

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – The First Sunday of Lent

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

From the Organ Bench...

Our parish is blessed to have three long standing traditions of music ministry, now combined as one. As we continue to navigate worship in a time of covid, our ministry continues to evolve in order that all may enjoy fully conscious and active participation in the liturgy as we were first called to by Pope Paul VI.

Since last year when we first heard the phrase "a spiritual Communion" and discovered what it meant to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus with our families at home rather than at Mass with our church family, the challenge our parish music ministry has faced has been how to safely complete our call: to encourage you in that "fully conscious and active participation" that liturgy calls for. For us, that has meant following Archdiocesan guidelines that call for the suspension of choirs, and while encouraging all to make a joyful noise to God, doing it with a bit more reserve than normal. As we reopened, we began with singing three hymns instead of the usual four at each Mass. The Communion hymn, sung while the congregation was online, was omitted so that we would discourage singing while moving throughout the church. We've now resumed singing a hymn during Communion although we may often choose a song less well-known intentionally.

Like every part of our daily life, we continue to wait to see what this "new normal" evolves to. Your music ministry looks forward to a time when we can announce the resumption of choir rehearsals, and when we can "shout with a full voice, our God is near!"

In the meantime, we welcome those who are interested in serving as cantors (leaders-of-song) to speak to us after Mass. We always appreciate your feedback - positive and negative - as we work to meet the needs of our now larger parish family. Please let us know how we can help encourage you to "sing a new song unto the Lord."

-Todd, Michelle, and the Cantors and Choirs-on-Hiatus of our Parish

RESERVED MASSES:

Sat 2/20	5:30 p.m.	Walter Hackett <i>Req. by JoAnn & Russ Treulter</i>
Sat 2/27	5:30 p.m.	Alvin Rumble <i>Req. by Todd O'Brien</i>
Sat 3/6	5:30 p.m.	Charles Rothe and sons Emil & Charlie, and grandson Erich <i>Req. by Lillie</i>

COMMUNION SERVICES:

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.

WeShare Donations

If you would like to make a one-time donation set up automatic weekly donations, please consider setting up an account through WeShare. You may find further information here:

<https://sjechurch.weshareonline.org>

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Mon – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Tue – Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

LENTEN BOOKS

Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, we will have the little black books for Lent again this year. They will be available at the door of the church on the way out. They are an excellent meditation guide to help focus your thoughts and prayers during Lent. Please take one and use it.

MAGNIFICAT FOR KIDS

Thanks to a generous donor, we have some daily prayer books for kids 6-12 from Magnificat. They have the daily readings and a reflection geared to younger readers. Please take one if you know of someone who might use it.

CONTACTING MISSING PARISHIONERS

I'm sure you are aware that many people have not returned to church after the shutdown because of COVID. I would like to try and reach out to those who are not here, and see if they need assistance, encouragement, or support. Please try to remember who used to sit next to you, on either side, in front or in back of you, and give me their names. With the help of other parishioners, I would like to contact them, by phone or by mail, and let them know they are missed, they are cared about, and see if there is anything we as a parish can do for them. Thank you for your help with this.

CLYNK

We are still doing Clynk with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially marked bags so that St. John's gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford's yourself.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday here at St. John's during Lent. Please add this devotion to your Lenten practice. Recall and relive what Jesus did for you because of His great love for you.

JACK ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the next several months we will be collecting loose change at St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and St. John's. This spring we will be accepting applications from graduating seniors from these parishes who will be continuing their education. If you are interested in mailing in a donation, please send it to: St. John's Jack Rose Scholarship, 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Thank you!

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis has decreed 2021 the Year of St. Joseph and declared that a Plenary Indulgence may be granted daily to the faithful, through prayer and works which have been established to strengthen the faithful with the help of St. Joseph, in order that they may receive comfort and relief from tribulations. Posters have been positioned at each church entrance, as well as prayer cards which contain an Act of Consecration to St. Joseph. Those who make the Consecration to St. Joseph may also gain a Plenary Indulgence.

COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don't feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. It is a most rewarding experience.

FOOD PANTRY

We expect to have an announcement shortly about restarting the Food Pantry. If you are interested in being involved, contact Gabby Baker at g.baker1@ppcsd.org, or give her a call.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, "Smokey" Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O'Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung, Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Joe Nista, Frances Riccio, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey

To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333