

March 7, 2021/ Third 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

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1
Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



SATURDAY, March 6 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
People of the Parish
6:30 pm (Live Stream Mass)
For the Deceased Souls of Purgatory
by Fanilva Aubin

SUNDAY, March 7

8:30 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Nancy & Donato Ricci by BettyAnn & Gerry

MONDAY, March 8 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

9:00 am Stephanie King by Fay O. Ryan

TUESDAY, March 9 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

12:00 pm Phillip McCollom by Mary Kay Devine

WEDNESDAY, March 10 Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

9:00 am Feno Flores by Robert Noonan

THURSDAY, March 11 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

12:00 pm Alfredo Salazar by The DeVia Family

FRIDAY, March 12 Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

9:00 am Tony Fasano by The Fasano Family

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

People of the Parish
By Church of St John
March 6, 2021 — March 12, 2021

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Kathy Gabel and Evelyn Gabel
By Ed Gabel
March 6, 2021 — March 12, 2021

" 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.



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

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 Three: The Need for Work and Rest

Dear brothers and sisters,

Spirituality 101 is this: there is a God, and it is not us. We are the created, and therefore we are needy. We’ve talked about meeting our legitimate needs in legitimate ways. Like an unhealthy person who doesn’t get medical help, if we don’t take care of our needs, we will grow unhealthy, whether it’s in our physical, emotional, or spiritual lives. Last week we talked about the deepest need of our heart and soul – our need for God – and meeting that need through prayer.

Today we will look at the rhythm of our lives, which involves work and rest. This rhythm is established by God in creation; according to Genesis chapter 1, God created the world in six days, and rested on the seventh day. **Psalm 127** says this: **Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless the LORD guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch (v. 1).** So any of our plans for “building,” whether it’s building a new house, our job or career, or any work or efforts that we do in life, is good for nothing if we do not bring God and invite God into our work. The next verse says: **It is vain for you to rise early and put off your rest at night, to eat bread earned by hard toil – all this God gives to his beloved in sleep (v. 2).** This verse is incredibly important for our modern world, even pre-COVID. All the work that we do is in vain, if we’re anxious, and exhausted, and “in toil” about our work – and God wants to pour rest into our souls! After doing the Lord’s work day by day, we need to rest. This involves a few different things – first, having “play” inserted into our lives. Think of your pets who have no care in the world, or enjoying time with your young children or grandchildren. Playful activities remind us that we are all children of God, no matter what age we are and what our responsibilities are! Second, we need to systematize rest – to work hard to plan rest into our daily, weekly, and annual schedules. In my own schedule, I’ve found it essential that I have a healthy daily time for recreation (reading a book, exercise, etc.), a weekly day off from church activities and church people, and annual time for a retreat and for a vacation. Plan these things in your life! It’s essential more than ever in this difficult time. All of us should build in daily “divergence” for activities that refresh and restore our souls; weekly time to “withdraw” in some way; and annual time to “abandon” our ordinary routine. No matter how simple these activities are, and how much they may be upended and altered because of COVID, we need to do them in order to live healthily and best love God and others. Schedule them this week!

Questions for Small Groups:

1. Read aloud Psalm 127:1. What would it look like to bring God into your work so you don’t work in vain?
2. What are one or two things that refresh and restore your soul?
3. What do you usually do on your days off? How do you withdraw weekly?
4. Read aloud Psalm 127:2. Would you say you are able to enjoy the fruit of your work or do you live anxiously?
5. What can you do on a regular basis to introduce more playfulness into your life? Do you have a plan to abandon annually? If so, what is it?

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 10, 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 8, 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 12, 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 three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships for young Catholic men and women to be used for their first year of college or university. The candidates must provide all required information no later than the postmarked date of April 16, 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. 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 8

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:00 - 7:00 pm - The Light Is On: Confession
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
7:00 pm - Rosary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:00 pm - BSA Troop 902 Meeting
7:00 pm - Bible Study: Gospel of Mark

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
6:30 pm - Grief Support Group (Zoom)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
5:30 pm Columbiette's Meeting (Zoom)
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 13

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 am - Faith Formation
11:45 pm - Parking Lot Communion Distribution

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)

Focolare 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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