

# Saint James Parish

**PALM SUNDAY**

# HOSANNA

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

**"Hosanna!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

- Mk 11:9



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 AM

### Pastor:

Rev. Edward J. Hanlon [ejhanlon3@verizon.net](mailto:ejhanlon3@verizon.net)

### Deacon:

Thomas Varney

### Religious Education:

Patrick O'Donnell [stjregrafton@gmail.com](mailto:stjregrafton@gmail.com)

### Director of Music:

Patricia M. Saviet

### Parish Secretary:

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Parish office hours: 8:30am-2:00pm M-F

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## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 PM

Call rectory for appointment

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated on the Third Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning for marriage should contact the rectory one year prior to the wedding date.

## CARE FOR THE SICK

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves after Mass. We want to know and serve you. We hope you become active members of our parish community.

**We are a Stewardship Parish**

**TIME ♦ TALENT ♦ TREASURE**



**Saturday, March 24**

4:30 PM Patricia Doten (Father Hanlon's sister)  
14th Anniversary, by Father Hanlon  
Henry A. Plante by Stella Plante

**Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday**

7:30 AM Thomas & Apolonia Bien by the Wojnar family  
11:00 AM Peter Koliss by Pamela Bobbs

**Monday, March 26**

8:00 AM Mary Torrey by Kathy Torrey

**Tuesday, March 27**

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, March 28**

8:00 AM Bertha & Oliver Dumas  
By Mr. & Mrs. Philippe Lavallee

**Thursday, March 29**

8:00 AM Prayer service only

7:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

**Next Saturday, March 31, Vigil of Easter**

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

**Next Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday**

7:30 AM Thomas Hargrave by his family  
10:30 AM 80th Anniversary, Joffre P. Lavallee, Jr.  
By Mr. & Mrs. Philippe Lavallee  
15th Anniversary, Lawrence J. Pagliaro  
By his family

*Parish Support*



March 17 & 18	\$4,610.00
Higher Utilities	\$195.00
Easter Flowers	\$160.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$645.00

**THANK YOU!**



**WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY  
OF SAINT JAMES**

Christian Lee Jellison

*Reconciliation*

Father Hanlon will be available in the church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 27th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.



**GOAL...\$40,000.**

**GIFTS/PLEDGES: \$22,875.**

**BALANCE FOR GOAL: \$17,125.**

Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. If you have made a gift directly or online, please do not fill out another pledge card as it is affecting the paperwork that needs to be sent to the chancery. Thank you again!

**GOOD FRIDAY LETTER FROM THE BISHOP**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Participating in the Way of the Cross is such a powerful way for Christians to recall the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during Lent. Christians in the Holy Land are faced with the particular challenge of bringing their own suffering to the cross as they witness to the faith. Each year during Holy Week we are challenged by the Scriptures to see the light of hope amidst darkness and despair. Holy Week is about finding hope from despair and, as St. Francis prayed, "that we may be instruments of peace."

Christians living in the Holy Land not only struggle to live their faith and worship in their parishes – they are also the stewards of the sacred places as Christians arrive in pilgrimage day after day. Catholics worldwide are invited each year by the Holy Father to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by making a donation to the **Good Friday Collection**. Keeping Christianity alive in the Holy Land is as urgent a goal of the Church as it was in the days of St. Paul when he called upon various communities to support their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem.

Your donation helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. Your contributions assist the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment. In these times of crisis, you also help in providing humanitarian aid to refugees and bring the sacraments and hope to Christians in places like Syria.

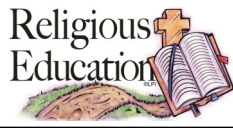
Please be generous in this year's Good Friday collection in your parish. I invite you to visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection.

Pray for peace during this Holy Season so that we may preserve the past and offer hope for the future.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



**Volunteers  
Needed  
For  
Holy Week**

**Readers for:**

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 4:00 PM Gr. 1 - 8

**To Have Foot Washed:**

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Mass

Please call the Religious Education Office at 508-839-6800  
or email [stjregrifton@gmail.com](mailto:stjregrifton@gmail.com).



### GRAFTON CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

**April 6, 2018 @ St. Mary's from 6:30 to 8 pm**

**May 4, 2018 @ St. James from 6:30 to 8 pm**

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us! Tacos will be served. Bring a new friend who hasn't been before and receive ice cream! Sign up at Grafton Catholic Youth Group Facebook or webpage.

The Group is looking for someone to coordinate a group of youth to join the Diocesan Volleyball league this summer. The league starts in June. If interested contact Tim Rodrigue at 774-545-6689 or by email at [tjrodrigue@gmail.com](mailto:tjrodrigue@gmail.com)

Thank you to all the parishioners that joined us for a wonderful fish dinner and fellowship catered by Bushel 'n Peck. We would also like to thank everyone that just donated to the Youth Group as we begin to prepare next year's schedule of events. The support of the parishes been greatly appreciated.

### SAINT JAMES PENNY SALE

**April 15<sup>th</sup>  
New Times!!!**

**Doors open at noon Prizes drawn at 3:00 PM**

Come spend the day with family and friends on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at our Parish Center. This yearly event has prizes galore for everyone's interest, such as household items, crafts, toys and games for the children, small appliances and much more. Take a chance on one of the raffles-we have several golf packages, a movie bucket, a solar bird feeder lantern, Hy-line cruise voucher, a boy's and a girl's 26" Granite Peak Roadmaster bike, and for our large raffle, we have a pair of Red Sox tickets (date tbd)!!! You need not be present to win one of the raffles. Please mark your calendar for this inexpensive, family event. Come and have your lunch before you buy those lucky tickets! Munchies, coffee and baked goods will also be available.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25, PALM SUNDAY

9:00 AM Grades 1 and 2 Religious Ed classes

**Second Mass time is changed from 10:30 to 11:00.**

10:45 AM Youth Choir

11:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:00 PM High School Religious Ed classes

6:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal

### MONDAY, MARCH 26

3:30 PM Grades 3-5 Religious Ed classes

5:00 PM Mustard Seed

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

10:30 AM Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. Paul

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29, HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir

8:00 PM Adoration

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30, GOOD FRIDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

4:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Liturgy Service

### NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 31, EASTER VIGIL

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 1, EASTER SUNDAY

No Religious Ed classes

10:15 AM Youth Choir

Masses celebrated at 7:30 and 10:30 AM

### MUSTARD SEED



Our parish will be serving the monthly meal at the Mustard Seed this Monday, March 26th. Parishioners who would like to help serve the meal are asked to meet at the rectory at 5 PM. Those who were contacted for baked goods are asked to drop them off at the rectory by Monday before 5:00. Thanks!



### Rest in Peace

Stanley Matuzek  
May his soul and all the souls  
of the faithful departed  
Rest in Peace