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MAY 10, 2020

SUNDAY, 5/10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, 5/11 – VALERIE STEVENSON (ANNIV.)

TUESDAY, 5/12 - FRANCIS BUSHUE

WEDNESDAY, 5/13 – JOHN PATRICK STUDER

THURSDAY, 5/14 – HAROLD AND MONICA HITCHENS

FRIDAY, 5/15 – TOM ALTHAUSER

SATURDAY, 5/16

SUNDAY, 5/17 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAY 3RD COLLECTION

ST. JOSEPH

EXPENSES - \$1,900.00

REC'D - \$1,632.00

HOLY TRINITY

CHURCH / SCHOOL

EXPENSES - \$4,700.00

REC'D - \$1,662.00

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL SUPPORT

HOLY TRINITY – \$277.00

ST. JOSEPH'S - \$210.00

ST. JOSEPH MAINTENACE FUND - \$75.00

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR'S NOTE

PARISHIONERS, THE NEW NORM. WHAT WILL THAT BE? AFTER WHAT WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH, WE JUST HOPE TO GET BACK TO WHAT WAS NORMAL. BUT WHAT, AGAIN, IS NORMAL. AS THE OLD EXPRESSION GOES, WHAT IS NORMAL? NO TWO PEOPLE WOULD DEFINE NORMAL THE SAME WAY; THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH DIVERSITY AMONG US. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD LIKE TO GET BACK TO WHAT OUR ROUTINE WAS BEFORE THIS SHUT-DOWN. IN MANY WAYS THAT IS OUR HOPE. HOWEVER, NOTHING WILL BE THE SAME. AS WE START TO EMERGE FROM HIBERNATION AND MOVE AROUND A BIT, WE SEE OUR WORLD DIFFERENTLY. CERTAINLY, ONE THING WE LOOK AT IS OUR RELIGION. MAYBE WE FEEL GOD IS PUNISHING US BY THIS PANDEMIC AFFLICTION, OR DOES NOT ANSWER OUR PRAYERS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE CAN COME OUT OF THIS STRONGER. WE CAN GROW IN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH AND A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR CHRIST IN OUR LIVES. FOR MOST OF US, GOING TO MASS AND RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST WILL MEAN MUCH MORE. WE HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF MASS AND THE EUCHARIST FOR 8 WEEKS. SOME PARISHIONERS HAVE MENTIONED HOW THEY MISS THE MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST, AND HOPE THAT THEY CAN GET BACK SOON. WITH THE CLOSINGS OF OUR CHURCHES, I HOPE THAT WE HAVE GROWN IN A GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE MASS AND THE EUCHARIST; EVEN AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING TO MASS REGULARLY. SOMEHOW EVEN THOSE WHO DO NOT ATTEND MASS EVERY SUNDAY CAN MISS IT WHEN IT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. I THINK THAT THE LORD HAS BEEN USING THIS SHUT-DOWN FOR OUR GROWING CLOSER TO HIM AT MASS AND THE EUCHARIST. AT MASS CHRIST UNITES US TO HIMSELF IN HIS HUMANITY TO BRING US TO THE DIVINITY HE HAS WITH GOD THE FATHER. THE LORD IS CALLING US BACK TO CHURCH, PARTICULARLY ON SUNDAYS. THE DIOCESES IN OHIO ARE PREPARING TO OPEN OUR CHURCHES ON THE LAST WEEKEND OF THIS MONTH, MAY 30-31, PENTECOST SUNDAY. THIS IS A TIME FOR ALL OF US WHETHER WE HAVE BEEN GOING REGULARLY OR NOT, TO RENEW OURSELVES AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD BY GATHERING ON SUNDAYS TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP HIM.

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.

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.

MAY ECO-TIP...TIPS TO HELP THE EARTH

PERRY COUNTY WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING IS PLEASED TO BEGIN ACCEPTING MATERIALS AT THE DROP-OFF CONTAINERS LOCATED AT THE TOP OF THE DRIVE AT PERCO. MATERIALS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE CONTAINERS AND NO MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR HANDLED BY ANY RECYCLING WORKERS AT THIS TIME. THIS SITE IS UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE; ANYONE LEAVING MATERIALS ON THE GROUND OR DEPOSITING GARBAGE INTO THE BINS WILL BE CITED FOR LITTERING. PLEASE, IF THE BINS ARE FULL, CALL 740-342-7881 AND WE WILL CHANGE THEM OUT. DO NOT LEAVE MATERIALS ON THE GROUND OR AT THE CENTER. WE PLAN TO PHASE IN MORE LOCATIONS SOON. THANK YOU.