

# *The Parish of* **St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph**

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### *Eucharist:*

**SJESJ** - Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 9:30am  
Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 pm (Our Lady's Chapel);  
Holy Days 12:10pm in Church or as posted.

**Church of St. Mary** – Sunday Masses at 8:00am & 11:00am  
LCC Mass for entire area – Sunday at 7:00pm, Weekdays on  
Wednesday and Friday at 7:00am in the Chapel, Holy Days at  
6:45am & 5:30pm.

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**SJESJ** - Saturday 3:30-3:45pm and communally during  
Advent and Lent or by request. At **St Mary's** on non-holiday  
Thursdays at 5:30pm.

### *Baptism*

Celebrated weekly, except during Lent and August. Contact  
the parish office for the Sacramental Prep Schedule.

### *Marriage*

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

### *Anointing of the Sick*

Offered upon request.

### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*

Offered to all seeking full initiation into the Catholic  
community. Please contact the Parish Office.

### *Pastoral Care*

Members of our parish community and staff regularly visit  
area hospitals, nursing homes, and our senior citizen  
residences. Please call the Parish Office if you or a family  
member are hospitalized.

### *Mission*

### *Statement*

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph, as the Roman  
Catholic Faith Community of Rensselaer, embraces young and old  
as children of God. United by the bonds of faith, family, and  
friendships, we are rooted in the love and teachings of Jesus.  
Inspired and motivated by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to  
continue spiritual growth and service to all.

We welcome you to share activities in the sacramental, prayer, and social life of the parish using your gift of time, talent, and treasure with your family in faith. Please speak to Deacon Greg Mansfield, or call us for more information about our sacramental programs or ministries.

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	3/24/18	4:00 PM	John J. Soprano, Sr., Barbara June Soprano, Paul John Soprano, <i>by their Children &amp; Siblings</i> ; John T. Soprano III, <i>by Parents &amp; Siblings</i> ; Fred A. Cirilli, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, <i>by the Family</i> ; Joan Dwyer, <i>by Flora Fiacco</i> .
Sunday	3/25/18	9:30 AM	Joseph Crump, <i>by the Kappes Family</i> ; John Jordan, 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, <i>by Emily</i> ; Mary E. Cooley, <i>by daughter Joan Gochee</i> ; Catherine Buono, <i>by Steve &amp; Judy Buono</i> ; Meghan Elizabeth MacKrell, <i>by Joe Mosca</i> .
Tuesday	3/27/18	12:10 PM	<b>For the souls of our departed Parishioners.</b>
Thursday	3/29/18	7:00 PM	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper &amp; Adoration at CSM (no 12:10pm Mass today)</b>
Friday	3/30/18	7:00 PM	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion at CSM</b>
Saturday	3/31/18	8:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at SJESJ</b>
Sunday	4/1/18	9:30 AM	<b>Easter Sunday- The Resurrection of the Lord at SJESJ</b>

### **HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

**Bread and Wine:** Harry O. Gochee, Jr., by wife Joan  
**Sanctuary Light:** Harry O. Gochee, Jr., by wife Joan

### **HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

**Bread and Wine:** Ruth Anne & Francis Delmer Gorgen,  
 by daughter Patricia J. Palmer  
**Sanctuary Light:** Jeffrey Francis Palmer, 40th  
 Anniversary, by Richard & Patricia Palmer

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

**"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice."** Fran Barrington, Noelle Barresi-Jones, Marge Davitt, Daniel Gallucci, Bob Gawel, Sharon Griffith, Dylan Pollack, Wayne Simmons, Marge Waterbury, and Christine Wilson. **We pray for our men and women serving in our armed forces, both here and abroad, especially for Andrew Barresi and Corey Russo.** Let us also pray for our Priest Aspirants, all the men who are in Formation with the Diocese of Albany.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 8, 2018** at St. Mary's Church, Lodge & Pine, Albany, NY. Starting at 2:00PM with Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Chaplet and Mass celebrated with Fr. Jeffrey L'Arche M.S. and Fr. Michael Flannery. Good Will Offering. For information call 518-462-4108.

### **In The Parish This Week**

Sun. 3/25	10:30AM Palm Sunday Brunch in the Senior Center, McManus 7:00PM LCC Mass @ CSM
Mon. 3/26	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group
Wed. 3/28	7:00PM Joint Choir Practice @SJESJ Church
Thurs. 3/29	6:15 PM Joint Choir Practice @ St. Mary's
Fri. 3/30	12:05PM Living Stations St. Mary's 6:15PM Joint Choir Practice @ St. Mary's
Sat. 3/31	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun. 4/1	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100

### **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**Palm Sunday Brunch** will be held in the Senior Center at 10:30am after Mass. Tickets are \$12.00 per person.

### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, Pope Francis has asked our Parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land.** Please be as generous as possible and Thank You in advance.

### **THE HOLY TRIDUUM**

**Holy Monday- March 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm- Individual Reconciliation- CSM

7:00pm- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- CSM

**Holy Tuesday- March 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:10pm- Mass - SJESJ

6:30pm- Prayer & Reflection- CSM

**Holy Wednesday- March 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am- Mass - CSM

6:30pm- Lenten Mass followed by "Praying the Icons of Holy Week" CSM

**Holy Thursday- March 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am- Morning Prayer- CSM

7:00pm- Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration- CSM

9:00pm- Night Prayer- CSM

**Good Friday- March 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am- Morning Prayer- CSM

12:05pm- "Living" Stations of the Cross with Youth Ministry- CSM

3:00pm- Individual Reconciliation- CSM

7:00pm- Celebration of the Lord's Passion- CSM

**Holy Saturday- March 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am- Morning Prayer- SJESJ, followed by lighting the Easter Fire & Breakfast

3:00pm- Blessing of Easter Foods- CSM

8:00pm- Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection- SJESJ

**Easter Sunday- April 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00am- Mass CSM

9:30am- Mass- SJESJ

11:00am- Mass- CSM

**There will not be a 7:00pm LCC Mass Easter night at CSM.**

Meditations for the Sixth Week of Lent

# WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

## The King of the Jews

Mark 14:1–15:47

The final week of Jesus' life was filled with activity, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until his death on Friday. We remember his actions, his prayers, his trial, his sufferings, and finally his death. As Lent draws to a close, we have the opportunity to join our sorrows more deeply with him so that we, too, can rise again with him on Easter.

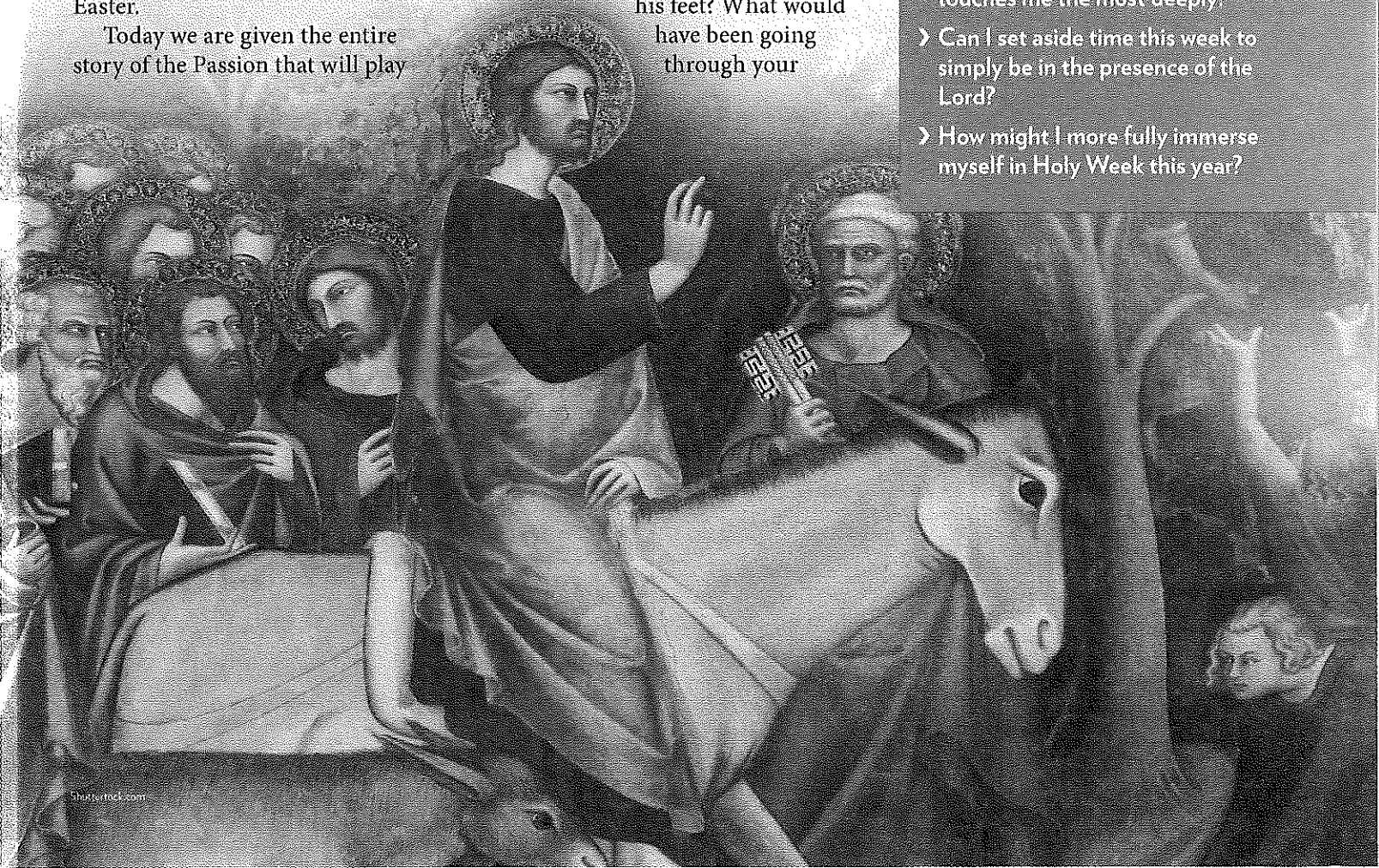
Today we are given the entire story of the Passion that will play

out this week. One way to enter more fully into these events is to imagine that you are present at Christ's passion. Take in the details and think about what you would have been thinking or feeling if you were present when Jesus entered into Jerusalem to be greeted by palms and "Hosannas." How would you have reacted when the woman poured precious oil on his feet? What would have been going through your

mind at the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, or the Way of the Cross? By allowing yourself to enter more fully into the experience of the Passion, Easter Sunday will become even more meaningful.

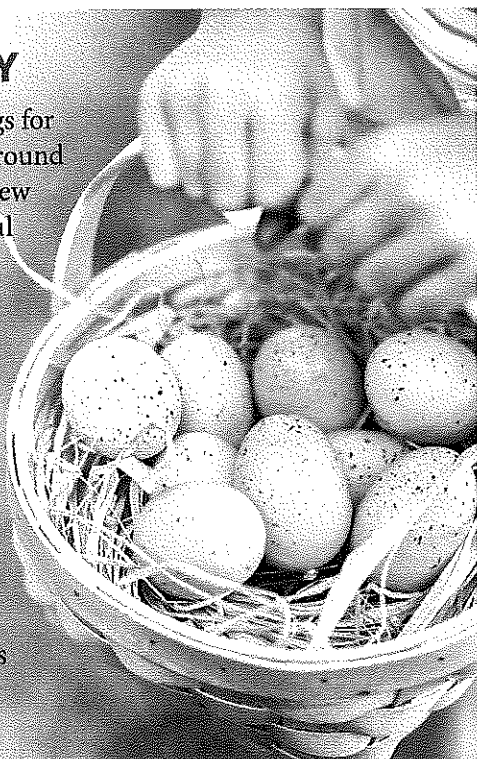
### FOR REFLECTION

- › What part of the Passion narrative touches me the most deeply?
- › Can I set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of the Lord?
- › How might I more fully immerse myself in Holy Week this year?



## FAMILY ACTIVITY

It is customary to color eggs for Easter in many cultures around the world. Eggs symbolize new life, and they are a wonderful reminder of the new life Christ attained for us. If you have a traditional way of coloring eggs, pass it down and keep alive the tradition. You may also find a white crayon and write the words, "Alleluia" or "He is Risen!" on the eggs before placing them in the dye. Display your finished eggs or give them as Easter gifts.



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## OUR FAITH

# The Suffering Servant

The Old Testament, especially the Book of Isaiah, foretold that the Messiah would have to suffer and die. During this Holy Week, look up the following Scripture passages and see how they can be applied to Jesus, the Suffering Servant of God.

- Isaiah 42 — God's servant will bring justice to the nations.
- Isaiah 49 — The words of God's servant about himself.
- Isaiah 50 — How salvation will come through the suffering of God's servant.
- Isaiah 52 — The suffering of God's servant will be the salvation of many nations and peoples.

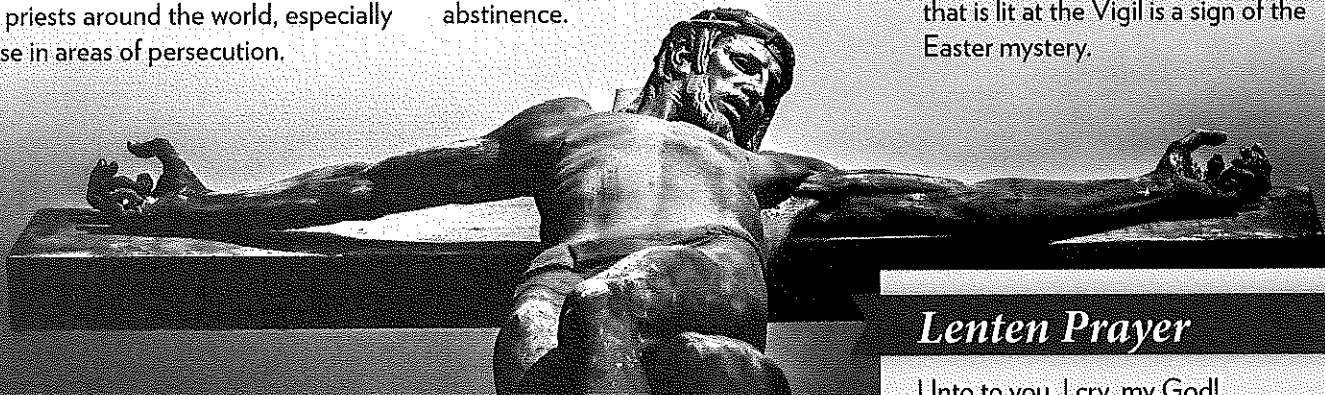
## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

# Holy Week

**Holy Thursday** has a dual emphasis. During the liturgy, we recall the Last Supper and the First Eucharist. At the same time, we commemorate the establishment of the priesthood. As you attend Mass, be sure to pray for all the priests around the world, especially those in areas of persecution.

**Good Friday** is the only day of the year on which Mass is not celebrated. The special Good Friday liturgy, in its solemnity, invites us to enter deeply into the passion of Our Lord. Remember that today is a day of fasting and abstinence.

**Holy Saturday** is the final day of preparation for Easter. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, new members are brought into the Church, and we celebrate the great mystery of our redemption. The Paschal candle that is lit at the Vigil is a sign of the Easter mystery.



## Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" — Psalm 22:2

*Out of the depths of my sorrow, I call to you. Do not let me be forgotten, Lord, but hear and answer me.*

## Catechism CONNECTION

"Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 560

# March 25, 2018

**DEACON'S DESK:** "When we see social relationships controlled everywhere by the principles which Jesus illustrated in life -- trust, love, mercy, and altruism -- then we shall know that the kingdom of God is here."  
 ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. ~

On this day of *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* we experience the full range of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Beginning with His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, the crowds proclaiming Him the new David, to His being driven out of the city bearing His Cross amid the jeers and derision of the people.

What is so incredible is that those who rejoice in earthly glory at His coming are so distant from the Kingdom, while those who curse Him are so close to it in His suffering and death. Once again, God's plan confounds us! We wonder if we will ever get it.

The root lies once again in our original sin: putting our mark on God, instead of allowing God to place His mark on us. As Christians, God's mark is the Sign of the Cross we bear from our Baptism. As Christians, we have been given our passage into the Kingdom through the suffering and death of Jesus. We experience the Kingdom in our living out the Gospel message. The Kingdom is not about instant gratification. We carry our cross in Jesus' name. Suffering is in our human condition. Jesus has shown us the pathway to overcome it. Christ, by our faith alone, has thrown open the doors of death and leads us to eternal life. Saying "Yes!" to this gift is our choice to make.

Mark's Gospel is all about the proclamation of the Kingdom. Yet, the Kingdom is everywhere, and it is nowhere. For those whose vision allows them to see, it is all around us in how we lead our lives. For those who choose to close their eyes, no light will shine forth. We see the Kingdom present in the goodness of our relations with one another, with ourselves, and with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In peace,

*Deacon Greg*

## **WIDENING THE CIRCLE OF MERCY**

**Walkers needed!!** Help support Circles of Mercy and Maria College's Student Support Center in their first ever "Widening the Circle of Mercy" walk on **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00pm** at Maria College, Marian Hall, 700 New Scotland Ave., Albany, NY. Join in the 2K walk by getting pledges of support from friends and family, and spend some fun time outdoors with neighbors helping in the good work done for our community. **Contact Circles of Mercy to RSVP by April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 518-462-0899 or for more information.**

### Serving Next Weekend 3/31 - 4/1

If unable to serve, please find a replacement.

<b>SATURDAY</b>	4 PM Mass
<b>Tabernacle Host</b>	
<b>Tabernacle Cup</b>	<b>Special schedule for</b>
<b>Center Host</b>	<b>Easter Weekend.</b>
<b>Joseph's Host</b>	<b>Ministers &amp; Lectors</b>
<b>Joseph's Cup</b>	<b>Will be contacted.</b>
<b>Lector I</b>	
<b>Lector II</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 AM Mass
<b>Tabernacle Host</b>	
<b>Tabernacle Cup</b>	<b>Special schedule for</b>
<b>Center Host</b>	<b>Easter Weekend.</b>
<b>Joseph's Host</b>	<b>Ministers &amp; Lectors</b>
<b>Joseph's Cup</b>	<b>Will be contacted.</b>
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### **LENTEN FISH FRIES**

At the *Knights of Columbus* for lunch & dinner on Friday during Lent. Phone orders for pickup 518-694-0702, 5pm to 8pm. Fish Fry \$9.00 includes fish fry, and 2 sides (mac salad, cole slaw, or french fries). Chicken tender meal \$8.00. Kids meal \$5.00 for tenders with fries.

### **HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Holy Spirit School will be holding an open house for all grades on **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. We invite you to come and see what we have to offer.

### **CONSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS**

**This week pantry needs include:** Canned meals (spaghetti-o's, stew, hash, ravioli, etc.), canned fruit and condiments (Catsup, mustard, salt, pepper, mayo, etc.) Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP** – Thank You for your generosity!

+ Please consider including us in your will. +

<b>Week Ending March 18, 2018</b>	
Amount Received from Collection	\$3,685.50
Amount Received from E-Giving	\$405.00
Total Received Last Weekend	\$4,090.50
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,327.00
Last Week's Difference <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget	<b>(\$236.50)</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>	
Received Year-to-Date	\$160,889.03
Budgeted Year-To-Date	\$164,426.00
Year-to-Date Difference: <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget	<b>(\$3,536.97)</b>

**Rensselaer Family Disaster Collection: \$1,240.00**

**Weekly Goal (To meet our current needs): \$7,528.00**

**Average Weekly Collection to Date: \$4,233.92**

**Reminder: Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.**

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