

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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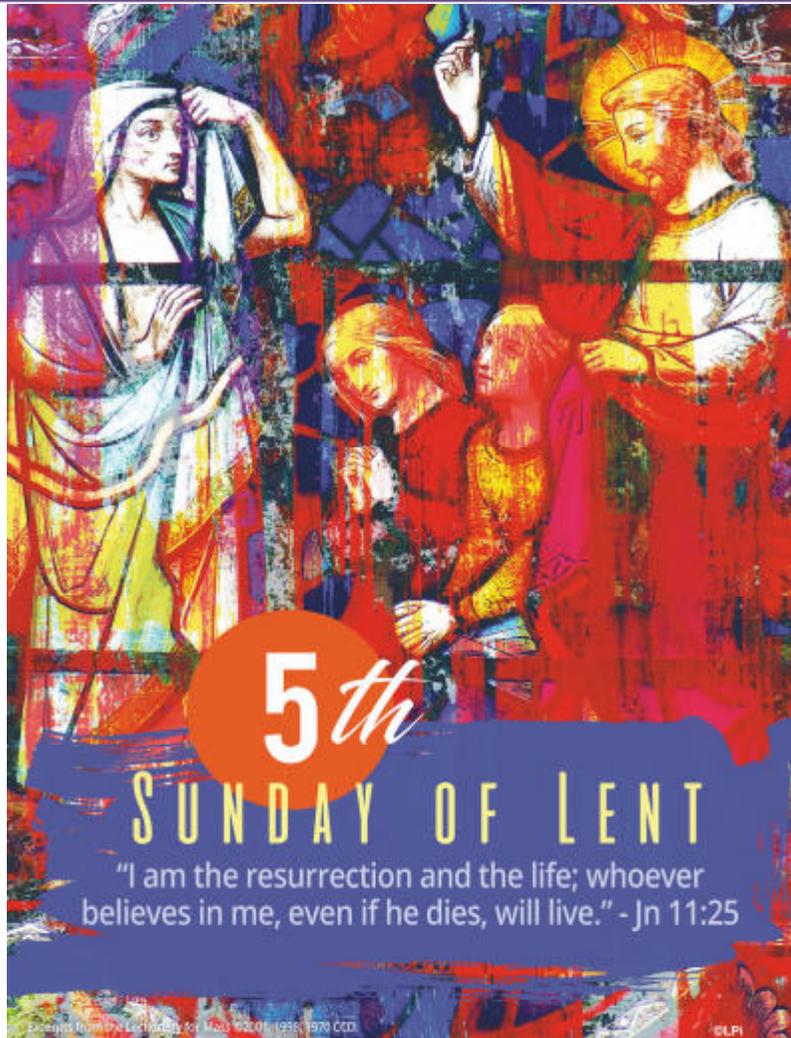
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Fr. Joe: times vary Tues-Fri.

Holly & Kim: Tues.-Thurs.

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Monday



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 when Mass is held at St. Mary and 8:40 am to 9:10 am on Sunday when no Saturday Mass is held at St. Mary or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact parish office or pastor at least six months prior to proposed wedding date so that preparations can be completed. No weddings during the six weeks of Lent.

INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INFANT BAPTISM ARE REQUIRED: Sessions are as announced or pre-arranged with the Pastor. Sessions meet only if appointment has been made with the pastor. If possible, please complete a green baptismal request form (located in the vestibule), and return it to the parish office before attending sessions. Parents need to attend, God-parents are encouraged to attend. Godparents and parents should be active in their faith and at least one Godparent should be Catholic.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! Please call the Parish Office to register.

ALL CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mon	Mar. 30	No Mass	Lenten Weekday (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Km 8:1-11)
Tues	Mar. 31	Cancelled	Lenten Weekday (Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30)
Wed	Apr. 01	Cancelled	Lenten Weekday (Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42)
Thurs	Apr. 02	Cancelled	Lenten Weekday (Gn 17:3-9/Km 8:51-59)
Fri	Apr. 03	Cancelled	Lenten Weekday (Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59)
Sat	Apr. 04	Cancelled	Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sun	Apr. 05	Cancelled	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Mt 26:14--27:66)

INTENTIONS

Those with mass intentions will be rescheduled when things are back to normal.



Respect Life Corner - "Lazarus, come out!"

In John's gospel, Jesus is adamant that Lazarus, though dead, is capable through a divine miracle, to simply get up and walk out of the tomb. Pope Francis writes to us that we too

can get up and walk away from sin; from the part of us that is dead due to sin. He invites us this week to look at our lives and search out the "dead parts of our soul" so that we too may rise like Lazarus and live in God's love.

Learn, Act, Connect and Pray -

As we think about these readings that tie so well to the Resurrection of Jesus, we ask the Lord for grace to rise from our sins, "to come out of our tombs" and to follow Christ. How can we share this message of hope and new birth with refugees, those facing a crisis pregnancy, the forgotten, the sick and the lonely? Remember that it is up to all of us to dignify and enhance life in all its stages and situations. Reach out to neighbors who are also sheltering in place and see if they need anything. Does a mom who can't work due to shutdown need diapers for her baby? Go and share the good news today!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD LAST WEEK

Due to the cancellation of masses, contributions for the weekend of March 21 and 22 will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support to St. Mary's Parish!

Green Bean Food Donations:

Thank you to all who donated to the Green Bean Food Pantry in church. A total of 403 lbs of food was delivered to the Green Bean Food Pantry.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

All Masses, Liturgies and Parish Activities are cancelled until further notice.

Please visit our Facebook page, St. Mary Catholic Church, Trenton IL, for up to date information within our parish and for live streaming of mass.

Please continue to support our Parish by sending in your contributions in order for our parish to continue to pay our bills. Our Online Giving is great way to contribute to our Church without worrying about leaving home. If you haven't already signed up, please visit our website at www.stmarytrenton.com and click on Online Giving at the bottom of the page.

Due to the Governors stay at home orders, the church will not be open for private prayer service. Bulletins will be in the church mailbox and in the south entrance of the church.

New Office Hours:

Office hours will be changed to Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 am until 12 noon until further notice.

If you need to reach Holly outside these office hours please call 618-334-2770.

Capital Campaign News!

- Capital Campaign letters have been mailed. Please return your pledge card as soon as you can. If you do not receive one, please contact the Parish Office.
- 100% of all contributions/pledges to St. Mary's Capital Campaign will REMAIN at St. Mary's.

Message from our pastor, Fr. Joe

These are certainly unusual and somewhat anxiety filled days! I'm trying to adjust and stay calm, stay home and stay healthy. I hope you are, too.

Staying home is an act of Christian charity and responsibility. By staying home, we are trying to show our Christian love for others in order to help slow the spread of CoVid-19. It's especially important for people like me with compromised immune systems due to chemo treatments. Please, let's help one another this way. Feel free to call me, but I must extremely limit who I see in person, and even then "social distancing" is essential. Also, let's show our Christian love by not buying up more than we need for a few days at the grocery store or other places.

Since we are asked by our civic officials to stay at home except for absolute necessity outings, I have decided that the church will not be open for private prayer as you may have seen announced in last week's bulletin. Please, stay home and pray there for God's protection, for medical professionals and a quick end to this crisis. Pray the rosary, pray for one another, pray for the sick.

Since we cannot gather for Sunday Mass, I will continue to livestream a private Mass from my home (where I have wi-fi access) on Sunday, usually at 9:00 am. Sign in at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarytrentonil/>

I will post on the page when I am having Mass livestream. I may also do this on some weekdays.

The church in many parts of the world and history survived and even thrived without access to the Eucharist on a regular basis. But families and people continued to pray in union with the universal church on Sunday. Here's a suggestion for families:

- Gather, sign of the cross and say Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy
- Say a prayer asking God to help us hear his word

Read together the Sunday readings (they can be found at www.usccb.org)

- Discuss what you think the readings mean
- Pray the prayer for Spiritual Communion

Bless yourselves with the sign of the Cross.

There probably will not be Holy Week liturgies or Easter Mass. I'll post on our Facebook Page some ideas on how to observe those days.

Please, check on those living alone, the homebound and elderly at least with a phone call. Let us pray for one another. Faith is essential in these days.

Here's another resource.

<http://usccb.org/about/communications/resources-for-catholics-at-home-during-covid-19.cfm>

Please take some extra time to pray during these challenging times

Pray for....

Our Community, Maren Poettker & Father Joe

The Adopt a Day for the Coalition for Life on April 2 for St. Mary's parish has been CANCELLED. Please designate this day for prayer for the Pro Life Movement.

All SGM Life Teen events for the month of March have been cancelled. The Annual Fish Dinner scheduled for April 3 has been postponed in hopes to hold the dinner sometime in late April or early May. Please be on the lookout for a new date to come out to enjoy a delicious meal and support the youth of our parishes! Thank you for your understanding!

Ways to stay connected while sheltered in...

Where to find a televised Mass:

- [Daily Mass with Word on Fire](#) from Bishop Robert Barron's Chapel
- [Daily Mass from Saint John's Abbey, Colledgeville, MN](#)
- [Sunday Masses for the homebound telecast from the Archdiocese of St. Louis](#) (includes listings for both antenna and cable television, radio and online)
- [Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows](#), Belleville - English and Spanish Masses available beginning March 22, 2020
- EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder> (English)
<https://www.ewtn.com/espanol/magtv.asp> (Spanish)
- Catholic TV: <https://www.catholictv.org>
- Visit local parishes Facebook pages to see if they are live streaming masses.
- St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church Liturgy on YouTube

Family and Youth Resources:

Loyola Press is offering free resources to families on [faith, family and fun](#). They are also providing a [resource](#) to help teachers, catechists and parents explain COVID-19 to their children.

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