

## Sunday

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday  
of the Passion  
of the Lord



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 4/15

7:00 a.m. In honor of Ramune  
Petraviciene by Amuras  
Petravicius

## Tuesday, 4/16

7:00 a.m. Emma Roussis by  
Mary Ellen Toolan

## Wednesday, 4/17

7:00 a.m. Fred Herzog by Glenda Herzog

## Thursday, 4/18

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper –  
living & deceased priests of  
the parish

## Friday, 4/19

3:00 p.m. Solemn Passion of the Lord  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, 4/20

8:00 p.m. John & Julia DiQuollo by Nina

## Sunday, 4/21

8:30 a.m. In memory of Vanda &  
Antanas Petraviciai by Amuras  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &  
Maria DaCruz by Fr. Jay&staff  
Noon Robert Snyder by Joe Cowan

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
Mary Lou D'Andrea by the St. John's Choir.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, April 7

Regular Collection: \$6,162.05



## Holy Week Schedule

The schedule of services for Holy Week is  
as follows:

Palm Sunday – 4/13, 5pm; 4/14, 8:30,  
10:30

Holy Thursday – 4/18, 7 p.m.

Good Friday – 4/19, 3 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – 4/19, 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 4/20, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – 4/21, 8:30, 10:30 and  
Noon.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Blessing of the Food  
will take place on Holy Saturday, 4/20, at  
12 noon in the CHAPEL.**

## 2020 Mass Intention Book

The 2020 Mass intention Book is now open.  
In addition to Mass intentions for your loved  
ones, you may also remember them with  
Sanctuary Candles which are available  
weekly in either the Church or Daily Mass  
Chapel. Please contact the parish office  
with your request. The suggested donation  
for a weekly Sanctuary Candle is \$10.

## Scrip Orders Due

Scrip orders are due by **Sunday, 4/21** and  
will be available for pick up after Mass on  
**Sunday, 5/5** or at the Parish Center on  
**Monday, 5/6.**

### **St. John Food Pantry**

Our Food Pantry for those less fortunate is in need of the following food products: Dry pasta, cereals, tomato sauce, canned soups, canned meats, canned fruit and juice. Please note that all foods that are donated to St. John's will be brought to the FISH Food Pantry located on New Market Rd., Piscataway. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

### **Social Concerns**

Do you know a needy person or family? Could one of your neighbors benefit from assistance with food and/or other essentials? Please call the Pastoral Center, 732-968-2621, in confidence, and we will do whatever we can to help. Please continue to bring men's toiletries, tooth brushes, and large and medium thongs or slippers for the Ozanam Men's Shelter. Articles may be left in the vestibule. Thanks for not forgetting the "guys".

### **Time, Talent and Treasure**



Fostering stewardship is a way of life. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his/her time, talent and treasure. We gratefully acknowledge and salute:

**Patricia Hummel,  
for coordinating the  
Easter Egg Hunt**

Thank you for your participation!

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Lenten Fish Fry**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Lenten Fish Fries on all Friday's during Lent, beginning on **3/8 through 4/19**. They will be held between **5:30 - 7:30 PM** at the **Council Home, 647 Grove Street, Dunellen**. All are welcome to attend.



### **May Crowning**



St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will pray the Rosary on **Monday, 5/6 at 6:30 in the church**. Mass will follow at 7pm and the May Crowning will take place immediately following Mass. Refreshments will be served in the auditorium. All are invited. Also, the Altar Rosary Prayer Group will be holding a bake sale after all Masses the weekend of 5/11 and 5/12.



**Pray  
for the  
Military**

### **Prayers for Our Service Members**

Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the Military:

**U.S. Navy Reserve Lt. Michael Bartilotti  
U.S. Army Pvt. Luke Harshaney  
U.S. Army Pvt. Raymond C. Pizzigoni  
U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Ed Sella  
U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Paul Frabizzio  
U.S. Marine Mer. Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak  
U.S. Army Pfc. Sean Parente  
U.S. Marine Pvt. Dante Parente  
U.S. Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Casey Wenzel  
U.S. Army Spec. 4 Timothy Francisco  
US Marine LCpl. Stephen Wright  
U.S. Marine Pvt. José Citron**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

## **New to the Parish?**

### **Need to register your child in Religious Education?**

Registration for **NEW** students in our Religious Education Program begins on **April 6th** and runs through **May 15th**. We have a Family Catechesis Program which meets once monthly on a Monday or Tuesday evening from 6-8pm. Please email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) or call the office at 732-968-0233 for further information or to obtain registration materials.

#### **Chrism Mass**

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese at the **Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen on Monday, 4/15**, beginning at **4:00 pm**. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the Rites of Anointing and the priests make a Renewal of Commitment to priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and his people. All are encouraged to join in this ancient, grace-filled event.



**Sosanna  
Son of David**



## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

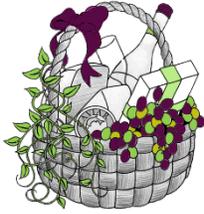
### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 14, 2019**

**“Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you will answer, ‘The Master has need of it.’”**

The events of Holy Week are so well known to us. Beginning today they unfold before us again. We solemnly bring the prayers, sacrifices and good works of Lent to their conclusion. The days before us, the triduum, reliving the paschal mystery, are more than tradition. The Christ, crucified and rejected is real for us today. Jesus’ directive to the two disciples is directed to us.

If anyone asks why you are living this Holy Week, the answer is the same: ‘The Master has need of it.’ Our loving God is not asking us simply to recall or remember, but challenges us to discover the passion of Christ in our own time. As He was led through the streets to Calvary, many saw and continued business as usual. Others perhaps thought that that criminal was getting what he deserved. This is because they do not know Christ.

For us believers, the tragedy of the Via Dolorosa leads to Calvary, to be followed by the joy of resurrection. This is not a week of failure, but eventual victory. The passion and death of Christ leads to the glorious resurrection. May the words of the gospel express the wish of Jesus for us this week. May it be our mantra: ‘the Master has need of us.’ May this be a special week of prayer and devotion.



### **Music Ministry Spring Basket Raffle**

Step into Spring with our Music Ministry's Annual Spring Basket Raffle! **Tickets will be available at all Masses March 30, April 7 and April 14.** The winning ticket will be drawn on April 16. Cost is \$1 for 1 ticket, \$2 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 5 tickets. Proceeds will go toward hiring instrumentalists for our Triduum liturgies.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt **following the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, 4/21** around the Parish Center. All children 9 and under are invited to participate. No registration is necessary. If you are interested in donating, candy/prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Center. If you have any questions please contact Patricia Hummel, [908-922-6037/phum@optonline.net](mailto:908-922-6037/phum@optonline.net).



### **Music Ministry Memorial Donation**

Memorial donation opportunity is available to enhance our music ministry during the Easter Triduum. Should you wish to participate, please complete the bottom of this form and return it with your cash donation or check in an envelope marked "Music Memorial." We ask that memorial requests be submitted no later than April 16, 2019.



Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry.

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Please return this portion with your donation. *Thank you.*

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