

The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Welcome to our parish! As a Church Family, we will use the wisdom of the past to shape our thoughts, words and actions, to bring the love of Christ to the world.” (ICC Mission Statement)

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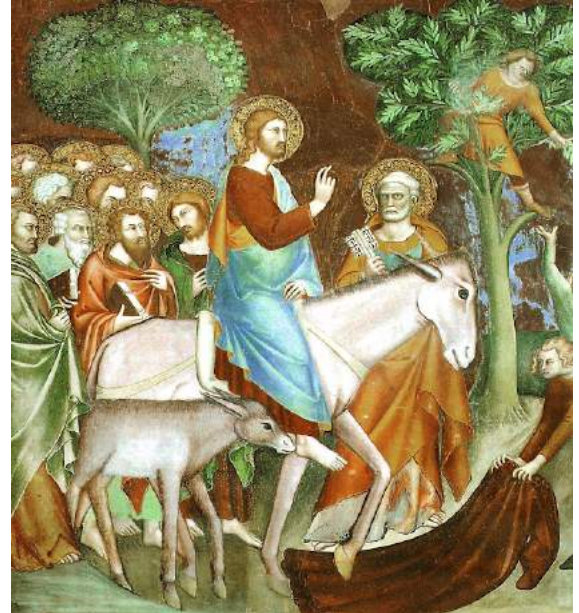
Confessions are held before or after weekend Masses.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass- 10:00 AM

Artwork: “Jesus rides into Jerusalem”

Artist: Lippo Memmi (1291-1356)



To read the readings below on the USCCB website [click here](#)

Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowds shout, “Hosanna!”

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord’s servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47 (shorter form: Mark 15:1-39)

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, “This man was the Son of God.”

The Saturday Mass Intention is for Joan Trepa and Marilyn Michelet, requested by Bev Doughty.

The Sunday Mass intention is for the unborn, requested by the local Trinity Council Knights of Columbus.

(Per the Diocese request, we now ask for \$15 per Mass Intention to help Father with his gas and car upkeep.)



“**Lord, hear our prayer**” ~ The ICC Prayer Chain requests your prayers for the following people: Marianne Hardy, Barbara Bok, Jebediah Trepa, Kristin and Justin and their family, Dilon Dickerson, Felix, Vinny and Frank Lamanna and family, and Selena Wanjiku Wangui, our sponsored friend from Kenya. **We pray in a special way for the repose of the soul of parishioner Fred Hadlick who passed away on March 14, 2023. May he rest in peace.**

Reminder: If you requested prayers for someone and it has been over 2 weeks, please call Ruth Coppola, Pam McLaren or the church office if you would like them to remain as recipients of our prayer chain. Thank you~

Liturgy Team Schedule:

	March 23, 2024 4:00 PM Vigil Mass	March 24, 2024 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Mass	March 28, 2024 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass	March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil Mass	March 31, 2024 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass
Sacristan	Janet Taylor & Lori Edwards	Lorraine Detweiler	Karen & b Norm Montgomery	Lorraine Detweiler	Donna Curtis
Lector	Bunny Delaney- Passion read by Joe Trepa	Bonnie Norton- Passion rea by Andrew Erickson	Clare & Joanna Tompkins and Howard Barker	Joe Trepa, Joe Henninge, Jerry Lademan and Bonnie Norton	Nate Erickson
E.M.	Bev Doughty	Jackie & Joe Henninge	Sue Carlin	Bev Doughty and Paul King	Diane & Joe Weiss
Altar		Arie King and Alex Anastos	Andrew Erickson and Ben Weiss	Andrew Erickson	Alex and Connor Anastos, Jackson Rice and Ben Weiss
Counters		Joanne Kasmarcik and Luke Erickson			Bonnie Norton and Eileen Browning

* LITURGY TEAM MEMBERS THAT GET SUBS FOR DAYS AWAY SHOULD MARK THE INFORMATION ON THE SCHEDULE IN THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU!



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Holy Week at Immaculate Conception Church of Greene

Holy Thursday- Mass will begin at 7 PM and will include the washing of the feet. We will end our worship time together with Adoration until 9 PM.

Good Friday Stations at ICC- 5:30 PM - March 29 We will once again offer this special sung version of the Stations of the Cross prayer called, "He knows my pain".

All are welcome. **We will NOT have a blessing of the Easter Food this year on Saturday morning.**

Holy Saturday Vigil- Mass will begin outside at 8 PM with the Lucernarium - the blessing of the new Easter Candle with the bonfire. We will livestream this Mass.

Easter Sunday- Mass will begin at 10 AM. This Mass will be livestreamed for anyone unable to be with us in person. There will also be a nursery offered to our young families during this Mass. Following Mass we invite everyone to gather in the social hall for a reception. There will also be instructions regarding the Easter Egg Hunt for all the children. Eggs will be hidden outside for the older children and some inside for toddlers.

SUNDAY CONNECTION - A Bible Study on this week's Gospel Reading- By Loyola Press.com



This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

(TO READ A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION ON THE BACKGROUND OF THESE READINGS [CLICK HERE.](#))

Parish Council Nominations will be taken at both Masses April 23 and 30. New members will begin at the May meeting and will serve for 2 years. This council meets 4x per year to discuss the pastoral life of the church. (May, August, November and February) We offer zoom participation for those that cannot make it to these in person meetings. Each meeting lasts 1 hour and is focused on cooperation and thoughtful discussions about the life of our parish. Start thinking of who you could nominate to represent you!



The ICC Volunteer Thank You Luncheon will be immediately after the Sunday Mass on April 28! All volunteers at our parish are invited! Please make sure you are signed up to attend, so we can let the caterer know the right amount of food to prepare. This will be a fun gathering for our parish family!

Dear friends,

I always look forward to Palm Sunday. I feel like a kid, but I can't wait to get my palm! Are you like me, in that I need that tangible item to help me think of what it was like that day in Jerusalem when Jesus rode into town? I love the way we celebrate Palm Sunday, where we get to process into the church with our palms held high and reenact that important day. As an adult, it is incredibly meaningful to be in church on Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week with my parish family. We have been on a Lenten journey together and now we begin Holy Week together. I hope many will join us on Holy Thursday too, while 12 people get their feet washed by Father Paul, as we reenact Jesus washing his disciples feet. Then we have Holy Saturday. It is such a powerful Mass and I am very excited we are hosting it this year. Beginning with the bonfire outside where Father dips our new Easter Candle into the flames and we begin in darkness inside and hear the Old Testament readings. It's the most sacred and special Mass of the year! If you've never been to an Easter Vigil before, please join us! It begins at 8 PM so that it is dark when we're outside by the bonfire and processing in. (We will livestream the Mass if you cannot be there. Our Youtube channel link is on the front of this newsletter.) Easter Sunday will be joyful as we celebrate and remember that we are "Easter People"! We believe Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday! We will offer a festive reception and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after Mass. I hope you will mark your calendars to join us for some or all of Holy Week at ICC! Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



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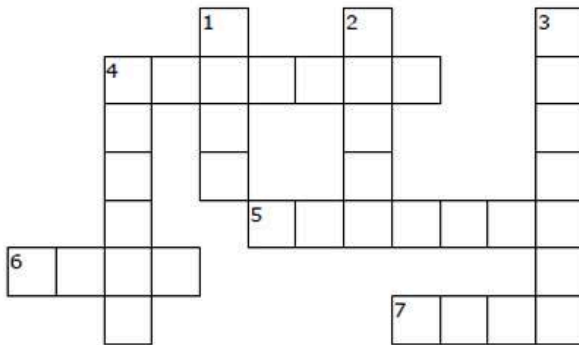
Religious Education
No Classes this Sunday

The last youth Mass of the year will be Sunday April 21 at 10:00 AM. We will have participation from all youth from Kindergarten through 2nd year confirmation. A special guest speaker will be with us: Cornelius Deep, a seminarian in our diocese. After the Mass will be a coffee hour followed by the Confirmation Retreat for our 2nd year students.

The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11



ACROSS

4. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
5. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway
7. What a person is called

DOWN

1. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
2. The Son of God
3. A small town
4. To stretch out over a large area

JESUS VILLAGE	COLT ROAD	HOSANNA NAME	SHOUTED SPREAD
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The Bible Timeline
Great Adventure
Bible Study-

Thursdays- 5:30-7:00 PM

How to make a palm cross

- 1 Take a palm that is about 2 feet long and 1/2" wide (if it tapers at the top, this is good). Hold the palm upright, so the tapered end points toward the ceiling.
- 2 Then bend the top end down and toward you
- 3 About a third of the way from the bend you just made, bend and crease palm diagonally
- 4 About an inch away from the stem of the cross, bend the palm back behind the stem so that it is now facing to your left. Make the bend at a good length to form the right arm of the cross.
- 5 Fold that same section at a point that equals the length on the right side, bend it on the left side and bring the end forward.
- 6 From the center of the cross, fold to the upper right so that it can wrap around where the "stem" and the right arm intersect.
- 7 Fold down and to the left behind the cross ...
- 8 and then fold it toward the right so that it is parallel and under the arms of the cross.
- 9 Bring it up behind the cross again, this time folding it up toward the northwest direction.
- 10 Tuck in the end to finish
- 11 Turn over!

The ICC Religious Ed. students played the hand chimes and visited with the residents of the NYS Veterans Home last week! They enjoyed telling jokes

and sharing a game of Tic Tac Toe!



