

# Church of St. John the Evangelist

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT + MARCH 22, 2020

This is not the bulletin column I expected to be writing this week, but the last ten days have proven to be a time unprecedented in modern history. I know that the suspension of publicly-celebrated Masses is a painful pill to swallow, especially at a time when we are most in need of the grace of the Eucharist. That being said, we can be certain Cardinal Dolan made this prudent decision most reluctantly.

At this time, we have no indication as to when regular services will resume. Meanwhile, your priests continue to celebrate Mass each day for the intentions received (see below) and for the good of all our parishioners.

It doesn't make sense to publish a full-length bulletin until we're back up and running, so in the meantime, I hope this brief update will suffice. We're posting regularly on the parish website ([sjegoshen.org](http://sjegoshen.org)) and the parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/sjegoshen](http://www.facebook.com/sjegoshen)). I'll also continue to send out this bulletin to the "From the Pastor's Desk" group on Flocknote. (The next whole-parish Flocknote sent will be with the happy news of when we can resume public services!) In the meantime, please know of our prayers for you, as we welcome yours for us.

Faithfully your priest,  
Fr. George Hafemann

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*The priests will celebrate Mass for intentions previously received,  
on the day when a Mass for the intention would have been said publicly.*

Tuesday, March 24

Intentions of Donald J. Trump & family

Wednesday, March 25

Angel & Margarita Castillo

Thursday, March 26

Intentions of the Post Family

Friday, March 27

Thomas John Murphy III

Joseph Donovan

Saturday, March 21

Josephine Roantree

James McCrohan

Sunday, March 22

David Silvernail

Mariantonia Cortese

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Mamie Fedrizzi

Monday, March 23

Joseph Donovan

Intentions of the Gavin family

Saturday, March 28  
Patrick Boyle  
Donald Rick  
Angelo Zingales & Angelo Calandi

Sunday, March 29  
Anne Littler  
Hun Yung Kim  
Frances Murphy  
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BOOKLETS FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be available in the church on Fridays for the duration of the quarantine, for anyone who would like to stop in and pray this venerable devotion.

We have TWO NEW RESOURCES for our youngest parishioners, which we'd like to try out on an experimental basis. (In a remarkable twist of timing, the subscriptions begin with this coming weekend.) Explaining God's Word is designed for children in pre-K through grade 2; The Good New Weekly is for young people in third through sixth grades. There are 100 copies of each, which are available on the table in the narthex. We'd love to hear feedback from kids and parents alike!

The annual GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING MASS with Cardinal Dolan is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020 at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This Mass is for couples celebrating fifty years of marriage any time during 2020. To register, please call or email the parish office; registration closes on May 18.

If you're not on FLOCKNOTE, there's never been a better time to join! Flocknote allows us to send parish-wide or group-specific emails and/or text messages. It's free, sign-up is easy, and we promise we won't overwhelm your inbox. Visit [sjegoshen.flocknote.com](http://sjegoshen.flocknote.com).

Please continue to pray for the sick, the homebound, first responders, the members of our armed forces, all who suffer with coronavirus and those who care for them, and all those in need of God's healing!

### PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR PROTECTION

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.  
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.