



# DIocese OF PATERSON

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OFFICE OF  
THE BISHOP

April 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this time of year, as our spiritual lives are focused on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, it is fitting that Catholics are asked to support the **Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday**.

For nearly 800 years, the Franciscans have been responsible for serving the people and the places of the Holy Land. They provide vital assistance by maintaining shrines and chapels throughout the Holy Land and by operating schools in places such as Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. They provide housing and medical treatment for many people in need each year. The Franciscans also offer pastoral outreach to 29 parishes in the area.

All of this important work cannot be accomplished without financial support. This Good Friday, I ask you to join me in supporting the Collection for the Holy Land. By doing so, you are partnering with those who see the value in caring for the places where Jesus ministered, died and rose to new life. What a great way to celebrate the joy of Easter !

Asking God's blessing on you, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.  
Bishop of Paterson

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*Also from our Bishop:*

Dear parishioners,

I take this opportunity to thank you for reaching and exceeding your parish goals for the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal helps fund so many good and holy works throughout our Diocese, especially for people in great need, and I am appreciative of those parishioners who participated sacrificially. What a great blessing to those we serve each day !

Asking God's blessings upon the faithful of Saint James and Saint Thomas Parishes, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.  
Bishop of Paterson

**St. James: Goal: \$ 7,700.00**  
**Amt. Pledged: \$ 8,225.00**

**St. Thomas: Goal: \$ 8,500.00**  
**Amt. Pledged: \$ 11,292.00**

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 28, 2010

### St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Charlie Lombaerde at the  
Request of his wife, Carol

#### TUESDAY, March 30

8:00AM – Charlie Lombaerde  
req. by his wife, Carol

#### GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

3:00 PM

#### SATURDAY, April 3

8:00 AM - No Mass

#### EASTER SUNDAY

##### April 4

8:00AM – Michael Francis Murphy  
req. by Jim & Barbara Schoepfer

11:30AM – Deceased Pastors & Parishioners

#### ST. JAMES THE GREATER

**\$1,707.00 – Regular Collection – March 21, 2010**  
**\$ 381.00 – Diocesan Assessment**  
**\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need**  
\$1,721.00 – Regular Collection – March 22, 2009

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**\$2,545.00 – Regular Collection – March 21, 2010**  
**\$ 617.00 – Diocesan Assessment**  
**\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need**  
\$3,352.00 – Regular Collection – March 22, 2009

### St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in  
Memory of Jim Mahon at the  
Request of his wife, Gerry

#### MONDAY, March 29

9:00AM – Madeline Templeton  
req. by The Staff and Residents of  
Bentley Assisted Living

#### TUESDAY, March 30

9:00AM – Margie Frantz  
req. by Chris Higgins

#### WEDNESDAY, March 31

9:00AM – Father James Gacquin, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
req. by Mary Flexer

#### HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

7:00 PM

#### FRIDAY, April 2

9:00AM – No Mass

#### SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL, April 3

8:00 PM – Frank J. & Helen Morenski  
req. by their daughter, Cecelia Smith & Family

#### EASTER SUNDAY

##### April 4

9:30AM – Jim Mahon  
req. by his wife, Gerry

#### TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Bree Andrews, Vickie Bennett, Joseph Bruno, Eric Cerra,  
Gail Collis, Jerry Cooper, Jason DeLorenzo, Geri Fawyer,  
Ronnie Ferriere, Marie Furtado, Nancy Green, Eric Harper,  
Horace Harper, Catherine Higgins, Sharon Hubbell, Peter  
Jaycay, Sharon Johnson, Chuck Lombaerde, Florence  
Majewski, Karen Morgan, Richard Nowicki, Joseph Peraino,  
Flo Puccio, Ruth Rogers, Evelyn Schweer, Deena Slain, Bill  
Sousa, Catherine Vecharello, Lisa Vergona, Tarra Wagner  
and Gabriel Wyzga

#### PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUE

This beautifully adorned statue is a visible reminder of the  
love God has shown in the Blessed Mother. Placing such a  
beautiful image in your home turns hearts to prayer and brings  
grace to those who open their hearts to any image of God's  
love. If you would like to have the statue of Our Lady of  
Fatima in your home, please contact Diana, Legion of Mary at  
973-948-7601. *Pray the Family Rosary*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Making Holy Week HOLY

This week we begin Holy Week. Here are some insights and suggestions to truly make this a HOLY Week for your family:

**Palm Sunday** – Today marks the beginning of Holy Week with a remembrance of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The Gospel tells us that Jesus was greeted by the crowds waving palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross. The blessed palms that we received at Mass today can be dried and displayed throughout your home all year – standing in a tall vase, tucked behind the Crucifix, or even pressed in your family Bible. Palm branches remind us that Jesus is our light and salvation!

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** – The first three days of Holy Week are also the last three days of Lent. These are traditionally days of preparation for the great feast of Easter. Let everyone help with the housecleaning and as you work together, talk about the holy days ahead and how the season of Lent was for your family overall.

**Holy Thursday** – Today we recall the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples and the powerful lesson he taught them as He washed their feet. Attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper tonight (even participating in the *Washing of the Feet*) and on the way home talk about the foot washing ritual and what it teaches us about how we can be of service to one another.

**Good Friday** – Today is the somber remembrance of the day Jesus died on the cross. Plan to attend the afternoon Good Friday Service and the evening Stations of the Cross. Talk about your experience of "going without" something this Lent. Was it truly difficult or surprisingly easy? Suggest to your family that in addition to fasting and abstaining from meat today, that you also abstain from television, computers and cell phones too.

**Holy Saturday** – The Easter Vigil that takes place tonight is the high point in the Church calendar. The Paschal Candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil will remain in the church throughout the year as a sign of Christ's death and resurrection. If you have never attended the Easter Vigil before – let this be the year! Volunteer as a family today to help clean up your parish property before our greatest feast.

**Easter Sunday** – This is a day of great rejoicing! Alleluia! Attend Mass as a family and thank God for all of the good things that have "arisen" in your family's life over the past year. As you celebrate this glorious day, talk about why it is important to be thankful for the gifts God has given us and be reminded of the greatest gift of all – Our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Happy, HOLY Week!

### Sacramental Preparation Parents Formation

A meeting will take place on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Education Center for all parents who are presenting their child for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist this year. Mr. Tom Brown, Director of Catechetics for the Diocese of Paterson, will be our presenter.

### Respect Life Ministry

Come join us in praying the rosary to end abortion next Saturday at 10:00 AM across the street from Planned Parenthood, 8 Moran Street in Newton.

### World Youth Day 2011 Thank-you

Thank you to all parishioners and friends who recently supported our second Yankee Candle fundraiser. Your generosity helped us to realize a profit of \$875.00 Special thanks to Mrs. Cathy McNanna who coordinated this project again. Our five teens who will be attending World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain continue to pray and work hard in helping to make this pilgrimage a reality.

### Coming Soon.....

A Health Ministry program is soon underway for our parishes! We have recently met with a few core members (professionals in the health and wellness field) and continue to move forward. Some of the goals of this new ministry will be to make parishioners aware of community resources, to provide generalized health care information and to sponsor health and wellness related activities. Look for more information.....coming soon.

### Seder Supper

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Class, along with the assistance of their catechists Cathy McNanna and Beverly Borrego, will participate in the annual Seder Supper hosted by our Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be a great opportunity for them to experience some Old Testament teachings, which they have studied this year. Students are asked to be at the Father Lewis Center by 5:30pm to help decorate and set up. They will be guests of the Knights, participate in the Seder and will be finished by 9:00pm. All students are encouraged to contribute and their families to attend also.

### Respect Life Reflection

"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself." Jn 12:32. God, enthroned in heaven, is drawing all people to Himself and to one another. We become one body and are responsible to foster unity of the entire human family. Prayer – Lord, free us from the divisions that result from aborting children and killing the sick. May we build a Culture of Life!

### Operation Rice Bowl

This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation.

**Our Baby Bottle Drive** is a way of assisting young mothers and their new-born in getting a better start in life. Donations assist the Good Counsel Homes, four of which are operating in New Jersey. Baby bottles are available in church. We ask you to fill them with change or check or dollar bills, and return the bottle on the Sunday after Easter. Fr. Benedict Groeschel and our parishioner Chris Bell are co-founders of Good Counsel Homes.

### St. Thomas the Apostle Tricky Tray

On Friday evening, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting our Annual Tricky Tray. If you are interested in assisting our committee in any way, please call Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092. All volunteers are welcome.

## **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

*STC -- St. Thomas Ch. or Fr. Lewis Center*

*SJC -- St. James Ch. or Church Hall*

*REC -- Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed. Center*

### **Sunday, March 28, 2010**

#### ***Palm Sunday***

9:30 a.m. STC & REC Gr. 6-7-8 Mass & Class

4:00 p.m. STC Confirmation Prep, Interviews

### **Monday, March 29**

7:00 p.m. SJC Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. REC Parents Sacramental Prep.

### **Tuesday, March 30**

4:00 p.m. REC Gr. 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. STC K of C Officers' Mtg.

### **Wednesday, March 31**

4:00 p.m. REC Gr. 3, 4 & 5

7:00 p.m. STC Seder Supper

### **Thursday, April 1**

#### ***Holy Thursday***

7:00 p.m. STC Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration till Midnight

### **Friday, April 2**

#### ***Good Friday***

3:00 p.m. SJC Service of the Lord's Passion

7:30 p.m. STC Stations of the Cross, presented  
by Confirmation Youth

### **Saturday, April 3**

#### ***Holy Saturday***

9:30 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

10:00 a.m. STC R.C.I.A. Final preparations

12 Noon STC & SJC Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. STC Easter Vigil Service

### **Sunday, April 4, 2010**

#### ***Easter Sunday***

Easter Sunday Masses as usual

**Confirmation.** Please keep in your prayers the 17 young people of our parish who will be receiving their Confirmation on **Sat. April 10.** The Ceremony will be held at the **St. Joseph's Auditorium in Newton.** May the Holy Spirit come upon our young people and direct them always in His path.

**Holy Week & Easter.** Today, Palm Sunday, begins the most holy week of our church year. And the Triduum ("three days:" Holy Thurs., Good Fri., Holy Sat.) stands at the center of our faith. In these days, the sacred mysteries (beliefs) of our faith are solemnly commemorated and renewed. Plan to spend this holy time at our services as we re-live the events that brought about our salvation. For your information, here are the services and times:

### **Palm Sunday: March 28**

Masses at regular times

**Seder Supper** Wed. Mar. 31, 6 p.m.  
at Fr. Lewis Center

**Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
St. Thomas, 7 p.m.

**Good Friday Service** St. James, 3 p.m.

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross by  
Confirmation Class** at St. Thomas, 7:30 p.m.

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** St. Thomas,  
8:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday:** Masses at regular times

**Seder Super: Understanding the Roots of Our Mass.** Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting this traditional Seder Meal on **Wed. Mar. 31, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Fr. Lewis Center.** This meal will help us to see how Jesus' Last Supper at Passover became our Sacred Liturgy. Both educational and delicious, you won't want to miss it. Tickets are \$ 10 for adults and \$ 5 for children.

**Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross** will be presented by our (soon to be Confirmed) Confirmation Class. It will be held at **St. Thomas, beginning at 7:30 p.m.** Join us as our young people lead us in this prayerful meditation on our Lord's death.

**Blessing of Easter Baskets:** This custom for many families will be honored at 12 Noon at both churches on Holy Saturday.

**Evenings of Reconciliation.** The final evening for Confessions is **this Monday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> at St. James.** The Sacrament will be available from **7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.**