

April 5, 2020 / Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Church of St. John

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

All Masses -

Said in Private by Father until further notice.
There will be a Live stream on Saturdays of the
4:00 pm Mass available on our Facebook Page and
Church website

Confessional Schedule -

Suspended at this time . The faithful are encouraged
to follow the directives of the Holy See regarding
perfect contrition

Eucharistic Adoration -

Closed until further notice

Office -

Closed until further notice

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Until Further Notice:

1. The Church and Office will be closed until further notice.
2. We ask that you check our church website www.churchofstjohn.com or our Facebook Page for the most up to date information on the church status. Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page.
3. We are sending out the bulletin and other pertinent information through our e-mail app called Flocknotes. If you are not receiving these e-mails please go on our website and send us your e-mail update or contact Heather at stjohnbultn@gmail.com to update your contact information in our church database.
4. All public gatherings for the celebration of Confessions or the Anointing of the Sick, indoors or outdoors, are suspended.
The faithful are encouraged to follow the directives of the Holy See regarding perfect contrition. Perfect contrition requires the following three things: A love of God above all else. A sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin. The resolution to go to confession as soon as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides.
5. All Masses will be celebrated privately, and the previously scheduled intentions will still be offered. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated privately.
6. We will "stream" the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 3:00 pm
7. We will "stream" the Saturday 4 pm Mass, on "Facebook Live." Please do NOT attempt to attend these Masses. The church will remain locked for safety sake during this time.
8. Our church web site now has a Prayer Request area for people to reach out due to the inability to access the Book of Intentions in the parish office.
9. As for our Partners - Mady's Kitchen is cancelled this month, Bushkill Outreach is open but they will bring the food to the cars (no one is allowed in the building), Valor is not accepting furniture or clothing.
10. The celebration of Baptism is to be suspended for the health and safety of all.
11. The celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are to be postponed until further notice.
12. All weddings scheduled in the Diocese of Scranton are to be postponed until further notice.
13. RCIA classes will continue using the ZOOM app.
14. Virtual Meetings vital to the running of the church will be scheduled.
15. The distribution of palms on Palm Sunday is prohibited. While time honored and appreciated by many members of the faithful, the distribution of palms in any way risks the unnecessary spread of the corona virus.
16. We ask that all families who are currently enrolled in our Faith Formation program join a newly created Facebook group. it's a private/closed group, Church of St. John Faith Formation. The link is in our Facebook page Church of St. John. All announcements, questions and weekly class activities will be on this private group.

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass



Saturday, April 4, live on Facebook at 4:00 pm.
Encore on Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper



Holy Thursday, April 9, live on
Facebook at 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 10, live on Facebook at 3:00 pm

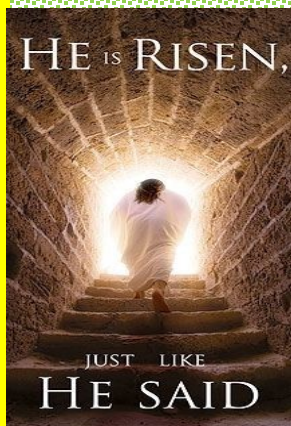
Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion



April 10 live on Facebook at 5:00 pm

Blessing of Baskets

Saturday, April 11 live on Facebook at 12 noon



Easter Vigil Mass

Holy Saturday, April 11, live on Facebook at 8 pm

Easter Sunday Mass

April 12, live on Facebook at 8:30 am; encore at
11:00 am.

Word, Worship and Prayer

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54



SATURDAY, April 4 - Vigil

Irene Wain By Carol Romeo
The Christ Family in Thanksgiving for the Blessings Received By Maria Christ

SUNDAY, April 5 -

Palm Sunday

Stephen & Marion Szaro By the Kowalski-Szaro Family

MONDAY, April 6 Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

For the protection of all unborn children from abortion
By the AOH

TUESDAY, April 7 Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

For the Intentions of Elba Nunez

WEDNESDAY, April 8 Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

John Bilyj and Family By His Parents

THURSDAY, April 9 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Gary Rommel Torres By John & Del Torres

FRIDAY, April 10 Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1—19:42

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, April 11 - Vigil

Easter Vigil

Ethel Doe By Dorothy Soden

SUNDAY, April 12 -

Easter

Jasmine Brun By Manoucheka Simon

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Pasquale & Angelina DiGregorio

By Bob & Connie Digregorio

April 11, 2020 — April 17, 2020

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Rosario Abreos

By Ms. Bojo

April 11, 2020 — April 17, 2020

"Candles are available for your special intentions. They may be acquired in the Parish Office. These candles are available for honoring the memory of your deceased loved ones along with praying for recovery from an illness, celebrating birthday's, anniversaries, etc. We have a card that can be given out when the candle is reserved.

Stewardship

"A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE WITH TREASURE"

Joseph Clampet - Finance Council

March 28 & 29

Weekly Offering	Amount	# of Families
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,091.00	55

For those who serve our country and community

At the close of our weekend Masses after the Recessional Song, our community will all kneel and pray three Hail Mary's for those individuals both living and deceased.



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH

Emilio Accomasso, Laurie Adamo, Ventura Alayon Jr, Karen Amick, Debra Balistieri, John Bonito, Agnes Cotter, Michele Cross, Samantha D'Introno, Debra Ebeley, Joseph Figgs, Marilyn Gabriel, Maggie Gilbert, Ermes Gutierrez, Lily James, Andy Kman, Ashlyn Leide, S. Anne Little, Julia Livingston, Chris Mahon, Vanessa Mahon, Abigail Martinez, Dorothy Martinez, Maddie McQuillan, Luis Enrique Medina, Jeronimo Mestizo, Hugo Munillo, Samanta Murillo, Lauren Murphy, Mike Murphy, Joseph Perin, Joel Rivera, Erica Rizo, BJ Robinson, Kirsten Rutledge, Delaney Sciara, Ellen Sciara, Patricia Skrabal, Javier Suarez, Sebastian Torres, Dorothy Valenti, Jesse Valenti, William Welk, Anthony Zannella

To add to this list, please email stjohnbultn@gmail.com



From Father's Desk

Holy Week 2020: United with Christ in the Cross and Resurrection

Dear brothers and sisters,

Although we are experiencing extraordinary circumstances, we also have an extraordinary opportunity to grow in faith, as we enter Holy Week this year. If you are able, I encourage you to make this week a time of retreat and prayer at home. I am grateful for St. John's parish family coming together in so many ways during this time. We are unable to celebrate Mass and devotions as we normally would, but Christ is in our midst whenever we gather in his name! He has suffered his glorious Passion, and has conquered death, that we may truly live! Now, more than ever, people need hope. I encourage all parishioners to "share" and pass on our Church online events and pages, including our Holy Week schedule.

How to Attend Online Church

Our website, www.churchofstjohn.com, has been completely revamped and updated. You will be able to follow all live services in two ways: either through a new "Virtual Church" website: churchofstjohn.online.church which is accessible from our website; or on "Facebook Live" – please look for Church of St. John on your Facebook account. Also, please subscribe to the "Church of St. John" YouTube Channel for recorded prayers and services which will be saved as recordings, after they go "live."

St. John's NEW Holy Week Schedule

LIVE Mass for Palm Sunday: Saturday April 4 at 4 pm; repeated LIVE on Sunday April 5 at 8:30 am and 11 am.

LIVE Rosary at St. John's: Tuesday April 7 at 7 pm.

LIVE Bible Reflection on Scripture for Holy Week: Wednesday April 8 at 7 pm.

LIVE Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday April 9 at 7 pm.

LIVE Outdoor (weather permitting) Stations of the Cross: Friday April 10 at 3 pm.

LIVE Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: Friday April 10 at 5 pm.

LIVE Virtual Blessing of Baskets: Saturday April 11 at 12 noon.

LIVE Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday April 11 at 8 pm.

LIVE Mass for Easter Sunday: Sunday April 12 at 8:30 am, repeated LIVE at 11 am.

For your participation, we are including a "Worship Aide" for the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) that we are attaching to our bulletin this week. You may use this to participate in these sacred liturgies. Also, please be assured of my prayers and love. I miss you all! If you have any prayer requests, don't hesitate to email me at stjohnfr@gmail.com or visit the church website.

With blessings,

Fr. Reichlen



Online Giving

As a community we are working together to handle the challenges we are facing at this time. The Church of St John is also doing all that it can to help keep the members of our congregation safe while also tending to it's needs through phone calls, errands, Partners in Mission support and numerous other ways.

As with everyone else, the church also has its financial commitments that are not being set aside during this time. We are asking that you take the time to sign-up for online giving so that you can continue with your support of our Church. The future is uncertain but the church will remain a constant. Your support will help us continue doing the work that we do to support our parishioners and the community around us.

Please take moment to sign up for online giving by going to the church website

www.churchofstjohn.com.

You can decide how often you want to pay as well as the amount. You can choose to make a one time donation, weekly or monthly.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Church of St John's Organizations

ALL SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Adult Church Choir - 11:00 am Mass. To join, please contact Erik Sparks, Choir Director or Gil Cuffari and Nancy Gordon, Music Ministry at 570-223-9144.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meeting every Friday night at 7:30 pm.

Charismatic Group - Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Come join us and learn about the Holy Spirit and how he manifests his gift through us. He leads, guides, teaches and protects us as we sing, pray and worship him.

Focolare Word of Life Gathering - 1st and 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a prayer meeting. For information, please call Carole Lippold 718-863-1105.

Knights of Columbus - 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact: Julio Cruz (Grand Knight) 570-656-0842. All parishioners are invited to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary for pro-life intentions.

"Mady's Kitchen" Free Community Dinner -

The last Sunday of each month. St. John's Church Hall Call: Laura - 570-588-1707

St. John's Columbiettes - 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm. Women interested in becoming members, e-mail Violette - President - FRANCOIS_3@msn.com

St John's Seniors - 1st Tuesday at 1:00 pm. President - Felix Martinez. Contact Laura Zaso - Secretary - 570-588-9358

Special Needs Worship Ministry - In honor of Deacon Thomas Dello Russo. Our mission is simple; to welcome and support people with special needs and their families to grow in faith and participate in the life of our parish community. For all those interested, call Mary Galayda at 570-588-9242.



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Matthew 26:14–27:66

The Gospel of Matthew gives us a detailed account of the events of Holy Week. From the Lord's Supper, the Agony in the Garden, Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest to His Trial and the Way of the Cross.

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While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Take and eat; this is my body."

Matthew 26:26

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Holy Week
Jesus
Last Supper
Twelve Disciples
Thanks
Eat Bread
Body Cup
Drink Blood
Forgiveness
Sins
Fathers
Kingdom
Night
Gethsemane
Sleeping
Resting
Praying
Judas
Betray
Arrested
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Crown
Thorns
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Son
God
Messiah

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Youth Group - suspended until further notice

Meetings 1st & 3rd Sundays - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Judy Thompson, Director -
570-807-8084 or judythompsoncc@gmail.com

Notre Dame School System - suspended until further notice

St. John's is a supporting parish of our local Catholic school system. For more info. about the school system, please see our church website.

Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults (RCIA) Online until further notice

For RCIA questions or registration contact the Parish Office at 570-223-9144.

Contact the Parish Office If You Are:

New to the Area and would like to register.

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic and want to learn more about the RCIA program.

Thinking of getting married. Please contact the church at least 6 months before the wedding date.

Have any children that need to be baptized or receive any of their sacraments and want to learn what steps to take to get started.

Wanting to learn more about the Sacraments of the Church. Please visit our website.

Parish Office - 570-223-9144

Website - www.churchofstjohn.com

**Purging with a Purpose
Lent 40 Day Challenge**

Instead of GIVING UP SOMETHING, TRY GIVING TO SOMEONE. It starts with an empty box or even some free hours. Your time and/or donations will go to one of our Partners in Mission. Here are ideas for what you can donate or do:

Bushkill Outreach - 570-588-0660

For their Food Pantry: Non-perishable items, Canned goods, All toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, etc.), All paper goods (toilet, towels, tissues, napkins, etc.) Egg cartons, and Plastic bags.

Valor, Paul's House - 570-664-6468

Clothing, All toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, etc.), Socks, Underwear, Time: (this is a 2 hour round trip travel commitment) Fold clothes, Load trucks, Chop wood.

Mady's Angels - 570-588-1707

Mady's Golf Tournament - ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE Play golf : pay for yourself or sponsor someone to golf, Sponsor a hole or get a sponsor, Pledge time to help: Collect raffle prizes (visit local stores) Pack/unpack, labor.

Mady's Merchandise - Buy a shirt or sweatshirt or hoodie, etc., and donate it to Valor.

**Do You Want to Know More
About the Annulment
Process?**

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee.

Please contact your Pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation.

It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

Catholic Social Services

724 Phillips Street, Ste A, Stroudsburg, PA
570-476-6460 570-517-0892 (D&A)

**Shepherd's Maternity Home of
Monroe County**

570-822-7118

Shepherd's Maternity Home serves homeless pregnant women and provides a safe environment for them and their babies.

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570-421-2877

A program of Catholic Social Services.