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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

All public Masses are cancelled. The intentions for the following Masses will be celebrated privately as follows:

8 AM, 7 PM, 8PM,
and 9:15 AM Masses—Fr. Jim O'Neill
4 PM Masses—Msgr. Elso Introini
7 PM Masses—Msgr. Richard Rusconi
11 AM Masses—Fr. George Deutsch

Saturday, April 4th

4:00 PM Christine Garcia (birthday rem.)
Dec. mem. of Barauskas Family
7:00 PM Sgt. Michael Goble
People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday

9:15 AM Rita Kearney
Carl Picillo
11:00 AM Joseph DeBella (10th anniv. rem.)
Gloria J. Barbieri

Monday, April 6th

8:00 AM Mary Bauer (birthday rem.)
Eugene Terzano (birthday rem.)
Rosary Altar Society
Mary Bauer

Tuesday, April 7th

8:00 AM Don Schulman (bday & wed. anniv. rem.)
Jimmy Calogero (anniv. rem.)

Wednesday, April 8th

8:00 AM James Sclafani & Ross & Sclafani families
Mary McDonald

Thursday, April 9th, Holy Thursday

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, April 10th, Good Friday

3:00 PM Passion Service

Saturday, April 11th, Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Leontynae Tadeus Plodowski
Mikol Family

Sunday, April 12th, Easter Sunday

9:15 AM John Fitzsimmons, III
Eda Bussanich
11:00 AM Contance Weber
James Morin

ALTAR FLOWERS

Because of public Masses being canceled, we don't need to purchase altar flowers. For questions call Joan Toth, 732-657-4938. Thank you for participating during the year.

CANDLES for Apr. 5th - Apr. 11th, 2020**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

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Rita Kearney

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of
People of our Parish



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PLEASE PRAY *for***PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:**

Week 1: Jonas Walworth, Kathleen Ferrone

Week 2: People of our Parish

Week 3: Deacon Ed Holowienka

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

All who died from the coronavirus, especially Stephen Ferrone.

PLEASE PRAY for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the military, as well as our police, firefighters, first responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection:

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CW5 Thomas Oroho

CPL George Daly IV

Major Corey J. Smith

Major Kenneth R. Dougher II

CPO Michael M. Miehle

LCPL Jacob C. Kesty

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SPC Brian Mc Nichol

Spec. Corinne McGrath

Major Brian Kossler

W5 Darren S. Kesty



PARISH MINISTRIES

St. Vincent de Paul Society, 732-657-6359

Rosary Altar Society

Angela McNeill, 732-657-1728

Religious Article Store

Victor Bala, 732-691-2291

Youth Group

Lori Downing, ldowning@easeton.org

Bereavement Support Group

Shelley Laterza, 848-224-4828

Sign Language

The 4 PM Mass has an interpreter for the hearing impaired. Those learning sign language meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Parish Center. New-comers wanting to learn to sign are welcome.

Nursing Home Ministry, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Joe Pittarelli, 732-323-8469

Hospitality Ministry, Josephine O'Connell organizes the coffee and refreshments after the 9:15 AM Mass in the back of the parish hall. If interested in helping Josephine, call her @ 609-668-2159.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Visit our website, stjohnlakehurst.com, to donate on-line. Or you can mail in your contributions to:

St. John's Church

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Thank you for your willingness to donate!!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021: CHANGES

Due to the COVID-19 update, please email your requests for 2021 Masses, beginning to **gina@stjohnlakehurst.com**. If you do not have access to email, please call Gina at the parish office. There is a 6 Mass limit per reservation. We will do our best to accommodate on a first come first serve basis. Thank you for your cooperation.

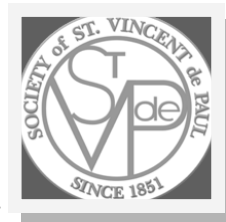
CURSILLO ULTREYA

Our next meeting April 16th, will be cancelled due to the current situation with COVID-19. We hope to be able to re-schedule in late May. We will keep you updated. Any questions, call Barbara Cipriano @ 732-323-8878.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Since we're trying to minimize physical contact, I almost don't want people to drop off food for the hungry. Likewise, I'm not thrilled about the possibility of germs on donations mailed to the office. Financial donations would be better.

Our SVDP conference is in need of young people (under 60) who can deliver food to the hungry. Call them at 732-657-6359.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

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**Dear Parishioners,
Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for this bulletin was March 27th. With things changing daily, it's hard to predict what will be the case on April 5th.

First Known Parishioners with the Coronavirus

I just got off the phone with Kathleen Ferrone (March 27th at 12:40 PM). She is in Community Medical Center with the coronavirus. Her son Stephen just died from it. Please pray for them and everyone with the coronavirus.

The Office is Closed to the Public

Please do not come to the office even to drop of envelopes. You may mail donations. On-line donations would be better.

We're trying to minimize physical contact and the spreading of germs.

If you need something, then please e-mail or call us.

Main Office: 732-657-6347

Gina Innarella: gina@stjohnlakehurst.com

Fr. Jim O'Neill: frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com

Church is Closed

Very few parishioners were visiting the church to pray privately inside. However, some were not practicing social distancing. One lady was coughing and sneezing. After consulting the staff, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council, I decided to close the church. The parking lot remains open. Feel free visit the Lord from outside the church in your car. You might also try facing St. John's from your homes when you pray.

Please pray that the coronavirus restrictions will be reduced soon. May God protect us all and keep us close to Him.

Most Current Information: Flocknote

To receive the most current information about our parish, consider signing up for e-mails and/or text messages via Flocknote. Sign-up at

stjohnlakehurst.flocknote.com

or text 1868 to 84576

Website

We have revamped our website:

www.stjohnlakehurst.com

It has updated information, old bulletins, and links to our new on-line features:

Flocknote

stjohnlakehurst.flocknote.com

Facebook

www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Roman-Catholic-Church-121010761244414

YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/channel/UC5aIT-5blxVTvsVQopxJQXQ

RSS Feeds

I follow a lot of websites for information and commentary about our Catholic faith and the coronavirus. To manage the information, I read the RSS feeds via Feedly. You can too by going to

feedly.com

Our Flocknote messages can be found on our Flocknote RSS feed:

rss.flocknote.com/425898

Mass on YouTube

I celebrate Mass at 8 AM Monday through Saturday. On Sunday, I start the Rosary at 9 AM and Mass at about 9:20 AM. Our YouTube channel will go live several minutes before the scheduled live stream event.

Confessions

Try to wait a few weeks until things settle down. If you need to go to confession now, I will be in the parking lot on Saturdays from 11-12 and 3-3:45. Please stay in your car. Wait at the entrance to the confession zone (a line of cones). When I'm available, drive up carefully. I will stay about ten feet away from you. The next person in line should stay

two hundred feet away at the cone entrance. If it's raining, I'll be at the canopy entrance.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or your loved one is in danger of death, please call for the anointing of the sick. If it isn't urgent, then please try to wait until restrictions are reduced.

Holy Hours on YouTube

We're having Holy Hours on our YouTube channel. For up-to-date information, subscribe to Flocknote or visit our website.

Diocesan Sources of On-line Information

Website

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org>

Coronavirus

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus>

Donations: Parish and SVDP

By this time we should have ParishSoft Giving up and running. Go to our website

www.stjohnlakehurst.com

and click on "Donations".

During this coronavirus situation, it seems to me that the best way to financially support our parish and our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is by donating on-line (rather than mailing checks or dropping off food).

We know many of our parishioners are struggling. If you are in a situation where you can help, please consider supporting our parish and SVDP conference.

Parish Mailing and Phone Calls

We will likely send out a mailing to the whole parish within a week or two with important updates because some of our parishioners don't use computers.

We have started making phone calls to parishioners to let them know what is going on and ask how they're doing.

Please keep in touch with your family, friends,

and neighbors—especially those not on social media or e-mail.

Holy Week—Live Streamed but not Recorded

Our schedule is a little different during the holiest week of the year. This year is going to be different because of the coronavirus.

The Vatican issued directives in light of the coronavirus. Our bishop then sent them to us priests. We can live stream the liturgies but not record them.

Events outside of Holy Week are being live streamed and recorded. For Holy Week, we invite you to join us at the scheduled times.

Palm Sunday—Live Streamed but not Recorded

We celebrate the Passion of the Lord at Mass this Palm Sunday. We'll hear the Passion according to St. Matthew.

Palm will not be blessed today. We'll store it and bless it at a time when it can be distributed.

As with other Sundays, we'll start the Rosary at 9 AM and Mass at 9:20 AM.

Chrism Mass

The bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass at a later date.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week

The 8 AM Mass will be live streamed but not recorded.

Holy Thursday—7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

The washing of feet will be omitted. The usual procession with the Blessed Sacrament will be omitted. The Blessed Sacrament will be kept in the tabernacle.

Good Friday—3 PM Service

A special coronavirus intention will be included.

Holy Saturday—8 PM Easter Vigil

The preparation and lighting of the fire will be omitted. The Paschal Candle will be lit without a procession. Baptismal promises will be renewed but no one will receive sacraments. RCIA candidates will hopefully be able to receive sacraments as early as Pentecost.

Easter Sunday—9 AM Rosary and 9:20 AM Mass

Mass will be live streamed but not recorded.
Join us live.

Other Services

As of March 27th, I haven't decided what other services to do such as Morning Prayer, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Hours. See Flocknote, the website, or YouTube for updates.

Formed.org

Being at home, this might be a good time to check out the wonderful materials at Formed.org. Signing up is much easier now. If you haven't signed up, then choose "Sign Up" and select "I belong to a Parish or Organization". Search for "St. John, Lakehurst".

Reading of the Passion

When I was a teenager and young adult, I was always the narrator on Good Friday. I remember really entering into the mystery of Christ's cross. You could hear a pin drop in the church. As a priest, I read the part of Jesus. It was only then that I started thinking of people rejecting me like they rejected Jesus. It wasn't just me entering into a scene and marveling what Jesus did for us. It's now my entering into the scene and being called to be like Jesus, to take up my cross and follow Him.

This coronavirus is a new cross for us. Many of us are bystanders, watching as others carry heavy crosses. Some of us are carrying heavy crosses. These include health care workers, police, supermarket workers, and pharmacy workers. Some are out of work. Some don't know how they're going to pay the bills. Some are home alone.

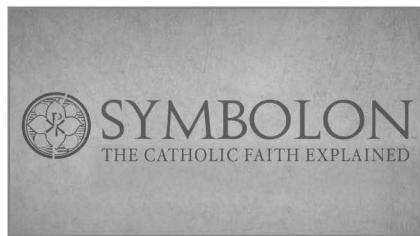
It's ok for us to enter into the mystery of this cross. When we do us, we'll encounter Jesus who is right there helping us. We may get glimpses of the resurrection to come. He may give us surprising hope so that we may be beacons to others.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com

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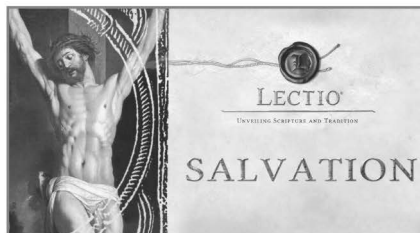
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