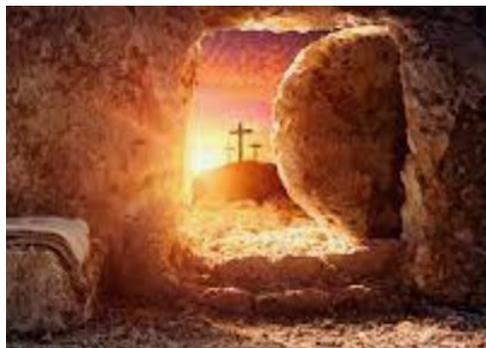


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## Meet our Council Members—Our Chairman

John McSorley is a native New Jerseyan, born February 15, 1941, who served four years on active duty in The United States Navy as a member of the flight deck air craft carrier personnel. He then continued on inactive reserve duty for an additional two years. John married his high school sweetheart, Judy, in March, 1962, and they have four children; one daughter and three sons and the blessing of five grandchildren.

In 2018, he and Judy moved to Ann's Choice to be close to their family. John is a 'cradle' Catholic who currently is a parishioner at Nativity of our Lord Church where he serves as a lector. He attended Catholic elementary and high schools, was an altar server for twelve years in his youth while living in Kearney, NJ, and was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers at St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth, NJ. While residing in Florida, he participated on the fundraising committee to build a new church, St. Stephen's. This parish was considered very progressive at the time and John was involved in training of the first female altar servers. While a member of St. Bede's Catholic Church in Williamsburg, VA, John continued to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, Sound Minister during masses, member of the Knights of Columbus, and assisted those in need at the House of Mercy.

He has been serving as the recording secretary for the Ann's Choice Catholic Council and then as Chairman, since 2019. He is an avid volunteer who finds satisfaction in accomplishing small tasks and in greater endeavors.

(First in an ongoing series)

April 10 - April 16, 2022     **HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Week** is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested. The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday.

After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. From this event comes inspiration for our practice of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, and Divinity.

Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.

The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.

On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot.

Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath. In our churches, the Tabernacle is left empty, to show that Christ is departed.

On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass. Parishes may hold services, but there is no distribution of Communion. On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy. This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.

God is risen.

## Why Is Easter Called 'Easter'?

St. Bede the Venerable, the 6th century author of *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* ("Ecclesiastical History of the English People"), maintains that the English word "Easter" comes from *Eostre*, or *Eostræ*, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Other historians maintain the "Easter" derives from *in albis*, a Latin phrase that's plural for *alba*, or "dawn," that became *eostarum* in Old High German, a precursor to the English language of today. Dawn, of a new time.

Our Resident volunteers who help make our Mass in March:

**Celebrant** - Father Watson

**Sacristan** - Frank Noonan

**Cantor**-Toni Maiorino/Betty Matyas

**Altar Servers**—George Murray, Dick Serefim

**Readings** - Carol McGrath

**Prayer of the Faithful** - Frank Noonan

**Extraordinary Ministers** - Caroline Chambers, Maria Burlein, Rose Torgeson

**Greeters** - Bea Dolan, Peggy Noonan, Barbara Masonis, Peggy Forde, Mickey Roe

**Technicians** - Ray Schwegel, John McSorley

**Liturgists**- Marge Devine

**Organist** - Betty Kingston

**Social**—Charlie Reckner

## WEEKEND BUS SCHEDULE TO NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 AM

RG	no stop
Village	9:30
Liberty	9:35
Keystone	9:40

A \$5.00 fee per round trip will be collected.

*The Saturday bus schedule has been eliminated.*



### CATHOLIC COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

February, 2022,

Opening balance  
\$ 6713.24

#### INCOME:

December Mass Collection	\$ 480.10
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 480.10</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Expenses February Mass	\$ 109.95
Mass cards	20.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 129.95</b>

<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 350.15</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7063.39</b>

### YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

*John McSorley, Ray Schwegel, Jim Morgan, Maria Burlein, Judy Coyle, Charlie Reckner, Bob Klimek, Bob Dunnigan, Fran Calahan, Caroline Chambers, Barbara Masonis*