

MUSIC SELECTIONS: May 3, 2020

ENTRANCE HYMN

PREPARATION HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Psalm 23: Fourth 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.

| Scripture Readings for the Week | | |
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| Mon. 5/4 | Acts 11:1-18 | Jn 10:11-18 |
| Tues. 5/5 | Acts 11:19-26 | Jn 10:22-30 |
| Wed. 5/6 | Acts 12:24-13:5a | Jn 12:44-50 |
| Thur. 5/7 | Acts 13:13-25 | Jn 13:16-20 |
| Fri. 5/8 | Acts 13:26-33 | Jn 14:1-6 |
| Sat. 5/9 | Acts 13:44-52 | Jn 14:7-14 |
| Sun. 5/10 | Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12 |

 Thank you to those who continue to support St. Joseph’s during this period of closure. Our income for the period April 19th – 25th amounted to **\$3,912.00** and our expenses for the same period were **\$2,929.04**. 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. Your continued financial support during this period of closure is vital at this time.



Our next order for Hannaford Gift Cards & reloads is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5th**. Please contact Debbie (518-393-3168 or 518-810-8911) by **Monday, May 4th** if you wish to reload your Hannaford card or wish to purchase one. We continue this fundraiser as a way to supplement parish income.



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



This week’s tip: As we enter into the month of May, may we reflect on the importance of Mary, the Mother of God, and the importance of all mothers. If your child does not already know the “Hail Mary”, make a special effort during the month to teach and pray with them: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

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Listen for St. Joseph’s church bells to ring each Monday evening at 7 pm. Even though we are not able to physically be in church, we can “listen” to our church bring music to those around us and let them know we are still present in the community.



Just a reminder that our office remains **closed** due to the NYS on PAUSE Executive order (as we are not an essential business). 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.



We hope you have enjoyed the email blasts that have been sent out on a weekly basis and, most especially, the recorded mass and homilies. We are pleased to have **Fr. Jack Varno** back from California and who has graciously embraced the technology of blending the weekend mass together with the music and readers from both St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace. This is an ongoing collaborative effort in which we combine the music, readers and worship space from both churches. We are also most grateful to **Fr. Marty Fisher** who has continued to send us his weekly gospel reading & homily. It is through the generosity of both of these retired priests that we are able to keep our parishioners connected to our parishes during this trying time. Not receiving these email blasts? Go to our parish website: <http://www.stjosephschurchscotia.net/> and sign up today.



As you have seen in many news reports, there are many who are in need of food. Due to the overwhelming high number of layoffs that are plaguing our country, many more people are turning to free food distributions and food pantries to make ends meet. In the short period of time that we had our Lenten food drive before masses were cancelled, we collected over 300 items which were distributed to the needy in our community. You can still help. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off at the **BACK DOOR** of the Parish Center at 45 MacArthur Drive. It would be most helpful if your donations could be placed in plastic or reusable bags before 4:00 pm, Monday – Saturday. We will see to it that the food is distributed to our local pantry. If you would prefer to send a donation directly to the Food Pantry, please send to: **Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry, P.O. Box 2360, Scotia, NY 12302.** Our local food pantry distributes to those in need in the Scotia Glenville area from 9:00-11:00 am on Friday at the City View Church on Mohawk Ave. in the Village (basement door side entrance). Thank you for supporting those in our community.



Youth Ministry is going very well with Grades 6-10 doing online assignments for the month of April as well as online workshops.

Confirmation Preparation is finishing up. Our young people are completing their final preparation for Confirmation.

Young Adults ((college age and older) still meet virtually on Thursday nights at 7 PM. Contact Grace for more information.

Peace, Love and Light – Grace



In an effort to keep the momentum going from the Young Adult Brew Pub and Coffee House gatherings, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany is launching a new young adult online event series entitled "**Pints with Priests**". Enjoy a pint of your favorite drink or ice cream, socialize and partake in an engaging online conversation with a priest. Expect an enlightening Q&A filled with both wit and wisdom. Pints with Priests is your chance to get to know our clergy more personally. Questions can range from light-hearted to practical to theological. Get to know the man behind the collar! These sessions will run every other Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 PM via Zoom conferencing. Register at <https://forms.gle/BE5GpAy97g6V3c8f8>. Upcoming dates & guest priests include: Fr. Sam Bellafiore: 5/14, Fr. Kyle Eads: 5/28 and Fr. David Mickiewicz: 6/11. Additional information may be found on the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcda.org/pintswithpriests>



Included in your set of boxed envelopes is an envelope designated for "Mother's Day". This envelope may be used for a donation in honor or memory of all mothers. During the month of May, these envelopes will be banded together & placed by the statue of Mary in Holy Family Hall.



"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.