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Weekly Planner

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

9:30 AM

8:15 PM

12:00 PM

10:00 AM 4.00 PM

SUNDAY 3/20	PALM SUNDAY
10:00 AM	CCD Mass-Church
MONDAY 3/21	
3:30 PM-4:30 PM	Legion of Mary Convent
6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Brownie Mtg Cent Hall
8:00 PM Chrism	Mass Basilica in Newark
TUESDAY 3/22	
12:15 PM	Bingo Cent Hall

Bingo Cent Hall Nelson Ave. Block Assoc. Cent Hall WEDNESDAY 3/23

THURSDAY 3/24 HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service Church
7:30 PM	Mass of Last Supper Church
8:45 PM	Deanery Church Visitation
FRIDAY 3/25	GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service Church
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3:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Church
7:00 PM	Living Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 3/26	HOLY SATURDAY
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Service Church

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10:00 AM-4:00 PM Fil-Am Easter Egg Hunt Cent Hall Baptisms

Liturgies

Saturday Evening Church English 5:30		M
(anticipating Sunday)	Misa Español 7 PM	
Sunday Church	8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon	
Monday > Saturday: Mass	s <mark>Church</mark> 9 Al	Ν
Wednesday: Mass Church	7 PI	Ν
Holy Hour		

Thursdays Convent Chapel

Sacrament of Penance

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Saturdays Church (or by Appointment)	5 PM
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Schea	ule of Masses March	1 21°° - 27°", 2016
Monday,	, March 21	
9 A M ·	† Christina Burke	
Tuesday	March 22	
9 A M ·	† Thomas Fiore	Parish intention
	1 st Anniversary in Heaven	
Wednes	day, March 23	
9 A M -	† Marcela Villanueva	Villanueva Family
7 PM	Special Intention	OL Perpetual Help gp
Thursda	y, March 24	
9 AM	Prayer Service	
7.30 PM	For the People of the Par	rish
Friday, M	Aarch 25	
9 A M	Prayer Service	
3 PM	Celebration of the Lord's	Passion
Saturday	y, March 26	
9 AM	Prayer Service	

8.15 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 27

8 AM	For the People of the Parish
10 AM	For the People of the Parish
12 PM	For the People of the Parish

Sunday Readings

lsiah 43: 16–21
Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3: 8-14
John 9: 1-11

Weekday Readings

Monday DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/JN 8:12-20

Tuesday NM 21:4-9/PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/JN 8:21-30 Wednesday DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/JN 8:31-42

Thursday GN 17:3-9/PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JN 8:51-59

Friday JER 20:10-13/PS18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7/JN 10:31-42 Saturday 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Sanctuary Gifts for March 20th–26th, 2016

Gift	In Memory of	Requested By
Altar Wine	+Lillian Bisozio	Parish intention
Altar Bread	†Ernesto Zagala	Family
Sanct. Lamp	+Eduardo Gonzalez	Parish Intention
Altar Candles	†Camilla Bianco	Daughter-in-
		law, Toni

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Kathleen Link • Orlando Basile • Marie Carlson • John Norton Patricia Kucinski
 Frank McNamara
 Jennifer O'Connor • Donna Tuzzo • Matt Bolger • Lawrence Shin • Lupe Pena • Frances Kearns • Josephine Cermak Rowan • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Diane Shea • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • Javier Vega • Jennifer Moloughney • Antoinette Maddi • Carol Jordan • Anthony Biggio • Sammy DeLeon • Shane Quinn • Alice Daly • Sadie Krieger • Dolores DelMonte • Dianne O'Sullivan • Carl Carlson • Larry Bello • Miyuki Campbell • Diane Albert • Meghan Connaughton

Ministry to the Sick

9.30 AM

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We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email: info@sahjerseycity.com

March Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: Families in Difficulty That Families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Prosecuted Christians That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Social Media

Please follow the official Twitter channels of the parish:

🎔 sah_promise	Faith Formation Grade K—1
	Faith Formation Grade 2—3
🎔 sah_venture	Faith Formation Grade 4—6
🎔 sah_visions	Faith Formation Grade 7—8
У stah_nation	General parish feed

Website & Online Services

Website:	sahjerseycity.com	
Parish registration:	sahjerseycity.com/register	
CCD Registration:	sahjerseycity.com/ccd	
Parish Calendar and online		

Readings of the Day: sahjerseycity.com/calendar

How much should I give in the collection basket each Sunday?

We ask **each person working** in the household to gift one hour's wage to the parish every week. How much is one hour? Below you can find the recommended contribution based on your annual combined income:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)	Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$75,000	\$38	\$30,000	\$15
\$50,000	\$25	\$25,000	\$12
\$40,000	\$20	\$20,000	\$10

We are grateful for your contribution!

Collection Report for March 13th

The collection will be published later.

Religious Education News

Our Religious Ed Office is located inside St. Anne's Rectory. Office Hours: M-T-W 9 am to 5 PM, TR & F, 10 am to 5 pm.

Baptism Information

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every Month: 2 Baptisms per Mass at 10 AM & 12 Noon (English). Because they will be promising to help raise your child in the practice of the Faith, the church requires that at least one of your child's godparents be a 'fully initiated Roman Catholic;' i.e., one who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the time of registering your child for Baptism, we ask that one of your chosen godparents provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate or some documentation from their church of Baptism or Confirmation indicating the month and year of their Confirmation. GODPARENTS & PARENTS are also required to attend a "baptism instruction" session on Saturday (the day before the Baptism) @ 4:00 PM in CHURCH (English & Spanish). A donation to the church for Baptism is always appreciated: please place your offering in an envelope marked 'BAPTISM' with your child's name and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Contact the office with any questions. Thank You.

OUR PARISH

A Guide to Understanding Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church year! It is a time when we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

This guide will help you understand and celebrate Holy Week more fully. Keep this guide in a place where you will see it during the week - perhaps on the dining room table.

Review the guide before you go to church for the Holy Week liturgies and consider taking the Guide with you as your "personal passport" for the celebration. Watch to see how we celebrate these important rituals, notice the special symbol used in the liturgy and listen for the key message in the scriptures.

Share the Holy Week highlights described here with your family and friends. In the car or at the dinner table, talk about what you see, hear and how these events and symbols make your feel.

The Triduum

The final week of Lent, Holy Week, begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and concludes with the Triduum.

"Triduum" comes from two Latin words – tres and dies – that mean "a space of three days," But since we have four days with special names — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday — the "three" may be confusing to some. They are however, one liturgical celebration.

The confusion is cleared up when we understand how the days are reckoned. On all high festival days the Church counts a day in the same way as Jews count days and festivals: that is, from sundown to sundown. Thus the Triduum consists of three twentyfour periods that stretch over four calendar days.

Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues with Good Friday and concludes with Easter evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday: its high point is the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

During the Triduum we celebrate the core mystery of our Christian faith: we ritualize Jesus' transition from life to death to risen life, and our own participation in that timeless mystery.

If is so easy this time of year to celebrate these days as a historical commemoration. But we are doing for more than recalling historical facts. What Jesus did for us has consequences for all people at all times. His life, death, and resurrection happened to him, but they also happen to all of us who claim to be his followers These days, then, are a reminder and celebration of who we ourselves are and what our own lives are about.

As we celebrate the mystery of Jesus' passing, we actually celebrate the same passing over in our own lives. Jesus' self-sacrifice opened the way for us to share in new life. But this does require our own cooperation in God's divine plan of salvation. We must pass over our lives into God's hands and imitate the self-giving of God's Son. This is the way to life. "It is the Passover of the lord".

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Jesus was welcomed by the people with cheers and palms - a symbol of victory and sign that "all is well". Palm-bearing date trees were valued for their dignity, beauty and shade and were used at special occasions to welcome heroes and royalty.

No greater love was shown us than Jesus' love for his Father and us, for he gave his life because of his faithfulness to that love. One of Jesus' closest disciples was Peter. Peter loved Jesus, but he didn't always understand what real love required. How very much like Peter we all are! Peter failed Jesus, but Jesus' love for Peter restored their relationship and empowered Peter to learn to love. That should give us all hope. As you listen to the Passion on this day, place yourself in the story. What does it feel like to be part of the crowd or to be a disciple? What does it feel like to be in Jesus' place during the passion? What would you do if you were Jesus' best friend?

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday's first reading describes the Passover meal. In the second reading, the institution of Eu^{cha-}rist is shared, "this is my Body, which is for you." In the Gospel, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. This is the service and love of Jesus, which we are asked to share in our lives.

We are reminded tonight that God always nourishes his people. Jesus fed his followers by multiplying loaves and fishes. Then he fed his apostles at the Last Supper. The good news is that God hasn't stopped nourishing us. We can feast on his Word and on the Eucharist. They are great sources of spiritual energy, great in times of need and excellent for our daily diet. Don't starve yourself, but feed daily on God's gifts.

On Holy Thursday, we experience the washing of the feet: Put yourself in the place of the foot-washer: How do you feel washing the feet of others? Put yourself in the place of the disciples: How does it feel to have someone, who means so much to you, wash your feet?

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

The first and second readings, from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Hebrews, describe the mystery of the cross - the Paschal Mystery - suffering turned into victory. The gospel is the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The word passion can also mean strong feelings of love. Jesus' passion is the time from the Last Supper to his death on the cross, during which he shows his great love for us. Jesus warned Peter that he would deny him. When that happened Jesus looked at him, probably with pity and certainly with love. God's love and mercy cannot save us from our own folly and its consequences: after all, Peter had to live with his denial of Jesus. That is why he wept.

The veneration of the cross is a time when a large cross is brought forward. We touch or kiss the cross to show our love and thankfulness for God's love.

If you stood at the cross on which Jesus hung, what would you say to him? How does it feel to touch or kiss the cross? What does this mean to you?

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

The blessing of the Easter fire begins this celebration. From that fire, the Paschal Candle is lit. After the readings, the liturgy of. Baptism begins. While the new members of the community are baptized, the whole community joins in renewing our promises and as the whole community is sprinkled with water we remember our baptism.

The Paschal candle symbolizes Jesus as light of the world. It is from this candle that baptism candles are lit throughout the year, that we celebrate the life of faith of the newly departed and that we celebrate the commitment of faith in the sacrament of Confirmation. It stands as a symbol of our faith and our desire to be light to the world as Jesus is for us.

Jesus always speaks about hope. A hope that. is not based on chances that things will get better---or at least not any worse; His hope is built upon the promise that, whatever happens, God will stay with us at all times, in all places. God is the God of Life! How would you feel if you were being baptized tonight? What does it mean for you to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection?

The Triduum concludes with the Easter Sunday celebrations of the Resurrection. We continue this celebration for the next seven weeks of the Easter Season concluding with Pentecost. **Please plan to join as many Liturgies as you can this week and celebrate with us.**

PALM SUNDAY Triumph, Tragedy, and Victory

BY DREW STUART, MA

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: *Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest* (LUKE 19:36-38).

Today is Palm Sunday, the day we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem before his Crucifixion and Resurrection. Mass today starts with an account of this entry from the gospel of St Luke. As Jesus rides into Jerusalem, the crowds hail him as king, laying palm branches and cloaks on the ground before him. They're hoping for a victorious warrior king, a new King David, who will save them from the Romans. Little do they know that this is not the kind of king that Jesus is. Eventually, the commotion draws the attention of a group of Pharisees. They are clearly irritated and ask Jesus to correct the crowd This crowd supports lesus and is at odds with the Pharisees. We'll see a very different crowd during the account of the Passion, but for now, the tone is triumphant, Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of joy.

Later, during the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the account of Jesus' Passion from Luke's gospel. Here, Jesus is betrayed by Judas, one of the 12 apostles, and taken before the religious leaders for trial. They find him guilty of blasphemy and take him Pontius Pilate to be crucified. While Jesus is being tried by Pilate, a large crowd has gathers along with the religious leaders. When Pilate tries to release Jesus, they shout "Crucify him!" Here we see a reversal of his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There the crowd cheered and proclaimed him their savior and king. Now another crowd, possibly including some of the same people from the Palm Sunday, are calling for his death. Pilate, wishing to avoid any problems. hands Jesus over to be crucified. Our celebration of Palm Sunday started with triumph, we lifted our palms in joy to commemorate his entrance into Jerusalem. Now it seems to have turned to tragedy as Jesus, the Son of God made flesh, innocent of all wrongdoing, is accused of being

a criminal and crucified. However, lesus suffered and died because of his great love for us and his suffering brought our salvation. Victory came out of tragedy. We see this at every Mass when we move from the Liturgy of the Word into the Liturgy of the Eucharist where we recall and not only Jesus' Passion, but also his Resurrection. As Catholics, we believe that during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Notice that, during the Lamb of God, the priest breaks the large host, which has become Body of Christ, in half. This is should call to mind the crucifixion, where Jesus body was broken for our sake. After the Lamb of God, the priest will raise the two halves and say, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb." This symbolic action should call to mind the Resurrection and remind us that. what seemed to be defeat was really a victory. By Jesus' death and Resurrection, death was defeated and we were set free from sin and can now share eternal life in heaven with him. In some ways, our own faith journeys can follow a path of triumph, tragedv. and victory similar to what we see in the gospel readings we hear today at Mass. First, our journey as Catholics starts with the triumph of our baptisms, whether this came as infants or later in life. After our baptism, there are times where our faith plays a major role in our lives and these moments may seem triumphant as well. The sacraments, such as First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage, in which we encounter God and receive his grace, are obvious examples of this. But even the sacraments are sometimes seen more as milestones and given more cultural than spiritual significance. Some may also consider other occasions when our faith is most prevalent to be triumphant. These include days like Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Easter, when Catholics turn out in force, filling churches to capacity and above. However, we should ask ourselves: when we come to church on occasions like this to remember lesus birth, receive ashes on our forehead, take home a blessed palm, or celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, what is our motive? Are we like those members of the crowd who

were hailed Jesus as king when he entered Jerusalem in triumph but did not speak up to defend him or possibly even turned against him when he was on trial and supporting him became inexpedient? We can proudly show ashes on our foreheads Ash Wednesday and carry our palms on Palm Sunday, but do we live our faith on other occasions?

I would argue that when we practice our faith on these holy days and go Sundays but fail to even try to live it out in our daily lives, we are like the crowd that called for Jesus' crucifixion. We move from triumph to what seems to be tragedy. Living our faith something all of us struggle with. After all, none of us are perfect. But we need to reflect on this and ask, "What does my faith mean to me? Is it cultural jewelry that I wear when it suits me or is it something more? Is it something that could be life changing? It's not easy to live the Christian faith in our society. We may not be persecuted as are Christians in some areas of the world, but living our faith often means putting others before ourselves and rejecting much of what our culture says is good (materialism, instant gratification, selfsatisfaction, etc). Let's face it, we crave success and rejecting cultural norms can be a barrier to achieving what our culture views as success.

Luckily, one of the central messages of Christianity is that there's always hope for us. What seems to be a lost cause may eventually become a victory. Our faith, like our life, is a journey. If we want to truly live our faith and walk the path of discipleship, it's never too late to start. Jesus' death and Resurrection ensured that, if we have the desire to change, we can always be forgiven and draw closer to him. But in order to do this, we should begin to move away from merely practicing our faith and toward living it, keeping in mind that it is a process and will not happen instantly.During Lent, we've practiced repentance, spent more time in prayer, denied ourselves, and gave more to those in need in order become more like lesus. Next Sunday, we celebrate Easter, the day he rose from the dead, bringing victory from tragedy. This is the fulfillment of our Lenten journey, so let's resolve ourselves to draw closer to Jesus by making faith a more integral part of our lives. He gave his life for us. What will we do for him?

Easter Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

During the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday), there will be a 9 AM Prayer Service each morning in Church.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH 3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion **7 PM** Outdoor Living Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH 8:15 PM Easter Vigil Mass (Please note NO 5:30 PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

Liturgical Norm allows only one Mass for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil. Therefore, under these circumstances, Easter Vigil Mass will be Bi-Lingual.

ST. ANNE'S FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 23, 2016!

"A NITE AT THE RACES" is scheduled in Centennial Hall; further info to follow!

Festival Meetings

St. Anne's Festival will take place July 22,23,24, 2016! Licenses are being processed; festival meetings will take place in Centennial Hall on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM beginning April 12th. Anyone interested in participating with the Festival, please attend the meetings.

Holy Thursday Church Visit

COME Join us on Holy Thursday – March 24th while we visit the Churches of our Deanery: Our Lady of Mount Carmel • Saint John the Baptist • Saint Aedan • Saint Joseph • Saint Nicholas • Saint Paul • Saint Anne. SIGN UP FOR BUS IN RECTORY! (First Come, First Serve) Bus departs at 8:45 P.M. in front of St. Anne's Church!







Outdoor Stations of the Cross Christ Has Suffered And Died For Our Sins



Date: March 25, 2016

6 (Good Friday) Time: 7:00 PM (Assemble inside the Church)

"Come And Join Us To Accompany The Lord On His Journey"

Station 1	Blanco Family
Station 2	Kenny Family
Station 3	Vacca Family
Station 4	Floresca Family
Station 5	Juchnewich Family
Station 6	Tango Family
Station 7	Bobe Family
Station 8	Gomez Family
Station 9	Melendez Family
Station 10	Stewart Family
Station 11	Bartram Family
Station 12	Waddleton Family
Station 13	Maglori Family
Station 14	St. Anne's Convent

122 Graham St.
51 Nelson Ave.
70 Nelson Ave.
167 Columbia Ave.
166 Columbia Ave.
160 Columbia Ave.
153 Columbia Ave.
153 Columbia Ave.
19 Nelson Ave.
21 Nelson Ave.
25 Nelson Ave.
47 Nelson Ave.
246 Congress St.

119 Graham St.

123 Graham St.





A member of the Holy Name Society, Orlando had a stroke (age 39); Holy Name is having this fundraiser to assist with his medical expenses. He is currently in a rehab facility and remains unable to speak, paralyzed on his right side.

St. Anne's Holy Name Society is hosting a "Beefsteak Dinner" on Saturday, April 2, 2016 in Centennial Hall; doors open 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm; cost \$35 per adult; \$17 for children ages 5-12; Free for children 4 and under. All proceeds will benefit the GoFundMe Orlando Basile's Medical Fund.

Ticket price includes: Vegetable appetizer platters, pasta, dessert, coffee/tea, soda and unlimited Beefsteak Filet Mignon and French Fries. Tickets will not be sold at the door! **Please RSVP by March 26 to Lina (973) 710-2070 or Ltangoo8@** gmail.com.

We Are All Hurt By Child Sexual Abuse

When someone commits an act of abuse against a child – whether within the Church or in public schools, town organizations or in homes - all of society suffers. For that reason, the Archdiocese requires everyone who works with children to be trained in sexual abuse awareness and to undergo a background check. By participating in this effort, we all say "We do not condone abuse within the Church, and are taking steps to eliminate it." The Protecting God's Children© program is a requirement for those working with children, but is open to all adult parishioners or school parents who wish to learn more about how to ensure safe environments for children in our society.

For a listing of the current sessions of Protecting God's Children©, or to learn more about the Archdiocese's safe environment policies and procedures, visit the Archdiocese of Newark website at www.rcan.org/charter.



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