

St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 29, 2020

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent, the gospel is from St. John, chapter 11, the raising of Lazarus. A powerful gospel – when Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus, their brother was sick – and they were hoping and to some degree expecting – Jesus to come and heal their brother, but Jesus waited and waited deliberately. And in that time, Lazarus died. For Martha and Mary – there was of course grief and maybe some disappointment that Jesus did not come. Jesus also felt sadness for his friend – as we read – “Jesus wept.” But then, from this grief and sadness, something incredible happened – Jesus went to the tomb and said “Lazarus come out” – and he was alive again. And incredible miracle helped many to come to believe in the veracity of Jesus and his message. From great sadness and disappointment – came hope and the experience of God’s love.

A relevant message for us, as we suffer through what seems like a new dark ages. As I write this – there is the hope that the drug used to treat malaria in conjunction with an anti-biotic c-pac could be an effective treatment. We hope and pray this will work. But in the mean time – we continue to work together to slow the spread – which means a lot of sacrifice. But we are a faithful and resilient people, hopefully when we have recovered, and we will recover – we will bring with us a new appreciation for family life, rather than constantly being on the go to soccer, dance class, travel baseball, football, basketball – maybe we can be deliberate to have “family” time, that is simply spending time together. The same is true about coming together for the celebration of Mass – come to worship God and experience His Word and Sacraments through the community of the Church – and also seeing each other, not at church half way – running in late and leaving early – but being – all in, God’s time. So from this hardship hopefully we come through stronger in our faith and more deliberate about family life.

As you might know, we now have a **FACEBOOK** page: **St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish**. There are already quite a few followers: and it is good way to stay in touch, though the parish website is regularly updated. The bulletin company has temporally closed, so we are doing an abbreviated bulletin. In terms of scheduling – I receive consistent updates from the Vicar General, and at this point in time, we will have no public Masses for Palm Sunday and sadly, Holy Week or Easter Sunday.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM John Donovan

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Bibi Vetere

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM William L. Lubeck

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

9:00 AM George and Grace Garofalo

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Members of the McCarthy and Suozzo Families

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Ambrose Coyne

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:30 PM Joseph O'Connor

7:30 AM Jaclyn Cinque

9:30 AM Matthew McGuinness

11:30 AM For the People of St. Gregory Barbarigo



All these liturgies will be celebrated, with the deacons, but not in a public capacity. Presently we are looking to broadcast Mass through **FACEBOOK**, so watch the parish website for updates. By the way, **blessed palms** will be available in the Narthex on Palm Sunday.

His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan was at the Marian Shrine recently, to ask for the intercession of the Blessed Mother to help bring this virus to an end. The Cardinal has visited several Marian shrines in the Archdiocese, for instance the Shrine of Our Lady Mt. Camel in Middletown, asking for the intercession of the Blessed Mother. I am hoping families pray together, in fact each day at 4:00 pm is a great time to pray a rosary as a family asking the Blessed Mother to protect us and help those who are sick.

And finally, the financial position of the parish is getting difficult. As you probably realize, we rely on the Sunday collection to carry on, well there is not Sunday collection, but there are still people who are employed here, who have families and expenses as well. In addition to meeting payroll, we have the usual expenses as well: utilities, insurance, etc. Please don't forget your parish.

So to continue to support the parish, there are a few options. One – you can use the Narthex kitchen door, for a **Door Donation**, i.e. the **church is open every day** from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, so you can slip your envelope under the kitchen door, which is locked. Another possibility is – consider joining other parishioners and donate electronically to the parish through the WeShare link. To find it, simply go to the parish website, and there you will find an easy-to-use link. Another option – you can put your envelope in the mail slot in the rectory front door, and finally, you can mail your donation in as well.

So, try to be at peace, pray every day, don't lose hope, and like today's gospel, in time, we trust that Jesus will say: **“Lazarus come out!”** And we will begin again.

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~ GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING ~

For the Lord's generosity, we returned to His Church

A Week Ago 03/22/2020	\$1,315.00
We Share	<u>\$2,805.00</u>
Total Weekly	\$4,120.00
A Year Ago 03/24/19	<u>\$12,898.54</u>

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