



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

(LK 19:38)

“About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem” [Luke 9:28ff]. The account of the Transfiguration of Jesus marks the beginning of the end of Jesus’ public ministry on earth. This event closely follows Simon’s identification of Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God, and Jesus’ subsequent vocation to Simon as Peter, the Rock on whom Jesus builds His Church [Mt 16]. Note that the Gospel of Luke specifies the conversation with Moses and Elijah, a conversation regarding the events that would take place in Jerusalem.

Jesus descends from one mountain top experience and sets His face to the next mountain top experience. Of course, these events are ultimately for our benefit: Peter, James, and John experience the Transfiguration so they can strengthen the faith of their brothers [the Apostles, the disciples, and even us!] after Jesus’ second transfiguration on Calvary. He was transfigured into a worm, hardly human! [Ps. 22].

Today, the Church guides us through this transfiguration in our celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. In this one Holy Mass, we anticipate the events of the coming Holy Week. While first century historians do record the death by crucifixion of the man named Jesus of Nazareth, we believe through faith not only that Jesus died but that He also rose from the dead and appeared in His glorified flesh.

Superficially, we could say Lent is done as we have remembered His death today. The next celebration of Sunday worship is Easter Sunday. Yet, we journey with Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, and that journey is our hope. The solemn events of Holy Week guide us in a more detailed way in our walk in the Lord’s Way. Holy week will culminate not at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper nor at the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. “Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm for you are at my side” [Ps 23]. Jesus places His trust in the Father’s will. That trust is vindicated, that darkness is pierced, as surely as the side of Our Lord as He slept in death on the Cross. The culmination of this Holy Week is the gateway to Easter Time, the Light of Christ’s Resurrection that pierces the darkness of death to give us the hope of new life, new and Eternal Life. That Light dawns in the light of the Easter Fire that begins

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices are closed Good Friday, April 15 and Easter Monday, April 18 (Patriots Day). We will re-open on Tuesday, April 19th at 11:30am.

St. Lucy Men’s Guild

Invites all parishioners to an
Ice Cream Sundae Social
Immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass
St. Lucy’s Church Hall |
Saturday, April 16, 2022
What better way to break our Lenten Fast?
Come One, Come All

UPDATED 4/10/22

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY METHUEN CATHOLIC MASS & EVENT TIMES

Saturday, April 9 (Palm Sunday)
St. Lucy & St. Monica | 4:00pm
Palm Sunday, April 10
St. Lucy | 10:00am
St. Monica | 9:00am & 11:00am

Monday, April 11
Daily Mass
St. Lucy | 9:00am

Tuesday, April 12
Daily Mass
St. Lucy | 9:00am

Wednesday, April 13
Daily Mass
St. Monica | 6:45am
Eucharistic Adoration
St. Lucy | 6:00-7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 14
Morning Prayer
St. Lucy | 9:00am
Evening Mass of the Lords Supper
St. Monica | 7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration
Gethsemane Chapel | after Mass until 10pm

Good Friday, April 15
Morning Prayer
St. Lucy | 9:00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
St. Lucy | 3:00pm & 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 16
Morning Prayer
St. Monica | 9:00am
Confessions
Gethsemane Chapel | 10:00am
St. Lucy | 10:00am
Easter Vigil
St. Monica & St. Lucy | 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17
The Resurrection of Our Lord
St. Lucy | 8:00am & 10:00am
St. Monica | 9:00am & 11:00am

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24
Novena
Gethsemane Chapel | 3:00pm
beginning with chaplet



Welcome to our Parishes

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS!

**Pilgrim Icon Program
in Honor of St. Joseph**

The St. Monica Knights of
Columbus will be hosting a
**Pilgrim Icon Program in
Honor of St. Joseph.**

St. Lucy Parish
Thursday, April 21
after the 9:00 AM Mass

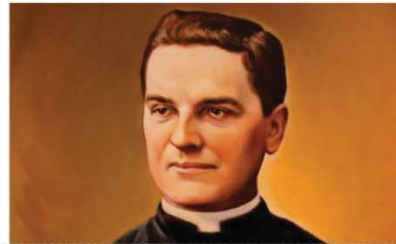
The half hour Program will
include a display of an "Icon
of St. Joseph". All are wel-
come to attend
Mass, participate in the
Prayer Service, and view the
Icon, following the Mass.



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ULTREYA

Tuesday April 26
(usually Last Tuesday of the Month)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
St. Lucy' Church Hall

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is Bill Lappiere. He will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship.

Please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Holy Thursday's Collection supports St. Monica's St. Vincent de Paul | Good Friday's Collection supports the Holy Land | Easter Sunday's Collection supports the Clergy Trust. As always, thank you for your many gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

THE WEEK AHEADSUNDAY, APRIL 10

- Confirmation 1 & 2 12:45-2:45pm St. Lucy Church/Lower Church Hall/Schoolhouse
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 11

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary For Priests Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- Mass 6:45 am St. Monica Church
- Prayer and Study 10 am - 12 pm (Zoom)
- Alanon 10-11:15 am St. Lucy Lower Church
- The Bible and Church Fathers Study 6 pm (Zoom)
- Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- Morning Prayer 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm St. Monica Church followed by Adoration until 10pm in Gethsemane Chapel
- AA 6:30 pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- Morning Prayer 9 am St. Lucy Church
- DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS (at home)
- Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord 3pm & 7pm St. Lucy Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- Morning Prayer 9am St. Monica Church
- Confessions 10am St. Lucy Church & Gethsemane Chapel
- Bettor's Anonymous 2 pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Easter Vigil Liturgy 8:00pm St. Lucy & St. Monica Churches

TIME & TALENT

The parishes have various opportunities for parishioners to donate time, talent, or treasure. We are currently looking for help with or someone to take the lead in acquiring or making the following.

1. Missing station of the cross in Gethsemane Chapel needs replacing
2. Memorial plaques for Gethsemane Chapel and Immaculate Conception Shrine
3. Window treatments for the rectory
4. Coat rack for the rectory (carpentry required)

If you are interested and would like to connect with our staff about these items, please contact Kera in the office at (978) 683-1193. Thanks again for your generosity.

OFFERTORY | MAR 23 & 24

St. Monica - \$7,593⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,504.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of soups, canned spaghetti, canned fruit, original oatmeal, low sugar fruit cups, and spaghetti. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to faithformation.stlm@gmail.com.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

*Monday-Thursday | 11:30am-4:30pm
Fridays | 9:00am-12:00pm*

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30am at St. Lucy's

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes

SUN 9 am & 11 am St. Monica | 10 am St. Lucy

MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9:00 am St. Lucy

FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes Sat

4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel

6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel

6:00 - 7:00 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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DIVINE MERCY

Through St. Faustina, the Merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the *Hour of Great Mercy*.

Although these means of receiving God's mercy are new in form, they all proclaim the timeless message of God's merciful love. They also draw us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucharist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him. As Jesus told St. Faustina: **My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. (Diary, 367)**

IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: **Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).**

What do the rays in the image represent? **The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).**

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Bap-

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

A novena is typically nine days of prayer. The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, **"By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."**

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 15 and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24. Join us at 3:00pm in Gethsemane Chapel for the Divine Mercy Devotions. Please help yourself to the pamphlets provided in the rear of the churches and chapel to assist with praying the Divine Mercy Novena. You can find more information here <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL

Holy Week Book p. 38

ENTRANCE HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor



1-5. All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er King!

1-5. To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
2. And mor - tals, joined with all _ things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

FIRST READING - PSALM - SECOND READING

Holy Week Book pg. 41

PASSION READING

Holy Week Book pg. 66

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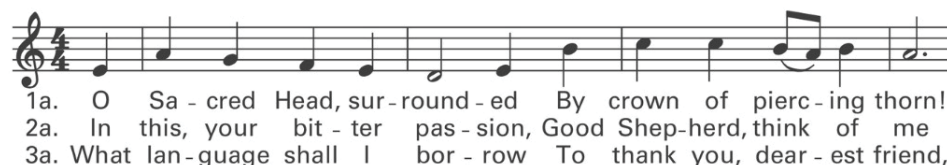
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 26: 42


Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Sacred Head Surrounded



- 1a. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
- 2a. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me
- 3a. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank you, dear - est friend,

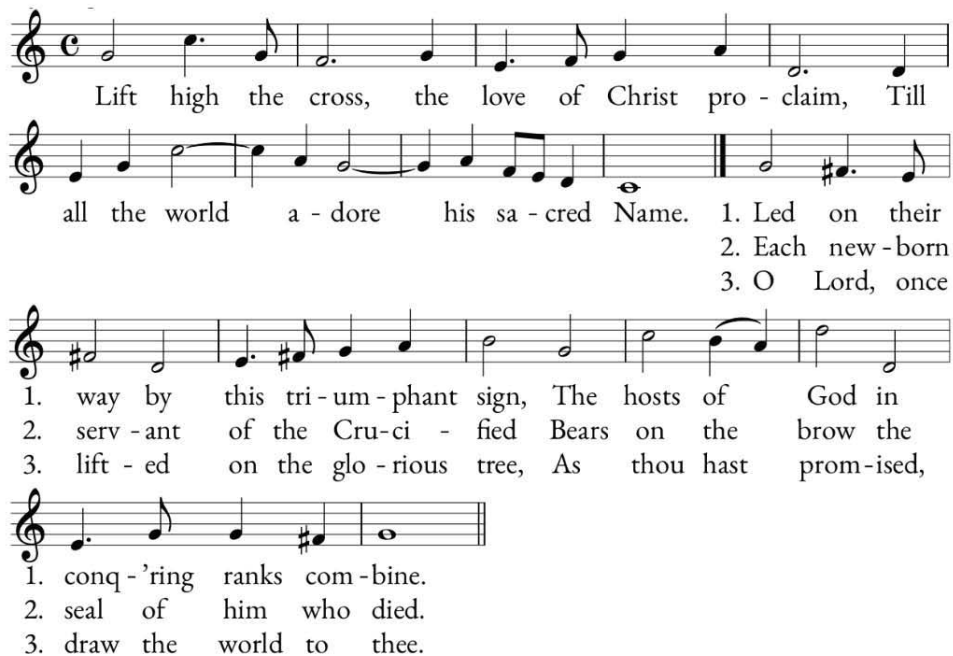


- 1a. O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
- 2a. With your most kind com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:
- 3a. For this, your dy - ing sor - row, Your mer - cy with - out end?



1a. The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life de - cays,
 2a. Be - neath your cross a - bid - ing, For - ev - er would I rest,
 3a. Lord, make me yours for - ev - er, A loy - al ser - vant true,

1a. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.
 2a. In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.
 3a. And let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love for you.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Lift High The Cross*


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, Till
 all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name. 1. Led on their
 2. Each new - born
 3. O Lord, once

1. way by this tri - um - phant sign, The hosts of God in
 2. serv - ant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears on the brow the
 3. lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, As thou hast prom - ised,

1. conq - 'ring ranks com - bine.
 2. seal of him who died.
 3. draw the world to thee.

PRAYER FOR PASTORAL PLANNING

Almighty Father,

Give us the grace to follow where your Son leads,
 make our priests holy and effective ministers of the Gospel,
 our staff and parishioners dedicated and enthusiastic disciples,
 and all of us docile to the Holy Spirit
 and obedient to your will.

Help us make our parishes a light for those seeking you
 and for those who hope in you.

We entrust ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary as we pray:

Hail Mary, full of grace...

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, April 9 (Palm Sunday)

4:00pm Eva & Joseph Austin

Palm Sunday, April 10

9:00am Nancy Tardif
Yvonne & Harry Costa
Evelyn Ferreira
Jane Schofield
Timothy Hogan

11:00 am Richard Curtis

Wednesday, April 13

6:45am Daily Mass

Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday, April 16

9:00am Morning Prayer
8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 17

9:00am Holy Mass
11:00 am Holy Mass

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, April 9 (Palm Sunday)

4:00pm Krystyna Szablowska

Palm Sunday, April 10

10:00am Fernando & Angela Iannuccilli
Alfred Bencivenga
Jamie Legere
Aida Saade
Michael Sarcione
Vida Whitcomb

Monday, April 11

9:00am Alexander D'urso &
Rosemary D'urso-Scrofano

Tuesday, April 12

9:00am John & Louise Salmi

Holy Thursday, April 14

9:00am Morning Prayer

Good Friday, April 15

9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
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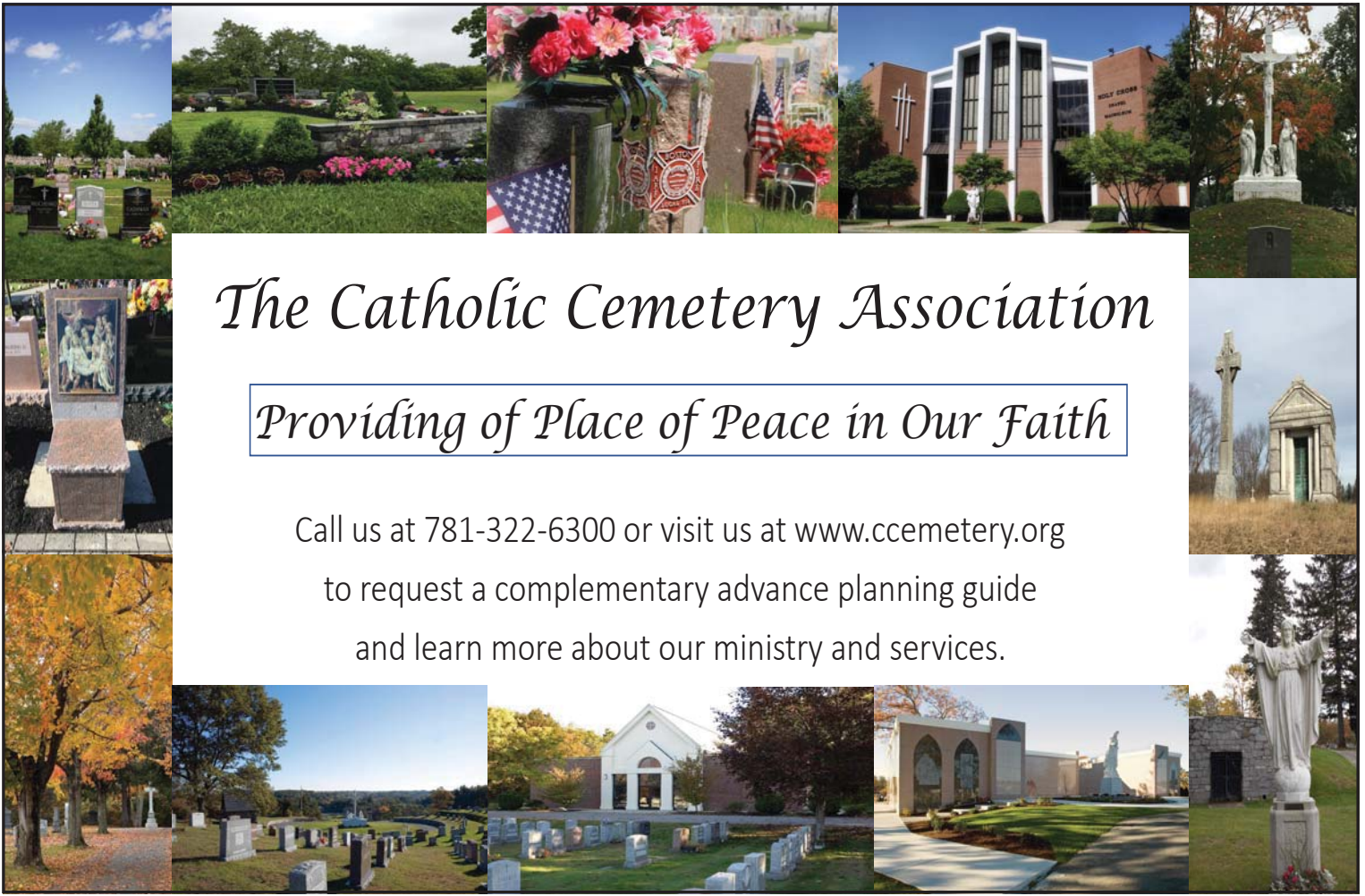
PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINAR.
Sunday	04/10/22	Fr. Michael Ferraro	Deacon Joseph Ferme
Mon	04/11/22	Msgr. Laurence McGrath	Deacon Bertrand Proulx
Tues	04/12/22	Fr. Bryan Parrish	Deacon Steven Restrepo
Wed	04/13/22	Fr. Martin Dzengelski	Deacon Nathaniel Sanders
Thurs	04/14/22	Fr. Michael Harvey	Deacon Nicholas Stano
Friday	04/15/22	Fr. Jeremy St. Martin	Daniel Forde
Sat	04/16/22	Fr. J. Bryan Hehir	Alejandro Diego Pena

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Patrice K., Susan F., Valarie G, Mary E., Joseph V, Tom V, and Francis Medina.

Please pray for James Delmonte whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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