

MUSIC SELECTIONS: April 19, 2020

ENTRANCE HYMN

PREPARATION HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

PSALM 118: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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 18TH THROUGH APRIL 26TH, 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.

4-18	4:00 PM	No Mass
4-19	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-20	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-21	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-22	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-23	7:00 AM	No Mass
4-24	7:00 AM	No Mass
4-25	4:00 PM	No Mass
4-26	9:00 AM	No Mass

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon. 4/20	Acts 4:23-31	Jn 3:1-8
Tues. 4/21	Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7b-15
Wed. 4/22	Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21
Thur. 4/23	Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36
Fri. 4/24	Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15
Sat. 4/25	1 Pt 5:5b-14	Mk 16:15-20
Sun. 4/26	Acts 2:14,22-23 1 Pt 1:17-21	Lk 24:13-35

~~SANCTUARY CANDLE~~

Lit in Memory of *Gerren Faustini*
 Req. by The Zuppa Family

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Thank you to those who continue to support St. Joseph’s during this period of closure. Our income for the period April 5th – 11th amounted to **\$4,887.00** and our expenses for the same period were **\$3,370.05**.

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.



Due to the disruption of the current COVID-19 crisis, the Diocesan Stewardship Office has advised that the cutoff for the 2019 Bishop’s Appeal has been extended. If you had a pledge balance on your 2019 Bishop’s Appeal, you can still make a payment against that pledge. As of April 15th, we were only **\$543.50** away from our Parish Assessment of \$64,116. We are most grateful to everyone who gave to this campaign. Whether you made a one-time gift, completed your pledge and/or gave an extra gift, your generosity made a difference in the amount that St. Joseph’s will have to pay out of our operating funds to meet this obligation. Thank you!



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 **Philip Bremser**. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.



Just a reminder that our office remains **closed** due to the NYS on PAUSE Executive order and, effective April 13th, staff hours have been reduced. We currently have a locked mailbox at the Parish Office that is checked daily for mail and any messages that have been dropped off. If you need assistance for a particular matter, please contact Debbie Griffith at either 518-393-3168 or 518-810-8911.



Just a reminder, your help to defray the cost of *The Evangelist* would be greatly appreciated. The cost to the parish is **\$18/year** per household. A total of **\$3,133.51** was spent on The Evangelist in the last fiscal year (\$804 was donated by parishioners to help defray this cost). Any support you could give to help defray this expense would be greatly appreciated. If you are not an envelope user, but would like to help pay for your subscription, please consider sending a check to the Parish Office and mark "Evangelist" in the memo line.



If you participated in the **Operation Rice Bowl** program for Catholic Relief Services during Lent, please mail your donation to the Parish Office (make check payable to St. Joseph's Church). We would like to remit these funds by the end of April. Thank you.



This week's tip: If you have not already done so, please complete that **2020 Census** questionnaire while you have extra time at home. Your response is required by law and can be done at my2020census.gov. If you are unable to respond online, a paper questionnaire can be mailed to you. Call 1-844-330-2020 for more information.



Let us continue to keep our first responders, doctors and nurses and all those in the health care profession in our prayers.



Our next order for Hannaford Gift Cards & reloads is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21st**. Please contact Debbie (518-393-3168 or 518-810-8911) by **Monday, April 20th** if you wish reload your Hannaford card or wish to purchase one. Congratulations to **Toni Walsh** who was the quarterly winner of a bonus \$25 gift card! We continue this fundraiser as a way to supplement parish income.

Over the last several weeks, many of us, may have had "doubt" and have questioned what is happening around us. May we look and pray to St. Thomas who had been doubtful in the risen Lord:

Prayer to St. Thomas the Apostle, Pray for Me

Lord Jesus, St. Thomas doubted Your resurrection until he touched Your wounds. After Pentecost, You called him to become a missionary in India, but he doubted again and said no. He changed his mind only after being taken into slavery by a merchant who happened to be going to India. Once he was cured of his doubt, You freed him and he began the work You had called him to do. As the patron saint against doubt, I ask him to pray for me when I question the direction in which You are leading me. Forgive me for mistrusting You, Lord, and help me to grow from the experience. Saint Thomas, pray for me. Amen.



Gather together as a church family and celebrate the Mass on Sundays by connecting to www.rcda.org/livemass.

Please try if you can to spend time in prayer as a family. Keep in touch with God, He's always a whisper away.

Roberta Quinn

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 at 518-424-6329.