

MUSIC SELECTIONS: March 29, 2020
 ENTRANCE HYMN 639
 PREPARATION HYMN 603
 COMMUNION HYMN 766S
 RECESSIONAL HYMN 343

PSALM 130: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A



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***It is the tradition of the church not to exit before the final hymn has been sung.**

9:00 AM – Children’s Sending: May your holy word take root in them (us). May your holy word bear fruit in them (us). Plant your word within them (us), so that they (we) may grow.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28TH THROUGH APRIL 5TH, 2020

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact an usher before Mass and let them know you would like to bring up the gifts.

3-28	4:00 PM	No Mass
3-29	9:00 AM	No Mass
3-30	9:00 AM	No Mass
3-31	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-1	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-2	7:00 AM	No Mass
4-3	7:00 AM	No Mass
4-4	4:00 PM	No Mass
4-5	9:00 AM	No Mass

Mon. 3/30	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Jn 8:1-11
Tues. 3/31	Nm 21:4-9	Jn 8:21-30
Wed. 4/1	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8:31-42
Thur. 4/2	Gn 17:3-9	Jn 8:51-59
Fri. 4/3	Jer 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42
Sat. 4/4	Ez 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56
Sun. 4/5	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66	



It is our hope with the next several bulletins to have not only updates on church information, but pass along some information that may be beneficial to you. We may also include tips and ideas of what to do during this isolated time.

This week’s tip ~ dust off that 2,000 piece puzzle that you never had time to put together and see how fast you can get it done!

Sponsor of the Week



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Financial Statistics are not available for the period of March 16-22 due to the cancellation of church and the shutdown of the Parish Office on March 22nd.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAILING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PARISH OFFICE (45 MacARTHUR DRIVE, SCOTIA) ~ YOUR DONATIONS ARE CRUCIAL TO CONTINUE PARISH OPERATIONS. The mail is checked on a daily basis and deposits will be made once a week at the end of each week. Future bulletins will contain financial information.

We hope you enjoyed Fr. Marty’s audio homily last weekend ~ he has been most gracious in responding to our requests. As we most likely will not see Fr. Marty before he leaves on a scheduled trip to Florida on April 13th, please feel free to drop him a note of appreciation. His address is: 100 Brookline Road, Apt. L1, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.



Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who have died recently, especially **Gregory S. Wittemeyer**, stepson of Donna Wittemeyer. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

Easter Memorials – We have extended the cutoff date for our Easter Memorial publication. We will not be making this list available until we are back in church. Feel free to submit your requests – you can mail your envelope to the parish center and we will be sure they get added on. Thank you.

Youth Ministry

Parish Connection Project: During this time when we are unable to gather in person as a community, it is important for us to find other ways to be in communion with one another and to be Christ to each other. We are all children of God and it is important that we don't forget this. With that said, the parishes of Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph would like to help all of us stay connected as Church and as a Church Community. For those who are 60+ or are homebound, we would like you to help the younger families in the parish stay connected with the faith communities. For those who are members of the parish/FF/YM families, we would like to connect you to those who are 60+ or are homebound. We all need to work to be connected as a community during this time when we can't see each other at Church. To join, you can go to this link: <https://forms.gle/bpqPH2VXKihoenGG9> or call Grace at 518-424-6329

Grades 6-10: Since we are not meeting for the rest of the year, each grade level has been given an online assignment. It has been sent out via email, but can also be found on the Youth Ministry website: www.olgsjym.org

Confirmation Candidates: Don't forget to complete your ICAs!!



FAITH FORMATION

To our Faith Formation Families: I will keep you posted every few days with activities for the children, such as; coloring pages, cut outs and stories (fun stuff). Most of it will pertain to Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. Continue with your lessons and Lord knows, we'll all get through this! I miss you all terribly. Until then "May the Good Lord Hold You in the Palm of His Hand" `` Roberta Quinn



Please note due to the **NYS on PAUSE Executive Order**, the church is not an essential business and, therefore, the Parish Office is **CLOSED**. We are extremely limited as to who can be in the building and for what purpose (only for the essential running of the facility). Due to the fact that we do not know when we will be up and running again, we will not be able to schedule any future masses. Those masses that have not been able to be fulfilled due to the church closing, will be rescheduled at a later date. We will contact you once we are back and will try to accommodate your requests. Thank you for your understanding at this time.



As everything has changed rapidly over the last several weeks, a check of our website will give you the latest information regarding our church and the Diocese of Albany. Our address is: <http://www.stjosephschurchscotia.net/>



As we should always do, we are asking everyone to check on our senior population. This is more important than ever during this time. Whether it be a friend, neighbor or family member, please check on them to see if there is anything that they may need. Please encourage them to **STAY HOME**. Isolation can be difficult, but phone calls and notes & cards in the mail can really brighten their days. For those who may need some assistance with shopping, please pass along this information:

For the Village of Scotia & Town of Glenville seniors, they may call **518-374-0734** and leave their name & telephone number. Town staff will call & take down the list of items requested, make arrangements to have them purchased & the senior center drivers will drop off the items to the resident. Payment for the items can be made either via check or cash. This service will be in effect until March 30th. Beginning on March 24th, Schenectady Co. also implemented a food delivery service for seniors. Contents of the delivered package includes: rice, pasta, peanut butter, beans, beef stew, pork loin, apples & oranges. The phone number for this program is **518-387-9205**. Please call between 10 am – 6 pm.

Bishop Scharfenberger has issued the following directive regarding "Easter Duty":

"Many faithful are aware of the Eucharistic Precept of "Easter Duty" and their annual obligation to fulfill it. In this time of COVID-19, we are presented with serious challenges, including the potential limitation to fulfill said precept or duty in a timely manner. Referring to Canon 920 of the Code of Canon Law, all of the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Eucharist, are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. In the dioceses of the United States of America, the time for fulfilling one's Easter duty is from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday inclusive (this is, in 2020, from the evening of February 29 to the evening of June 7). For a just cause, this precept may be fulfilled at another time during the year. Should the current difficulties extend beyond the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, rendering impossible the fulfillment of the Easter duty, this precept can be fulfilled later, once public celebrations resume."