

March 28, 2021/ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Church of St. John

5171 Milford Road East Stroudsburg, PA 18302-9106

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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

SATURDAY, March 27 - Vigil

4:00 pm (Live Stream Mass with Musicians)
People of the Parish
6:30 pm (Live Stream Mass)
Leocadia Artiles & Neno Santo
by Fanny Aubin

SUNDAY, March 28 PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am Deceased members of the Noonan family
by Robert Noonan
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm Edward Kraus by Deborah & Frank Arzberger

MONDAY, March 29 Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

9:00 am JP Gallager by Marge & Mal Law

TUESDAY, March 30 Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

12:00 pm Ernesto Rios & Irma Suarez
by Lizbeth Leon-Lamont

WEDNESDAY, March 31 Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

9:00 am Michael Noonan by Robert Noonan

THURSDAY, April 1 HOLY THURSDAY

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
7:00 pm Sandra Staggs by Mom & Dad

FRIDAY, April 2 GOOD FRIDAY

Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
5:00 pm People of the Parish

SATURDAY, April 3 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 pm (Live Stream only)
Genia Charles by Violette & Max Francois

SUNDAY, April 4 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am Bruce McCullough by Matthew Delfosse
10:00 am Herbert Miller by His Wife Marlis Miller
12:00 pm William McGrath by the Cirillo Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

People of the Parish
By Church of St John
March 27, 2021 — April 2, 2021

TABERNACLE CANDLE

For all people to experience the love of God
By Church of St John
March 27, 2021 — April 2, 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.

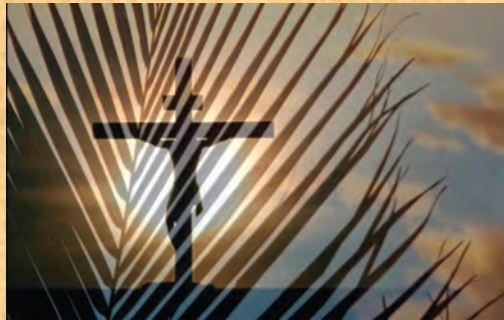


FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH

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



FATHER'S DESK



Palm Sunday and Holy Week 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John's,

We once again approach the most holy week of the year, following our Lord Jesus to the Cross and the Resurrection. We do so this year still, in the midst of a global pandemic that continues to affect our lives. This year, at the very least, we are able to celebrate public liturgies in the church, and we have every hope that some restrictions will be lifted in the near future. Next week, Easter Sunday, we will have a **big announcement** about the next steps here at St. John's on reopening! Stay tuned!

There are many uncertainties regarding the future. As of right now, attendance in church is about 1/3 of pre-COVID, and our parish operating income from collections is down about 20%. We continue to operate at reduced expenses. At this time, we are not sure whether we will make a mortgage payment to the Diocese this year. Our parish debt to the Diocese stands at about \$1.4 million. Amazingly, this is down from over \$2.2 million just 10 years ago, thanks to your support. On the other hand, unlike many parishes, we have not had to apply for the government PPP loans for our operation, nor have we had to dip into our saving accounts.

I never thought, one year ago, that our church would be working so hard at Live Streaming and Tech outreach! One of the blessings for us here during the pandemic was the CLARITY that our parish Mission gave us. Even in crisis, Jesus gives us a Mission to **Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples**. No matter the obstacles in our way, Jesus' mission continues in this little part of God's Kingdom! In the next few months our Leadership Team, with input from Pastoral Council, will be developing a **post-COVID Strategic Plan**. This plan will include efforts to rebuild some ministries that were shut down, and to initiate new ministries to fortify our Mission and revitalize our parish.

We have received wonderful coaching on a weekly basis from the world-wide network of parishes that we are proud to be part of and has reinvigorated my priesthood, the **Rebuilt Parish Association** (rebuiltparish.com). Thanks to them, we make progress and action steps each week according to our goals. Since we began Rebuilt in 2018, many parishioners have gotten onboard with making St. John's into an evangelizing parish, a church that is doing outreach into the community and is actively welcoming the unchurched (the person we call "Bushkill Bob"). We want everyone involved in the effort to live out our mission and vision.

For those of you who feel left behind or are still not sure where you fit into our community, please know that I am praying for you. Your next step in faith could be to pray for us and lean into how the Lord is calling you to serve his Church. This upcoming June, will mark 6 years since I become your Pastor, and I expect to be meeting soon with Bishop Bambera to renew another 6-year term at St. John's. We are committed to making St. John's the best it can be. We are working towards becoming a **"Rebuilt Hub parish,"** believing that it is possible to **TRIPLE IN GROWTH in attendance, giving, and ministries**. As a **Rebuilt Hub** people from near and far will be encouraged by our example. We look forward to seeing how God works through you, to participate in our efforts!

On behalf of our Parish Staff and Leadership, Happy Holy Week!

With blessings,
Fr. Reichlen

Holy Week 2021

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.

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 Opportunity

March 29 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm –

Sacrament of Confession: "The Light is On for You."
Eucharist Adoration and Confession in the church.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, St John's Council 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.



Knights of Columbus Father John T. Butler 4th Degree
Assembly 980, will award (3) \$1,000

individual scholarships in the forthcoming year to assist young practicing Catholic men and women with their first year of college or university tuition. The candidates must provide all required information no later than postmarked mailing date of April 16, 2021. Applications may be obtained in the Church of St John's Parish Office.

Attention GIRLS 10 -17

What gives you butterflies? What exciting, enjoyable thing have you done lately? Do you want a chance to turn ordinary days into adventures? Discover your value, make connections, explore and improve your world, make friends, and memories! Unleash your STRONG!

The opportunity is here at the Church of St John.

Troop 902 is a newly formed BSA GIRLS troop and has the distinguished honor of being one of the first in Monroe County. Scout meetings are held every Wednesday evening (6:00 pm) at the Church or via Zoom. We have three certified adult leaders who work directly with the scouts, and a full committee of volunteers to help and support the troop.

If you are a girl ages 10 - 17 and would like more information, please contact :

Scout Master, Bill Donovan 570-242-4984 or
bdonovanscouts@gmail.com



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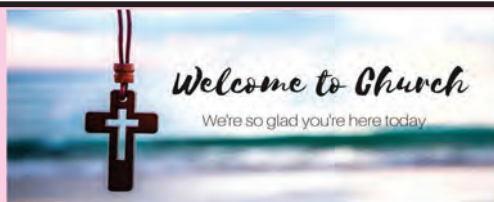
Catholic Women's Conference

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This Week at St. John's

MONDAY, MARCH 29

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 30

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Private Prayer
 4:00 pm Chrism Mass
 7:00 pm - Rosary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 HOLY THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 am - Confessions
 7:00 pm - Adoration & Benediction
 (In Person/live streamed)
 3:00 pm - Outdoor Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions
 12:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Baskets

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 am - Parking Lot Communion Distribution
 1:00 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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