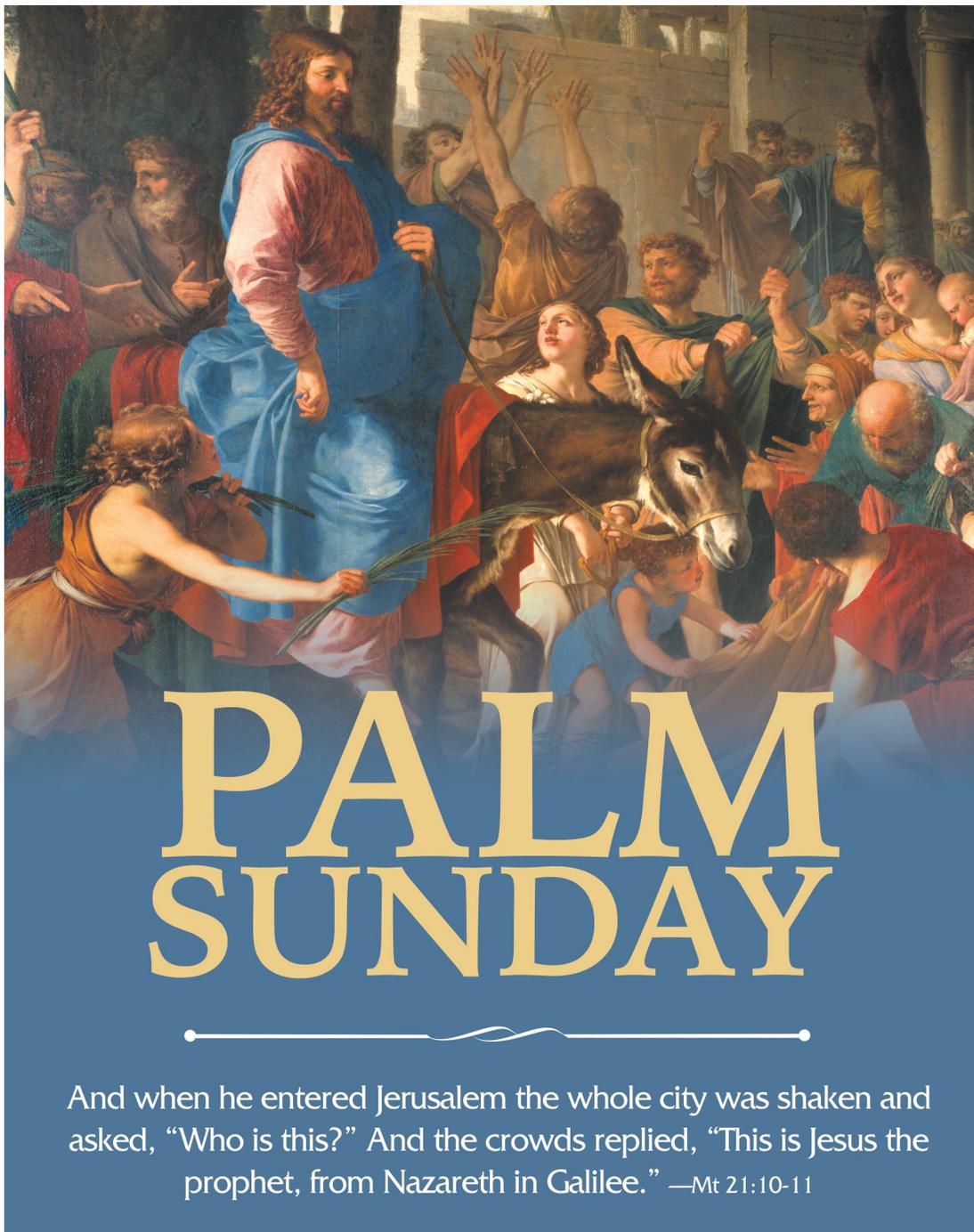


ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11

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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

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Sacred Triduum/ Holy Three Days

As one author writes, “The Easter Triduum is more than a re-tracing of our Lord’s steps during His last days in Jerusalem. It’s not a Passion Play in three or four acts. **Rather, it is an encounter with Christ.**” You might be saying right now, how can we encounter Christ in these Holy Three Days if we can’t even get into Church? Good question. Let me begin with this. Paul, in the 8th chapter to the Church in Rome, writes, (and this text, Rom 8: 11 might be more important than ever to us.) “If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**, the one who raised Christ from the dead **will give life to YOUR mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you!!**” Isn’t that something. We CAN participate at Home. We can watch videos. We can still pray. We can do this because the Spirit dwells in us, Of course, being in person is so much better, but the Spirit dwells in us – in our homes. During these three days, we not only celebrate the Paschal Mystery, but we also enter into this mystery through the Church’s liturgy, which we must view from our homes this year. But, Christ will be with us, because He dwells within us. I can’t say it enough. Christ’s mystery has and must become our mystery. Maybe this year we enter more deeply than ever in the Holy Three Day’s. Where else would a Christian be? The dying, the rising of our lives, no matter how big or small, only make sense in His dying and rising. We truly must enter into and be caught up in this sacred mystery.

May I say, unless the reason is serious and weighty enough, we all should seek to be as present as we can to these critical Liturgies that make present the mystery of our salvation. Easter Sunday without Holy Thursday and Good Friday make little to no sense for anyone with an adult faith. Make sure you keep in touch through our website, omostoday.com, YouTube, Facebook, and watch for those emails and robocalls. I hope we see each other – virtually – and often as we encounter Jesus in His great Paschal Mystery together.

SMALL GROUP/ARISE

Session 6-New Creation



Last week we talked about reconciling our lives with God and with others. This is always a challenge for us but carrying around these burdens our whole lives can be overwhelming. This week we approach Easter with a new beginning, made new in Christ! Are you ready for this new life Jesus gave us?

- ◆ Easter celebrates the radical newness that has been entrusted to us through Christ. Are you ready to take on this new way of life?
- ◆ During the Easter Vigil, we all affirm our baptismal promises, we become the carriers of the God-given spark of new life. Are you ready to ignite others and set the world on fire with God’s love?

We conclude this season of Arise. Hopefully, everyone has had an opportunity to learn and experience what we are all called to be as we all continue to seek and live this life Jesus taught us to live. He taught us to love and to forgive as He loves and forgives us.

We hope you have a blessed Holy Week!.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mission Trip: July 12—17, 2020 or August 2—7, 2020.

Service: This life-changing experience provides opportunities for hands-on service at a variety of service sites to serve a variety of populations including children, the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and the homeless.

Reflection: Prayer and reflection are a vital part of this experience. Students will be allowed to reflect inwardly how each person, service, or educational activity impacts them.

Please register online today omostoday.com/high-school-youth-ministry/

Contact Matt DiFrancesco (mjdifran@gmail.com or Ali Koch (akoch@dioceseaj.org) with any questions.

Life Teen, Youth Alpha, and Mr. Ed’s Sunday morning small group are meeting via “Zoom” Contact Ali, akoch@dioceseaj.org for more information.

Life Teen will be held virtually on Weds. April 8th instead of Thursday! All are welcome. Invite a friend to join!

CENTENNIAL NEWS



While we miss everyone and our opportunities to celebrate our centennial, all activities are suspended until further notice EXCEPT for collecting your spare change.

Pray for us all to be together for Pentecost to share our “spare change”

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 29, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 6,559
Online (77	4,782
Total	\$ 11,341

SCRIP CORNER

Any Scrip purchases may be made through email, mail, office phone message, or text message to Jeanne Pastorek. Scrip will be mailed out to you the same day. Payments can be made using credit cards, mailed check, or deposited in the drop box located outside the Parish Office. God Bless and Stay Safe!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Jack Drummer (Phil Demo) & Mark Stem (Veronica Tedrow)
(Private Mass)

Sunday, April 5, 2020—Palm Sunday

Minnie Omodio (Darlene Keslak)
Sr. Dorothy Antonazzo, CST (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)
(Private Mass)

Monday, April 6, 2020

Mary Jane Messich (ED & Nina Kocerka)
(Private Mass)

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Tom Newhouse (Family)
(Private Mass)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Sandra Orlosky (Justin & Tom)
(Private Mass)

Thursday, April 9, 2020—

Holy Thursday

Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of all OMOS & St. Michael's Parishioners
(Private Mass)

Friday, April 10, 2020—Good Friday

Deceased Members of all OMOS & St. Michael's Parishioners
(Private—Office of the Readings)

Saturday, April 11, 2020—Easter Vigil

Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of all OMOS & St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, April 12, 2020—Easter Sunday

Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of all OMOS & St. Michael's Parishioners & Patricia Kesslak (Nancy Lill)

Fr. Mark will be celebrating a private Mass each day and will include the Mass intentions in his prayers.

OMOS WEBSITE

We have a page on our website devoted to *The latest updates of schedules and protocol* concerning the Coronavirus.

Find this page by clicking on the blue banner on our home page labeled: "[Click here for updated schedules and protocol of Our Mother of Sorrows Church.](#)" Here, you will find the updates on the Church's schedules. Please check this page frequently as updates come forward.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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Please contact Joyce Dailey with any questions
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