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## Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN



***Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020***



On behalf of Fr. Brannen,  
and the Staff at  
Blessed Sacrament Church  
**HAPPY EASTER!**

*Rejoice! He is Risen!*



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**Please Join Us! Live-Stream**  
**Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.**  
**All are welcome to join our celebration!**

Recorded Mass Available at 11:00 a.m.

*Blessed Holy Water will be available for distribution  
once the safety restrictions have been lifted.*

# Happy Easter!

We Catholics love holy-Catholic things, don't we? It's just in our blood. And you don't get any holier than Holy Week or any more Catholic than the Holy Week liturgies. We love attending Mass on Holy Thursday night, watching the washing of the feet, the Eucharistic procession to the gym, and then an hour sitting with the Lord in his hour of need. "Could you not stay awake and watch with me for one hour?" We love making the stations of the cross on Good Friday, shouting "Crucify him!" during the reading of the Passion and then venerating the holy cross. The *visceral reaction* of entering our church on Good Friday with no holy water in the fonts, the altar bare of white cloths or candles, the sanctuary light nowhere to be seen...and the tabernacle empty with the door left open. And then we go home and clean our house (symbolic of cleaning our souls). And we try to remain still and quiet from noon to three, with our "hearts on the cross." Holy Saturday is an easier day, a day of joyful anticipation. We are usually getting things ready, preparing eggs, setting out our new Easter clothes and receiving our loved ones who are coming to visit.

But this Holy Week is different. It is not what we expected and it is not what we wanted. Its missing so many of the holy, Catholic things we love. However, God has permitted this and we believe that He will bring good from it. This is all part of His great plan to save the world. God is reminding us that we are not in control, even though He has blessed our nation greatly. God is training us to trust Him, that He will save the world in His own time and in His own way. He is inviting us to pray always: May God's holy will be done, in everything and everyone! In that first Holy Week, God took the greatest possible evil and brought from it the greatest possible good; from the crucifixion and death of Jesus...to His resurrection! And He can bring great good from the Corona virus pandemic as well.

The devil is like the grinch who tried to steal Christmas. We have all seen the Christmas cartoon and we know that the grinch failed. The truth of Christmas is a lot more than the gifts and parties we give and receive. And Easter will not be stolen either, no matter what course this disease may take. We are sad that we are not able to come to church for Easter Mass, but the risen Jesus will come to us, if we ask!

I want to encourage you to have a *solemn celebration* of the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday in your homes. It might look something like this: Holy Thursday: At the supper table, read the story of the Last Supper from the Bible. Have a family discussion about how Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist for the first time and how he washed the feet of his disciples. Do the same on Good Friday, or make the Stations of the Cross via live stream. Make Saturday a day of preparation. Get your hearts ready to truly celebrate Easter. And then, on Easter Sunday, talk about the Resurrection with your family, and what Christ's resurrection means for us. Watch Easter Mass on live stream and finish with the salutation: "Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed!" Because of this great victory, we can be at peace even when one of our loved ones dies...and when that day comes for us. We are not in control, but Jesus is.

The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children. True, the parish and school do a lot of teaching and formation, but as I always say to the young parents in my baptism classes, "No one can teach your children about Jesus Christ better than you. God gave them to you, and He will give you the wisdom and the *charism* (a gift of the Holy Spirit) to pass your faith on to them. What a great opportunity God has given us in Holy Week 2020 to practice this tradition!"

The Resurrection is the greatest news in all the Good News of the Gospel. The Catholic Church will always celebrate Easter as the feast of all feasts. I am sorry

that I will not be able to be with you personally to celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year. But the risen Jesus will be with you. And I wish you what He brought to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to His apostles after his resurrection. I wish you His Peace.

In the midst of one of the most serious crisis our nation has ever experienced, with so much sickness, suffering and death; may the Peace of the Risen Jesus be with you!

"It is I. Do not be afraid. Peace be with you."

Happy Easter to all.

Christ has risen. Christ has risen indeed!

Fr. Brett Brannen  
Pastor



An advertisement for a virtual Mass. It features a photograph of a church interior with a priest at the altar. Overlaid text reads: "JOIN US FOR VIRTUAL MASS", "Daily Masses at 8:00 a.m.", "Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.", and "Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.". A smaller text at the bottom states: "Live-streamed through Facebook Recorded Message available on website by 10:00 a.m. the next day".

A graphic titled "Act of Spiritual Communion". It includes a photograph of Eucharistic elements (host and chalice) covered in white cloth. Text within the graphic includes: "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." Below this is another section: "Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart." Further text reads: "I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You." At the bottom is the word "Amen".



## He is no longer in the tomb.

Jesus' resurrection marks His triumph of good over evil, sin over death. His resurrection is the fulfillment of God's promises to us.

Will you take the time with Our Lord in gratitude for his triumph over sin and death, so that WE may have eternal life?  
One hour, 45 minutes, 30 minutes, 15 minutes?

Contact Sheila Lowe 912.656.9109 or [miloga89@gmail.com](mailto:miloga89@gmail.com) to join the community of Adorers, while the **Adoration Chapel** is **CLOSED**.

Listen Pray Adore



The Adoration Chapel is temporarily closed, however, Fr. Brannen will be live-streaming the Holy Rosary from inside the Chapel, **Monday-Friday, at 12:00 p.m.** Please join us to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed Sacrament Facebook [LINK](#)



## Vatican Grants Emergency Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Plenary Indulgence

Because of the pandemic, anyone who, with "the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible," recites the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the intention "to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself," can receive a plenary indulgence each day.

Full Article on Vatican Indulgence

How to Recite Chaplet of The Divine Mercy



# COVID-19 PARISH UPDATE

## The Church, Church Offices and Adoration Chapel are

### TEMPORARILY CLOSED

### UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**Due to the Mayor's "Shelter in Place"  
Proclamation, all Church, Adoration,  
Sacramental and Confession opportunities  
are canceled until further notice.**

I am praying for you and for our parish.

Fr. Brett Brannen

*It is with a sorrowful heart that we must discourage everyone from coming to the Adoration Chapel or Church campus at this time. As soon as the restrictions are lifted we will reopen all buildings for your worship benefit.*

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



Please don't forget to tithe. With the suspension of all public Masses there are no opportunities for basket giving. Please continue to support your church

by mailing in your gift, setting up BillPay directly through your bank, or signing up for OSV Online Giving so that we can continue to pay basic church essentials including staff & faculty salaries and a variety of ministry efforts for the needy.

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**Our Sick:** Maria Barquero, Sherry Butler, Lucie Bryant, Barbara Carter, Stephanie Carter, Julia Jackson Chriss, Joan Christian, Nancy Collins, Val Davis, Ann Farr, Corky Fleming, Kaylee Fogarty, Claire Hayes, Ken Hobert, Billy & Susann Kearney, Bobbi Keith, Campbell King, Susan Lai, Linda Lallak, Kandace Lewis, Rosanne MacCauley, Eunice Martin, Frank Mathews, Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy, Tony Mesaros, Billy Moyer, Karen Odom, Tripp Reynolds, Helen Jean Rhody, Suzanne Robida, Justin Safford, Charles Sanders, Margaret & Terry Scafidi, Joan Schyberg, Patricia Sevier, Megan Sheehan, Linda Spellman, Jim Steffen, Lily Stuckey, Lenycia Torrecampo, Jenni Williams, Creig Wood.

**Our Military and their families at home and abroad:** CPO Julius V. Carter, LCDR Michael DeLoach, Pfc. Andrew P. Dennis, Cpl USMC Caroline Dove, CPT US Army Rajan Dulamal, 1 LT USAF Giles Gonnsen, MAJ II Robert Hart, CPT Charles Edward Jones IV, CPL Jason Larson, SPT Alex Lee, SGT Kevin T. Sheahan, TSgt USAF Gordon M. Strom.

**Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of:** Pete Conneff, 90, who died March 30th. May he rest in peace with Jesus in heaven. Please pray also for the consolation of his family.

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday	†Pro Populo	
Monday	†Helen O. Eady	ANN
Tuesday	†Anne Ware Lewis	ANN
Wednesday	†Paulina Tawill	Healing
Thursday	†Charles Clark Poston	ANN
Friday	†Murray Family Deceased Members	
Saturday	†Gene Nixon +rip	



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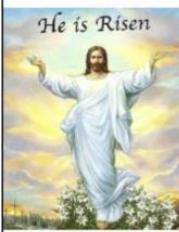
## CENTENNIAL JUBILEE PRAYER REQUEST

Only 30% of our 750 families at BSC attend mass faithfully. That means that 525 registered families are not regularly attending Sunday mass. Please pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be that these dear children of God will return during our centennial jubilee to the fullness of the sacramental life of the church.

—Thank you

PLEASE CHECK PARISH WEBSITE FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION

### This Week at Blessed Sacrament Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 12 9:00 Virtual Mass	April 13 8:00 Virtual Mass	April 14 8:00 Virtual Mass	April 15 8:00 Virtual Mass	April 16 8:00 Virtual Mass	April 17 8:00 Virtual Mass	April 18
12:00 ROSARY livestreamed						
 He is Risen Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	 Friday within the Octave of Easter	 5:30 Virtual Mass
						Saturday within the Octave of Easter

## April Birthdays!

4/12: David Carpenter, Marcia Thompson, Mary Sullivan, Brett Estabrook, Jennifer McNamara, Melanie Powers, Matthew Coppage, James Jurick;

4/13: Christopher Lane, Katherine Walker, Mary McKenzie;

4/14: Molly Bass, Walter Tindol, Obelia Michael; 4/15: Kathleen Cundy, Lee Ann Holcomb, Marcus Dove, Geethal Fernando, Taylor Martino; 4/16: Michele Dillon, Arthur Fleming, Camille Wallden, Robert Brannen, John Lojko, Jack Harpring, Josie Hollis, Emma Mesaros, Sean Lojko; 4/17: Deborah Kegl, Paul Thompson, Jessica Futrell, Latrell White, Katherine Osbourne, Katherine Upchurch, Noah Jarrell, Brooklyne Louderback; 4/18: Kenneth Weaver, Catherine McIntosh, Elizabeth Poston, Erika Simpson, Ella Rojas, Zoe Tomazin, Aleena Norris.

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## BSS NEWS & EVENTS

Principal - Lynn C. Brown

Assistant Principal - Helen Willoughby

For more information or to schedule a tour, please call (912) 356-6987

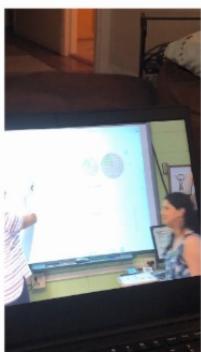


## BSS CONNECTS - UPDATE!

Our faculty and staff continue to work hard to provide the best education possible to our children. As we continue to adapt to our new distance learning formats we are also making adjustments and changes to our lesson plans and teaching methods. Each day passes and new obstacles are discovered, reworked, and overcome. We could not have done it without the support, patience, and kind words from our BSS families over the past few weeks. **Thank you!**

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** In regard to Governor Kemp's recent directive Blessed Sacrament School campus will remain closed for the rest of the school year. We will continue to educate our BSS children through our distance learning platform, BSS Connects: Providing Community, Education, and Support.

**GO IRISH!**



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