

May 17, 2020
6th Sunday of Easter



In our Gospel, once again we hear Jesus at the Last Supper sharing His last thoughts before He would begin His suffering, death and resurrection. He wanted to assure us He would not leave us orphans. His Spirit would come and dwell within us. He would guide and teach us. Jesus would ask the Father to send the Spirit to us.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. The following weekend we will celebrate Pentecost—the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the soul of the Church.

Thank you to all who are contributing to the support of our parish by online giving or mailing your contributions or dropping it off at the Rectory.

Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank the 71 folks who have pledged \$39,140.00 toward our parish goal of \$63,000. That is 62.13% of our target.

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

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell about the daily scripture or the upcoming one for Sunday. Please visit our YouTube Channel to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on FaceBook Live Saturday at 5pm, and save it to YouTube afterward for people to watch.

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 Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Mary Tabler, Fr. Charles Dillingham

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.

The Offertory Collections: For the week of 5/3 was \$7,017.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,634.00 for a total of \$9,651.00
THANK YOU!

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - SEEING CHRIST IN THE FACES OF OTHERS

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments".

Scripture teaches us that serving Christ is a fundamental part of our Catholic faith and that serving the Lord means serving others. When we give of ourselves on behalf of others, the Holy Spirit works through us and Jesus is served.

In these continuing difficult times, it becomes clearer that our role as Church is more critical than ever in helping those in need. Bearing witness to poverty, illness and injustice and responding in the spirit of Christ are the hallmarks of the many ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal. Be sure to view the brief video offering moving testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or paying their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other; let us yet find ways to be loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

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, May 16

Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 17

People of the Parish

Monday, May 18

Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 19

Paul O. Knight

Wednesday, May 20

Helen Santora (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, May 21

Colette Bleistine

Friday, May 22

Edward Rich, Sr.

Saturday, May 23

Joseph Fedena

Dolores Dusa

Sunday, May 24

People of the Parish



“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

--Pope Francis



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.