

MUSIC SELECTIONS: April 26, 2020

ENTRANCE HYMN

PREPARATION HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

PSALM 16: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 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  
 APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MAY 3<sup>RD</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.

4-25	4:00 PM	No Mass
4-26	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-27	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-28	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-29	9:00 AM	No Mass
4-30	7:00 AM	No Mass
5-01	7:00 AM	No Mass
5-02	4:00 PM	No Mass
5-03	9:00 AM	No Mass

Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 4/27	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tues. 4/28	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Jn 6:30-35
Wed. 4/29	Acts 8:1b-8	Jn 6:35-40
Thur. 4/30	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fri. 5/01	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sat. 5/02	Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69
Sun. 5/03	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

~~SANCTUARY CANDLE~~

Lit in Memory of *Rev. William Hayden*  
 Req. by Patty Johnson

Here’s a blast from the past:

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

“In today’s gospel, the disciples actually talked to Jesus for some time before they recognized him. In our homes, it is easy to talk about schedules, appointments and functions without connecting as persons. Don’t take care of business and starve your relationship. Talk with and not just to each other.



Thank you to those who continue to support St. Joseph’s during this period of closure. Our income for the period April 12th – 18th amounted to **\$6,859** and our expenses for the same period were **\$5,983.19**. 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. The Diocese has also set up a temporary Online Giving Platform on the RCDA website for people to give to a designated parish. Go to <https://www.rcda.org/parishgiving> which is a secure website by which you may make a one-time or recurring gift online to parish offertory. Please note that this is not an immediate gift to the parish as there will be a time lag before the parish actually receives the funds. The best form of donation to our parish continues to be your mailed donations as well as automatic bill pay through your personal online banking. If you have any questions pertaining to any of these forms of donations, please contact Deb Griffith (518-393-3168 or 518-810-8911). As always, thank you for your generosity.



**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 **Monica Ebels**, sister of Irene (Alan) Coutant, and **Frances Steadwell**, mother of James (Cindy) Steadwell. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

**Sponsor of the Week**

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Just a reminder that our office remains **closed** due to the NYS on PAUSE Executive order and, effective April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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.



During this time of closure, we are taking the opportunity to clean the carpet and chairs in the church (the chairs have not been done since the renovation in 1996). It is through the donations to our **Building Maintenance** collection and separate designated donations that we are able to do this. A number of parishioners have volunteered in the past week to help rearrange and move chairs so that this work can be done in a minimal amount of time. Next week, after the work is done, the church will be put back together. If you are able to volunteer some time (this is not being done as a group, but by individual timeslots), please contact Deb Griffith (518-393-3168 or 518-810-8911) and we can set up a time that fits your schedule. We hope when we return to church, that everyone will notice the difference!



We continue to try to think of ways to stay connected to church during our closure and want to assure everyone that although our church doors may be closed, our "parish" is still very much intact. One suggestion that has been made is to **"Park & Pray"**. If you happen to be driving to the grocery store or pharmacy, consider stopping by the church and park for a moment and pray. Turn off the radio, turn off the car and just sit and pray. We would ask you to please refrain from any type of gathering and to keep the Social Distancing guidelines in place if you do happen to stop by. It is our hope that this small time of peace may bring some contentment to your day.



During this time of closure and as many have taken to viewing mass online, the Catholic faithful 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).

Once again, 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"***



This week's tip: As we enter into our seventh week of closure, it is getting harder & harder to be away from friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. "Surprise" someone you know and send them a card or note just to say "I'm thinking of you!" Who knows ~ you may hit them on a particularly down day and it will be enough to bring a much needed smile to their face.

In last week's parish email blast, we had mentioned that the church bells would be rung on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in solidarity with all those who have died or were suffering from the Coronavirus as well as for the healthcare workers, first responders and all those who bear a special burden during this time. We have received comments from several parishioners that said it was good to hear the bells ring and they would like to hear them again. In light of this, we will continue to ring the bells each Monday at 7 pm until we return to church – enjoy!