

BULLETIN
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
APRIL 5, 2020

HOLY WEEK IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

As previously announced, given the precautions necessary in fighting the Coronavirus, there cannot be any gathering of more than 10 people. Therefore, the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies will be available by live stream only. They can be seen on the parish Facebook page on the following days and times:

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION AT 11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7 P.M.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 12 NOON,
COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AT 3 P.M.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - THE EASTER VIGIL AT 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY AT 11 A.M.

THE PALMS DISTRIBUTION will take place on Sunday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. You must enter the church grounds off Harding Street and proceed behind the rectory in order to receive the palms. Do not leave your vehicle, the palms will be brought to you. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will also offer you an opportunity for a brief prayer, as well.

CONFESSION will be heard on Friday from 1 – 2:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind the church. Enter off Harding Street and remain in your vehicle. Both Frs. Madden and Brice will be available.

THE PARISH DAY OF PRAYER, APRIL 8 – Bishop McManus has requested that each parish choose a 24-hour period to pray for the end of the pandemic. We have chosen Wednesday, April 8th. Here on the website is access to an app on which you can sign up for an hour during the parish day of prayer. As is typical of the people of St. John's, the response has been very generous. Indeed, each of the 24 hours has been filled. Nonetheless, this is the more the merrier, or rather the more the more powerful. Feel free to add your name at any other.

FLOCKNOTES is a tremendous tool for communicating with you. It is an enormous help in keeping us together during this period of physical distance. It will continue to be important when this too shall pass. Perhaps you are reading this on Flocknotes, already. If not, if you are seeing this on the parish website only, please join the parish's Flocknote group. All the cool people are doing it!

ST. JOHN'S PARISH SURVEY 2020 is ongoing. Thank you to the many parishioners who have completed the survey. The initial deadline for completing one was this past Friday, March 27th. However, given the givens, we are extending the deadline to allow more of you to complete the survey. There is a link of the parish website. This will be an important tool for us when we return to what passes for normal on Temple Street. Thank you.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Sunday- \$3505.81	Donations - \$150.00
Monthly- \$95.00	Novena - \$20.00
Parking- \$70.00	Stipends - \$110.00
Easter Flowers- \$20.00	

Total- \$4270.81

Expenses:

Administration (1705.32)	Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (626.56)
Ascension Phone (151.77)	Ascension Electrical Repair (179.00)
House (143.41)	Ascension Alarm (117.66)
Maintenance (79.30)	

Total - \$3023.02

Food for the Poor: \$650 IMO Ann Sullivan, \$180 IMO Carol Doyle, \$125. IMO Jim McDonald, \$40, \$50, \$100, \$25, \$20, \$30, \$75, \$100, \$500, \$25, \$50, \$10, \$50, \$30, \$65 from a friend, \$150 IMO John Dowd, \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey, \$20 IMO Gerald Falvey, \$215 IHO Ven Do, Betsy Sargison, Andrew and Lind Andrianapoulos, \$50 IMO Stella Tiscione

Income- \$5725.00

Expenses- \$4854.85

YEAR TO DATE

In March we had a cash operating surplus of \$32,393.56. This unexpected and exemplary achievement can be attributed to the Novena of Grace collection and the extraordinary generosity of the people of St. John's. Our cash surplus for FY 2019/2020 is now \$116,525.26. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support of St. John's Church!

We are all feeling the impact of the pandemic in a variety of ways, of course. We understand that high up on that list for many of us is the economic impact. As stated above we are most grateful to those who have mailed in your donation envelopes. Furthermore, we are grateful for whatever can be done to continue to support our parish mission. Likewise, we ask that as this Lenten season concludes that you continue to remember the international work of Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowls and the local life-giving and loving mission of Visitation House through the Baby Bottles campaign. Thank you.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY offers prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Regina Cullen, Wayne Kallio, and Stella Tiscione who have been born into eternal life.

2020 CENSUS – recently we have heard from the Census Bureau a couple of times. Their mission is greatly hampered by the Coronavirus pandemic. We felt it important to encourage everyone to complete a census form. It can be done online or through the mail. As you know, the census is important in terms of receiving government services and other programs. Thank you.