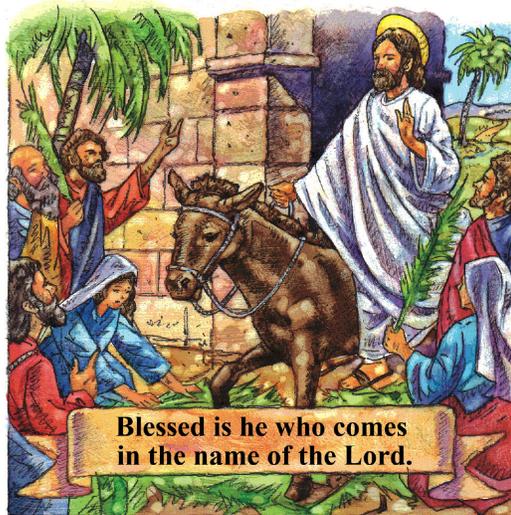


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

April 5, 2020

*Palm Sunday
of the
Passion of the
Lord*



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Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, united in the Eucharist and under the guidance of St. Mary of the Assumption, strengthen our faith by praising God, proclaiming His word, sharing His love with all people and serving those in need.



**St. Mary:
Pray for Us**

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
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Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holydays (except Saturday): 7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 7:00 am & 8:45 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

Religious Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of the month, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the lower church.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Common policy of the Archdiocese of Newark asks that arrangements be made one year in advance. Engaged couples must call to make an appointment to speak to a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should register for the Baptism Preparation Program at the rectory...even before the baby is born!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

God's Plan for Giving - Tithing

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your parish Church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.

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From the Pastor



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It's Palm Sunday which means we should be celebrating with processions but unfortunately, a procession with palms would not meet the current requirements for Social Distancing. This is just one of many things that have changed in the past several weeks as we have confronted the reality of the Coronavirus. Schools have closed, masses have been suspended and, unless you are considered an essential employee, you can't go to work. And no one knows when things will get back to normal. So until then, we must find a new normal for how we live our lives.

We need to listen to the instructions we received from government leaders. I am amazed at the number of people who ignore instructions about social gatherings and maintaining safe social distances. We need to do what we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones and we need to realize that this virus can cause serious illness and perhaps even death to the strongest and healthiest individuals.

While we rely on our governmental leaders for instruction, we must first and foremost rely on God for guidance. God alone can get us through this crisis and we must pray for guidance and strength.

While you may not be in Church with us this weekend as we celebrate Palm Sunday mass, I hope that you can join us via a live-stream for the liturgy.

As we enter into the holiest of weeks of the year, I pray that God will help each of us to find a new normal so that we may be safe as we prepare to celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith; that through his death on the Cross, Jesus has freed us from sin and in his Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all time.

Fr. Carey

Lenten Giving Tree

Anyone who has donations for the Lenten giving tree such as socks or toiletries may leave them in the garage at any time.

GoFundMe

You may use GoFundMe to donate to the parish - a St. Mary's page has been set up through our archdiocese. All funds collected will be restricted for use at St. Mary's parish. The link is www.rcan.org/parishsupport. After clicking on the link, click on contribute, select St. Mary's Dumont as the team, and enter your donation. We know this is a terrible time for many families. Expenses continue in your family, as they do in your parish family. That is why we appreciate your consideration and whatever help you can offer.

Please continue to support St. Mary's parish during this current situation with your prayers, supporting our Lenten efforts, and financially the best you can.

