

ST. JOSEPH PARISH/PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ

Mission Statement/Misión Parroquial

St. Joseph Parish is a welcoming Catholic community called to live, proclaim and foster God's steadfast love in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

La Parroquia de San José es una comunidad Católica acogedora llamada a vivir, proclamar y fomentar la misericordia de Dios en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

PARISH OFFICE/OFICINA PARROQUIAL

149 Goodwin Street, Bristol, CT
Church Home Page <http://www.stjosephbristol.org>

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School Home Page.....<http://school.stjosephbristol.org>

Pastor/Párroco.....Fr. Iván Ramirez
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School Principal/Director de la Escuela.....Eric C. Frenette
Religious Education Director.....Kimberlee A. Donahue
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Parish Office Manager.....Katherine A. Young

IN LOVING
memory



This week's Sanctuary candle
could be for *your loved one*.
Contact the Parish Center (860) 583-8131.



"To Learn and Love without Distinction."

School News - FYI

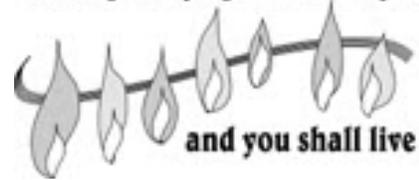
*Thank you to all who support our students and our school.
God bless!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR
FAMILIES DURING THIS UNCERTAIN TIME. BE SURE TO
REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

I will put my Spirit within you



and you shall live

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

4:00PM ANTHONY SCARAMUZZA REQ BY
KRIS SQUIRES

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

7:30AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY

10:30AM NICK FERNANDEZ REQ BY
MARTINEZ FAMILY

12N HECTOR SANCHEZ REQ BY VLADIMIR SANCHEZ

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

9:00AM NO MASS INTENTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

9:00AM HELEN & PAUL MONAHAN REQ BY CATHY WEISS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

9:00AM EDWARD O'CONNOR REQ BY DAUGHTER, JANET

6:00PM EDER ARIAS & ABERIRO TORRES

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

9:00AM NO MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

4:00PM DOROTHY BEAUCAR REQ BY PAULINE
SUSZCZYNSKI

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020 – PALM SUNDAY

7:30AM LACHANCE FAMILY REQ BY FAMILY

10:30AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH
PARISH FAMILY

12N GUIILLERMO SANCHEZ REQ BY WIFE

FASTING · ALMSGIVING · STUDY · PRAYER



JOURNEY TO A HOLY LENT

Lenten Schedule

Personal Prayer Monday – Thursday at 9:00AM -3PM
(Parish Center Chapel)

Confessions Mondays at 6:00PM; Saturdays at 2:30PM

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.



In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tell us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

REFLEXIÓN DE LECTURAS DE HOY

En este punto de nuestro camino Cuaresmal, estamos tentados a cansarnos de las disciplinas espirituales que hemos elegido. Las lecturas de hoy nos inspiran a permanecer fieles, en agradecida respuesta a Dios que tanto nos ama.

En nuestra segunda lectura, el profeta Ezequiel habla en las propias palabras de Dios para nosotros. "Pondré mi espíritu en ti para que vivas... Lo he prometido y lo haré, dice el Señor". Nuestro Dios quiere que estemos tan unidos que seamos uno con Él. Y Él ha prometido que lo hará. Pero solo si hacemos espacio para Él haciéndolo a Él la prioridad en nuestras vidas. El hacer de Dios lo primero, es una agradecida respuesta que le complace a Él.

¿Cómo podemos hacer esto? Nuestra segunda lectura, del libro de los Romanos, nos dice: "Aquellos que están en la carne no le pueden agradar a Dios. Pero ustedes no están en la carne... ustedes están en el espíritu si solo es Espíritu de Dios habita en ustedes".

Las disciplinas de la Cuaresma y una forma de vida servicial son regalos maravillosos que nos liberan del gran apego a "la carne". Los sacrificios que hacemos como siervos Cristianos no están para restringir nuestra libertad y felicidad. Todo lo contrario. Son herramientas que nos ayudan a encontrar la verdadera libertad y alegría, que solo vienen cuando hacemos espacio para Dios en nuestras vidas.

Mientras caminamos más cerca de la Pasión de nuestro Señor, intensifiquemos nuestras resoluciones Cuaresmales y nuestra forma de vida servicial, invitando al Espíritu Santo a tomar cada vez más el control de nuestras vidas. Ya para la Pascua, seremos más libres para regocijarnos en Él y verdaderamente complacer a Dios.

We are
all



Be sure to check our website and Facebook for services and information:

www.stjosephbristol.org



DAYS OF ABSTINENCE – All Fridays in Lent for all who reached their 14th birthday

WEEKDAYS OF LENT – No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended

EASTER DUTY – Must be made from the first Sunday in Lent (March 1) through Trinity Sunday (June 7)

SELF-DENIAL – Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

How does Online Giving Benefit Me and My Church

Donor Benefit

- **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet
- **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- **Flexible.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or parish office.
- Contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH)

Church Benefits

- **Stabilize Contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allow church to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store parishioner account information.
- **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.

Online giving will help sustain our church. Online giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your smart device or computer to our church.

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Parish Finances

March 29, 2020 – NO MASSES

Mail/drop off	693
Online Giving	<u>2,062</u>
Total	\$ 2,755



Thanks to all parishioners who have dropped off or mailed in their weekly envelopes.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

While public Masses have been cancelled throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford in order to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus, know that your continued support of the parish is crucial for its ongoing operations and obligations to employees, etc.

Please know that we are also sensitive to the fact that some parishioners may be facing financial hardships due to the epidemic.

Know that you can mail your contributions to:
St. Joseph Parish Center
 149 Goodwin St.
 Bristol, CT 06010
 or drop through the mail slot at the Parish Center.

You can also contribute on line by visiting our website@ stjosephbristol.org and click on online giving offered through Our Sunday Visitor or by setting up your gift via our website on your smart phone.

No matter how you decide, your support is greatly appreciated.

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2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to the Year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries, and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.



All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature. Go to <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal> for more details. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 ~ Catholic Relief Services Collection
 2:30PM CONFESSIONS, CH
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020
 6:00PM CONFESSIONS, CH

ALL OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS CANCELLED



Dear Parishioners:

I am continuing to celebrate the Holy Mass every day for the daily intentions already booked and for those suffering from the coronavirus. We are also live streaming Mass, Stations of the Cross and other services. Please check Facebook for notifications.

For your convenience, Masses will be offered on TV. Here is a list of scheduled TV and streaming Masses:

- **ORTV (WB20) & WCTX-TV (My TV 9) 10am**
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7 days a week
- **WCCT-TV - 5AM - Saturday and Sunday**
- **EWTN - Daily Mass is televised at 12AM, 8AM, 12PM & 7PM**
- **SALT & LIGHT TV - Mass at 6:30, 9:30 & 11AM, 3:00 & 10:30PM**
- **CATHOLIC TIV - Daily Mass at 9:30am, 12:30PM, 7PM & 11:30PM**

If you need anything, I ask that you contact the parish office or one of the parish staff.

Please continue to monitor Facebook or our website: stjosephbristol.org for any further information or changes throughout the Archdiocese.

Fr. Ivan Ramirez
Pastor

PRAYER LINE

To activate or to join St. Joseph Prayer Line, please call the numbers below/ Para activar llame a los siguientes números:

Days/Días: Sandi ~ 860-585-1028

Anytime/ En Cualquier Momento:

Pat: 860-589-3444 ~ Carmen: 860-329-7295 ~

Elizabeth: 860-597-1193



A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God, we come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.

Bristol All-Heart Hotline

860-584-6253



If you are in need of social services or other support during this Coronavirus public health emergency, the City of Bristol is here to help.

The hotline is for residents who are confined to their home, the disabled, those who are elderly and at risk if they go to the grocery store or to pick up precipitation, people with transportation issues, families who can't reach the School Food Distribution Sites, and other situations.

Call and leave a message with your name, phone number (email if applicable) and your specific need. A volunteer who has been screened by the Mayor's Office will be matched with you to assist you with your request.

www.bristolct.gov