

**S T J O S E P H ~ H O L Y T R I N I T Y C H U R C H**  
**APRIL 19, 2020**

**SUNDAY, 4/19 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

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MONDAY, 4/20

TUESDAY, 4/21 – FRANCIS BUSHUE

WEDNESDAY, 4/22 – VALERIE STEVENSON

THURSDAY, 4/23 – ROSE M. EMMERT (ANNIV.)

FRIDAY, 4/24 – LLOYD AND GRACE WILSON

**SUNDAY, 4/26 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> COLLECTION**

**ST. JOSEPH**

EXPENSES - \$1,900.00  
REC'D - \$1,125.00

**HOLY TRINITY**

CHURCH / SCHOOL  
EXPENSES - \$4,700.00  
REC'D - \$1,890.00

**SCHOOL SUPPORT CONTRIBUTIONS**

HOLY TRINITY – \$265.00  
ST. JOSEPH'S - \$178.00

**ST. JOSEPH MAINTENANCE FUND**

\$82.00

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**AN INVITATION FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

**AS WE WORK TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY AND LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT HOPE FOR THE DAY WHEN NORMAL PARISH LIFE CAN RESUME, I INVITE YOU TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER:**

**1) DAILY GIFT OF PRAYER – PLEASE MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PRAYER AS WE TURN TO OUR LOVING GOD DURING THIS GREAT TIME OF NEED.**

**2) PHONE OUTREACH –** PARISHIONERS CAN CHECK ON EACH OTHER AND OUR ELDERLY PARISHIONERS BY GIVING THEM A PHONE CALL.

**3) GIFT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT –** I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CRISIS WILL ALSO HAVE A FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MANY, IF NOT ALL OUR PARISH FAMILIES. PLEASE KNOW THAT I AM GRATEFUL FOR ANY CONTINUED SUPPORT YOU ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN THESE VERY CHALLENGING TIMES. YOU CAN MAIL YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OR ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, P.O. BOX 190, SOMERSET, OHIO 43783. THANK YOU.

**4) OFFERING CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT BY CALLING 743-1399.**

**5) LIVE STREAMING MASS AT [WWW.HOLYTRINITYCATHOLICPARISH.COM](http://WWW.HOLYTRINITYCATHOLICPARISH.COM).**

**BULLETIN - PARISHIONERS CAN VIEW THE BULLETIN BY VISITING [WWW.HOLYTRINITYCATHOLICPARISH.COM](http://WWW.HOLYTRINITYCATHOLICPARISH.COM). OR HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH FACEBOOK. THERE WILL ALSO BE COPIES IN THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES.**

**NOTICE - THE PARISH OFFICE STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING IRREGULAR HOURS DURING THIS TRYING TIME. IF YOU CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND GET NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND BRIEF MESSAGE AND WE WILL GET BACK WITH YOU. ALSO, IF YOU NEED TO STOP IN AT THE OFFICE PLEASE CALL AHEAD.**

### **PASTOR'S NOTE**

PARISHIONERS, THIS HAS BEEN A TRAUMATIC TIME FOR US ALL. AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO END IN SIGHT. THE DAILY BRIEFINGS LEAVE US WITH A SENSE THAT THIS IS DOOMSDAY; THIS IS OUR ARMAGEDDON, THE END OF THE WORLD. THE SURGEON GENERAL TOLD US THAT LAST WEEK WOULD BE THE SADDEST WEEK WE'LL EVER GO THROUGH; IT WILL BE OUR PEARL HARBOR AFFECTING OUR WHOLE COUNTRY ONLY WITH MANY MORE DEATHS. OUR WORLD HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. WE ARE NOW SEEING THINGS IN OUR LIVES IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LIGHT. WHAT WE CONSIDERED SO IMPORTANT AND SO PRESSING HAS BEEN SHATTERED. NOTHING IS THE SAME. WE ARE TOLD TO STAY IN PLACE, TO BE LOCKED DOWN AS IF LOCKED UP IN A PRISON, WEAR A FACE MASK, KEEP A SOCIAL DISTANCE—THIS ALL GOES AGAINST OUR SENSE OF FREEDOM AS AMERICANS. OUR CHURCHES ARE EMPTY; WE NO LONGER CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST TOGETHER. WHEN I SAY THE MASS WITHOUT A CONGREGATION I'M REMINDED OF CHRIST IN HIS PASSION WHEN JUDAS ISCARIOT BETRAYED HIM, PETER DENIED HIM, AND ALL THE APOSTLES EXCEPT JOHN HAD RUN AWAY; NOW NO ONE IS WITH CHRIST IN THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS. THROUGH THIS TOPSY-TURVY TIME, WE REALIZE ALL THE THINGS THAT WE TOOK FOR GRANTED. WE'RE NO LONGER RUNNING AROUND TO SPORTS OR GYMNASICS, GATHERING WITH OUR FAMILIES, BEING WITH THE GRAND KIDS, OR SOCIALIZING WITH FRIENDS OR WHATEVER. THIS TIME OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPRECIATE WHAT WE'VE TAKEN FOR GRANTED OR JUST REALLY NEVER PAID ATTENTION TO. WHAT ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? MAYBE WE HAVEN'T GONE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY'S. WE ALWAYS KNEW THAT THERE WAS MASS, BUT NOW WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO COME TO MASS. MAYBE THIS SHOWS US THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY'S. OR MAYBE IT'S OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR FAMILIES, OUR SPOUSES, OUR CHILDREN? THE SAME IS TRUE WITH OUR JOBS, THE WORK WE DO. GOD IS GIVING US THIS TIME TO APPRECIATE WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US.

## 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.

**CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE. FOR AN UPDATED LISTING OF RESOURCES TO GET HELP, OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE HELP, AND WAYS FOR FAMILIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, VISIT [WWW.COLUMBUSCATHOLIC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS-RESPONSE](http://WWW.COLUMBUSCATHOLIC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS-RESPONSE)**

## **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

O SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND FOSTER FATHER OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, WE TURN TO YOU IN OUR TIME OF NEED KNOWING FULLY THAT YOU ARE A SOURCE OF CONSOLATION, COMFORT, AND SOLACE.

COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED AND HOPE OF THE SICK, HELP THOSE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO HAVE THE CORONAVIRUS; BRING THEM STRENGTH, PERSEVERANCE AND HEALING. PATRON OF THE DYING, DELIVER THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO ARE DYING OF THE CORONAVIRUS INTO THE MERCIFUL ARMS OF THE YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST.

JOSEPH MOST COURAGEOUS, HELP THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF THIS PANDEMIC WITH HEALTH OF MIND AND BODY AND ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR CHALLENGES AND STRIFE.

AND FINALLY, IN TIMES OF FEAR AND ANXIETY, TAKE US UNDER YOUR LOVING PROTECTION AND AID US FROM ON HIGH.

AMEN