

Sunday, March 21, 2021 – The Fifth 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...

A few weeks ago, Fr. Chris and I were discussing some of the music for Holy Week. He commented that he has always had one requirement – that the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night ends with “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”. It was fortunate that we had this discussion – I had planned that hymn for Easter morning, but actually not for the Vigil. Fr. Chris explained that when he was in Seminary, beyond the liturgical importance of the Vigil, it served as something of a rite of passage for the Seminarians, and that when the Vigil was over, everyone tended to “belt out” the final hymn – you guessed it, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”.

The conversation got me thinking about some of “those hymns”. Hymns and songs which for some reason have a special meaning for us or have something in particular that we associate with them. What are those hymns for you? Perhaps it might be a hymn that was sung at your wedding, or your daughter’s First Communion or your parent’s funeral Mass. Maybe it isn’t the event you associate the hymn with, but the prayer. If you have a special devotion to Mary, perhaps a setting of the Magnificat or “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman” holds special meaning. Do you find it more important to sing along with that special hymn, or to listen to the cantor and those around you intone it as a sung prayer?

In my last writing, I mentioned the phrase “full, conscious and active participation”. When it comes to music, the good news is that whether you said you sing along or choose to listen to the words, you are consciously participating in the liturgy.

As we progress through the remainder of Lent, and into Holy Week, there will be many opportunities for “full, conscious and active participation” in the liturgies of the parish. Even the rubrics specify: “The singing of the people, the ministers, and the Priest Celebrant has a special importance in the celebrations of these days, for when texts are sung, they have their proper impact” (Easter Triduum rubric 2). Like life in general, this year’s liturgies will look a little different than ones in the past, and some of the parts of the Mass will invite that participation by listening, rather than singing full voice. Our Music Ministry encourages you to do both when each is called for. Listen to the words of “The Palms” or the Exsultet sung during the Great Vigil. Join in singing the acclamations and Psalms and the hymns – the modern “Behold the Lamb of God” and the traditional “Pange Lingua Gloriosi”

And behind that mask, be not afraid to belt out “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” at the end of the Vigil.

RESERVED MASSES:

Sat 3/20 5:30 p.m. Birthday remembrance of Stanley Niedzialek
Req. by his wife & daughter Rose & Terry

Sat 3/27 5:30 p.m. Ryan Panchak
Req. by Aunt Judy

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is one of the seven sacraments. As St. James says in his Letter, "If someone is sick, let him call the priest to pray over him and to anoint him with oil." If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please let Deacon Bob know, and he will try to arrange a priest to come and anoint them and pray over them.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER

All Holy Week activities and celebrations will take place at St. Mary of the Snow. We will have a Mass at St. John's on Easter Sunday, probably at 8 AM. I am hoping we can have an outdoor procession as we have had in past on Palm Sunday, just not out to Route 212.

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, Deacon Bob, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm 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!

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. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to two people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. 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.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY – MARCH 29, 2021

Father Chris will hear confessions on Monday, March 29th from 4 – 8pm at the Parish Center on Cedar Street. There will NOT be a Lenten Penance service this year.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

All Masses and Services during Holy Week will be held at St. Mary of the Snow. The schedule is posted on the doors of the church.

- Reconciliation Monday, 3/29 from 4 – 8pm
- Holy Thursday, 4/1, 7:30pm
- Good Friday, 4/2, 3:00pm
- Easter Vigil 4/3, 7:30pm
(**NO** 4pm or 5:30pm Mass on 4/3)

EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 8:00am – St. John the Evangelist
- 9:30am – St. Joseph
- 11:30am – St. Mary of the Snow

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.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wed – Saint Turbius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Thu – The Annunciation of the Lord

Fri – Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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, Mark Moore

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

Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.