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MARCH 29, 2020

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 PM and  
7 PM (Mass in Spanish);  
Sunday: 8 & 10 AM, 12 N & 5 PM  
Weekdays: M, T, W, F & Sat.: 8:30 AM  
Thursday: Communion Service 8:30 AM  
and Evening Mass 6:30 PM  
Holy Day: As Scheduled in Bulletin  
**Rite of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays 3:30-4 PM, & by appt.



## WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CHURCH!

Greetings to our faithful parishioners, visitors and guests. We are happy that you have come to join us in worship today. If you are new to our parish community, we invite you to introduce yourself to one of our priests or deacon and stop by the parish office to learn more about St. Joseph Church!

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Public weekday and Sunday Masses have been suspended until further notice.**

Please visit our parish website for up-to-date changes and happenings at  
St. Joseph Church:  
[www.stjosephsomerspoint.org](http://www.stjosephsomerspoint.org)



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### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 am James Burke, Sr., r/b St. Joseph's Parish Community and Bereavement Committee

4:30 pm George Malin, r/b Dr. John P. Gibbons

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 am Norma Vazquez, r/b Frances Caprara

10:00 am Ray Smith, r/b Terry Nagel

12:00 noon MaryBeth Ortzman, r/b Lisa Weiss

Evelyn Rush, r/b John Rush

Joanne Jackson, r/b the McCalin Family

Joseph Belcaro & Anthony Belcaro, r/b

Louis & Mariella Belcaro

5:00 pm Eileen Kimmins, r/b Family

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 am Tom Collins, r/b Tom Ziegler

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 am Elizabeth Chau, r/b Bob & Shirley Yeager

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 am Sue Merkes, r/b Tom & Jackie Baum

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 pm C. Douglas Mason, r/b Family

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

8:30 am FIRST FRIDAY INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 am Bunny Baum, r/b the Baum Family

4:30 pm Babe Fiorentino, r/b the Pollock Family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am Marian Lee Soulier-McBride, r/b Lovella More

10:00 am Eileen & Charles Bardowski, r/b Family

12:00 noon Mr. & Mrs. Gene Massi, r/b Dan & Claire Lawler

5:00 pm Nicholas Albrecht, r/b Family

Helen H. Schick, r/b Husband, Al

Regina Parker, r/b SKD Young Adult Group

John & Frances Kirwan, r/b Children



**WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE PRAYING FOR US!  
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## **PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.  
Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.  
Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.  
Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.  
Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.  
Jesus Christ, heal us.

-America Magazine

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

In order to prevent or reduce the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the state has implemented restrictions with regard to gathering and travel. In order to comply with both the letter and spirit of these restrictions, the diocese has issued directives which are summarized below, along with some changes specific to St. Joseph Church.

St. Joseph’s Regional School and Parish Offices are closed until further notice.

You may contact us via email - [parish@stjosephsomerspoint.org](mailto:parish@stjosephsomerspoint.org),

or you may leave a phone message at 609-927-3568, ext. 10.

St. Joseph’s Church remains open for private prayer between 10:00am and 3:00pm.  
Please use the double doors near the elevator.

All Masses and events are canceled including Holy Week services, Easter Masses, Weddings and Baptisms.

Funeral Arrangements are limited to 10 or fewer persons at the cemetery for committal.  
Funeral mass will be said privately with only clergy in attendance.

To receive the most up-to-date information from the parish, please sign up now for Flocknote. This is how the most up to date information on the changing Coronavirus situation will be disseminated. It’s easy! Simply text the message “sjspnj” to 84576 and follow the instructions you receive. You will be asked to provide your email address so you can receive longer messages directly.

Wishing God’s blessings on all of you. May God keep you and those you love safe and healthy!



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

The prophet's mission clearly is to his people in exile. He preaches on the hope-filled word of God to uplift them with the promise of new life, only because they have been spiritually dead. This will happen through God's own Spirit.

### Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11

The Holy Spirit is the true power-giving life for the Christian here on earth. Later this same Spirit will enable him or her to rise up from death.



### The Gospel: John 11: 1-45, or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 3-45

Jesus works His greatest of the seven "signs" by His giving of the gift of life. Having received this awesome power from His Father, calls forth Lazarus. The evangelist provides us with all the surrounding circumstances we need to bolster our belief in the miracle.

## Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now  
as if you were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to you.

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to be separated from you.

Amen.

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