

MUSIC SELECTIONS: April 5, 2020

ENTRANCE HYMN

PREPARATION HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

PSALM 22: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, ALL YEARS



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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  
 APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

4-4	4:00 PM	No Mass
4-5	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-6	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-7	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-8	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-9	7:00 AM	No Mass
4-10	7:00 AM	No Mass
4-11	4:00 PM	No Mass
4-12	9:00 AM	No Mass

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

Mon. 4/6	Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11
Tues. 4/7	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed. 4/8	Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25
Thur. 4/9	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1	Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri. 4/10	Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/	Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat. 4/11	Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28	Rom 6:3-11
		Mt 28:1-10
Sun. 4/12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9



As we previously stated, due to the **NYS on PAUSE Executive Order**, the church is not an essential business and, therefore, the Parish Office is **CLOSED**. Staff has been working from home where possible and we are extremely limited as to who can be in the building and for what purpose (it must be for the essential running of the facility). It has also come to our attention that we are experiencing a problem with our phone system and most times a message cannot be left on the voicemail system. If you need to contact the Parish Office for an **urgent** matter and are unable to leave a message, please call Debbie Griffith at 518-393-3168 or 518-810-8911. We are sorry for this added inconvenience, but are unable to have this problem resolved at this time.

**Sponsor of the Week**

**O'CONNOR & MAROLA**  
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Thank you to those who have continued to support St. Joseph's during this period of closure. Our income for the period March 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup> amounted to **\$3,893.50** and our expenses for the same period were **\$5,568.83**. Many of these bills cover expenses incurred prior to our closure as well as contractual expenses that cannot be changed. Please know that we have already taken measures to minimize expenses where possible (lowering of thermostats until it is possible to turn off boilers, suspend trash pickup & pest control). We would also like to report that we received **\$334** for **Catholic Relief Services** which was the March 29<sup>th</sup> scheduled second collection.

Our mail is checked on a daily basis and donations may continue to be mailed to the Parish Office at 45 MacArthur Drive, Scotia. You may also consider checking with your banking institution to set up an automatic bill pay through your online banking. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



This week's tip: As many of us have been forced to work from home, consider starting your car each day & even taking it for a spin around the block. Leaving your car to sit for long periods may result in problems that will end up costing you and possibly leaving you with a repair bill that was otherwise not needed.



**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 **Pedro Arocho, Jr.**, father of Luis (Linda) Arocho. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.


Youth Ministry


**Parish Connection Project:** As this stay-at-home order continues, we want to help our parish stay connected as a community. If you are interested in sharing your faith with others during this time through a phone call or sharing in prayer; contact Grace 518-424-6329.


**Confirmation Prep:** Please keep all the Confirmation Candidates in your prayers. Their journey toward Confirmation continues during this time of uncertainty.

**Grades 6-10:** The program continues online. Online workshops have also be sent out. If you have not received this information, please contact Grace.

**Young Adults:** Young people ages 18+ are gathering with Grace virtually on Thursday at 7 pm.

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 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/>  
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 As many of you have experienced, we are currently sending "email blasts" to all parishioners for whom we have an email on record. We sincerely hope you find this informative and helpful. It is not our intent to load your computer up with useless information, but to keep you connected to St. Joseph's especially during this Holy Season of Easter. If you have not received an email from St. Joseph's in the past two weeks, that would indicate that either we do not have an email for you OR what is on record is outdated. We can only keep as current as the information that our parishioners provide to us. At this time, email is the quickest form of communication that we have with you. Please consider contacting us via the Contact Tab on our website at [www.stjosephschurchscotia.net](http://www.stjosephschurchscotia.net) (you may enter your email address there). Our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Depts. have kept in contact using email with their registered families in order to keep their programs going.  
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 We are relieved to know that Fr. Jack arrived back in our area last week and we look forward to being able to see him again soon!



We were most grateful to have Fr. Marty Fisher with us for the past two months while Fr. Jack took his most deserved vacation. At the conclusion of the recorded mass last weekend, Fr. Marty recited a poem which he had composed that many took comfort in and have asked if it would be possible to get a copy of. The poem that Fr. Marty composed and recited was as follows:

**In Desperate Time**

*In times of uncertainty, fear, we seek assurance from God who's near.*

*We believe in the One whose love and care; we can trust is there.*

*The man born blind, found himself at a desperate time.*

*He begged for someone to set him free.*

*Jesus came and touched his life; now he can see.*

*In this time of uncertainty, we beg Jesus to set us free, so that we may see.*

*To see Him holding us in His arms of love, knowing He's from above.*

*When you are anxious, worried; turn to the one who will calm your fear;*

*knowing the Lord's presence is always near.*

*Father Martin J. Fisher*  
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Our next order for Hannaford Gift Cards & reloads is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 7th**. Please contact Debbie (518-393-3168 or 518-810-8911) by **Monday, April 6th** if you wish reload your Hannaford card or wish to purchase one. We continue this fundraiser as a way to supplement parish income.  
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Many parishioners have expressed their disappointment in the fact that although they are able to watch many different televised masses, they desperately miss the Eucharist. We would like to pass along this short prayer that may be recited at the time the priest is receiving communion while you are watching a televised mass:



***"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"***