

March 14, 2021/ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Church of St. John

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Masses - Open to the Public

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 am

Tuesday and Thursday - 12:00 noon

Saturday (Spanish Mass) - 6:30 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Communion Distribution - (In the Parking Lot)

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 11:45 pm

There will be a Live Stream on Saturdays of the 4:00 pm Mass (replayed on Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:00 am) available on our Facebook Page and Church website. The Spanish Mass at 6:30 will also be Live Streamed.

Confessional Schedule -

Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration -

Closed until further notice

Office -

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

The Staff is on limited hours and will respond as soon as they possibly can.

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Word, Worship and Prayer

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



SATURDAY, March 13 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
Fr. Greg Reichlen "Happy Birthday"
by St. Johns Staff

6:30 pm (Live Stream Mass)
Bertha Lanchi
by Zhimnay Morocho Y Amistades Family

SUNDAY, March 14

8:30 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Therese Joseph by Gina

MONDAY, March 15 Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

9:00 am Jess Galik by Felix & Dorothy Martinez

TUESDAY, March 16 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

12:00 pm Natividad Balilo by Bill & Res Montgomery

WEDNESDAY, March 17 Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

9:00 am Stephan Kostoff by wife, Nancy

THURSDAY, March 18 Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

12:00 pm For the protection of all children from
abortion by AOH

FRIDAY, March 19 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom

4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
9:00 am Josephine Gawron by Adina Byra

SATURDAY, March 20 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
Ziggy Paryzki from The Paryzki Family

6:30 pm (Live Stream Mass)
Noemi Dora Rodriguez by Maria Christ

SUNDAY, March 21

8:30 am Maria Judith Arango by German Castro
11:00 am Lydia Szpyd by Bilyj Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

People of the Parish
By Church of St John
March 13, 2021 — March 19, 2021

TABERNACLE CANDLE

For all people to experience the love of God
By Church of St John
March 13, 2021 — March 19, 2021



March 21st at 3:00 pm

A Sunday Mass where the Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick is also being offered.

For those who serve our country and community

At the close of our
weekend Masses, 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

Sue & Sal Abbriano, Emilio Accomasso, Albert & Maria Alfaro, Mary Allen, Antoinette Baguley,
Dr. Vincent Bellafiore, Angelo Benedetto, John Bonito, Michele Cross, Kasey Dirato,
Lenny Di Santo, Domenic Fasano, Rick Fisher, Maddie Foley, Michael, Gregory, Ermes Gutierrez,
Betty Haines, Lily James, Robin, Andy Kman, Ashlyn Leide, Vanessa Mahon, Francine Mann,
Eion McNally, Luis Enrique Medina, Jeronimo Mestizo, Jodi Mihalik, Hugo Munillo, Samanta Murillo,
Mike Murphy, Liantonio Murray, Fred Onken, Joseph Perin, Joel Rivera, Erica Rizo, Madison Roberts,
Kirsten Rutledge, Walter Sadowski, Mark Sawitzky, Jason Schafer, Javier Suarez, Sebastian Torres,
Walker Family, Marge Wilton *To add to this list, please email : stjohnbultn@gmail.com*



FATHER'S DESK



“Needy” Week Four: Our Need for Healing

Dear brothers and sisters,

We began our Lenten series by talking about Spirituality 101: there is a God, and it's not us. Because we are the created, we have needs. We've talked about our need for God to help us tend to our needs; and our need for soul-satisfying work, balanced with soul-satisfying Sabbath rest.

Today we're going to talk about our need for healing – healing for physical wounds, and healing for wounds in our hearts and souls. In Mark 2:1-11 we hear the story of Jesus' healing of the paralytic who was lowered down by his friends into the roof of the house where Jesus was staying, in order to access him. Jesus sees their faith, and he says, **“Child, your sins are forgiven”** (2:5). The scribes then question Jesus for this apparent blasphemy – because only God can forgive sins! Jesus understands their thoughts and says to them, **“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk?’”** (2:9). This is a hypothetical question – and for Jesus, to forgive and heal our hearts is actually much harder. In fact, Jesus had to die on the Cross to do so. Nevertheless, in this moment in his ministry, Jesus physically heals the paralytic, as he does repeatedly in the Gospel narrative.

Jesus came not just to heal our bodies, but to heal our broken hearts and sin-stained souls. No matter who we are, we have all fallen short of God's glory. We need to be honest about our wounds in the past and in the present. Yes, we may have unhealed wounds from our past life which were not our fault at all, from abuse, neglect, or misunderstanding. Our sinful choices in the past and present also have hurt our hearts and souls. In this time of COVID, we might have had time for deep self-reflection. Do we have certain attitudes or tendencies to anger, or childish immaturity? Perhaps we've put it off for too long, and we need to seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. Perhaps we need to seek therapy or counseling, and there is no shame whatsoever in seeking this kind of help. Jesus wants to help us: to acknowledge and identify those hurts and wounds, and to take steps to find healing. Questions for Small Groups:

1. Do you have clearly identifiable wounds on your heart or do you find it difficult to identify how you need healing?
2. Read aloud Mark 2:9. Why do you think it is easier for Jesus to heal a person's body than heal his or her heart and soul?
3. Do you ever have the experience of feeling like a little child? If so when does that happen? Or do you tend to feel strong negative emotions that rationally you know are disproportionate to the situation?
4. When was the last time you remember having your feelings hurt or were misunderstood or criticized by others?
5. Is there someone you need to forgive from your past or present, so you can open yourself up to Christ's healing?

When was the last time you went to the Sacrament of Confession? Is this an action step you need to take to bring healing to your heart?

With blessings,
Fr. Reichlen

Holy Week 2021

Palm Sunday: Saturday March 27:

4:00 pm (Live Stream Only)

Spanish Mass at 6:30 pm.

Sunday March 28:

Masses - 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Please make reservations (required) at www.churchofstjohn.com or contact the Parish Office.

Holy Communion with Palm Distribution in the Church Parking Lot :

March 27th - 5:00 pm

March 28th - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:

April 1 - 7:00 pm.

Good Friday April 2:

Sacrament of Confession - 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 5:00 pm.

Holy Saturday April 3:

Sacrament of Confession - 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets - 12:00 noon.

Solemn Vigil of Easter Night - 8:00 pm (Live Stream Only.)

(No Saturday 4:00 pm or 6:30 pm Mass)

Happy Easter!
All are welcome!

Easter Sunday April 4:

Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon.

Please make reservations (required) at www.churchofstjohn.com or contact the Parish Office.

Easter Sunday:

Holy Communion in the Parking Lot -

April 4th - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Bible Study - the Gospel of Mark With Father Reichlen

This will be a virtual (online) Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

March 24

April 7, 14, 21

May 5, 12, 19

June 2, 9, 16

It will be live streamed on the Church of St John Website www.churchofstjohn.com, Facebook page and YouTube.

Lenten Opportunities

Mondays of Lent - March 15, 22, & 29 from 6:00 to 7:00pm – Sacrament of Confession: "The Light is On for You." Eucharist Adoration and Confession in the church.

Tuesday of Lent - March 16 at 7:00 pm.

Live Streamed Rosary led by Fr. Reichlen. Rosary is both Live Streamed and in-person

Thursday - March 18 at 5:30 pm – Word of Life Online Prayer Group. All are welcome! Call Carole Lippold at 718-863-1105 to sign up for Zoom meetings.

Fridays of Lent - March 19, & 26 at 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross & Adoration/Benediction both Live Streamed and in-person.

Sunday March 21 at 3:00 pm – Healing Mass, both Live Streamed and in-person.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly of 980 is offering a \$500 scholarship to a student entering 9th grade in Sept 2021 at Notre Dame HS. The Awardee will be eligible for \$200 tuition assistance grants in the following 3 years of HS. Applicants must be a member of St John's Parish. The candidates must provide all required information no later than the postmarked date of May 17, 2021. Applications may be obtained in the Church of St John's Parish Office.

St John's Softball Team

Are you interested in playing slow pitch softball?

St. John's has a team that competes in the Monroe County Church Softball League.

St John's parish members, male and female, 18 years and older, are eligible. All level of players welcome. Games are played weeknights.

For more information contact Jack Slipe curly2@ptd.net or 570-493-2502 (call or text)



This Week at St. John's

MONDAY, MARCH 15

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:00 - 7:00 pm - The Light Is On: Confession
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - Girl Scouts (Zoom) Brownies

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
7:00 pm - Rosary with K of C Rosary Distribution
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:00 pm - BSA Troop 902 Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
5:30 pm - Focolare Word Of Life Prayer Group (Zoom)
6:30 pm - Grief Support Group (Zoom)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:00 pm - St. John's Small Groups
7:00 pm - Adoration & Benediction
(In Person/live streamed)
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
(In Person/live streamed)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (In Person & Zoom)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 - 11:00 am - Confessions
5:00 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 am - Faith Formation
11:45 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution
3:00 pm - Lenten Healing Mass
6:30 pm - Youth Ministry

St John's Organizations

ACTIVE -

Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meeting every Friday night at 7:30 pm. For information, please call Adele 570-269-1671. (In Person and Zoom)

Foculare Word of Life Gathering - 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm.
Prayer meeting based on the Gospels. For information,
please call Carole Lippold 718-863-1105. (Zoom)

Knights of Columbus -

1st (7:30 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (7:00 pm). For more information, please contact: Julio Cruz (Grand Knight) 570-656-0842. Everyone is invited to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary for pro-life intentions.

St. John's Columbiettes - 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm. Women interested in becoming members, e-mail Violette -President - francois 3 @ msn.com or call 570-269-6203 (Zoom)

Women's Bible Discussion Group—1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:00 pm. For Information contact Violett at francois_3@msn.com (Zoom)

SUSPENDED - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Adult Church Choir - 11:00 am Mass. For information please contact the church office.

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.

“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 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.

Guidelines for Events At St John's

There is no need for a reservation to attend public Masses. However, please be aware that if our church is filled to capacity, you may have to wait in your car and follow the Mass Live Stream, until the time for Communion in the Parking Lot. Note that all the procedures, as mandated by the Bishop, still apply – (1) stay home if you or members of your household are vulnerable or sick; (2) maintain social distancing; (3) wear a mask properly; and (4) exit immediately after Holy Communion so that the church can be sanitized.

Communion Distribution will be in the Parking Lot on Saturdays at 5:00 pm, and Sundays at 12:15 pm. Please follow the directions of the parking lot attendants. You will be expected to exit your car and walk to a designated space in the parking lot in order to receive Communion. Procedures may be altered because of inclement weather.



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