



Church of St. Joseph

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Good Shepherd Sunday

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center
English: Third Saturday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Spanish: Fourth Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

For registered parishioners. Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

PASTORAL VISITS

Communion for the home-bound and anointing of the sick: please call the Rectory: **845-343-6013**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For adults interested in becoming Catholics and for Catholics who need to receive Communion and/or Confirmation: please call the Rectory: **845-343-6013**.

LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani
Lector Coordinator: Mr. Martin Suchy
Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Adoration In Chapel: 24 hours a day,
7 days a week.
Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
First Friday: Holy Hour 8:00-9:00 p.m.
First Saturday: Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
First Saturday: Holy Hour 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Spanish
Rosary Crusade for Life: First Sunday of the month,
4:00-5:00 p.m.

PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: Suspended
Senior Dining: Dining suspended **845-956-1428**
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
YouTube: [SJChurch](https://www.youtube.com/SJChurch)
Youth Group: Meetings are announced in the bulletin

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán M. Connolly, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

Parish Office: 845-343-6013 (Ext. 3)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: Due to the Coronavirus
Sunday morning: all Masses are being prayed
Sunday afternoon: by the Parish Priests in private

DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday: Due to the Coronavirus
Wednesday: all Masses are being prayed
Saturday: by the Parish Priests in private

HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

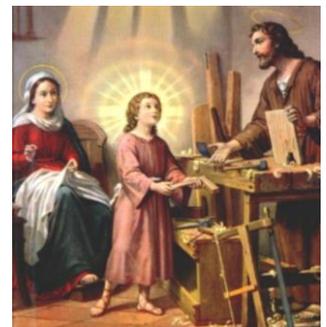
CONFESSIONS

Please call to make an appointment.

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; second through last Sunday in English, first Sunday in Spanish.

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of May 3 – May 10

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	9:00am	Teresa & Nicola Arceri & Antonio Boffa
LATIN:	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	11:30am	Julie Mendez
	1:00pm	Nina Starr Martinez
MON:	7:30am	Vincent & Caroline Colello
	12:10pm	Rita Dalton
TUE:	7:30am	Patrick J. Coscette
	12:10pm	Vincenzina Massaro
WED:	7:30am	Henry Loeffler
	12:10pm	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THUR:	7:30am	Antonio Boffa Sr.
	12:10pm	Maria Antonietta Pannallo
FRI:	7:30am	Patrick J. Coscette
	12:10pm	Giovanni Fratto
SAT:	8:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	5:30pm	Mother's Day Remembrance
SUN:	7:00am	All Masses Today
	9:00am	Are Offered
LATIN:	9:00am	For Our
	11:30am	Mother's Day
	1:00pm	Remembrance

Note: All Masses are being prayed in private with the above intentions remembered by our priests.

**FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHURCH IS OPEN
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER PLEASE VISIT US AT:**

www.SJChurch.com

Live stream of Masses can be found by clicking the link on our website or by visiting us on YouTube at:
SJChurch

PERPETUAL ADORATION



The last few weeks have been marked with many cloudy, cool and windy days. It seems as though the sun doesn't want to shine and the wind won't stop blowing. But then at the end of the day the wind subsides and the sun comes out and sets.

Perhaps we should reflect on these days. God has decorated the earth with all of His beautiful flowering trees, which have held their blossoms so much longer. The blossoms have lasted because the sun's heat has not sapped their strength. Rather than cause flowers to fall, the wind, though strong, has moved branches to bow before the Lord, giving Him glory just by blooming!

What about us? Does the coolness remind us that we are not as fervent in our Faith as we should be? Do we recognize that our own sinfulness clouds our relationship with God? Do we think about that wind as the Holy Spirit blowing through with His graces for all?

This time of being removed from the sacraments is a great time of Mercy for us. Instead of one Sacramental Communion each day, we may find ourselves making several Spiritual Communions. Our contrition becomes greater as we have more time to focus on our relationship with God. Let us continue to adore Jesus, either before Him present in the tabernacle or within our hearts. One day, we will be blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament Chapel reopen. Then we will feel the warmth of His rays!

**FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHAPEL WILL OPEN, YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING, 845-956-1455 (this number might not work from a Spectrum house phone).
YOU MAY ALSO CALL: 845-343-6013, ext. 105**

**+ PRAY FOR +
Melissa Moser, Jennifer Beakes, Ann Corrigan,
Luis Cabrera Dominguez, Vincent Perna,
Alfredo Rabino, Jose Roman.**

READINGS, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

From the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:14A, 36-41)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?"

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



SECOND READING

From the First Letter of St. Peter (1 Peter 2:20B-25)

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps.

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.

When He was insulted, He returned no insult;
when He suffered, He did not threaten;
instead, He handed himself over
to the One who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in His body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
By His wounds you have been healed.
For you had gone astray like sheep,
but you have now returned to the Shepherd and
Guardian of your souls.

ALLELUIA

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R: Alleluia, alleluia.





GOSPEL

From the Gospel of John (John 10:1-10)

Jesus said:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

“When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

LETTER FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR MAY, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary (link listed below), and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>