

protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, *Health* of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your *faith* firm.

You, *Salvation* of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are **sure** you will **provide** so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings

and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

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March 29th collection results will be reported at a later date



"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

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### PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020

#### A Note from Fr. Larry

This week's note comes when the coronavirus crisis continues to intensify in our city. It's important that we follow the guidelines for maintaining our individual and collective health and safety. It's also important that we remember that Jesus and His Blessed Mother remain especially close to us in times of crisis. I'll briefly review some of the events that struck me most since I wrote to you last.

In a very solemn service from St. Peter's Square On Friday evening, March 27th, Pope Francis "prayed before images of *Maria, Salus Populis Romani*, and the crucifix from the Roman church of San Marcello, both credited with protecting the city in times of plague. He also offered an *Urbi et Orbi* blessing, traditionally delivered only after a papal election and on Christmas and Easter, accompanied by a plenary indulgence.... Aldo Grasso, Italy's best-known historian and critic of television, described the moment this way in a piece for *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's newspaper of record: "One day we'll remember these sad times we're living with many other images: the daily count of the dead, the lines at the hospitals, the frantic challenge to an invisible enemy," he wrote. "But the prayer for the end of the pandemic, the solemn *Urbi et Orbi* blessing, the solitude of the pope, will end up as one of those decisive moments in which television captures our history, our anguish, in real time." (Editor John Allen quoting Aldo Grasso on the *Crux, Taking the Catholic Pulse* website, March 29, 2020).

Later on March 27th we received word that Jorge Ortiz-Garay had become the first priest in the United States to die from the coronavirus. Fr. Jorge was an exceptionally talented, younger (only 49) priest and pastor of the Brooklyn Diocese. He is in our prayers.

On Sunday morning, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we officially began live streaming our Masses (M-F 9:00 AM followed by the Rosary; Sundays 9:00 AM Spanish and 10:30 AM English) on the HNJ Parish Facebook and Web Pages. We will be live streaming our Holy Week liturgies, as per the schedule that appears elsewhere in this bulletin. Please try to view them (either with us or on the Diocesan NET TV Cable Stations or on some other live streaming source).

Please note that, as per Diocesan instructions, there will be NO blessing or distribution of palms on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Palms will be blessed and distributed at a later date to be determined by the Bishop.

Also please note that the Church regulations about partial fast (one full meatless meal and two smaller meatless meals) and abstinence from meat ARE STILL IN EFFECT for Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Those laws are set out elsewhere in this bulletin.

And concerning the money: As expected our income has fallen off dramatically. For March 22, 2020 (the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) our total to the Parish (from envelopes delivered through the door slot or by mail and from on-line giving via Faith Direct) was \$2434.00. By way of comparison, for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent last year (March 31, 2019) our total to the Parish was \$6549 (which was close to the \$7000 per week that we need to operate the parish). We are cutting back expenses as best we can, but if you can afford to please help us by enrolling in online giving via faithdirect.net (NY349), or by getting your weekly envelopes to the Rectory by mail or personal delivery through the Rectory mail slot, or using your bank's on-line banking e-Pay program to mail checks at regular intervals.

As always, thank you for all you do for HNJ Parish and for me. Please stay safe and healthy and closer to Jesus and His mother Mary as we approach the great mysteries of Holy Week. I am praying for you. Please pray for me and for all priests. God bless you all.

#### **Scripture Insights**

In place of our normal Scripture commentary, please consider this English translation of Pope Francis' Homily for Palm Sunday, 2017.

#### POPE FRANCIS' PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, APRIL 9, 2017

"Today's celebration can be said to be bittersweet. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king. Yet we also solemnly proclaim the Gospel account of his Passion. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem.

The Gospel we heard before the procession (cf. Mt 21:1-11) describes Jesus as he comes down from the Mount of Olives on the back of a colt that had never been ridden. It recounts the enthusiasm of the disciples who acclaim the Master with cries of joy.... Jesus himself sees in this joyful welcome an inexorable force willed by God. Yet Jesus who, in fulfilment of the Scriptures, enters the holy city in this way is no misguided purveyor of illusions, no new age prophet, no imposter. Rather, he is clearly a Messiah who comes in the guise of a servant, the servant of God and of man, and goes to his passion. He is the great "patient", who suffers all the pain of humanity.

So as we joyfully acclaim our King, let us also think of the sufferings that he will have to endure in this week. Let us think of the slanders and insults, the snares and betrayals, the abandonment to an unjust judgment, the blows, the lashes and the crown of thorns... And lastly, the way of the cross leading to the crucifixion.

He had spoken clearly of this to his disciples. Jesus never promised honor and success. The Gospels make this clear. He had always warned his friends that this was to be his path, and that the final victory would be achieved through the passion and the cross. All this holds true for us too. Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.

This Jesus, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry: "Crucify him!" He does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs, or in the videos that circulate on the internet. No. He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from family tragedies, from diseases... They suffer from wars and terrorism, women and men who are cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded... Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved.

It is not some other Jesus, but the same Jesus who entered Jerusalem amid the waving of palm branches. It is the same Jesus who was nailed to the cross and died between two criminals. We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of justice, mercy and peace."



The Intentions for the week of April 5<sup>th</sup> (and continuing until further notice) will be satisfied by Fr. Ryan's or other parish priests' private Masses.

#### Sunday, April 5, 2020: Palm Sunday

Donna Baker Purgatorial Society People of the Parish Joseph Giamboi III Francesco Pira

Monday, April 6, 2020
Lucy Coletto (5th Anniversary)
Tuesday, April 7, 2020
Edmund O'Shea (Birthday)
Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Catherine Montalbano



#### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and all who give them care, especially for:

Vincent Camastro, Cheryl Jablow,
Jean Thomas, Gerard Kent, Andrew Mazzella,
Mary Hannan, Richard Nugent, Nicoleta
Cordero, Josephine Barrucco, J.M.J, Shane
Booker, Carolyn Lucca, Migdalia Cintron,
Thomas Flynn, Ann, Jason, Mary and Patrick
Smith, J. Lyle, Dino Sisto, Richie and Frances
Day, Debbie & Rebecca Wareham, Ann Quigley,
Richard Booher, Ellen Papa, Victoria Smith,
Rosie Pira-Ursino, Eileen Houlihan, Patrick
Cregg, Marilyn Bloom, Joe Gallagher and for all
those afflicted with the Coronavirus.



#### **MEMORIALS**

The Hosts, Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles have been donated in loving memory of

Tom Larkin



by The Bloom and Szemelynec Families

The **Food Pantry** will distribute

food from the Rectory basement between 2 and 3 pm on April 4 & 18. At this time, pasta, cereal, and potpourri items are needed.

## For Our Departed Loved Ones...

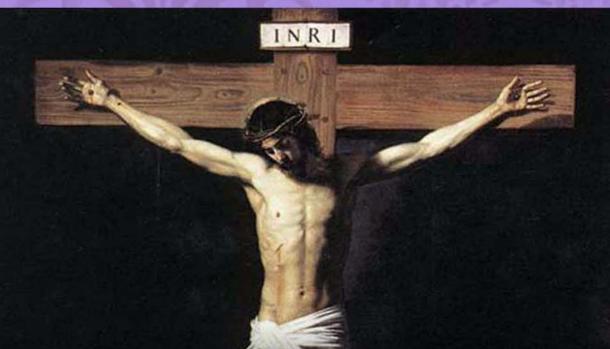
We ask for your prayers for those of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life and also for those they have left behind, especially

Fr. Jorge Ortiz Garay

## GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE RULES

The Diocese asks us to please note that "the laws of fast and abstinence ARE IN EFFECT for <u>Good Friday</u>. There is <u>no</u> dispensation given for Good Friday.

"The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding on members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Some other form of self-denial suitable to your condition should be substituted".



# Live Streaming Schedule for Holy Week

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Palm Sunday, April 5th 9:00am (Spanish) 10:30am (English)

Holy Thursday, April 9th 9:00am Morning Prayer (English) 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

## Good Friday, April 10th

9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(English)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
(Spanish)

Holy Saturday, April 11th 9:00am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 12th

9:00am (Spanish) 10:30am Mass (English)

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