



LENT 2019

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

'During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.' **Pope Francis**

Special Liturgies & Events **See reverse for details.*

March 2-3: Catholic Relief Services' **Rice Bowl*** distribution at Mass

St. Vincent de Paul's **40 Days – 40 Items*** distribution at Mass

March 6 (Ash Wednesday): Masses at 8 am, 1 pm and 7 pm

Ashes will be available in church to take to those who cannot attend Mass.

March 10, 17, 24: "Lenten Conversations"*

March 23: "Growing in Prayer through Female Images of God"* ~

A Guided Retreat Day for Men and Women with Sr. Maria McCoy SSJ, D. Min.

April 10: **Parish Reconciliation Service** with individual confession

Stations of the Cross (6-6:30 pm Tuesdays unless noted)

- ◇ **March 12** (St. Matthew) ~ Led by *St. John's Youth Group*
- ◇ **March 19** (St. Mark) ~ Led by *Deacon John Bowie*
- ◇ **March 26** (St. Luke) ~ Led by the *Ministry with Persons with Disabilities*
- ◇ **April 2** (St. John) ~ Led by a *parish family*
- ◇ **April 9** (St. Paul) ~ Led by *Deacon Ray Vadino*
- ◇ **Monday, April 15** ~ *Living Stations* by MPRCS students (1:15 and 7 pm)
- ◇ **April 19 (Good Friday)** ~ Led by *Deacon Walt Lance* (7 pm)



Ongoing

Weekday Mass: 8 am Wednesday – Friday

Morning Communion Service: 8 am Tuesday


Eucharistic Adoration: 9-4 weekdays (Parish House Chapel)

Rosary: 7:30 pm each Monday & 7:30 pm last Wednesday of the month (Parish House Chapel)

Weekend Masses: 5 pm Saturday Vigil; 8, 9:30, 11:30 am Sunday

 **Mass of Welcoming & Inclusion:** 11:30 am 1st Sunday


American Sign Language interpreter: 11:30 am 1st & 3rd Sundays, Palm Sunday, Easter

 *Braille worship aids, Assistive Listening Devices and low-gluten Hosts are always available.*

Confession/Reconciliation: 4-4:50 pm Saturdays or by appointment: (610) 874-3418

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 14)

5 pm Saturday (April 13) Vigil Mass; 8, 9:30 and 11:30 am (ASL) Sunday Masses 

Holy Thursday (April 18) ~ Washing of the Feet and Hands

7 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper (*Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society*)

Good Friday (April 19)

3 pm – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (*Collection for the Holy Land*)

7 pm – Stations of the Cross


Holy Saturday (April 20) – No 5 pm Vigil Mass

1 pm – Blessing of Easter Food

2 pm – Sensory Friendly Easter Egg Hunt (RSVP: bbrady06@gmail.com)

7 pm – Easter Vigil Service of Light (*Return Rice Bowls*)



Easter Sunday (April 21) – Masses at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 am (ASL)  (*Return Rice Bowls*)

Events (from reverse side)



CRS Rice Bowl. St. John Chrysostom Parish will participate again this Lent in Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action Catholic Relief Services program that helps us encounter our brothers and sisters here and around the world through prayer, fasting and giving. Rice Bowls will be distributed March 2-3 at all Masses and collected in church on Easter. The program includes prayers, recipes and family activities. Proceeds support CRS efforts worldwide; *25 percent of donations support our local food pantries.* Learn more at www.crsricebowl.org or download the Rice Bowl app.

Rice Bowl collection: Easter Sunday and Sundays of Easter

NEW **40 Days – 40 Items.** This new parish activity invites you to simplify your life by sharing with others. Just pick up a “40 Days” bag in church March 2-3 (or use your own bag). Each day in Lent, take one item of clothing that you no longer wear or need, and put it in the bag. If you like, say a brief prayer for the future recipient. On Sunday, April 28, drop off your collected items at the Green Drop truck in the SJC parking lot. All donations benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which assists local families in crisis, regardless of their faith. Please continue to support St. Vincent de Paul through Green Drop.

Drop-off Day: 8:30 am - 1 pm Sunday, April 28, in SJC Parking Lot



NEW **“Growing in Prayer through Female Images of God”: A Lenten Guided Retreat Day.**

St. John Paul II reminds us that Sacred Scripture includes comparisons that attribute “masculine” and “feminine” qualities to God. The Psalms compare God to a caring mother and God’s love to that of a mother. Exploration of the feminine is essential for bringing to light the fullness of what it means to be created in God’s image and likeness. This important day for our parish invites men and women alike to explore how expanded God imagery can be critical for our spiritual and human development. Lunch will be included. Please RSVP by March 20 to mchollet@sjcparish.org.

9 am – 3 pm March 23. Facilitator: Sister Maria McCoy, SSI, D. Min.



NEW **“Lenten Conversations”: A 3-Part Series.** This casual and inspiring series for parents, held during our Religious Education class time, will help you grasp the purpose of Lent and deepen your relationship with Jesus, making the season meaningful and transformative. Light refreshments will be served.

10:40 am to noon March 10, 17 and 24. Facilitator: John Kinuthia

