

ST JOSEPH ~ HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
MAY 3, 2020

SUNDAY, 5/3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, 5/4 – CHARLES, VI, AND CHRISTI FEHRMAN

TUESDAY, 5/5

WEDNESDAY, 5/6 – SANDY LITZINGER

THURSDAY, 5/7 – JEAN FLAUTT (ANNIV.)

FRIDAY, 5/8 – TOM PAXTON

SATURDAY, 5/9

SUNDAY, 5/10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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APRIL 26TH COLLECTION

ST. JOSEPH
REC'D - \$360.00

HOLY TRINITY
REC'D - \$3,391.00

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 VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SENDING IN YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. DURING THIS TIME THEY HAVE BEEN A BIG HELP IN CONTINUING TO KEEP OUR TWO PARISHES AND SCHOOL IN OPERATION. I WANT YOU TO KNOW

THAT I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT YOU ARE MAKING.
LET US ALL PRAY THAT THIS CORONAVIRUS SCOURGE WILL PASS AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET
BACK TO CHURCH SOON.
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) CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT BY CALLING 743-1399.

5) PRE-RECORDED MASS AT WWW.HOLYTRINITYCATHOLICPARISH.COM.

BULLETIN - PARISHIONERS CAN VIEW THE BULLETIN BY VISITING
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR'S NOTE

PARISHIONERS, "OFFER IT UP" WAS AN EXPRESSION I OFTEN HEARD THE NUNS SAY IN CATHOLIC
SCHOOL. THEY USED IT WHEN THE STUDENTS WOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT HAVING TO DO
SOMETHING OR CRITICIZING SOME DECISION. IT MIGHT SEEM THEY WERE TELLING US TO SUCK IT
UP, BUT THERE WAS MORE TO IT THAN SIMPLY ENDURING SOMETHING INCONVENIENT. WE HAD A
REASON FOR ACCEPTING SOME SUFFERING OR INCONVENIENCE; WE WERE OFFERING IT UP WITH
CHRIST'S SUFFERING AND DEATH ON THE CROSS. WE WERE TO UNITE OURSELVES WITH CHRIST IN
ASKING FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS AND THE SINS OF OTHERS. CHRIST HAD SUBJECTED HIS
BODY TO ABUSE AND SHED HIS BLOOD TO FORGIVE OUR SINS. HE DID NOT ENDURE HIS PAIN AND
AGONY FOR THE SAKE OF JUST ENDURING THIS TORTURE, BUT TO MAKE REPARATION TO HIS
FATHER FOR OUR SINS AGAINST HIS LOVE FOR US. BY UNITING OUR SACRIFICE AND SUFFERING
WE COULD MAKE REPARATION FOR OUR SINS AND THE SINS OF OTHERS TO GOD, THE FATHER.
BUT WE SEEM TO HAVE LOST THIS CONCEPT OF SUFFERING. DURING THIS STAY AT HOME, THIS
LOCK DOWN, IN THIS PANDEMIC HAS BEEN A SUFFERING AND STRESS FOR ALL OF US, BUT WE SEE
NO REASON FOR IT. INSTEAD OF USING IT FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN CHRIST, WE COMPLAIN,
BLAME OUR OFFICIALS, GO STIR CRAZY OR WORSE. IN OUR MISERY, PAIN, STRESS, AND
FRUSTRATION, WE CAN FIND MEANING IN THIS; WE CAN PICK UP OUR CROSS AND OFFER OUR
SUFFERINGS WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERING ON THE CROSS.

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

The Meaning of Blessedness

How easy it is, in times of ease, for us to become dependent on our routines, on the established order of our day-to-day existence, to carry us along. We begin to take things for granted, to rely on ourselves and on our own resources, to "settle in" in this world and look to it for our support. We all too easily come to equate being comfortable with a sense of well-being, to seek our comfort solely in the sense of being comfortable. Friends and possessions surround us, one day is followed by the next, good health and happiness for the most part are ours. We don't have to desire much of the things of this world - to be enamored of riches, for example, or greedy or avaricious - in order to have gained this sense of comfort and well-being, to trust in them as our support - and to take God for granted. It is the status quo that we rely on, that carries us from day to day, and somehow we begin to lose sight of the fact that under all these things and behind all these things it is God who supports and sustains us. We go along, taking for granted that tomorrow will be very much like today, comfortable in the world we have created for ourselves, secure in the established order we have learned to live with, however imperfect it may be, and give little thought to God at all.

Somehow, then, God must contrive to break through those routines of ours and remind us once again, like Israel, that we are ultimately dependent only upon him, that he has made us and destined us for life with him through all eternity, that the things of this world and this world itself are not our lasting city, that his we are and that we must look to him and turn to him in everything. Then it is, perhaps, that he must allow our whole world to be turned upside down in order to remind us it is not our permanent abode or final destiny, to bring us to our senses and restore our sense of values, to turn our thoughts once more to him - even if at first our thoughts are questioning and full of reproaches. Then it is that he must remind us again, with terrible clarity, that he meant exactly what he said in those seemingly simple words of the Sermon on the Mount: "Do not be anxious about what you shall eat, or what you shall wear, or where you shall sleep, but seek first the kingdom of God and his justice."

FATHER WALTER J. CISZEK, S.J.

Father Ciszek (d. 1984) was convicted of being a "Vatican spy" in World War II and spent twenty-three years in Soviet gulag.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO, April 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Yesterday, 27 April 2020, Governor Mike DeWine presented a strategy to begin a multi-phased plan, even while the executive "Stay at Home Order" remains in place. His plan begins a process for Ohioans gradually to return to work and daily activity and provides hope and evidence that our cooperation with the governor's orders has significantly

curbed the spread of the virus. We thank you for and admire the patience, cooperation and understanding you have already shown during this COVID-19 pandemic. We realize the frustration, sadness, and loss the faithful felt not to be able to gather personally to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries during the Sacred Triduum and each Sunday. During this time of sacrifice and longing, we have joined our prayers and hearts to yours, trusting that God will see us through this pandemic and reunite us at the Eucharistic Feast. Out of deep concern for the common good as well as the physical and spiritual well-being of all the people of Ohio, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have agreed once again to cooperate with the governor, and to support and abide by the multi-phased approach to returning to work and eventual public gathering in large groups. To that end, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio extend the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies ending on May 29th, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. Each of the bishops of Ohio, once again, dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in their territories from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass during this time. We ask for the cooperation and adherence of all the faithful to the governor's directives during this period. We will be working diligently with our pastoral teams to consider reasonable, gradual and responsible initiatives for welcoming back the faithful in time to Sunday Mass, initiatives which will renew our love for the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and which will help us to restore Catholic life and invite others to share that life after the pandemic. We encourage individual dioceses and their respective pastors and parishioners to begin to work to establish plans which respect social distancing and other requirements for the safety of our people. This decision has not been taken lightly and, as your bishops, together with you, we recognize the sacrifice we are called to make being physically distanced from the Holy Eucharist and from one another. We remain grateful for your understanding and prayerful support. As your bishops we continue to encourage you to keep holy the Lord's Day by participating in Sunday Mass by way of radio broadcast or televised or live streamed options and making a spiritual communion. Keeping in mind of the gift of plenary indulgences offered to us by the Church, we encourage all the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer, praying as a family or individually the Liturgy of the Hours, rosary, divine mercy chaplet, and Stations of the Cross, etc. Together we continue to pray for all who are suffering from Covid19, for all health care workers and first responders, for all the deceased and their families, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust in the glorious hope of His Resurrection.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Columbus, Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton, Bishop of Steubenville, Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J., Bishop of Youngstown, Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak, Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland, Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, Most Rev. J. Michael Botean, Romanian Eparchy of Canton, Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ Byzantine Eparchy of Parma