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6:30 am, 8:30 am and 12:00 noon

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 20, 2016
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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Below is a repeat of an article I wrote a few years ago. The importance of Holy Week hasn’t changed; neither have my thoughts on the subject. There has been some up-dating to reflect our current circumstances.

With Palm Sunday, the Church begins the remembrance of Jesus’ last days on earth. Of special importance are the days of the Easter Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/ the Easter Vigil. On these days, the Church looks at the events which have become the center of our salvation.

The single Mass on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, remembers the institution of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Church’s life of grace. It is from the Eucharist that all of us draw our spiritual strength. It is from the Eucharist that we are fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Himself, as food for the journey. The Eucharist is the pledge of the Pascal Feast of Heaven. In addition, at this celebration of the Lord’s Supper we remember the institution of the ministerial priesthood, a priesthood by which Jesus has chosen to continue His own priestly presence through the ages. Most especially, the ministerial priesthood is entrusted with the sacramental ministry through which grace (the divine life) is offered to the Church from the hands of Christ, Himself. Also, at this Supper, we remember His example of charity and service, in the washing of the feet, a call which Christ speaks to the whole Church, also as a sign of His continued presence in the Church, so that the Church may be a sign of His presence in the world.

On Good Friday, the Church remembers the death of her Lord. The principle worship service is not a Mass but is officially called the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. It has three principle parts: (1) the Liturgy of the Word, especially the Passion, which recounts the Lord’s suffering and death, (2) the Veneration of the Cross, in which each of us are invited to venerate the Cross as the instrument of our salvation, and (3) the Communion Service, in which Holy Communion, consecrated at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper the previous evening, is distributed to the faithful. Good Friday is the most solemn day on the Church’s calendar. The faithful should make every effort to celebrate it as such. I have mentioned before that in this one, we could learn from our brothers and sisters of Jewish or Moslem adherence. It would be considered a rarity that they would not celebrate their “high holy days,” Yom Kippur or Ramadan. And yet, we Catholics have become so cavalier about the way we commemorate Good Friday, our high holy day. We think nothing of scheduling ball games (coaches, please note) or going to work, or even leaving for vacation & spring break. What kind of message are we giving to our children and our world? Please, make an effort to reverse that, even if it means taking a personal day from work to witness to your co-workers and your family and your neighbors that Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross means something to you. And if you do take off, honor the day by celebrating with us and by leaving household chores, shopping, the lawn & garden, etc. to another day.

The Easter Vigil is often called the “mother of all vigils,” because it was an ancient custom of early Christians to stay up on the eve of Easter to wait, with the whole Church, for the Resurrection of the Lord. It was a time to remember, through the many readings, the history of salvation, culminating in that final act of God on our
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behalf, the Resurrection. In addition, all those who wished to join the community were baptized at this Vigil. It is a beautiful celebration of hope and joy. Join us for the special vigil that begins at 8:00 PM Saturday evening. At the Vigil, those who are to be baptized into the Catholic Church and with whom we have shared a journey these weeks of Lent, especially if you attend the weekly 11:00 Mass, will join our Eucharistic community for the first time. This year, Kimberly Michel will join this local Catholic community when she is baptized. It would be a wonderful thing if, as a parish, a large part of our community were there to welcome her. I know Mass will take longer than usual, but when you think of the fact that Kimberly has now found Christ, what a wonderful sign to her that our community truly appreciates her decision for the faith. And what a continuing encouragement to us to rekindle the faith that brought Kimberly to this moment. Please come. You might be inspired to speak an invitation to the faith to someone who is searching for God in their lives.

How has your Lent been? If it has gone well, cap it off by your participation in the liturgies of these special days. If it has not gone well, if your Lenten resolutions have left something to be desired, you can make up for it by your participation in these confessions on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. As a sign of how important the Church considers the Triduum, in places that have Perpetual Adoration, such Adoration is supposed to end before Holy Thursday. To facilitate the proper cleaning of the church in preparation for the Triduum, everyone is reminded that, once again, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will end Palm Sunday evening at 8:00 PM and will resume after the 6:30 AM Mass on Easter Monday.

One last thing. I call your attention to the schedule of Masses for Easter Sunday. You will notice three masses celebrated in the auditorium, at 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30. With the enormous crowds for Easter, we’ve added extra Masses to help alleviate the overcrowding. The Masses in the auditorium will have full ministries and full musical programs and you will hardly know that you are in an auditorium; it will be decorated so well. So please, if you get here and the church is already crowded, you will find a warm celebration in the auditorium.

May Holy Week be, for each of us, a time of renewal in faith, deepening in hope, and growth in charity by the way we walk with the Lord through these saving mysteries.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

Lenten Morning Prayer Service continues this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Chapel from 5:30AM -6:15AM. The Prayer Service, which began on Ash Wednesday, will end this Wednesday, March 23.

Please refer to the Holy Week Schedule for Prayer Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Parish Penance Service, Tuesday, March 22: 7:30pm
Confessions, Wednesday, March 23: 7:00 - 7:00-9:00pm

PALM SUNDAY - March 20
Saturday Eve - March 19: 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am
12:30, 3:00 (Spanish), 6:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY - March 24
Morning Prayer - 8:30am
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY - March 25
Morning Prayer - 8:30am
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 3:00pm
Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY - March 26
Morning Prayer - 8:30am
Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY - March 27
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9:30am
9:30am (Auditorium)
11:00am
11:00am (Auditorium)
12:30pm
12:30pm (Auditorium)
3:00pm (Spanish)

NO 6:30 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

STEWARDSHIP

“I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” The words of Jesus today, in the reading of the Passion, are addressed to us, as well. But how do we deny Christ? If our attention is elsewhere, do we not deny Him? If we give our Time, Talent and Treasure to other things, do we not deny Him? Ask yourself today, if by your actions, if not by words, you are denying Him more than you think.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was $20,432. Today’s tithe for Sharing Our Gifts will be sent to the Campus Ministry of Montclair University, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chern who served here as a deacon and priest. God bless your generosity in support of the Gospel.

CHURCH HOP: HOLY THURSDAY

Young Catholics, 21-35 years of age who are not married, are invited to join the Young Adult Ministry of OLMC for a Seven Churches Pilgrimage immediately following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016. All interested should RSVP to Father Gino by March 23, 2016 at edelarama@olmcridgewood.com. Don't miss out on this ancient tradition that responds to the Lord's invitation to the apostles after the Last Supper: "Remain here, and watch with me (Mt 26:38)."
Hop to it!
LADIES NIGHT OUT 2016
Friday, April 1, 2016 | 7PM-11PM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center
Join us for an evening of wine tasting, raffles, games and dinner (wine included), to benefit the AoOL Monsignor Holmes Tuition Assistance Program. Early Bird Dinner Special: $45 ($50 after 3/24). Go to http://academyofourlady.org to order tickets

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd - 11:00AM
A Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be held at OLMC in the Church. This is an opportunity for the entire parish community to come together in a special way to pray for our families, friends and loved ones who are in need of healing.

Although all are invited to the Mass to pray, only certain people are eligible to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament may only be celebrated with those who are baptized Catholics, who are of the age of reason, and have begun to be in danger from illness or infirmities of age. The danger need only to have begun to exist; the person does not need to be in danger of dying. Elderly people who are weak because of their age, though not dangerously ill, are eligible to receive the Sacrament.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is designed to bring comfort to those who are ill and help them unite their sufferings with the suffering of Christ on the Cross. Refreshments will be held in the Parish Center after the Mass. Please call 201.444.2000 Ext. 200 to RSVP.

MEN, YOU'RE INVITED - ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT!
We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say but what God says to us through us. Jesus is always waiting for us in silence. In that silence, He will listen to us; He will speak to our souls. And there we will hear His Voice."
-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown (www.loyola.org) invites the Men of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish to attend a silent retreat offered this spring. The May 13-15, 2016 retreat will be presented by Bill Rakowicz, S.J and The Topic will be: "Who Do You Say That I Am". The Retreat Master will help us to: "reflect on the ways God has shown his love for us by the gifts that he has bestowed on us, the qualities that are ours, the talents and abilities and the relationships that we are blessed with". For more information or to reserve your space, please call or contact Bob Reilly 201.447.2430 or rpreilly1@hotmail.com.

MINISTRY FOR DIVORCED & SEPARATED HEALING
The Ministry for Divorced and Separated continues meeting every Tuesday 7:30 to 9:00pm through May 10th. As a Christian Community we provide healing and the Ministry is inviting anyone in the community who needs support. The Healing Group meets in the Youth Center located at 52 Passaic Street, Ridgewood. Divorced and separated individuals experience bouts of stress, loneliness, conflict, guilt and many other emotions. The Ministry is conducted by members who share resources and information to help with the healing process. For more information please call 201.988.3533 or email rich.kritzer@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION - GRADES 1-6 ONLY
Summer Program: Parents must attend an enrollment meeting. The last opportunity is Tuesday, March 22nd at 9:30AM and 5:45PM in the Religious Education Office

When Families Gather & Home Groups: Registration continues in the Religious Education office and will close on Thursday, March 31st at 3PM. Home Group applications are due now. Contact Melissa Peters with any questions at mpeters@olmcridgewood.com

EXTENDED REGISTRATION HOURS:
Tuesday, March 22nd 9:30AM - 6:30PM

CONFIRMATION GROUP
GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JUDE'S
Garage Sale to raise money for St Jude’s children Hospital. April 2nd from 8am to 4pm at 189 Prospect Street Ridgewood. Hosted by 9th Grade Confirmation Group.

MOMs - MOVIE FUNDRAISER EVENT CANCELLED
Unfortunately the Peanut Movie scheduled for Sunday, March 20th has been cancelled.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your continued support.

The Nurturing Place Committee

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE TO BENEFIT OASIS
The Luby Confirmation group will be collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly on Sunday, March 20th. Please join in our effort to replenish the pantry of Oasis as part of our service project. Oasis is a haven for women and children. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate and empower women and children in need. Kindly label your donations "Luby group" and leave them at the Passaic Street entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER BASKET & FOOD BLESSING
The blessing of Easter Baskets and food will take place on Holy Saturday at 12:00 Noon in the Chapel.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)
Where people connect with God 24/7
Chapel is open 24/7 — Children are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: The Perpetual Adoration Chapel will close at 8:00pm, today, Palm Sunday, March 20th, and will re-open Easter Monday, March 28th at 7:00am.

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for everyone to come in at anytime to pray to Jesus Better yet, sign up for a regular one hour once a week, every week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. Join us in this wonderful and profound spiritual act of worship.

♦ SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED: Mondays - 11PM-12:00 Midnight; Tuesdays—2:00-3:00AM (URGENT); Fridays 12:00 Noon-1:00PM
Morning, Noon, Evening & MIDNIGHT SUBSTITUTES
For information in English, call/text/email Cynthia at 551.574.1063 or cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com
For information in Spanish, call/email Patricia Engel at 201.652.6280 or Camuscat2@yahoo.com

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALE
Proceeds to Benefit our Youth Ministry Program.

WHEN:
Monday, April 4th : 10am to 5pm & 7pm to 9pm
Tuesday, April 5th: 10am to 5pm & 7pm to 9pm
Wednesday, April 6th: 10am to 5pm only.

WHERE: YOUTH CENTER located on the lower level of the school building.

Communion Gifts Confirmation Gifts
Veils & Ties Books for All Ages
Sports Medals Bibles
Patron Saint Medals Jewelry
Communion Bracelets Crosses/Crucifixes
Baptism Gifts Baby Items
Auto Visor Clips Saint Statues
Rosaries Sponsor Gifts
Picture Frames Godparent/Grandparent Gifts
Tiny Saints Charms AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

JULLIARD TROMBONE CHOIR TO PERFORM IN RAMSEY
The Julliard Trombone Choir, under the direction of Joseph Alessi, principal trombonist for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, will perform in a Chapel Concert on Sunday, April 3, at 4:00pm at Don Bosco Prep’s St. John’s Hall Chapel. For Chapel Concert tickets, please call 201.327.8003 ext 188 or www.donboscoprep.org. Tickets are $15, and seating is general admission. This venue is wheelchair accessible. Don Bosco Prep is located at 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

Let us pray for the men and the women in Iraq or Afghanistan, especially those from Ridgewood: Ian Duke, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Pamela Goodman, Elias Ibay, Michael Kerns, James McNally, Matthew Minor, and Taylor Mosera.

Please let us know the names of additional Ridgewood residents who are serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH


Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick, so we can include them in our prayer list.

COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH’S 2016 SPIRITUALITY CONVOCATION

The College of Saint Elizabeth cordially invites you to the annual Spirituality Convocation. It will take place on Saturday, April 9 from 9:45AM to 4:30 PM. It will include two keynote speakers and a choice of five workshops on the theme: Hope: The spirit Ventures Forth. The cost is $35.00 by March 31 and $40.00 at the door and includes snacks, lunch and Saturday evening Mass. For more information and to register, go to ose.edu and click on the 2015 Spirituality Convocation link or call 973.290.4337.
TODAY’S READINGS

1. Isaiah 50: 4-7
Scholars debate who is represented in the Suffering Servant. Some see him as the author himself, the man come to be known as Deutero-Isaiah. Others see in it the figure of Jeremiah, who was up-front in admitting the personal cost of being God’s “mouthpiece.” For others it is the whole Israelite community, described in their suffering in exile. But the actual identity is unimportant. What is important is the teaching, the Servant who truly speaks God's word endures the hostility and rejection of those who will not listen. But this will not deter him because of his awareness that God is with him. In his fidelity, he finds the capacity to uplift a whole community.

2. Philippians 2: 6-11
In this beautiful and ancient hymn, Paul describes Christ’s emptying of Himself, surrendering His power to become powerless, thus living perfectly the demands of human existence before God – total obedience in a world of total disobedience. In referencing this hymn to the Philippians, Paul invites his readers to adopt the same attitude, of surrender and obedience. Only then will the reader, the believer, experience the exaltation and zenith of divine glory experienced by Christ.

The Lukan Jesus understands His passion as the confirmation of the prophet’s fate, evident through generations of Israel’s prophets, a result of the obstinacy of Israel to recognize and accept God’s saving actions on its behalf. The suffering Lukan Jesus invites the reader to recognize the depths of God’s love for the sinner, and the cost of our forgiveness. Like the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, the Lukan Jesus, in His fidelity and obedience to the father’s will, finds the capacity to lift up those who believe.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. As a Christian, have I ever accepted the call of bringing a “rousing” word to people?
2. The theme of the Suffering Servant, both Jesus and the one of Isaiah, is prominent today. Do I see God touching or meeting me in my own suffering?
3. In the Passion account, some stood and watched, some jeered, some took action, for or against Jesus. Have you ever stepped out of the crowd, identified yourself with the Lord, and taken up his Cross?

NEXT WEEKEND’S PRESIDERS
(always subject to change)

Sat. 3/26
8:00 PM* Fr. Ron

Sun. 3/27
8:00 AM Fr. Robert
9:30 AM Fr. Gino (church)
9:30 AM Fr. Kevin (auditorium)
11:00 AM Cardinal McCarrick (church)
11:00 AM Fr. Kevin (auditorium)
12:30 PM Fr. Robert (church)
12:30 PM Fr. Ron (auditorium)
3:00 PM Fr. Gino

*Please note the special time for the Sat. Eve. Mass
There is no 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday
Late changes appear on the website after 12:00 noon on the Saturday of that weekend.