

SATURDAY, March 24, 2018

9:00 A.M. AUGUST SILVA & CYNTHIA KERWIN r/b Family  
 GERARD DISTEFANO r/b MaryAnn Distefano  
 4:00 P.M. JOHN SLICEWSKI r/b Family  
 ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Lynn & Eric Ludwig  
 5:30 P.M. HILMAN KNIGHT r/b MaryGrace & Butch Neuhaus  
 MICHAEL BOSTICH, SR. r/b Regina Leitner

SUNDAY, March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday

8:00 A.M. BETTY COUSINS  
 TED NEBUS, SR. r/b Ted Nebus, Jr.  
 10:00 A.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Sternik family  
 ROBERT MORANO r/b Berardi family  
 12:00 P.M. ROCCO BERARDI r/b Ray & Eunice Krawczuk  
 ROBERT DION r/b Jane Alwell  
 5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, March 26, 2018

9:00 A.M. PATRICIA & THOMAS CORRIDON r/b M. Corridon  
 MARGARET O'HARE r/b Anne VanMeerbeke

TUESDAY, March 27, 2018

9:00 A.M. JOSEPH MAHON r/b Joe & Cheryl D'Auria  
 THOMAS SHANNON r/b Mary Dennigan

WEDNESDAY, March 28, 2018

9:00 A.M. THOMAS REPETTI r/b Jodi Repetti  
 LEAH MULLEN r/b Gourmet Kitchen

THURSDAY, March 29, 2018 Holy Thursday

7:00 P.M. JOAN BUELL r/b Keating family  
 JILL GALANTE r/b Family

FRIDAY, March 30, 2018 Good Friday

3:00 P.M. SOLEMN LITURGY

SATURDAY, March 31, 2018 Holy Saturday

8:00 P.M. JOHN MATTHEWS r/b Veronica Bosko  
 ED VanHANDEL r/b Sternik family

SUNDAY, April 1, 2018 Easter

8:00 A.M. YAZMIN LLORE r/b Family  
 PATRICIA CORRIDON r/b M. Corridon  
 10:00 A.M. MARK BURNEY r/b Berardi family  
 THERESA CRUZ r/b Pineda family  
 12:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Weekly Collection**  
 March 11, 2018 \$10,821.00



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Dorothy Johnson, Vincent Marzulli, Debbie Fromkin, Brian Oehme, Bronislaw & Zofia Buczek, Tom O'Rourke, Manuel Canencia, Annemarie Logan, Eleanor Passarella, Grace Philhower

**ALTAR SERVERS for April 7th & 8th**

Sat., 4 pm: Charlotte Doherty, Adam Fox & Erin McKinley  
 5:30 pm: Savannah Isacson & Joshua Clanton  
 Sun., 8 am: Andrey & Justin Morales  
 10 am: Kathleen Burke, Jeffrey & Nathan Riley, Jonathan & Celia Ekhelar  
 12 Noon: Angel Gallera, Jocelyn Jackson & Zachary Guenther  
 5:30 pm: Bryan Hammond, Adrianna & Andrei Vergara

**Faith In Our Future  
 Cohort 18 Update ~ March, 2018**

The Cohort's Hispanic and Haitian Ministry Subcommittee has made available the schedule of Spanish and Creole speaking Masses & Confessions at Mother of Mercy Parish in Asbury Park, and has also recruited volunteers to help teach regularly scheduled ESL classes. If you are interested in teaching ESL (you DO NOT have to speak a foreign language), please call Brother James 732 775-1056. The Subcommittee has also made available, information about the following resources in Monmouth County: immigration, children and families, housing and food, and mental health services. Please refer to the **Cohort 18 News** section at [www.holyinnocentschurch.net](http://www.holyinnocentschurch.net).

**Shop Rite Gift Cards** Holy Innocents Parish continues to participate in the *ShopWithScrip* fundraising program. The Parish Office currently carries Shop Rite gift cards (\$25 denominations). Scrip cards can be purchased any time during office hours, Monday thru Friday.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (*except holidays and holy days*) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate.

**Altar Rosary Society** Next meeting: April 16th. Regular meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am in the Religious Ed Annex (directly upstairs from Parish Office). For more info, please call Maria 848 702-1811.

**Holy Innocents Seniors Club** meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at 1:30 pm in the cafeteria. If you would like more information about this group, call Alice Kohlman 732 988-4471. **Next meeting: April 6th. New members are always welcome! Please note there will be NO MEETING on April 20th.**



Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday is one of the most popular Sundays of the year. Many people come back to Church in order to receive their palms. But, why do we receive palms today?

It's because Our Lord Jesus was praised by the people waving palms when He entered into Jerusalem. Palms are symbolic of peace and victory in the ancient world. In many ways Jesus's entry into Jerusalem is the kind of procession a king would do when returning victorious in battle or on some other special occasion. He is honored by the whole crowd and palms represent that we honor Him who actually brings peace to the world.

However, Our Lord also subverts the meaning of this procession. It is like He is living out one of His parables that always have an unexpected twist in the middle. Instead of riding a stately horse, He rides a humble donkey. Instead of entering His throne, He then immediately leaves the city. He does not come to His throne until He goes to the cross and it is there that He is recognized as King.

Our Lord is not the King of this world because this world does not recognize Him. He is a suffering servant King, not a worldly one. He is a sign of that humility all Christians should have in the face of the evil of this world. An earthly King would rule by force and eventually his rule will come to an end. This King reigns in our hearts and His kingdom will never end.

I have a couple good announcements as we enter into this Holy Week:

- First, congratulations to all our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. I like to think of Confirmation as a completion of your Baptism. While at Baptism you receive the graces of being a child of God and salvation, these graces are activated and directed toward a vocation in Confirmation. This sacrament is the beginning of a new era in these students' lives and I hope the whole parish can pray for them as they grow in the ways of our Lord.
- Second, the assisting rails for the altar are finally being installed. I know it has been a long wait for some of you. But, it took a while to gather the appropriate amount of contractors. The job itself should be pretty quick. So, I expect it to be done either in Holy Week or Easter week. I do not want to spend too much time talking about the financial details of this project. If anyone is interested in knowing the details and donating to this project, feel free to ask. I just hope that it will be useful for all those who have trouble ascending and descending the Sanctuary.

God bless!

*Fr. Carter*

**Catholic Radio** Domestic Church Media and Catholic Radio exists solely through the support of listeners and benefactors in order to continue their mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible. Please prayerfully consider a gift in any amount and call 1 609 882-9357!

**Reading Group** started a new book called, "Catholic For A Reason". It is a series of essays about God and the Holy Trinity edited by Scott Hahn. Reading Group meets every other Thursday in the School Conference Room at 7 pm (next meeting 4/12). Feel free to contact Fr. Carter for details: [toddcarterpriest@gmail.com](mailto:toddcarterpriest@gmail.com). This book is available through book stores and online retailers.

**Next Family Game Night** Join us Friday, April 13th at 5 pm in the cafeteria. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. You may bring your own game to play. Enjoy old favorites or learn new games. Pizza & drinks are provided, and a free-will offering taken. Gamers are encouraged to bring snacks or dessert for the sharing table.

**Holy Innocents Music Ministry** The Adult Choir sings at the 10 am Mass, the Folk Group at the 12 Noon Mass, and The Teen Praise Group the first Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm Mass. The Choir practices in church every Tues., 7 pm. If you are interested in being a part of our parish music ministry, speak with the Music Director.

**Religious Education Office**

Sr. Bernadette Schuler, ofc  
732 922-4242 x28

**VIRTUS for adults** training is presented throughout the year at different locations. ANY adult volunteer or staff member working with children is REQUIRED to attend this one-time training session and also submit to fingerprinting & criminal background check. Advance registration required at <http://www.virtusonline.org>. Please call Sr. Bernadette if you need more information.

**Congratulations, to all who were Confirmed here in the parish on March 20th with Monsignor Arnister!**

Jackson Adam, Grace Adams, Dylan Amadruto, William Anan, Madison Apostolakos, Victoria Aragon, Hayley Berg, Michael Bonney, Daniel Bricker, Gary Bruno, Michael Bruno, Aaron Bucknor, Brian Byrne, Juliana Catanio, Nicholas Colbert, Ryan Cole, Kimberly Corpuz, Sophie Creed, Luke Dafeldecker, Grace Dalton, Jacquelyn DeBrito, Justin Donahue, Tara Dunfee, Maxwell Ferrelli, Nicholas Fimiani, Alexis Forbes, Spencer Green, Josef Gregoria, Angelic Guzman, Bryan Hammond, Molly Houston, Alexander Johns, Denise Junio, John Junio, Ryan Kotch, James Kundra, Leonardo Lapadula, Laney Leone, Alyssa Lomangino, Owen MacCarrick, Garrett Mark, Giuliana Mastrella, Massimo Mastrella, Owen McCarthy, Gabriel McGivern-Jimenez, Gavin McLaughlin, Ashton Mejias, Maeve Merriman, Noah Meyers, Justin Morales, Daniel Moran, Christine Pagayunan, Marissa Perez, Tyler Persico, Kyle Pollack, Megan Popola, Tyler Reynolds, Jeffrey Riley, Anna Rocha, Mia Rose, Sara Saives, Charles Sasso, Brendan Shafer, Hannah Sheehan, Thomas Siracusa, TC Taylor, Christopher Theobald, Jr., Kaylee Thomas, Allison Turnbull, Victoria Vargas, Thomas Violanzis, Samantha Wall, Stefanie Worton & Sarah Yevchak

**Stations of the Cross** Come experience Stations of the Cross as part of your Lenten journey. Every Friday, now through Good Friday, we will present Stations of the Cross at 7 pm in the Church. Join us - all are welcome!

**New Electronic Giving Program Available** If you are interested in taking advantage of the Electronic Giving Program, please visit our Church website [www.holyinnocentschurch.net](http://www.holyinnocentschurch.net) and click on the link.

**Holy Innocents School News**

Holy Innocents PTA invites you to the Annual Gift Auction: Saturday, April 21st! Ticket order forms are available on both the School and Church websites. In the mean time, they are soliciting donations of goods or services, gift certificates, and new gift items for auction. Donations will be collected in the School and Parish Offices during regular hours, Monday through Friday. Also gratefully accepted are cash donations which are used to purchase premium auction prizes. Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to see you April 21st! Any questions, please call the School Office 732 922-3141 x13 or email [holyinnocents-giftauction@hotmail.com](mailto:holyinnocents-giftauction@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

Sat., Mar. 24	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., Mar. 25	8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., Mar. 26	5:30 pm Bible Study in the conference room 7:00 pm Religious Ed (7)
Tue., Mar. 27	9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-6) NO RCIA
Thur., Mar. 29	Holy Thursday NO Daily Mass NO Adoration today Offices closed 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri., Mar. 30	Good Friday NO Daily Mass Offices closed 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in church
Sat., Mar. 31	Holy Saturday NO Daily Mass 12:00 Noon Easter Food Blessing in church 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sun., April 1	Happy Easter! NO Religious Ed 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., April 2	Easter Monday NO Daily Mass Offices closed NO Religious Ed
Tue., April 3	9:30 am Rosary Makers in Relig. Ed. Annex NO Religious Ed NO RCIA