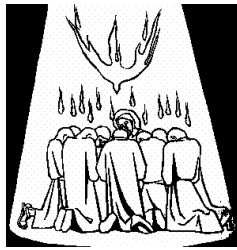


**May 30, 2020**

**Pentecost**



**We rejoice in the solemnity of Pentecost.** We celebrate that moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and energized the infant Church to go forth and proclaim the ‘good news’ of Christ. It is the culmination of the whole Lenten-Easter Season. We have celebrated again the mystery that is at the heart of our Christian lives. We have united with the Crucified and Risen Lord in the mystery of the Cross. Jesus has returned to the Father who sent Him to us. But Jesus also remains with us – in the Spirit.

We who have been baptized and confirmed have the Spirit as the ‘soul’ of our life. The Spirit is the soul of the whole Church. The spirit is the source of all life and His gifts.

***“Come Holy Spirit!”***

**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 Note:**

For safety reasons we cannot simply leave the Church doors open for Masses. Doors will be open 15 minutes before Mass (Those helping with the reopening of our Church will be entering Church by the priest’s sacristy entrance beforehand.)

The Church doors will open 15 minutes before Mass. Please maintain 6 ft. distance from non-family members while waiting.

When you enter there will be a parishioner standing at a table inviting you to use the hand sanitizer on the table and take a copy of instructions.

All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 13. If you do not have a mask, you can receive one from the person who greets you. Thank you to the parishioners who are helping us to reopen our church for our celebration of Mass.

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.

Starting June 6/7 we will be able to have the celebration of Mass at 5pm on Sat. (This Mass will be live streamed also) and 7am, 9am and 11am on Sun. All doors of the Church will be locked after each Mass so necessary steps to sanitize the Church can be taken before the next Mass.

Beginning June 1: For daily Mass at 7am (Tues, Thurs and Fri) or 9am. Please enter church by the side doors near the altar area.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> the Church will remain open for private prayer after the 9am daily Mass until 11am.

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

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.**

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal - Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others**

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others* invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help. It is a reminder of the parable when Jesus said that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) That verse was a favorite of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who said, "I see Jesus in every human being".

Within the next few days, you may receive a mailing from Bishop Malooly inviting your participation in 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.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting [www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal). Please view the brief video offering inspiring 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>

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 30**

9:00am (SR) Erv Steele

5:00pm (SR) People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 31**

9:00am (SR) Edward Rick, Sr.

**Monday, June 1**

9:00am (SR) Dan Marchione

**Tuesday, June 2**

7:00am (EF) Colette Bleistine

9:00am (SR) Rocco & Rose D'Amato

**Wednesday, June 3**

9:00am (SR) Kevin Horne, Jr.

**Thursday, June 4**

7:00am (EF) Bart L. Meriggi (48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:00am (SR) Victor Capodanno  
(14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Friday, June 5**

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Jen Burke

**Saturday, June 6**

9:00am (SR) Kathy Northey

5:00pm (SR) Timothy Castiglione

**Sunday, June 7**

7:00am (EF) Thomas & Therese Lawless

9:00am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Joseph Bower



**If you need to come to the Rectory we ask that you please call 302-764-0325 THANK YOU! The Mass book for 2021 is now open, please mail in or place your request through the mail slot of the rectory door.**

**The Offertory Collections:** For the week of 5/17 was \$4,113.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,794.00 for a total of \$5,907.00. Thank You!

**PLEASE HELP THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS**

**Pit Barrel Cooker Raffle**

Virtual Drawing: Wednesday July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Please help Christopher Council Knights to continue its charitable works supporting our Churches and community during this COVID-19 pandemic. We support Holy Rosary & St. Helena's Food Closets, Emanuel Dining Rooms, and Coats for Kids, Mary Campbell Center, Special Olympics, and the Guardians of the Defenders Memorial, and other outreach programs.

- 1 entry \$2.00
- 3 for \$5.00
- 10 for \$10.00
- 25 for \$20.00

Purchase your virtual raffle ticket(s) by clicking on the link below.

<https://christopher-council-pitbarrelcooker-raffle.cheddarup.com>

With the above link, you may pay by credit card, check or cash. Checks should be made payable to K of C #3182 and mailed to:

K of C #3182  
Attn: Neal Potts, GK - Smoker Raffle  
135 Princeton Ave.  
Claymont, DE 19703

Cash should be in an envelope labeled "Smoker Raffle - Attn: Neal Potts, GK"



**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.

Thank you for sharing Brother Knight Manny Velez.

## *Changes in Light of the Novel Coronavirus from Bishop Malooly...*

**Delaware parishes of the Diocese of Wilmington may resume daily Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning Monday, June 1, 2020.**

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass issued on March 12, 2020 remains in place for the Diocese of Wilmington. Parishes should continue to make Masses available to the faithful through such means as internet livestream or recording, ensuring that the faithful may maintain a spiritual connection with their local church.

Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives. All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church for any reason. Likewise, anyone with a persistent cough or who otherwise does not feel well should not come to church.

Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g. over the age of sixty, existing heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or otherwise immuno-compromised) are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Church until all restrictions have been lifted. Individuals are the primary protectors of their own health; during this current situation, there is always risk coming into public spaces. To that end, coming into an open church building carries that same risk. Individuals assume that risk for themselves in these circumstances.

All liturgical celebrations should observe limitations on gathering sizes and ensure social distancing.

All members of the assembly and all ministers, except the priest-celebrant, are to wear face coverings at all times while in church. The priest-celebrant is *permitted* to wear a covering during Mass but not *required* except during the distribution of Communion.

All members of the assembly and all ministers are to sanitize their hands upon entering the church.

Home visits to the sick by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion continue to be prohibited until further notice.

The Sacrament of the Sick should only be administered in danger of death situations only.

Masses of Christian Burial and Wedding Masses are not permitted until further notice. The rationale for this decision is to allow parishes to have a slow and gradual start up. The Bishop expects to lift this restriction once all parishes have had the opportunity to get through a week of daily Masses and one weekend of Masses.

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.