

ST JOSEPH ~ HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2020

SUNDAY, 3/29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, 3/30 - ROSE COTTERMAN

TUESDAY, 3/31 -

WEDNESDAY, 4/1 - MARY RUSLER & ANN MAXSON

THURSDAY, 4/2 - DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAM I. WALKER FAMILY

FRIDAY, 4/3 - CHARLES, VI, AND CHRISTI FEHRMAN

SUNDAY, 4/5 SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR'S NOTE

PARISHIONERS, AS AMERICANS WE ALWAYS WANT TO BLAME SOMEONE OR SOMETHING FOR OUR DISCOMFORT AND DISTRESS. THIS IS NO DIFFERENT AS WE FACE THE CORONAVIRUS. WE WANT TO ACCUSE SOMEONE FOR THE HARDSHIPS WE ARE GOING THROUGH. OFTEN, WE BLAME GOD FOR OUR HARDSHIPS. WE FEEL THAT GOD COULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS, OR THAT GOD IS PUNISHING US UNFAIRLY. WE MUST REALIZE THAT INSTEAD OF GOD PUNISHING US HE IS NOT ABLE TO HELP US BECAUSE WE ARE NOT OBEYING HIM. IN PSALM 81 WE HEAR GOD EXCLAIM, "BUT MY PEOPLE DID NOT HEED MY VOICE AND ISRAEL WOULD NOT OBEY, SO I LEFT THEM IN THEIR STUBBORNNESS OF HEART TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN DESIRES." SINCE THE PEOPLE REFUSED TO LISTEN TO GOD, HE WAS UNABLE TO HELP THEM, SO HE LEFT THEM TO THEIR OWN DEVICES. VERY PREDICTABLY WITHOUT GOD'S HELP THEY BEGAN TO FAIL AND MAKE A MESS OF EVERYTHING. WE EVEN FIND THIS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHEN THE PEOPLE OF NAZARETH REFUSED TO LISTEN TO JESUS BECAUSE THEY KNEW HIM AS THE SON OF THE CARPENTER (MT 13: 54-58). HE WAS UNABLE TO WORK MIGHTY DEEDS THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF FAITH. THIS STILL HAPPENS WITH US; SINCE WE REFUSE TO OBEY JESUS, HE IS NOT ABLE TO HELP US. AS WE GO THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, WE SHOULD BE EXAMINING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. DO WE RELY SOLELY ON OUR ABILITY WITHOUT ASKING FOR GOD'S HELP? DO WE GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY'S TO HONOR AND GLORIFY GOD OR FEEL WE DON'T NEED TO? THIS IS A TIME OF GRACE WHEN WE CAN RETURN TO GOD IN HUMILITY AND OBEY HIM.

PANDEMIC

BY LYNN UNGAR

WHAT IF YOU THOUGHT OF IT AS THE JEWS CONSIDER THE SABBATH—
THE MOST SACRED OF TIMES?
CEASE FROM TRAVEL

CEASE FROM BUYING AND SELLING
GIVE UP, JUST FOR NOW, ON TRYING TO MAKE THE WORLD DIFFERENT THAN IT IS.
SING, PRAY, TOUCH ONLY THOSE TO WHOM YOU COMMIT YOUR LIFE AND ENTER DOWN.
AND WHEN YOUR BODY HAS BECOME STILL
REACH OUT WITH YOUR HEART
KNOW THAT WE ARE CONNECTED IN WAYS THAT ARE TERRIFYING AND BEAUTIFUL
(YOU COULD HARDLY DENY IT NOW.)
KNOW THAT OUR LIVES ARE IN ONE ANOTHER'S HANDS.
(SURELY THIS HAS BECOME CLEAR.)
DO NOT REACH OUR YOUR HANDS.
REACH OUT YOUR HEART.
REACH OUT YOUR WORDS.
REACH OUT ALL THE TENDRILS OF COMPASSION THAT MOVE, INVISIBLY, WHEN WE CANNOT TOUCH.
PROMISE THIS WORLD YOUR LOVE—FOR BETTER, OR FOR WORSE,
IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH,
SO LONG AS WE ALL SHALL LIVE.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

DURING THIS RATHER DARK TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN WE ARE NOT CELEBRATING A PUBLIC MASS, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION. THE CHURCH ENCOURAGES, EVEN DAILY, HOLY COMMUNION, BUT IF AT ANY TIME WE CANNOT GO TO MASS IN OR OUT OF THIS SEASON OF THE CORONAVIRUS, WE CAN STILL UNITE OURSELVES TO THE EUCHARIST THROUGH MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION. BY MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION, WE EXPRESS OUR FAITH IN CHRIST'S REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST AND ASK HIM TO UNITE HIMSELF WITH US. HERE IS THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WRITTEN BY ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI:
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 IN TO MY SOUL.
SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,
COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.
I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.
NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.
AMEN.

NOTICE – IF YOU PLAN ON DROPPING ANYTHING OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE.

OFFERINGS - WE WANT TO LET ALL PARISHIONERS KNOW THAT YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING TO THE CHURCHES ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY MUCH NEEDED TO KEEP THE CHURCHES AND SCHOOL IN OPERATION. DURING THIS VERY UNUSUAL TIME OF UNCERTAINTY WOULD YOU PLEASE MAIL YOUR ENVELOPE TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OR ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, P.O. BOX 190, SOMERSET, OHIO 43783. THANK YOU.

EASTER EGGS – UNFORTUNATELY, THE 7TH GRADE CLASS WILL NOT BE DOING THE CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A COOK. MUST HAVE STATE OF OHIO FOOD SERVICE LICENSE. PLEASE CONTACT MR. BILL NOLL AT 757-288-4030.

CEMETERY NOTICE – PLEASE REMOVE ALL WINTER DECORATIONS AND PERSONAL ITEMS FROM THE ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY AND HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY BY THE END OF MARCH. THANK YOU.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST – OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY AT THE SOMERSET METHODIST CHURCH IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, TOILET PAPER, HAIR SHAMPOO, AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT. DONATIONS OF THESE ITEMS CAN BE PUT IN THE CONTAINER LOCATED IN THE ENTRANCE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OR YOU CAN DROP OFF ITEMS AT THE FOOD PANTRY.