



# St. John the Baptist

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Sunday and Daily Masses have been suspended until further notice.**

### Baptism

Parishioners are asked to call the Parish Office for the times of the monthly liturgical celebrations and to arrange for classes.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please call the Parish Office to arrange a confession.

### Marriage

Parishioners requesting a marriage date must have been registered in the parish for six months.

### Phone Numbers

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301-622-1122  
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School: 301-622-3076

[sjbssparish.org](http://sjbssparish.org)

[FaceBook.com/sjbcc](https://www.facebook.com/sjbcc)

[@SJB\\_Catholic](https://www.instagram.com/SJB_Catholic)

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

This week's readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118 Colossians 3:1-4??? John 20:1-9



# Alleluia

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Next week's readings - Easter: 2nd Sunday  
Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 Psalm 118 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

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## Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home)

### Chapter Two – *The Gospel of Creation*



#### II. The Mystery of the Universe, continued

Pope Francis began this section with a reflection on the wonders of **nature**, from the greater perspective of the Judaeo-Christian understanding of **creation**, “God’s loving plan” in which every creature has its own value and significance.

Following paragraphs are devoted to the place of human beings in the universe. “*Our capacity to reason, to develop arguments, to be inventive, to interpret reality and to create art, along with the other not yet discovered capacities, are signs of a uniqueness which transcends the spheres of physics and biology.*” We hold a unique place in God’s creation. More on that next week.

## Annual Appeal 2020

Thank you to all parishioners who made a gift to the Annual Appeal. The ADW Annual Appeal continues and it is still possible to contribute. As in the past, 100% of your contribution will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. You may also make your pledge online at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).



## Visit the Holy Land

Join Fr. Tony D'Souza (301-990-3203) and Fr. Brian A. Coelho for a 10-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, July 20-29, 2020. For more information, please contact the St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church Office at 301-753-9177, [parish@staroftheseaindianhead.org](mailto:parish@staroftheseaindianhead.org) or Lilian Signoret at 346-351-5668, [lilian@nativitypilgrimage.com](mailto:lilian@nativitypilgrimage.com) or visit <http://www.nativitypilgrimage.com/frbrian-washington>. See the flyers in the SJB Parish Office or posted on our bulletin boards.

## Prayer for Sodality - Coronavirus Outbreak

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions

between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



Source: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/covid-19-prayer-of-solidarity.cfm>

## Mass Intentions (April 13 - April 18)

- Monday - Lourdes Pineda Iskandor (Perez Family)  
- Kathleen Johns (M. Johns)
- Tuesday - Carolyn Putman -L- (G. Usher)  
- Joseph Hrutka (Family)
- Wednesday - Sylvester J. & Philomena Aquino  
(D. & J. Aquino)  
- Lucille Kessler (T. & J. Flynn)
- Thursday - Rev. Louis A. Tou (Parishioners)  
- Jerry Manley (Kerley Family)
- Friday - George & Janet Davis (Family)  
- Elizabeth Sinju -L- (M. Black)
- Saturday - Isabelle -L- (Mother)

The Mass intentions for the week will be prayed by both priests.

## Parish Clergy

Rev. Y. David Brault	Pastor
Rev. Cezary Kozubek	Associate Pastor
Rev. Glen Willis	Weekend Associate
Rev. Austin Charles Ochu	Weekend Associate
Rev. Eliot Nitz	Weekend Associate
Rev. Nicolás Rodriguez	Weekend Associate
Deacon James Gorman	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Ed McCormack	Permanent Deacon

## Parish Directory

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School Website	<a href="http://www.sjbsilverspring.org">www.sjbsilverspring.org</a>

## \*\*Early Bulletin Deadline\*\*

April 26 Bulletin & Website deadline  
Wednesday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m

Send Bulletin announcements to  
[sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org](mailto:sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org)  
Send Website announcements to  
[kbrown@sjbssparish.org](mailto:kbrown@sjbssparish.org)

Visit [www.adw.org/coronavirus](http://www.adw.org/coronavirus) for the latest updates from Archbishop Gregory and the Archdiocese of Washington.

### St. John the Baptist Closed

As we comply with the Monday, March 30, directive of the Maryland governor, the Church, Chapel and Parish Office are closed until further notice

Archbishop Gregory has issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to all parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington.

### Haiti Secondary School Collection

Haiti Secondary Fund donations can be mailed to St. John the Baptist, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Faith Direct is a great online resource for donations if you don't currently contribute that way. Thank you for your generosity.



### Share the Cross 2020

Due to the CoVid19 Pandemic, we will not have a collection as previously scheduled. Donations for items that were listed in the bulletin and on the crosses can be mailed to 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904 or other arrangements can be made when the Maryland Stay-at-Home Order is lifted and the Parish Office reopens.

### SJB Athletics Positions Available

SJB Athletics seeks volunteers for several positions including Athletic Director, coordinators and coaches. All volunteers and coaches must be Virtus Certified. Interested candidates should contact current Athletic Director Michael Diokno at [michael.diokno@gmail.com](mailto:michael.diokno@gmail.com).

### Jubilarian Mass Registration Open!

The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of marriage, honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. To register, please contact the Pastoral Center Office of Family Life at 301-853-3800, no later than Friday, May 15.

### Weekly Stewardship Report

Our Weekly Stewardship Report will be suspended until our Masses resume.

While we are temporarily not celebrating Mass, your weekly donations to help keep our bills paid are appreciated. Please mail them to St. John the Baptist, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

**Due to the Maryland Governor's Stay-at-Home Order public Masses at St. John's will be suspended through April.**

Archbishop Gregory will be celebrating the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter at The Cathedral of Saint Matthew. These celebrations will be available via live-stream on the Archdiocese of Washington YouTube channel. See a schedule of services below and a link to the YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/washarchdiocese>

Holy Thursday: 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday: 1:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 10:00 a.m.



### ADW Information Resources

As Catholics, caring for our spiritual and sacramental lives is paramount. Therefore, the Archdiocese is providing the following pastoral guidance and resources for your use:

- The Archdiocesan website has a page with informational resources on coronavirus: <https://adw.org/coronavirus/>.
- The Archdiocesan website has resources on how to receive spiritual communion: <https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/>.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) and a Sunday Gospel reflection on our [YouTube channel](#).
- The Archdiocesan website has audio and written Stations of the Cross: <https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayers/>.
- Our archdiocesan Sunday TV Mass is available online: <https://adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass/>.
- Here is a prayer by Pope Francis to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic: <https://adw.org/text-of-popes-prayer-to-mary-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>.
- Pastoral care to the sick will continue incorporating protocols recommended by health professionals.

The Archdiocese will continue to make additional spiritual and informational resources available and provide regular updates on their website, [www.adw.org/coronavirus](http://www.adw.org/coronavirus). Please know of Archbishop Gregory's prayers and love for you.

## Social Concerns

Cynthia Norris, 301-622-1122, [social\\_concerns@sjbssparish.org](mailto:social_concerns@sjbssparish.org)

### Feeding those in need

Many people have asked how can they help others during this critical time. Here are a few resources for parishioners wishing to provide food or financial donations to organizations with food pantries. *(If you wish to donate items, please call the organization to confirm they are open.)*



#### Catholic Charities Choice Food Pantry

12247 Georgia Avenue / Silver Spring, MD 20902, 301-942-1790

Our pantry is a Choice Food Pantry where clients come in to choose and shop (they do not pay). Our pantry is open 3 days a week. We serve anyone in Montgomery County. \*\*For now, we no longer need any canned vegetables, canned beans, canned soup or any soup packets (incl. Ramen and Cup-o-Noodles).

#### Chrisma Closet's Feeding Program

Chrisma Charities, P. O BOX 2654, Washington, DC. 20013, 202-427-2816 (Local and Mobile Food Pantry)

Chrisma Closet's Feeding Program was established to ease budgetary constraints for families with limited means. They partner with Feeding America and other local nonprofit organizations to provide nutritional food items to vulnerable youth and families in need. Families that participate in the Feeding Program receive groceries to supplement their food budgets and are taught the importance of taking care of their bodies. They assist in developing healthy eating habits and the prevention of early onset of medical issues due to poor diets in an effort to promote wellness and wholeness. Children who are at risk of chronic hunger receive necessary nutrients that support student achievement in the classroom. They also provide supplemental, nutritious food every month to families that qualify under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) guidelines.

#### Manna Foods Silver Spring

12301 Old Columbia Pike, Suite 200, Silver Spring, MD 20904, 301-424-1130

Manna is now accepting donations of hand sanitizer. Manna is temporarily waiving income requirements to provide food to any Montgomery County resident impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

#### MidCounty United Ministries

P.O. Box 1924, Silver Spring, MD 20915, 301-929-8675 (Local and Mobile Food Pantry)

MUM's choice food pantry helps thousands of clients with a selection of nonperishable items such as pasta, cereal, canned meats, vegetables and fruit. The pantry carries the name of Captain Joseph A. Mattingly Jr., a longtime Montgomery police officer who championed community service in the mid-county area before his death in 2003. Food Pantry hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### MUM's Mobile pantry serves the community at the following locations each month:

##### First Sunday:

Aspen Hill Christian Church  
13501 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20906  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

##### Second Sunday:

Millian Methodist Church  
13016 Parkland Drive  
Rockville, MD 20853  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

##### Fourth Sunday:

Pepper Tree Farms Apartment  
14120 Weeping Willow Dr.  
Silver Spring, MD 20906  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

See page five for more places to donate.

#### Food Wish List

- Chef Boyardee/Spaghetti-Os/Ravioli/etc.
- Canned Chili/Sloppy Joe/Hash
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice-A-Roni/other boxed or packaged, flavored rice
- Hamburger Helper/Pasta Roni/Pasta Sides
- Snacks (i.e., crackers, cookies, granola bars, other bars, fruit snacks, popcorn, pudding cups, etc.)
- Cake Mix/Brownie Mix/Cookie Mix/Muffin Mix
- Dry pasta/noodles (not lasagna)
- Cereal/Oatmeal/pancake mix
- Canned Tomatoes (whole/diced/sauce/paste/puree/etc.)
- Canned tuna/salmon/chicken/sardines/sausages
- Canned Fruit
- Jelly
- Dry beans (not canned)



## Feeding those in need - continued

### Shepherd's Table

8106 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-585-6463

Serving Brunch 10:30- 11:30 a.m., and Dinner 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!

### St. Camillus Food Pantry

1600 St. Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20905, 301-434-8400

Friday: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



## Veterans' Program Update

Asked by a social worker what he would choose if he could have just one thing, the homeless young man answered, "A key." Surprised by the reply, the social worker asked him why. His reply, "If I had a key in my pocket, that would mean I have a home."

For several years, our parish has played a role in getting previously homeless veterans established in permanent housing. In coordination with Housing Counseling Services, the referring agency, and the veterans' case managers who work with the vets to secure housing and a support system, we provide "Welcome Home Kits" that consist of the following:

- Bedding for all sizes of beds – 8/10-piece comforter sets, an dset of sheets, mattress pads
- Bath towels – 2 each of each size (bath, hand and face cloth)
- Kitchen ware – service for 4 sets of dishes, flatware, glassware, pots and pans, 30 piece sets of plastic food storage, and other necessities for preparing meals
- Cleaning supplies – household, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, and paper products
- Personal care needs – body wash, shampoo, lotion, shaving items, items for dental care and care of their hair, as well as needed paper products
- First aid kits



On occasion, but with increasing frequency, we have provided some furnishings, especially beds and mattresses, assistance with utilities and rental bills as well as food in the form of gift cards to local grocery stores. As you can appreciate, this is a time intensive project that involves acquiring, and assembling the more than 100 items that are included. While others have helped from time to time, Judy Hennig, a former M.A.S.H. nurse and highly active SJB volunteer, manages, inventories, and assembles the kits. I can tell when Judy has been in "our" office because of the order and labeling of all the donations.

Many veterans would be in apartments or rooms with nothing if this resource did not exist. When some of the veterans pick up their supplies, they are shocked at what they receive, the quality and quantity of the items. Many tells us that their faith is reaffirmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of our parishioners.

July to December 2019, we provided the Welcome Home Kits to twenty-four (24) veterans...men, women and sometimes their young children. In January and February 2020 we helped twelve veterans and families with these kits. In addition to parishioner donations of some supplies, monetary donations to the Community Fund has provided more than \$7,500 to support this program.

Thank you, Judy, for your tireless work on behalf of our veterans. Thank you, SJB parishioners, for your generous donations and commitment to helping those who put their lives on the line for our freedom.

## Message from Archbishop Gregory

"We are aware of the rapidly developing district and state guidelines regarding the coronavirus. My number one priority as your Archbishop is to ensure the safety and health of all who attend our Masses, the children in our schools, and those we welcome through our outreach and services. Please know that this decision does not come lightly to close our schools or cancel Masses. We are profoundly saddened that we are not able to celebrate our sacraments as a community for the time being but we know Christ remains with us at all times – specifically in times of worry like this.

I have made available pastoral and spiritual resources (<https://adw.org/coronavirus-dispensation-and-prayer/>) as well as TV Mass (<https://adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass/>) that I encourage you to use. I also invite you to join us for Mass and prayer via livestream in our social media. May the peace of Christ settle any anxieties and fear we may have. Let us continue to pray for the people whose lives have been impacted by the coronavirus as well as those who continue to care for them." – Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory

Click here (<https://www.facebook.com/adw.org/videos/144058516933608/>) to view a video message from Archbishop Gregory.

## What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Catholics are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion'. St. John Paul II writes that "it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion', which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'" (Ecclesia Eucharistia, no. 34) Catholics in the archdiocese are also encouraged to watch our local TV Sunday Mass. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WDCW-50 and through free online streaming at [adw.org/tvmass](http://adw.org/tvmass).

## What is a Dispensation from Mass?

A dispensation from the diocesan Bishop releases Catholics from fulfilling their Sunday obligation (Mass). Since public Masses are cancelled in the Archdiocese of Washington until further notice, this means that if you live in the Archdiocese of Washington, the right thing to do is to stay home for your safety and the safety of others. Though there is a sadness for not being able to participate at Mass, one should not feel guilty for not going to Mass. You have a free conscience to stay home. Catholics are encouraged to offer up their sickness or pastoral care for the sake of those who are seriously ill and for those who have died.

## Saint Bernadette Soubirous' Story - Feast Day April 16 - (January 7, 1844 – April 16, 1879)



Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862. During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933. Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-bernadette-soubirous/>