

**St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Parishes**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**April 5, 2020**

**Masses this Week:**

**Sun., April 5, 11 AM**

Steven Barrett (5th) by Kathy Barrett

**Mon., April 6, 8 AM**

James Card Jr. & Sr. by Chris and Mary Harter

**Tues., April 7, 8 AM**

Rosemary Smith from Midge

**Wed., April 8, 8 AM**

Irma Wheeler by Kathy Hyde

**Thurs., April 9, 7 PM Holy Thursday Mass**

Lois Evans by Lorrie and Woody Withers

**Fri., April 10, 3 PM – Good Friday Service**

**Sat., April 11, 8 PM Easter Vigil**

For the People of St. Mary's and St. Joan's

**Sun., April 12, 11 AM**

Special Intention of Lorrie Withers for her Birthday

**This Week's Events - Holy Week 2020!**

**Sun., Apr. 5, 11 AM** – Palm Sunday Mass (Live-stream)

4 PM – Youth Ministry Zoom Hangout

**Mon., Apr. 6, 8 AM** – Holy Week Daily Mass (Ls)

**Tues., Apr. 7, 8 AM** – Holy Week Daily Mass (Ls)

11:30 AM – “Tuesdays with Father”

**Wed., Apr. 8, 8 AM** – Holy Week Daily Mass (Ls)

7 PM – Solemn Evening Prayer (Live-stream)

**Thurs., Apr. 9, 7 PM** – Holy Thursday Mass (Live-stream)

**Fri., Apr. 10, 3 PM** – Good Friday Service (Live-stream)

7 PM – Seven Last Words Service (Pre-recorded)

**Sat., Apr. 11, 4–5 PM** – Confessions (St. Mary's Church)

8 PM – Easter Vigil Mass (Live-stream)

**Sun., Apr 12, 11 AM** – Easter Sunday Mass (Live-stream)

**From the Hamilton Ecumenical Outreach during  
Coronavirus Pandemic**

I humbly come before you asking the households in our region to make every Wednesday a day of prayer for all of our amazing local medical teams who are risking their own lives to keep us safe. Every Wednesday, one member of the Hamilton Ecumenical Clergy Coalition will be showing up outside of Hamilton Memorial to pray a blessing over the medical personnel, and to support and encourage them as they carry out their heroic duties. Please join the Hamilton Ecumenical Clergy from your homes in offering Wednesday as a day of prayer for all health care workers during this difficult time.



**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE**

Dear Parish Family, I would like to encourage you to enter into this year's Holy Week like you never have before. As we accompany Jesus in his life, passion, death, and resurrection this week in our liturgical prayer, please bring all of your fears, sorrows, frustrations, worries, and heartache to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in an intensely personal way. As we see Jesus accept his own passion and death in patience and love, let us unite our sufferings to his suffering in the same way; in patience and in love. If we do this, I believe he will show us the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5). This light is not of this world. It shines deep within our hearts and blesses us with an abiding peace even as we experience real human fear and anxiety. This light casts out all darkness, and protects us from despair because it was lit the morning of the resurrection. This flame will never go out because it is eternal. We can find hope beyond hope because this light has burst forth from the tomb, and it bursts forth from the tomb of our hearts every time we turn to Jesus risen from the dead in faith, trust, and surrender. Our faith tells us that he has already conquered this, and that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you and me (Romans 8:11). Please know that I will be embracing the entire parish family in prayer in a very special way this Holy Week, in gratitude and in love. Mary Immaculate, St. Joan of Arc, and St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

**11am Easter Sunday Morning Mass Live Streamed!**

Please join the entire St. Mary's & St. Joan's Parish Family for Easter Sunday Mass online in real time! (<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysStJoans>) Also, please do not forget to give your Easter offertory by way of mail or online giving (<https://churchgiving.com/non-profit/login.html?pc=h6ib9979>).

**PALM SUNDAY OF  
THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

In keeping with the current restrictions on the distribution of Holy Communion, the distribution of palms should likewise not take place until public Masses and the distribution of Holy Communion resumes. There is little or no control over the spread of the virus, either by passing out the palms to cars driving by or by allowing people to pick them up in the church. More importantly, the distribution of palms should not be presented as a substitute for the sacrament of the Eucharist, from which the faithful must currently abstain (*Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions*).

## **Light Is On Campaign**

Bishop Lucia has cancelled The Light Is On Campaign scheduled for Monday, April 6, due to the possible risk of gathering a crowd of over 10 people in the church.

## **Youth Ministry Zoom Hangout**

Our Youth Minister, Mary Dinski, will be hosting a hangout with our St. Mary's & St. Joan's High Schoolers every Sunday at 4pm by way of Zoom. Mary also has a background in social work, so she will be leading the teens not only in a faith lesson, but also in activities that will help teens dealing with stress and anxiety during this time. It will also be a lot of fun! If you are interested in having your teen participate, please contact Mary at [mary@fiver.org](mailto:mary@fiver.org).

## **A Note to/for our Homebound**

For those unable to leave their homes during this time, please know that we have organized a group of 15 volunteers from the parish who are willing and ready to make deliveries in the Hamilton and Morrisville area. These volunteers have already begun to contact the known homebound in our parish communities, and have begun to assess their needs. They will also be calling the homebound once a week to check in on a regular basis. If you know of someone who is homebound, please call the parish office and we can assign them a volunteer. Just to be clear, the volunteers will not be entering these parishioners' homes for the sake of social distancing. They will simply leave resources/supplies at the person's front door step, and also take every precaution to sanitize.

## **"Tuesdays with Father"**

### **Live Streamed**

### **(Faith Formation Lessons for Children)**

Father will be engaging the young people of our parish online every Tuesday at 11:30am. He will be providing a brief Faith Formation lessons for the children of our parish. Please encourage your children to participate in this Lenten offering.



## **Praying for Medical Professionals**

Our medical professionals are our heroes, on the front line protecting us and working hard to find a cure. We, as a parish, are grateful to each and every one of them. We have added a place to pray for all medical professionals, including EMTs and support staff, under our prayer intentions. Please email [stmaryshamilton@syrdio.org](mailto:stmaryshamilton@syrdio.org) if there is anyone you would like added to the list.

## **Thank You to ARS!**

Father Hage would like to express his gratitude to ARS for making masks for the medical team at Hamilton Memorial. He dropped off around 40 masks made by ARS this past Monday, and the medical team at Hamilton Memorial were eternally grateful. Keep up the great work!

## **Please Offer Prayers:**

**For those who are ill, especially:** Louise MacDonnell, Michael K. Dugan, John Moore, Amber Buell, Brenda Thieben, David Lemery, Alex LaBrague, Nancy Cocker, Dick Cocker, Phyllis Harris, Jacob Lamb, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, James P. Sheehan, Bethany Merenda, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Richard Foligno, Eddie Kunze, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, John Wells, Bobby D'Angelo, Hannah Karlson, Mike & Sarah Periard, Dana Camp, Emily Carroll, Gertrude and Malcolm Pownall, Roy Rolle, Roy Roher, Mark Losee, Thomas Fadale, Joan Gorton, John Monahan, Christine Webb, Patti VanVoorhis, Carolyn Depta, Margaret Peer, Marsha Roberts, Michael Bartlett, Barbara Terras, Dorothy Lynch, Steve Jones, Esther Davis, Shane Gallup, Robin Maciag, Mark Naef, Mary Golley, and all those on our prayer lines.

**For the repose of the soul of Bob Gunther, may he rest in peace.**

**For all in the Military, especially:** SPC Ryan Fowler; 2LT Shelly Respecki; SGT Wade Curtis; PO Dan Molloy, USN; SGT Ian Witchley; LT Andrew Stopchick, USN; GySgt Greg Palmere, USMC; and Corp. Wayne Lyrek, USMC

**For all medical professionals, especially:** Kerri Taylor, Jennifer Meyers, Ellen Larson, Ray Meeks, and all others on the front lines of this pandemic.

## **A Blessing for Health Care Workers in Time of Pandemic -**

### **Author Unknown (adapted)**

Blessed are the health care workers that cannot be isolated or observe social distancing.

Blessed are the hands that are raw from scrubbing and sanitizing, and the hands for healing, comforting, and supporting.

Blessed are the shoulders that carry the weight of life & death. Blessed are the feet that are aching from standing at the bedside, running between rooms, and answering phones.

Blessed are the hearts that are frightened and breaking.

Blessed are the mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, sisters and brothers, partners and friends, who cannot go home.

Blessed are the families who become isolated from each other, the ones who sacrifice their own comfort so that others need not be alone in their suffering.

Blessed are the sick and the dying, those who bear the image of God before us.

Blessed are those who look upon their work as sacred and as gift at this time of overwhelming demand.

Blessed are those who lack the space to process all that lies ahead, and may others bear their burden with them.

Blessed are the ones who are found weeping in corners of our emergency rooms, our hospitals, our primary cares, our outpatient centers so that we might see a strong face to greet our need.

Blessed are those who weep openly with us, so that even our tears have companions.

Blessed are you, O God: quietly holding each of us along the way.

Come quickly, abide unceasingly.

Love us while we see the worst and give us the strength to do our best and continue our mission with compassionate care.

Amen.

## Ministry of Encouragement

Father Carey called Father Hage this week and graciously offered to call every household in our parish to check-in and see how everyone is doing. This will be a great addition to the larger effort to provide a ministry of encouragement to the parish during this difficult time. If you see a phone call coming in that you don't recognize, it might be our wonderful Father Carey reaching out to you!

## A Note about Mass Intentions

The intentions scheduled for each daily Mass will remain as they are. The intentions scheduled for our 5pm Vigil Mass and our 9am Sunday Mass will be rescheduled to be prayed at different upcoming Masses in the near future, especially on Fridays. Kathleen and Carol will be contacting these families to let them know that their intentions for these Masses have been rescheduled and they will alert them to the new dates. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

## Magnificat Online Goes Free, to Help the Homebound Pray from Home

As many are unable to attend Mass, the prayer and liturgy guide is now available to all. A note at the web site announces: During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. Content includes not only the readings for Mass, but also a prayer for morning and evening, as well as a daily meditation, penned by a variety of saints and modern-day masters of prayer and spirituality. You can find it here: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

## Consolation Ministers – March

St. Joan's –Lona Dahlem (495-6478), Chuck Molloy (684-9398) & Paula Curtis (684-9058)

St. Mary's – Sylvia Roe (315-824-2259) and Sabrina Cra-  
ven (315-263-7012)

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## St. Joan of Arc News

### St. Joan's Financial Support – 3-29

Ordinary Collection \$340.00

## Spring/Summer Ministers Schedule

The Spring/Summer Ministers Schedule will be made up the week of April 12. If you have additions/deletions or preferences, please let Carol know by Easter Sunday. Thank you all for serving!!

## Parish Socials

No Parish Social in April which falls on Easter.  
We would like to thank all our hostesses and cooks for making our socials such wonderful fellowship gatherings. If you would like to volunteer to assist as a hostess or bring goodies, please contact Judy Donnelly at 315-684-9584.

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## St. Mary's News

### St. Mary's Parish Financial Support – 3-29

Ordinary Collection	\$1,630.00
Electronic Giving	1,160.00
Tohatchi	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	35.00

*Please remember us in your will*

## Faith Formation Classes

Due to the pandemic, and the cancellation of Faith Formation classes, the Catechists will be contacting families via email to provide weekly grade level lessons which parents can do at home with their children. This will enable the students to continue some aspect of Faith Formation, and to engage their parents! If you have any questions or thoughts, please contact Peggy Rhyde (peggyrhyde@yahoo.com)

*The Sanctuary Candle is lit  
for the month of April  
in Memory of Thelma Belitz  
by Fran Belitz.*



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## BISHOP LUCIA HAS SUSPENDED ALL PUBLIC MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

*\*All regular gatherings that take place on our church campuses are cancelled until further notice.*

- **Father Hage will be live streaming the 8am daily Mass as well as the 11am Sunday Mass from his rectory.** He will be praying daily Masses Monday through Friday over live stream to encourage people to join him in prayer for an end to this epidemic and that our faith communities remain unharmed. <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysStJoans>
- **St. Mary's & St. Joan's parish offices are officially closed until further notice.** Parishioners are encouraged to communicate with the office over email and phone.
- **The church will still remain open during the day for private individual prayer and/or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**
- **Father Hage will be available to hear confessions at St. Mary's from 4pm to 5pm every Saturday.** A temporary confessional will be set up in the church to allow for safe distancing as well as easy sanitizing after each penitent celebrates the Sacrament.
- **Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms can no longer take place in the church until the government shutdown is ended.**
- **Don't forget to check out the weekly bulletin under the bulletin tab!**