

# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



With our church absent of the physical presence of our families, we realize that our spiritual family continues to exist, to pray, to love and to be joy-filled, even during these difficult times. Know that you are all remembered in my prayers and private daily Mass and may the Lord who rose triumphantly from the grave, raise you up from this epidemic one day soon. God bless you, your families and friends during this Easter Season of joy, peace and love.!

*-Father ST*

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - APRIL 12, 2020

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 4/11** 5:00pm "Pro Populo"

**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>** 7:30am "Pro Populo"

**Resurrection of the Lord** 9:00am "Pro Populo"  
10:30am "Pro Populo"



12:15pm "Pro Populo"

**5:00pm NO MASS**

**Monday 4/13** 12:05pm Richard Santa Coloma  
Oscar & Alcira Ortiz

**Tuesday 4/14** 12:05pm Beatrice Mazzarella

**Wednesday 4/15** 12:05pm Kate Conway  
Carole Wolf

**Thursday 4/16** 12:05pm Jerry Giannetto

**Friday 4/17** 12:05pm Doreen Leveiro

**Saturday 4/18** 5:00pm Irene Ulivitch  
Patricia Sweeney

**Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>** 8:00am Michael Dunn

**Second Sunday of Easter** 9:30am Anne Lundgren  
Frank Zayacz  
Patricia Fitzpatrick



11:30am Francis & Stella Covel  
William G. Brucker

5:00pm Joseph Ciccone

## WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle as a reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, burns this week in loving memory of:

*Eugene & Sylvia Morisani*

And the hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of:



*Victor Pallante*

**May they now be resting in the peace of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!**

## "OREMUS PRO INVICEM"



**We pray for all those who are in need of the Lord's healing presence:**

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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## FOOD PANTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### ALL PARISH CENTER OFFICES ARE CLOSED

#### Sunday, April 5

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (CANCELLED)

#### Monday, April 6

FAITH FORMATION (CANCELLED)

#### Wednesday, April 8

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (CANCELLED)

#### Thursday, April 9

1:00pm Legion of Mary (CANCELLED)



*Saint Mother Teresa*

*Food Pantry*

*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."  
- Saint Mother Teresa*

Due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus and for the safety of our volunteers, we had to unfortunately close the food pantry. However, we will still accept donations for when we re-open. We pray that it will be soon!

In the interim, the best way to support our food pantry when it opens, is financially. We accept any Weis or ShopRite gift cards. You may also make a direct contribution online or you may send a check to the Parish Center during the week.

## WEEKEND DONATIONS

**April 5, 2020**

Collection \$ 1,583  
Online Giving \$1,746

**Total: \$ 3,329**

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## NEXT WEEKEND READINGS



**April 19, 2020**

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
Saint John 20:19-31

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I continue to be in awe of the generosity of our people. Words cannot express how grateful I am for the sacrifices which many people have made on top of dealing with the Wuhan Virus epidemic. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and love.

## PARISH CENTER CLOSED



By mandate of the Bishop,  
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## HOPE

## MEET SISTER JANET



*“With God  
life is an endless hope.  
Without God,  
life is a hopeless end.”*

-Bill Bright

## SALVATION OF SOULS



The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the **Salvation Of Souls**. Please support this endeavor to pray **ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS**.

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**The tally so far is: 1,017,288**



One day the Sacred Heart Center minivan passed the little petting zoo along Route 206. “Hmm... a Yorkshire!” mused Sister Janet. While all eyes turned to spot the dog that seemed to have caught her attention, they found instead a solitary and rather forlorn looking pig behind the fence! No wonder Sister is regarded as the indisputable authority when it come to “all things pig and pork.” Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana and the only girl among her three siblings, she spent her early years raising pigs. As a member of 4H and Future Farmers of America, she carried off many a ribbon and even a grand championship for the pigs she showed. She attended the local public schools and with her family regularly attended Sunday Mass and participated in parish life.

Janet worked in the local hospital in the IT and Telecom Department as a young adult. Like so many young people, the workforce was “not enough” for her and she was “looking for more.” Faith, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and the invitation of so many people lead her to consider religious life.

In 2008, she arrived in Paterson to begin her formation. The culture of the Northeast demanded numerous adjustments. On the way to church with the Sisters that first morning, Janet was quickly cautioned against trying out her bright, friendly and twangy “good morning” on the unsuspecting locals! At home with the Sisters, her Cajun roots are ever present and appreciated, especially that friendliness and warmth that are all hers!

In the mission, Sister Janet's first love is working with young children. She has served over the years as an Early Childhood Teacher in Tampa, Florida, in Kenilworth, New Jersey and in the summer camps in North Haledon and Camp Auxilium. Sister Janet's stature, imagination, voice and personality lend perfectly to working with the “little ones.” Occasionally the camp director has a moment of alarm thinking that a group of children have no guiding adult with them, only to find Sister Janet plopped in the middle of them awaiting their turn for canteen snacks. She can tell the story of *The Little Mouse*, *the Red Ripe Strawberry* and *the Big Hungry Bear* with such animation that nearby adults are captivated by the tale.

Sister Janet is now part of the Retreat Team at Sacred Heart Center where she is the chief baker of the delicacies that keep retreatants and volunteers coming back for more! She teaches Faith Formation at Saint Thomas of Aquin in Ogdensburg.

Saint Joseph, the person of faith and prayer, the great provider of bread and all good things, is among her favorite saints. For sure, he smiles on this little Cajun replica of himself!

## WHY ARE OUR CHURCHES NOT “ESSENTIAL SERVICES?”

I am incensed (and I do not mean with the thurible)! Many of you know that our distribution of Palms this past weekend was cancelled. I was notified by the Newton Police Department that the Prosecutor’s Office (implementing the Governor’s Executive Order) specifically forbid us from distributing Palms at any time over the weekend. The Palms were sanitized, wrapped in a weekly bulletin and then wrapped in plastic wrap. No one was going to get out of the vehicles and the Palms were going to be distributed to each person by using the collection basket with the long handle. Once the person received the Palms, the basket would be sanitized again for the next person to drive forward. While complying with all the federal and state guidelines concerning social distancing and no congregational worship, they still shut us completely down.

What incenses and truly amazes me, is that while the very First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees freedoms concerning **religion**, expression, **assembly** and the right to petition, it also **forbids** Congress from both promoting one religion over others and also **restricting an individual’s religious practices**. It guarantees freedom of expression by prohibiting Congress from restricting the press or the rights of individuals to speak freely. It also guarantees the right of citizens to **assemble peaceably** and to petition their government. And yet, our bishops have given away this “right,” this privilege, this Constitutional freedom to the civil authorities in a blink of an eye.

Let me say from the onset, that I in NO WAY think that opening our churches and packing them as they have been in Virginia, Texas and in Lakewood, New Jersey when, in disobedience to state law, the Jewish people have been gathering in large numbers. However, I do think that keeping the social and proper distancing, while still making available the Sacraments of the Church (to which the people are guaranteed under our own Church Law, cf. Canon 213) is a viable option. Denying people the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession, Last Rites, Funerals, etc. is not just or even right. I truly believe that many bishops are just afraid that if someone should get sick or worse die, then they would be civilly liable to their families. To which I respond: “What about their spiritual liability?”

What also truly amazes and incenses me is that the Governors (especially our own so-called “Catholic” Governor in particular) has seen fit to keep grocery stores, liquor stores, abortion clinics, marijuana dispensaries, laundromats, bicycle shops and a host of other “essential businesses” open but not our

churches.

Dr. Janet Smith, Ph.D., a retired professor of Moral Theology at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, has put together a letter to the bishops of the United States: “*Bishops, we your faithful flock, implore you to do everything you can to make the Sacraments more available to us during this crisis. Something is terribly wrong with a culture that allows abortion clinics and liquor stores to remain open but shuts down places of worship. While safety and cooperation with civil authorities is necessary, we must do everything we can to have access to what is essential for our spiritual lives. We should certainly not voluntarily deprive ourselves of the Sacraments.*” You can sign this letter by going to [www.WeareanEasterpeople.com](http://www.WeareanEasterpeople.com).

Mr. Raymond Arroyo from EWTN’s broadcast of the “Word Over” interviewed Dr. Smith on his television program and mentioned that: “I’ve been very concerned about the religious liberty implication of this situation. At times, as in 9/11, we cede liberties to the government that we never seem to get back.” He asked Dr. Smith directly: “Are you worried that the rush to protect people from the virus, in the doing, they might be trading a cherished American right to religious expression?” She responded that “Unless the bishops make a really strong stand that these are essential services, religion is not something just like football games on Sunday afternoons. That taking the Blessed Sacrament or the Anointing of the Sick to someone who is dying in the hospital is not like taking roses. This is essential, an essential thing for Catholic people. This is practicing our faith. We are not giving up something that is optional, it is absolutely necessary to our spiritual faith. We can suspend things for serious reasons, but we seem to be just doing it cavalierly.”

Mr. Arroyo made a valid point that these Conferences of Bishops have many lawyers at hand, and asked: “Why are they not reminding the bishops that they have a Constitutional right to religious expression?” Some states, like California and Florida, have listed churches as “essential services” which give the bishops and pastors a leeway to do something creative.

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## FATHER'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

When pushed by Mr. Arroyo, by asking Dr. Smith if requesting the restoration of the Sacraments is responsible given the spread of the virus, she had such a great answer: **“We don’t intend to violate any of the public directives.** All can be done with respect to the public directives. We don’t want to put anyone at risk. We don’t want to put them at any more risk than a typical grocery store clerk. They are at tremendous risk. They are not six feet from anybody. They are touching this and touching that. Everybody else is putting their card in and out.... We want people to go to a parking lot, stay in their cars. How is this a risk? People are giving Confession, six or eight feet away from the priest who is hearing their confession. This is fully in accord with all directives. So why are we suspending... abortion clinics are still operating, liquor stores are still operating. Why can’t churches be open? We can stay six feet apart!”

**So, what is the real issue?** Concern for the physical well-being of the people? No doubt that it is on the minds of many and even the bishops of the United States. But once again, I have to ask: “What about the spiritual well-being of the faithful?” How does separating people from their churches, from the sacraments, help their spiritual well-being? What do we say when people want to be Anointed or their Confessions heard on their deathbeds? “Sorry, we can’t come!” Was it not Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta who went into the serious contagious areas of Calcutta to be with the sick? Was it not Jesus who walked among the sick and dying and healed them? Is that not our same Christian calling, vocation, and mission? Or are we going to just carry water for the government for fear of lawsuits?

This past week, President Donald J. Trump said: “One of my biggest disappointments is that churches can’t meet in a time of need. This is really a great time for churches to be together, to get people together on a Sunday or any other day... This is the single biggest disappointment.” I agree with him wholeheartedly. The only problem I have is why our bishops are silent about this? We have all seen the almost daily proclamations of directives and prohibitions, but where are the bishops who should be making public, uplifting, comforting statements? Why is the only thing we hear from the Conference of Bishops in the United States the sound of crickets?

With our churches absent of the physical presence of our families of faith, we realize that our spiritual families continue to exist, to pray, to love and to be joy-filled, even during these difficult times.

This past week, I was accused of “inciting our congregation” by posting the sign on our

school. Since when is telling the truth being divisive or provoking? Anyone that has ever read my articles or listened to any of my homilies (e.g. like my addressing the “white elephant” of Mr. McCarrick, the pedophilia crisis, etc.) knows that I never shy away from speaking (or writing) the truth. Certainly, the Diocese issued mandates of not distributing Palms this past weekend, but if you read the mandate carefully it states: “In keeping with federal and state mandates, all parishes, schools, entities must be closed until April 30 or further notice. We must follow these requests to save lives.” It is very clear from this recent Memorandum that the diocese is following the Executive Order of the governor. In essence, I was correct in stating that the distribution of Palms was forbidden by the Prosecutor’s Office (which implements the orders of the Governor) as I was directly informed by the Newton Police Department of this fact.

It truly amazes me that in the midst of a worldwide epidemic that people still have time to criticize, condemn, complain, critique and even mock everything that everyone else is saying or doing. Rather than allow these people to squelch the joy and dim the light of truth, I will take the high road and congratulate the majority of people that have been supportive, prayerful, concerned and generous to our parish family and to me.

Our Catholic faith is something that is very near and dear to me. It is the sole reason why I gave up a lucrative career and a life of luxury, for a career of service, because I believe in something more, something greater, something otherworldly, something that is “essential.” This is the reason why I am so emphatic and unequivocal about our “right” to celebrate the sacraments, to gather as a people of faith and to do all this in safety, following all the necessary guidelines and focusing on the metaphysical world that we all hope to be in one day with our loved ones. I leave you with the words of Jesus: *“I gave them Your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world but that You keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world”* (John 17: 14-16).

I hope you have a happy and joy-filled Easter Day. Know that I am praying for you, your families and your friends, as I hope that we will one day soon return to the “Altar of the Lord” where **“All Are Welcome”** to celebrate our hope, our love and our faith in something that is “essential” to you and me.

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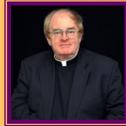
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*Father Brian Tomlinson, C.F. 16, Cyp.*

Confessor, Spiritual Advisor and Friend. Gone to his eternal reward.

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