrificed for our salvation is difficult to comprehend. As his disciples we are called to remember that sacrifice and give some measure of ourselves to others. We can only do this if we deny ourselves, giving not from our excess, but from the very substance of what we have and who we are. Only then will we better comprehend what it means to deny our self.

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**Memorials**

This week’s Sanctuary Lamps have been donated in memory of: **John & Angie Piazza** by Terri, Nick, Nicole, Maria & Vinny; **Salvatore Suppa Sr.** by Theresa & family and for **Rocco Comimso** by wife & family.

The Gospel Light burns in memory of **Forte & Anderson Families** by Alex & Janice Forte.

The St. Joseph Candle was donated by Terri, Nick, Nicole, Maria & Vinny in memory of **John Piazza Sr.**

The Mother Marianne Cope candle was donated by Tessie in memory of **Rosalie Puleo.**

The Paschal Candle Burns this year in memory of **Trinco, Beasman & Basile Families.**

The restoration of the Paschal Candle Stand was donated in honor of **Frank & Josephine Mazza.**

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**Easter is a Time for Welcome!**

Please invite our Brothers and Sisters Home for Easter Sunday: Easter is a time when people’s religious sentiments are more heartfelt even if they are not apparent at other times. Invitations to Church will be better received at Easter. Please don’t be shy about asking your family and friends to come for Easter.
Monday, March 21
• Confessions 4-6PM
• Penance Service, 7PM, at St. Anthony Church

Holy Thursday, March 24
• Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7PM with musical meditation following Mass.
• Church will be open until midnight for meditation. Rosary recited at 11PM.

Good Friday, March 25
• Stations of the Cross, 3PM
• Liturgical Celebration of the Lord’s Passion & Veneration of the Cross with Communion service, 7PM.

Holy Saturday, March 26
• NO 4:30 PM MASS
• Easter Vigil 8PM

Easter Sunday, March 27
• Masses at 8:00 & 10:30AM

There will be no morning Masses on Wed., Thurs., Fri.

**Easter Flowers**
Many donations toward our lovely Easter Flowers have been made in memory or honor of a loved one. The envelopes with your intentions will be placed by The Tabernacle at Easter.

**Wednesday Evening Masses**
Mass on Wednesday evenings will resume next week, April 6.

**Holy Thursday Adoration**
Enjoy the peace that comes from being in the presence of God! Join us as we keep vigil on Holy Thursday night. Musical Meditation will follow the 7PM Mass. Rosary will be recited at 11PM. The church will be open until midnight for private meditation.

*In keeping with the tradition of years past, it is also a good idea to visit 3 churches following Holy Thursday evening Mass!*

**Reboot! Live!**
On Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 PM, St. John the Evangelist Church will host teens, parents and young adults as they experience Reboot! Live! - which will apply the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting health and more. Reserve your tickets by contacting Anne Elacqua at 941-7447 or apelacqua@syrdio.org. Tickets are $19. per person.

**The New Evangelization Summit**
An inspiring Summit which will be held in Ottawa, will be webcast to Syracuse on April 15-16. For details contact mhallman@syrdio.org.

**PARKING REMINDERS**
- Please leave the fire lanes open where indicated.
- Please observe the Handicapped Parking Spaces. They are meant for those who currently are in need of them!
- Parking is also available in the lot on Jay St. next to the rectory.

**Ushers Needed!**
We are still seeking men and women who are willing to commit to becoming ushers. Information and training will be given before you begin. You will be assigned to the Mass of your choice. Call the Parish Office to volunteer!

**New York Yankees**
The Social Committee has scheduled a bus trip to see the Yankees play the Cleveland Indians at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, August 6, 2016. It is a 1:05 PM game. Cost is $125. per person. Call Angela or Bob Ferdula at 733-4283 for any information or to reserve a seat. Reservations are secured by full payment. Don’t delay seats go quickly!

**Parish Registration**
If you are worshipping here and would like to join the parish, please complete the form below and submit it to the parish office. We are happy to have you join us:

Name___________________
Address_________________
Phone #__________________
E-mail address_____________
PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Living:
Aunt Lena-Carol, Dennis & Chris Tuttle
Rosemary Chiffy-Gloria’s Steinhorst Prayer Group
Clara Dempsey-Gloria’s Steinhorst Prayer Group
Children & Grandchildren-Mom Friend-Carol, Dennis & Chris Tuttle
Francis G. Garramone-sister Carol Conino
Gina & Austin T.-Mom Nick J. LaBella-Michele & Mike Mancuso & girls Sr. Margaret & Sr. Mary Nicholas-Gloria’s Steinhorst Prayer Group
Michael Matthews-Aunt Tessie Mora & Bill Milham-Gloria’s Steinhorst Prayer Group
In honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel by Ricky Caruso

Deceased:
John Sr. & Elizabeth (Betty) Alsheimer-John Jr., George, Dick & families Celeste Haggerty Aney-Mary Lou Mazza
daughter Edye  
Fred Valenti-Carol Conino  
Maria Vullo-Rocco & Lisa Grande  
& family  
Catherine E. Zalewski-Joseph  
Zalewski & family  
Matthew M. Zennamo-cousins  
Diane & Dick Basile  
Sylvia Carino-Antoinette Azzarito,  
Michele, Megan & Matthew Grimo, Daughter Barbara Jo, Pam Desar, Maria A. Luce.  
Florence (Leone) Rizzo-Carol,  
Jude, Dina, Tonia Abruzzo, Al & Kay DeSantis, Rocco & Lisa Grande, Joann Trotta.  
Anthony Trino-Group #5 Collection Counters, Tom Marrotta, M/M  
David Martin, Gordon Schindler,  
David & Patty Watson, Zarelli family.

Prayer Remembrances submitted today will reach the parish office in time to be placed in the bulletin of April 3.

If you have a prayer intention that you would like parishioners to pray for, please call Pattie Franco at 733-4210. She along with members of our prayer line will be glad to pray for you.

Area News

.....Day of Renewal with Maria Vadia & Fr. Amedeo Guida, Sat. April 2, 8AM-4PM at Traditions Restaurant, Syracuse. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the $45. fee. Reservations must be made by calling 373-0771 or contacting www.charismaticrenewalcny.com