

Holy Week Schedule Reservations Only! No walk-ins.

Register online using the following links
(this is the preferred method);

If plans change please contact the office. We have waiting lists.

Holy Thursday (April 1, 6PM, St. James Church/Chatham): <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pamkreab&oeidk=a07ehmw618be0cd3135>

Good Friday (April 2, 3:30 PM, Church of St. Joseph, Stottville): <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pamkreabb&oeidk=a07ehnl999c12508>

Easter Vigil (April 3, 8PM, St. John the Baptist, Valatie): <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pamkreabb&oeidk=a07ehnl5c6779fe5ea>

Easter Sunday:

9AM Easter Mass at St. James Church, Chatham <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pamkreabb&oeidk=a07ehnljxzl3cf7d439>

10:30AM Easter Mass at St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pamkreabb&oeidk=a07ehnlkf35877dad93>

10:30AM Easter Mass at St. John the Baptist, Valatie <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pamkreabb&oeidk=a07ehomnd43d6969778>

1:30 PM Easter Mass/Spanish Mass/St. Joseph's Stuyvesant Falls - please email Roxana Moran roxymoran15@gmail.com to reserve seats.

Food Pantry Baskets

The Food Pantry is getting ready for Easter Baskets. If you would like to give, note the donation is for Easter Baskets and



mail to:
Valatie Ecumenical Food
Pantry
PO Box 266
Valatie, NY 12184

You can also drop at St. John's office.

Masses for April 2021

Please call the office to reserve your seat:

April 3rd/4th Last name beginning with A-D
April 10th/11th Last name beginning with E-L
April 17th/18th Last name beginning with M-R
April 24th/25th Last name beginning with S-Z

If seats available All Are Welcome!!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:

Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, Pat Bruno, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Joseph Cimon, Susan E. Cotsonas, Dave Daly, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Holly Eberhardt, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florientino, Michele Amyot Ford, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Michael Gomez, Mary Ann Goodine, Sharon Hall, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, William Hernandez, Marianna Iacovelli, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingsley, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, John McCauley, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykytiw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Kimberly Sabella, Alice Salvatore, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kyle Stickle, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Br. David Turmel, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Darrell Wilson, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Erica Wordon, Emerson Lewis Yates

FAITH FORMATION & PARISH OUTREACH

Please check out the story of the Pantoja family in last week's *Evangelist*. They will be brought into full initiation in the Church on Saturday, April 3 at the Easter Vigil. The sponsor for Marco, Blair, Sofia, Elena, and Paulina is their son and brother, Marco III.

This year the Stations of the Cross are videotaped at each of the CCNCC parishes. Check out the most recent from the Church of St. Joseph at Stuyvesant Falls: <https://youtu.be/GZkC5-5XHUw>

Street Soldiers in Troy continues to need men's socks, underwear, and tee shirts in all sizes. Thank you for your continued care for those who are in need of the basics of life.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?



Adoration

**Palm Sunday—beginning of Holy Week,
St. John the Baptist will offer
Eucharistic Adoration on Palm Sunday
from 6pm—8pm.**

Eucharistic Adoration is a way to be present with our Lord and listen to His word through prayer.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed where one can come for private prayer in silence.

While it is true we can pray to God anywhere because He is always with us, being in the presence of the Eucharist is personal.

Social distance and masks will be maintained.

As you enter the Church there will be a sign in form to complete.

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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: Chism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

[2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 **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 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/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/Mk 16:1-7

Next 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 Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

THIS WEEK'S AND NEXT MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 27th

4:00 pm Myroslaw Mykytiw by Chris Muryne
Charles Rutherford by Chris Muryne
Emily Ignazio by Dorothy Harvey

Sunday, March 28th

7:30 am Linda Boll by The Boll family
Jack McKeough by Connie & Jack Smith
Manuel Feneque by Pat Berroyer

Saturday, April 3rd

4:00 pm Rose Allen by LeNguyen family
Charles Rutherford by Guy & Janis Graziano
Frances Reamer by MaryJo & Chris Gibson

Sunday, April 4th

10:30 am Joseph & Hilaryo Nguyen by LeNguyen family
Mary & Donald Rutherford by the family
Michael Weiss by The Elves
Julia Johnson by Larry & Julie Johnson
Wilhalmina Amyot by Diane Amyot