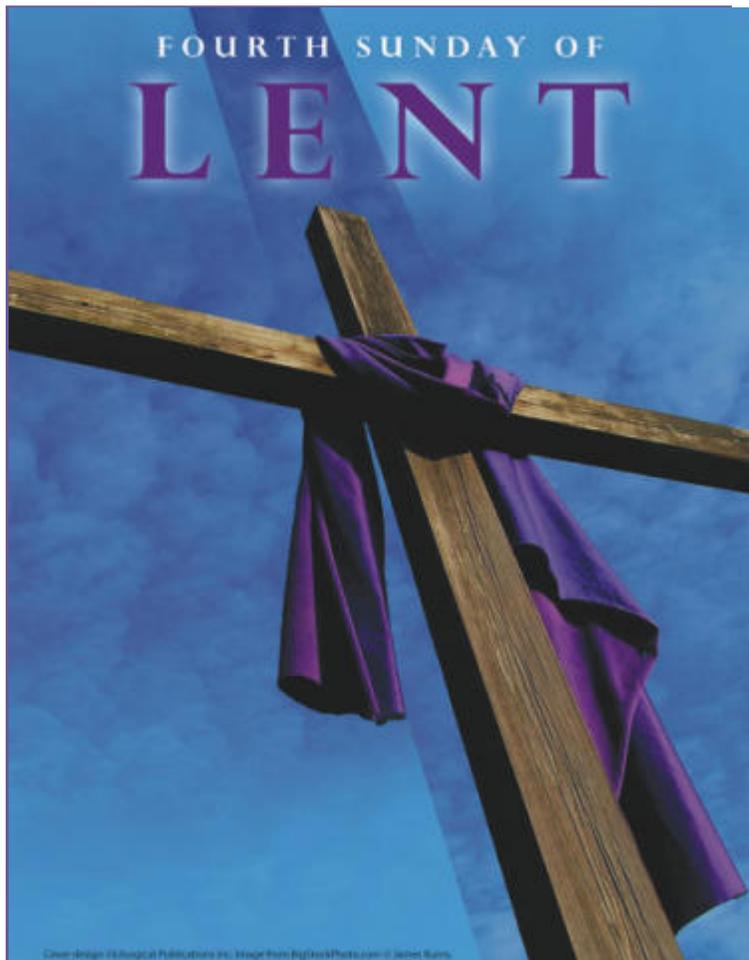


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March 14, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy of us. Our Lady of Knock, Intercede for us. St. John the Baptist, Pray for us.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father,

ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector,

be kind to us and from heaven

assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church

from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;

shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,

so that, supported by your example and your aid,

we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,

and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam Pluries*.

There will be Mass this **Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00am for the Feast of St. Patrick in Our Lady of Knock Shrine**. Make reservations through Flocknote or by calling the Sacred Heart office.

Deadline for reservations is **Tuesday, March 16th at 10am**.

There will also be mass on **Friday for the Feast of St. Joseph at 5:30pm in Sacred Heart Church**,

Make reservations through Flocknote or by calling the Sacred Heart office.

Deadline for reservations is **Thursday, March 18th at 10am**.

You can also watch mass live on Facebook or afterwards on Fr. Steve Matthews YouTube channel.

Our Fall and Winter Mass Schedule is as follows:

(Effective Through May 23, 2021.)

Saturday vigil **4:00 pm** (Our Lady of Knock Shrine).

Sunday **9am** (St. John the Baptist Church) and **11am** (Sacred Heart Church).

Reservations are required for all masses.

Please plan on arriving at least **30 minutes** early at all public masses until further notice.

Parking lots close 15 minutes before mass.

Please be in your seat by 10 minutes before mass, when the doors will be closed.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Please note that the 11 am Mass will be on Facebook Live starting at 11:00 am and on our websites and YouTube later on Sunday. We apologize if there are any technical difficulties.

Confession Times - call office for an appointment. **Anointing of the Sick** - call either parish office.

Welcome to our One Roman Catholic Faith Community!

While we can only gather in smaller groups in our worship sites, we can all continue to pray for each other. We can also join together in prayer via YouTube, Facebook and our parishes' websites (see addresses below). Fr. Steve

Sacraments

Roman Catholics believe in Seven Sacraments. If you or someone you know is behind in receiving any of the sacraments, Please contact us and we'll help you get "caught up."

Rev. Steve Matthews, Pastor

FrSteveMatthews@gmail.com

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTdE-NcnATWiSfH7JbIFukw>

St. John the Baptist Church
Sacred Heart Church/Our Lady of Knock Shrine
While a new website is under construction please go to sholk.weebly.com for information.

St. John the Baptist Church

Parish Office:
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 340
Greenville, NY 12083
518-966-8317

(Physical address:
4987 State Route 81
Greenville, NY 12083)

Mrs. Paula Dennis
Parish Office
sjbgreenville@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Church & Our Lady of Knock

Parish Office for both Sacred Heart & Our Lady of Knock:
35 Church Street,
Cairo, NY 12413
518-622-3319

Our Lady of Knock
(do not send mail to this address)
2052 NY-145,
East Durham, NY 12423

Ms. Melissa Rompolski
Parish Office
sacredheartolok@gmail.com

Emails for faith formation should be sent to
3faithin1@gmail.com

Office Hours

St. John the Baptist

Office open with no appointment:
Tuesdays 10:30am - 2:30pm (can change due to weather)
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - call for appointment
518-966-8317

Sacred Heart Church/Our Lady of Knock Shrine

Office open with no appointment:
Wednesdays 10:30am - 2:30pm (can change due to weather)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - call for appointment
518-622-3319

Both offices are closed Friday through Sunday

If you are planning to come in for a mass card please call ahead with the information so we can have it ready for you.

When leaving phone messages, please remember to state your name and phone number clearly, distinctly and repeat the number twice. We have received a number of messages that we cannot understand the name or the number. We apologize if we can't call you back!

Also please note that a parish volunteer handles our Facebook page, if you need to get in touch and would like to get a message to us please send an email to either parish office not a message through Facebook. Thank you.

Opportunity for Confession

Wednesday, March 24th at Sacred Heart Church
10:30am - 12:30pm with Fr. Guido

Thursday, March 25th at Our Lady of Knock Shrine
10:00am - 12 noon with Fr. Guido

Friday, March 26th at St. John the Baptist Church
2:00pm - 4pm with Fr. Jay Atherton
4:00pm - 6:00pm with Fr. Guido
5:30pm - 7:00pm with Fr. Bath

Our Fall/Winter Worship Site Hours:

Sacred Heart Church - only open for Sunday Mass - 10:15-12:15 .
St. Catherine of Siena Chapel (Sacred Heart grounds) open 24/7
Our Lady of Knock Shrine - Open - Sunday through Thursday:
10am until 4pm; Fridays: 10 am until 3pm and Saturdays: 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm (for mass only).
Saint John the Baptist - Eucharistic Chapel (in rear of church) open 24/7 Monday through Saturday; Sundays closed from 8am until 10:30am - open the rest of the day. The main church is open from 8:15am - 10:15am (for mass only).

Respect Life

The House and Senate last week passed the Covid-19 relief bill with such rapidity that the USCCB barely had time to raise the alarm concerning it. The bill failed to include the Hyde Amendment, a long standing law that prevented tax dollars from directly funding abortions. This facilitates other bills to expressly permit tax dollars be used to fund entities such as Planned Parenthood, directly. Such a bill has already passed the House and will be sent to the Senate shortly, it is the Equality Act. This bill essentially redefines gender and the legal consequences that will follow its implementation will impact our ability to live out our Christian calling. According to the USCCB; "It jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives."

A concluding line from the USCCB is chilling; "By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill its calling."

There are many other consequences to this bill.

Please go to [The Equality Act | USCCB](#) for a brief overview.

Take action by going to [Action Center \(votervoicenet\)](http://ActionCenter.votervoicenet)

AA Meetings, Monday to Friday, 12 noon in St. John's Hall.
Please contact your sponsor for any change to this meeting.

AA meets every Friday at **7:00 pm** in St. Mary's Community Center in E. Durham

Opportunity for Almsgiving during Lent!

In addition to donating to our one faith community (select which parish/shrine), and the diocesan appeal (match still available until March 28th), there are many other charities and missions that could use some financial assistance. May I suggest you check them out online before donating to see how the particular charity is rated?

One such site is charity navigator.org. Some that we have collected for include: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Rice Bowl Lenten campaign sponsored by CRS, Catholic Charities, or a number of other charities to donate to during this Lenten season.

Once again, thank you to all who have generously responded to our diocesan appeal. Please see the website listed below to see all the ways the diocese assists parishes throughout the 14 counties with 126 parishes.

If you have not yet made a pledge or donation, it is a wonderful way to share your gifts with others in our diocese as well as help you with one of the three-fold parts of the spirit of Lent - Almsgiving.

Of special note, from today until March 28th, any donation or pledge received and reported by the diocese (up to our goals) will be matched by 25% by an anonymous donor.

Please consider making a donation today (or an additional donation, if you have already made a previous one)!

Please mail your donation directly to the Stewardship Office at the diocese at the following address:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Attention Stewardship Office

40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203

For further information go to their website at:

www.rcda.org/stewardship or call: 518 - 453-6680.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Goals:

For St. John's the goal is **\$30,000.00**.

For Sacred Heart/Our Lady of Knock the goal is **\$25,464.00**

Amounts received through 2/26/2021

St. John's \$18,449 (about 62% of goal) and

Sacred Heart \$9,959 (about 39% of goal).

Thank you to all who have donated and pledged!

Lenten Soup

Our Friday, pickup for Lenten Soup at Sacred Heart Church has begun. Each Friday during Lent until Good Friday there will be a soup and bread available for pickup outside the annex door.

Preorders will be taken in advance via Flocknote.

Deadline for orders is Wednesday 10:00am.

If you are interested in helping by making a soup, please call
518-622-3319.



This coming Sunday's readings: **Sunday, March 21, 2021**

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jer. 31:31-34

Our Response: Ps. 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Second Reading: Heb. 5:7-9

Gospel of: Jn. 12:20-33



Please take a few moments this week to read and pray about any or all of the above readings. Review these readings online at:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032121.cfm>

Public Mass Protocols-Updated

As many know by now, we need to follow strict guidelines when coming to, praying at, and leaving mass. The number of COVID cases in our community are rising, therefore, I must insist that everyone coming into any of our worship sites for mass follow all safety protocols. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, you will not be able to stay. On behalf of all who want to safely pray at mass, thank you for your cooperation! Fr. Steve

Reservations Required – anyone wishing to attend mass will need to make a reservation beforehand through Flocknote and have your confirmation on hand in case there are any questions. The link to register can be found on our website, on our Facebook page. If not signed up to Flocknote reservations can be made by calling 518-622-3319 before noon on Friday. Please note reservations cannot be made by email. If you do not have a reservation, you will need to wait until everyone arrives to see if there is room for you and provide us with contact information.

Arrival and Parking – please arrive at least 30 minutes before mass starts. Someone will be at the parking lot entrance to check your reservation. The parking lot closes 15 minutes before the scheduled mass time and the doors to the worship site close 10 minutes before mass time. Once the doors are closed, no one will be admitted. Please note there are **no rest rooms available before, during or after mass.**

For non-streamed masses, mass will begin as soon as all registered people are in their seats and everything is set. Thank you for your understanding.

Ushers will be at the entrance if you need assistance, otherwise your name will be on your assigned pew. Please remain in your place during the entire mass. Only those who are ushers for the mass should be standing at the doors of the church. Watch for the ushers direction upon exiting the church in a socially distanced manner. **If you get up to leave after mass has started, we may ask you to not return.**

Face Coverings are REQUIRED to cover both your nose and mouth. They must remain on from the moment you leave your vehicle to come to mass and until you are in your vehicle after Mass.

Sunday Obligation is still suspended. If you cannot or will not follow all safety protocols, please stay home and watch mass online.

Thank you to all who follow and cooperate! Thank you also to all who have stepped up with our extra need for volunteers.

Flocknote

Please see our website for the link to Flocknote and the one-time electronic registration process. Once completed, you will receive an email when the mass is open for reservations, (usually Sundays at noon) or you can go into Flocknote at any time to sign up for mass, even if you missed the email.

By signing up for mass, you agree with all the health and safety protocols required to participate at an in-person mass. These include that you are not ill, are not under quarantine, have no fever, cold or any other symptoms related to the flu or Covid 19, including excessive coughing, temperature, or sweats.

You also agree to follow proper precautions including social distancing, wearing face coverings (over nose and mouth) through the entire mass and using hand sanitizer when entering church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Intentions for March 15 – March 21

Weekday Intentions:

For all those affected by COVID 19 pandemic.

For the health and safety of all who minister to the sick and those in nursing homes, homebound or hospitals, and for all first responders.

Weekend Intentions:

Thomas McArdle by Annie McArdle

Bishop Capistran Heim by Joan & John McInerney

Helen Coughlan by Bernadette & Brian Palmieri

Brida Hand by Bernadette & Brian Palmieri

Mary Fitzgerald by Betty and Bridget Daly

This Month's Eucharistic Gifts

Contributions towards the hosts and wine, which become for us *the Body and Blood of Christ* were made for the month of

March:

At St. John the Baptist:

Brett Burger by Marie & William Fabian

At Sacred Heart & Our Lady of Knock: in memory of
Thomas Rohan by his loving wife, Anne & family



Prayer

By now you know that we have been looking at various prayers during this Lenten Season. This week, there are two prayers that are important. The first is the St. Patrick (Feast Day March 17th)

Breastplate (short version) and the other is for the year of St. Joseph (Solemnity of March 19th). Might I suggest that you take a few minutes each day this week to slowly pray with them.

Quote of the Week:

"Oh Lord, you search me and you know me." (from Psalm 139)

Since the Lord knows us, our strengths, weaknesses, faults, blessings and our sins, why not take a few moments to examine your conscience and prepare to enter into the wonderful sacrament of reconciliation. As always, Fr. Steve is available by appointment. However, next week we will have about 10 hours of confession time available with visiting priests. Please see the schedule for this sacrament with those priests coming to our one faith community next week. Let us pray for one another!

Adoration

We will have Adoration this Friday, March 19th from 10:00am to 4:30pm in Sacred Heart Church. You are invited to come spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

You can sign up for an hour on Flocknote or just stop in.

All are welcome to come and spend time with the Lord.

Save the Dates - 2021

March 17 - Feast of St. Patrick

March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph

Upcoming Second Collections:

March 13 & 14 - Catholic Relief Services

March 27 & 28 - Snow removal & heat

Thank you to all who donated to our second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. If you missed it, feel free to drop in next week's basket and mark it for CRS and we'll ensure it gets to the appropriate party.

On the weekend of March 27 & 28, our second collection will be to help offset our snow removal and heating expenses. Thank you for your generosity!

Food Donations: .

Are you or do you know of anyone who needs some help with food? If so, have them call either parish office and leave call back information. Through the generosity of the parishioners of our one faith community, we can and will help! We just need to know who you are (an how many live in your household).

If you would like to donate to either parish's food pantry, please bring **non-perishable foods** to the St. Catherine's Chapel (on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church).

For the Greenville Food Pantry, which St. John's supports, please bring to the front doors to the church.

While the inner doors are locked, the outer doors are not and there is a basket for your donations.

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry of Greene County!

PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK BREASTPLATE (Short Version)

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

Adapted from: <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/st-patricks-breastplate.html>

Deadline for next week's bulletin is Monday, March 15th @ 12noon. Email sacredheartolok@gmail.com



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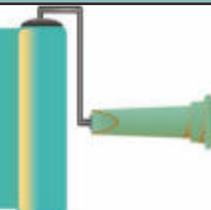
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