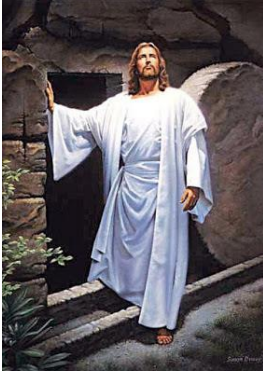


April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday



We Christians are a people of hope and Joy!

We can look beyond the sufferings of the present time to new life and resurrection.

The way of the Cross was for Jesus the way to new life and victory over sin and death. In spite of all we are suffering this year, we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ, our Savior. May God bless you and your loved ones, all those suffering with the Corona virus and all the healthcare professionals and first responders and all serving the welfare of our families and community.

We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior! We celebrate that the Eternal Father has raised His crucified Son to a new life and glory. He has given us hope that if we cling to the living Body of Christ through faith and carry His Cross in our lives then we too shall rise to a new life and glory.

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Is there someone you know: in your family, a neighbor or friend, whom you can encourage to come home? Someone may be waiting for the invitation to come and find peace. The Lord needs **YOU** to extend the invitation.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIOCESE

Unfortunately, during times of crisis, scammers emerge to prey on the vulnerable. We have had a report that **scammers are impersonating clergy** in an effort to gain access to our peoples' accounts. Please, verify any communications from clergy or parish before sending any personal information.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Bill Lawler, Mary Tabler, Fr. Charles Dillingham

VIEW MASS

Please view Mass from St. Helena's via YouTube. You can also find the link (as well as updates) on the St. Helena's website below and on St. Helena's Facebook page.

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

If you need to come to the Rectory we ask that you please call 302-764-0325 THANK YOU!

The Offertory Collections

Please note: we can receive envelopes by US mail or you can drop off your envelope at the rectory via the front door mail slot and by Online Giving. THANK YOU to everyone who is supporting our parish by online giving, mail or by dropping off your envelopes.

COVID-19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or
public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to
immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of
hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.
Amen.



Cancelled

Out of respect for all our Bingo players, volunteers and our community at large, we are cancelling our weekly Bingo. We will reassess the situation at another time and decide when it is best to begin weekly Bingo games again. We offer our prayers that all in our community remain well and we look forward to seeing everyone at Bingo when we begin our games again.



MASSES

Msgr Russell is celebrating a Mass each day privately, as the Bishop said. If there is a Mass intention listed for any of the Masses, he is offering the Mass for that intention. If there are more intentions listed, he will celebrate that Mass at another day when there is no intention. He misses seeing all of you at Mass but is praying for all of you. Pray that God delivers us from this Corona Virus.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11

Morning Prayer
People of the Parish

Sunday, April 12

People of the Parish

Monday, April 13

Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

Tuesday, April 14

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 15

Nick & Rose Cekine, Sr.

Thursday, April 16

John Dusik (Anniversary)

Friday, April 17

Francis Fedena

Saturday, April 18

Rick Armes

Sunday, April 19

People of the Parish



Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



Changes in Light of the Novel Coronavirus

from Bishop Malooly...

To comply with the orders and guidance of the governors of the States of Delaware and Maryland, Bishop Malooly instructs that **all parish churches be closed until further notice. No gatherings or services should be organized that bring people out of their homes.**

The closure means that churches may not be open for private prayer. No drive-in, drive-through, drive-up, or other type services are permitted.

In addition, Bishop Malooly has instructed priests not to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in parishes and to only perform the Sacraments in cases where the individual is in danger of dying.

We need to take every precaution and every step necessary to ensure the health of the people we serve. Government officials and experts have said that these upcoming weeks will be critical to slowing the spread of the disease in this area.

Parish offices should be closed to the public. Only minimal staff may be brought in to perform essential functions. Programs that serve those in need may continue, respecting social distancing guidelines.

Funeral Masses remain suspended, with only graveside services taking place with no more than 10 people present, including the priest performing the Rite of Committal.

All parishes are encouraged to find ways to remain in contact with their parishioners via telephone and digital means. Additional information can be found at cdow.org/coronavirus.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust policy as necessary.

Let us continue to pray for our diocese, our health care workers, and for all affected by the coronavirus.