PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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April 5 2020

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: St. André Bessette Parish in Laconia (refer to inside calendar)

Holy Days: 6:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN THUR
9am –1pm
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- **Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
- **Baptisms:** Contact the Parish Office for details regarding preparation that is required prior to the baptism.
- **Marriages:** Please call the Parish Office for a first meeting at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Arrangements can be made to celebrate this Sacrament at any time by calling the Parish Office.
- **Homebound and Hospital Ministry:** Kindly call the Parish Office if you are homebound so we may bring Holy Eucharist. If you are entering the hospital, inform the staff you are Catholic so you may receive Holy Eucharist during your stay.
- **New parishioners:** Please call the office to register.

Mission Statement - Ours is a faith community which is welcoming, family oriented, and spiritually vital. We seek to provide each person with the opportunity to experience spiritual growth by developing a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to serve the community by making present the person of Jesus and his Gospel message. We seek to attract others to enter into our parish family by rejoicing in the resurrection and living what we profess to believe.

Answering Our Call To Discipleship

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses will continue to be celebrated at a time of Fr. Marc's choosing, in order to satisfy the intentions that have been requested. Sunday Mass will be live streamed. Please go to the website for details.

Saturday, April 4- The Vigil of the Palm Sunday
Monica Dumais by the Dumais Family

Sunday, Apr 5– Palm Sunday-*Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54*
Fr. Don Gauthier by friends
The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Monday, April 6-Weekday-*Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11*
Tuesday, April 7– Weekday- *Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*
Wednesday, Apr 8–Weekday-*Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25*
Thursday, Apr 9– Holy Thursday-*Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15*
For all those in Ministry

Friday, Apr 10- Good Friday-*Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42*

Saturday, April 11– Easter Vigil-*Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10*
Celebrant's Intentions

Sunday, April 12– Easter Sunday-*Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10*
Celebrant's Intentions

Looking for Spiritual enrichment during your self-quarantine time?

The parish has a membership to Formed, which is a wonderful source of spiritual growth materials right on your computer. The parish pays for a membership and you just have to sign up with the code. Go on line to Formed.org
Work through the sign-up process and when asked, enter the parish code: **ea17dc**
From there, choose how you would like to learn, read, watch, etc. The site is full of wonderful ebooks and audio books, videos, and other sources of learning and Spiritual Growth. There are even options for children!
St. Joseph Parish Formed Code: ea17dc

tithes and offering

FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAR 29, 2020
Totals for the weekly offertory will be published at a later date.

Amount needed weekly to make budget $4,038

Fiscal Year Totals
Budget Amount July 1-Mar 15…….$149,406.00
Actual Amount July 1– Mar 15…....$146,233.63
Deficit Amount July 1– Mar 15 ….$ (-3,172.37)

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A 2019 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT PLEASE CONTACT WANDA AT THE PARISH OFFICE or email stjoebel@metrocast.net

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The new CC total is **$221,096.00**
Thank you to all who have pledged and are making our campaign a success.

PARISH TELEPHONE LISTINGS

Weekend Assistant: Rev. Msgr. Richard 267-8174
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JOIN US PALM SUNDAY FOR DRIVE-IN EXPOSITION

Why: For Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by Benediction.

When: 12:30 PM

Where: St. Joseph Church (Belmont) parking lot. Please face your vehicles toward the back entrance of the church. **YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR CARS FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE SERVICE.** At the conclusion, Fr. Marc will walk through the parking lot with the monstrance to bless everyone in their vehicles.

PALMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND AS WE HAD HOPED.

In light of this we ask you to please take a cutting of a branch from a tree or bush in your yard to symbolize the palms that were used to honor our Lord upon His entering Jerusalem.

"**They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet Him, and cried, Hosanna!"**

Holy Week Liturgical Schedule

April 5th -Palm Sunday
10 am Mass - livestream on parish website
12:30 pm Exposition/Benediction

April 6th–Monday
4 pm Drive-up Confessions at Sacred Heart Church parking lot in Laconia

April 9th– Holy Thursday-
7 pm Mass - livestream on parish website

April - 10th Good Friday -
3 pm - Veneration of the Cross Service- livestream on parish website

April 11th – Easter Vigil– no Mass

April 12th– Easter Sunday -
10 am Mass—livestream on website

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

EWTN– ewtn.org - daily mass
watchthemass.com– daily mass
CatholicTV.org– daily mas
FORMED- formed.org
Code: ea17dc

PLEASE, REMEMBER OUR PARISH

During these times of unprecedented uncertainty and upheaval of our daily lives, we remain faithful and lean on the Lord for our strength and courage. As we look to the Lord for our daily needs, please remember our parish in your offertory giving and in your prayers.
We are encouraging parishioners, for the time being, to mail their offerings to:

St. Joseph Parish
PO Box 285
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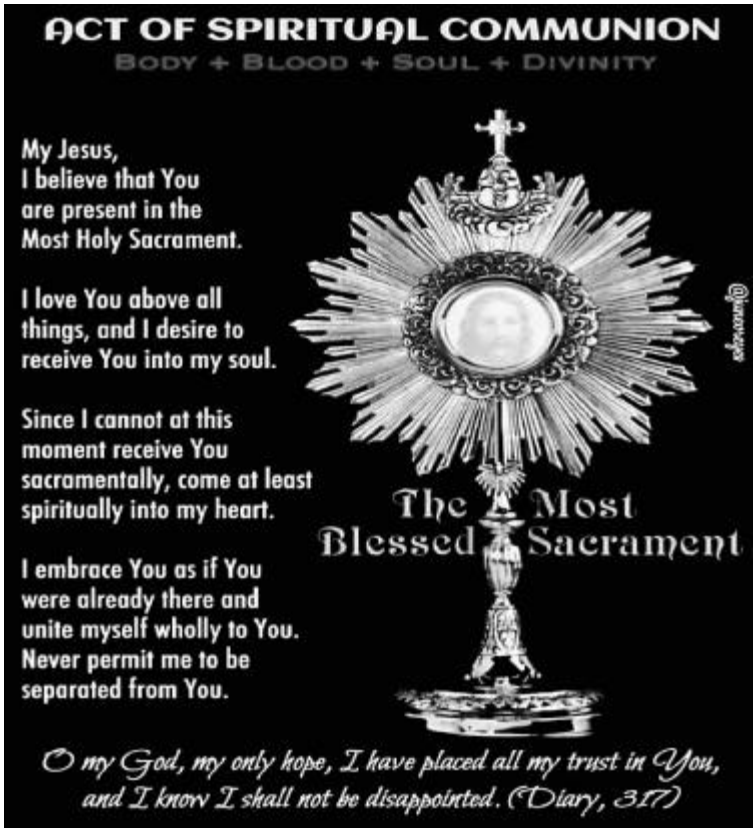
For your convenience and ours, another option for making your donation is to go to our website, www.stjosephbelmont.org, to easily sign up for on-line giving at Vanco by clicking the link provided. Once you've navigated to the site, it's quick, easy and straightforward. If you need assistance please leave a message at the office and a staff member will return your call to walk you through the process.

Do you have online banking? Donations may be set up made through your online banking. All that is needed is the parish account number and routing number. Call and we will give you that information.

Fr. Marc and the entire staff of St. Joseph Parish thank you for your generosity and are praying for you in these uncertain times. God bless!



April 5, 2020

Helping Hands: Senior Support for the Lakes Region

Would YOU like to make a donation to the *Helping Hands: Senior Support for the Lakes Region?*
$25 Wal-Mart gift cards would be a good option.
They can be sent to the parish
and we will pass them on.
Do you need assistance? Call or email Erika Willette at 293-2581 or erika.willette@hotmail.com.

Divine Mercy Novena

We would like to encourage all parishioners to pray a Novena to the Divine Mercy beginning Good Friday.

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days

Jesus Promises Great Graces
Through This Image & These Prayers:

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Optional Opening prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You (3x)

On rosary beads, begin:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed

On the Our Father Beads, pray:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in Atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.

In conclusion, pray three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional final prayer:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

April 5, 2020

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
PALM SUNDAY

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do? LPi

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Praying **this week will be:**

Janet, Lillian & Lucille Leroux

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