# PALM SUNDAY

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

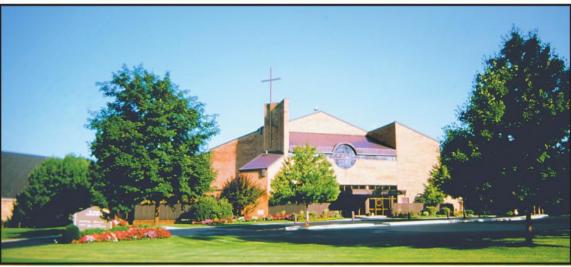
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MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg PA

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our mission is to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Pastor Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Parochial Vicar **Deacon Jack Paruso** Rudy Geisler, Parish Manager Rebecca A. Bamberger, School Principal Mark Rebuck, Coordinator of Religious Education Mary Vukelich, Adult Education Coordinator Justin Myers, Pastoral Musician Suzanne Bruzga, Evangelization Coordinator Parish Advisory Council, pac@stjosephmech.org

8:30 AM (except Thurs. 8 AM) Daily Rosary: Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3 - 3:40 PM and 5:15 PM

Please notify the parish office when you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital or healthcare facility.

4:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Obligation) Masses: Saturday: Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM Weekday See inside; Masses for the Week

Parish Office: 410 E. Simpson St.

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507 Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Friday: 9:00 AM - noon

**Telephone Numbers:** 

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Sacrament of Baptism: Usually, the last Sunday of the month at 12:45 PM Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office.

Common Policy for Baptism: Parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive a copy of the Parish Baptism Policy containing essential information regarding the required instruction workshop and requirements for sponsors.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active members of the Parish who are registered in the Parish and receiving the Sacraments.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

Common Policy: It is necessary for a couple to contact the priests NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated time of the wedding. (It is recommended to contact the parish priest as soon as a formal engagement is decided.)

Sacrament of Anointing: Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Holy Communion to the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age, or infirmity, please call the office and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the person.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 9:00 AM by email submission: bulletin@stjosephmech.org



Bernhard Plockhorst



# Masses & Liturgies for the Week



This weekend we will be live streaming the 4:00 PM Saturday, Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday and the broadcast is available for anytime to view on Sunday. Join us as we celebrate Palm Sunday Mass on our website, our Facebook Page, MyParishApp and our YouTube Channel!

SATURDAY VIGIL - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Live stream from Brindle Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

View Mass on our website

People of the Parish Living and Deceased

₱ Martha Dailey (Sica)

₱ James Griffith (Griffith)

MONDAY, APRIL 6 - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Live stream from Brindle Hall

8:00 AM Members of the Wargo Family (Drescher)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Live stream from Brindle Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Live stream from Brindle Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - HOLY THURSDAY-THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Live stream from Brindle Hall

+7:00 PM People of the Parish Living and Deceased

Visitation of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 PM Night Prayer

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE

LORD (A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE)

Live stream from Brindle Hall 9:00 AM Morning Prayer of the Church

+3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

Stations of the Cross - Recording is on our website

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - HOLY SATURDAY

Live stream from Brindle Hall

9:00 AM Morning Prayer of the Church

12:00 PM Blessing of the Food

Saturday Vigil - The Easter Vigil In the Holy Night

View on EWTN

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF

THE LORD

Live stream from Brindle Hall and then

viewable on our website

+7:30 AM People of the Parish Living and Deceased 11:30 AM For the Intentions of the Celebrant

+ Mass in American Sign Language (ASL)





Be assured of our continued prayers for everyone during this pandemic. All our campus activities are suspended until the bans are lifted. Please add our parish website to your favorites! Download MyParishApp on your phone! Check out our Instragram page at #stjosephmech and our new YouTube channel: stjosephmech



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### This Week's Readings

**MONDAY -** Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday** - Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

**THURSDAY** - Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 **FRIDAY** - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42 **SATURDAY** - Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah

54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28: 1-10

SUNDAY - Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

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the link to FORMED. It is easy, just enter your email and you have access to start



watching Catholic videos, movies, and formation information. There is no cost to you. This is Father Rozman's gift to all our parishioners. Check out all the great information, movies and books available for the entire family. There are a lot of Lenten resources available for your spiritual journey.

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace, especially:

All COVID-19 Victims

Kay Bricker

Kevin Gennett

Jim Kaufold

Paul Kelly

Amari Leahman

Govan Martin, Jr Helen Whitsel

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT SAINT JOSEPH PARISH, MECHANICSBURG, PA

For any updates, please check online at <a href="https://www.stjosephmech.org">www.stjosephmech.org</a>

Father Rozman and Father Sahd are with you in spirit and in the virtual world for this most special time of year.

#### **OUR SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL EVENTS**

\*\* denotes a live stream event. Watch us via MyParishApp or Facebook!

Why is Mass livestreamed from Brindle Hall and not from the Church? The architecture of the Church is preventing us from having a strong wifi signal. The strongest signal we currently have is from Brindle Hall. When we get through this pandemic, we will continue to research ways to strengthen the Church wifi. All livestreamed Masses, once posted on Facebook, are available for anytime viewing.

# **PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday, April 4

\*\* Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday from Brindle Hall at 4:00 PM (ASL interpreted)

This Mass will also be available for viewing anytime on Sunday, April 5.

# **HOLY WEEK**

Daily Mass (from Brindle Hall):

- \*\*Monday, April 6 at 8:00 AM
- \*\*Tuesday, April 7 at 8:00 AM
- \*\*Wednesday, April 8 at 8:00 AM

# **PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

Join Fathers Rozman and Sahd for the following liturgies:

#### **HOLY THURSDAY** - April 9

- \*\*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM (ASL interpreted)
- \*\*Visitation with the Blessed Sacrament
- \*\*Night Prayer at 9:00 PM

### **GOOD FRIDAY** – April 10

- \*\*Morning Prayer of the Church at 9:00 AM
- \*\*Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM (ASL interpreted)
  Pray the Stations of Cross anytime today, the recording is on our website.

#### **HOLY SATURDAY** – April 11

- \*\*Morning Prayer of the Church at 9:00 AM
- \*\*Blessing of the Food at Noon (ASL interpreted)

Gather your Easter goodies as you participate in this event via livestream!

Easter Vigil will be celebrated privately in the evening in the Church. You may want to participate with Pope Francis for this year's Easter Vigil. Check <u>www.vaticannews.va</u> or EWTN.



# **EASTER SUNDAY** – April 12

\*\* Mass at 7:30 AM from Brindle Hall (ASL interpreted)

Mass will be recorded, in the Church (with organ music!), available for viewing beginning at 11:30 AM

# **OCTAVE OF EASTER**

April 13-18

Daily Mass from Brindle Hall:

\*\*Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER)**

Saturday, April 18

\*\*Mass from Brindle Hall at 4:00 PM (ASL interpreted)

Mass will be recorded, later in the Church, for viewing beginning at 8:00 AM.

Sunday, April 19:

Watch the taped Mass from the Church this morning!

- \*\*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM from Brindle Hall
- \*\*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- \*\*Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM
- \*\*Benediction

#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH PRIESTS

As we are well aware, during the past several weeks, we have quickly seen the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Our parish and our Diocese have responded promptly to this ever changing situation by implementing the recommendations from public health professionals. These are actions for our safety, even though it is difficult for all of us not to be able carry out our everyday routines, especially on the weekends, when we gather in Church for the most special prayer that we have, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Although the doors to our Parish are closed, we want you to know that our Parish is still very much alive and functioning. We are reaching out to you in various ways, through Facebook, our parish website (www.stjosephmech.org), MyParishApp, livestreaming and videotaping Masses and other devotions, as well as frequent video messages.

We have a number of staff and volunteers reaching out to our elderly and homebound, via telephone and email.

- Here is some of the activity that has been happening with this outreach:
- ♦ There are 74 volunteers assisting at this time with our phone / email outreach.
- ♦ We have had a number of requests for bulletins, various inquiries about on-line giving and where to send collection envelopes, requests for prayer and notification of hospital admission, and address updates.
- ♦ All those who have been contacted, have expressed their appreciation for these outreach efforts. We have so many wonderful parishioners who want to be of service.

Unfortunately, there are some news reports of scam phone calls these days. Be assured that no volunteer from our parish is calling you about your finances. We are simply reaching out, and in a special way to our elderly parishioners who may not have family in the area, just to see how you are doing.

We keep you in our prayers every day. Now, even though our obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed, we are not dispensed from keeping holy the Sabbath. One way to do this, is to be with us in spirit, during our online Masses and to make a Spiritual Communion, after the Priest has received Holy Communion.

As you know, the Mission of Saint Joseph Parish is to foster the presence of Christ, as did Saint Joseph, and to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus.

Our Mission will continue to the best of our ability during these times. But in order to continue our work, we need your continued support. We ask you first and foremost for your spiritual support. Please pray for our Parish, our Diocese and our Country. We also ask for your continued financial support, within your current capability to do so. Without your gifts, our Parish will struggle to continue our most basic functions. Yes, these times are challenging, and we are humbled and most grateful as you continue your financial support to our wonderful Parish so that we may continue our vital Mission.

Gifts can be made by mailing your check to the Parish, or through using WeShare online giving. If you haven't already signed up for online giving, or you would like to increase your offering, please check our website, send an email, or leave a message for our financial manager, David Maceiko, (717-766-9433 ext. 106) or any of us at the parish office. We are most grateful for your continued support at this most difficult time in the life of the Church.

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Joseph's. May God keep all us safe and healthy, so that we can all continue to carry out our Mission as a family of faith.

God bless you! Father Rozman and Father Sahd



# Staying



In these days of social distancing, we need to know that we are still connected to our Church family. With that in mind, we have enlisted over 70 volunteers to call parishioners during the "stay at home" order. The majority of the calls are being made to those age 70+ and the homebound. The calls are intended to provide fellowship and to offer prayer.

So far the recipients have been very appreciative of this friendly outreach. And the volunteers are so happy to be able to "foster the presence of Christ" in this concrete way!

Rest assured, our volunteers will never ask you for financial information or anything like that, so you'll know it's not a scam. It's just your family of faith checking in to let you know you are cared for!

## Weekly Stewardship Report - March 29, 2020

<u>Regular Sunday Offerings:</u> Weekly Goal	\$ 2	6,731.00
Actual Basket Offerings - all offerings were mailed in or dropped in the parish office mail slot:		
Weekend Offerings (envelopes & loose) Electronic Check - Bill Payer Online Thru WeShare Total Offering	\$ \$	1,375.00 2,180.00 3,665.00 7,220.00
Comparison Prior Year - March 31, 2019	\$ 2	2,256.00
Additional Offerings: Catholic Relief Services Easter Flowers Easter Capital Improvements (PLEC Roof Savings Account)	\$ \$ \$	532.00 220.00 800.00 374.00

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Here we are during Week 3 of learning at home. Kudos to the students and their families and teachers for their great efforts!









The SJS community prays for the health and safety of all. God bless you!

# We Remember

**RED SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In memory of Bernard Britt, from his wife, Loretta.

TABERNACLE CANDLES: In memory of Joseph and Helen Eichholtzer from Tina and Tom Middleton.

ALTAR CANDLES: Special Intention of Karen Spirko.

AMBO CANDLES: In memory of Bernard Britt, from his wife, Loretta.



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020 JOIN US VIRTUALLY!!!







- 4:00 PM Saturday, April 18 Mass will be live streamed with American Sign Language Interpreter. Mass will be available to view on our website after stream.
- Sunday, April 19 watch the recorded Mass on our website!
- 3:00 PM Live Stream Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction



THAT MAN IS YOU continues this week with our special online format. Take a break from your quarantine routine and join us for a contemporary men's program that enables you to

embrace your true identity as a son of the Father and faith leader in your family. If you are already registered for the program, check your email for instructions to join us. If you would like to hang out with your parish friends from the comfort of your home, go to the Men's Formation tab on the parish website under GROW for instructions. We start every Saturday morning at 6:15 and are done by 8:00. This week, we continue our Lenten program as we discuss the Question of Identity. WHO ARE YOU CALLED TO BE?

Contact Tony Devlin at thedevlinfamily@yahoo.com for information.



Our Saint Joseph parish family is steadfast in support of the New Hope Ministry pantry with Ministries your monthly food contributions. However, our

April food collection is cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Our local New Hope Ministry is open and helping our community! There are many in great need. If you are able to contribute, please consider a monetary donation, which can be made through the link on our website: www.stjosephmech.org (under the SERVE tab and then - New Hope) or you can mail a gift directly to them at 5228 E. Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Thank you for your help! "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" - Mother Teresa

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