

ALL "PUBLIC" MASSES SUSPENDED BY BISHOP SERRATELLI

Fifth Sunday of Lent- March 29, 2020

FR. CHRIS' PRIVATE MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

8:30 A.M. James Nicholl

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH

8:00 A.M. Clare Walloga

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00 A.M. Francesca Kariyawasam

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:00 A.M. Patrick Connolly

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:00 A.M. Dominick Amabile

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

8:00 A.M. William L. Barrett

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00 A.M. Marie Quaranta

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH -Palm Sunday

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish

SCRIPTURES

April 5, 2020--Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

First Reading: In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope. (ISAIAH 50: 4-7)

SECOND READING: IN EXULTANT TONES, PAUL TELLS THE PHILIPPIANS TO REJOICE BECAUSE CHRIST BECAME MAN, DIED ON THE CROSS, ROSE FROM THE DEAD, AND SITS TRIUMPHANTLY AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. (PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11)

GOSPEL: THIS IS A SOLEMN NARRATIVE OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. MATTHEW RECOUNTS THE TREACHERY AND BETRAYAL OF JUDAS AND THEN DESCRIBES THE EVENTS OF THE LAST SUPPER, CULMINATING IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST. JESUS ENDURES THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN; HE IS THEN BROUGHT BEFORE CAIAPHAS AND PILATE AND CONDEMNED TO DEATH. AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, THE CENTURION SHOUTED, "CLEARLY THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD." (MATTHEW 26: 14-27, 66)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- March 29, 2020

When Jesus heard of the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead & sick. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one, or for healing. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. *Please note-* offering is \$15.

BAPTISMS are SUSPENDED at this time. To arrange for a Baptism later this year, please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.

SUNDAY and EASTER OFFERINGS CAN BE MAILED IN TO: Star of the Sea Church, PO BOX 337, Lake Hopatcong, NJ, 07849, or sent through electronic giving at "We Share" on our website at e-Catholic.olsoslh.org. Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS CRISIS.

Palms will not be blessed or distributed this year due to the coronavirus crisis, and the efforts to minimize its spread.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

ALL CCD CLASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. UPDATES WILL BE POSTED AS WE RECEIVE THEM.

CHOIR

Check your e-mail from Mrs. Therese Butler for updates on practices GOING FORWARD.



Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Fr. John Connolly, Fr. Daniel Kelly, Patricia Schaffhauser, Betty Gardner, Lisa Ann Fisher, Joan Elise Butler, Susan Totino, Anne Nichols, Ellen Cohen, Geneva Kumar, Vanessa Espinoza, Quinn Gorman, Dan Iadarola, Frances Ferrara, Lillian Colello, Maryanne Drozdick, Dora Lavin, Mary Ann Miller, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. *We pray for recently deceased:* Pasqualina (Delores) Ulianiello, Ramon Fischetti, Clare Walloga, Fr. Eamon O'Hara, Fr. Tom Curran, and all who have died from COVID-19.



"The Lenten Companion - A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel," meetings are suspended. Groups are advised to continue to read their books and the readings suggested. Anyone can go online to Ascensionpress.com for the videos of this series and other Lenten activities.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving.



Please be sure to continue to follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit

orb.crs.org for more info & additional resources to use. ***We will make a determination as to where & when the Rice Bowls can be dropped off at a later date. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS- WE ARE GOING FORWARD WITH DECORATING THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER. Easter is our greatest feast-

celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus & fitting that our sanctuary reflects this joy. You can help by donating an *Easter flower* in memory of a loved one. *Donation of \$25.00* is requested. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

BUS TRIP for "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" - WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020, 7pm show is STILL ON as of NOW. Hold off on Payments until April 25th. Updates as we have them.

Kerry Moore, Muriel Pazzaglia's daughter, is generously donating her time to our seniors who may need drives to doctors, grocery stores, and/or pick up of meds, groceries, etc. Please call her at 973-479-0830 and set up a time.

Grocery shopping available for Seniors during this crisis: Stop & Shop Sparta 60 & up from 6-7:30AM, Shoprite Wharton 1-2pm Seniors 62 & up, and at BJ's 8-9AM, and Costco 9-10am Seniors 60 & up.

LIVE STREAMING of Sunday 8:30AM Mass we hope to have available for you by April 5th - Palm Sunday. Look for the link on our website: olsoslh.org later in the week.



The Rosary is being recited daily at 8:30am. Please join us from home for this powerful prayer to Our Blessed Mother for a swift resolution to this virus.

Updates from the Pastor

Our Easter letter was mailed to you just one week ago. Since then much has changed in our daily lives. We are now in "Stay at Home" mode and this restriction may stay in place until well after Easter. Our public masses have been cancelled, Religious Education is suspended and much of Parish Life has closed down. It does not feel like Lent for me and I am aware that Holy week begins on April 5th, which is Palm Sunday.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, April 9,10,11, will be celebrated at 7:30 PM without a congregation and will be "live Streamed," (more details to come). If you have a computer or I-phone you should be able to pick it up.

On Easter Sunday I will celebrate Mass at 8:30 AM and that will be live streamed also. We want to do all we can to protect all our parishioners, the elderly, our families, and especially our children at this difficult time.

Our Food Pantry will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist those in need in our area. People should call ahead to 973-663-0211 if they are in need. For everyone's safety we are trying to comply with the social distancing rule, so please do not just show up.

I ask you, if possible, to be faithful in your giving to our parish during these "lockdown" weeks and especially with your Easter donation. Our Easter Collection is extremely important to our financial health.

You can mail your offering envelopes to us at PO Box 337, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849.

We depend on you to help us through this difficult time for us all. You can also sign up for on-line giving which is confidential. You choose the amount you wish to donate each week and this contribution will get to our parish in a timely fashion each month.

You can sign up through We Share; the On Line Access is through this link: olsoslh.churchgiving.com.

The Diocese has put resources about e-Catholic, Flocknote, and Live-streaming on the Chancery website: <https://chancery.rcdop.org/tech> as well.

Please pray the Rosary each day for a quick end to this crisis. May the Lord Jesus and His Mother bless you and protect you at Holy Week and Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Chris



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER- to benefit our High School Scholarship Award Program is on now. We receive 40% of sales. If you have filled out hard copies, please Call in your orders by Monday, March 30th to Sue Sacino, 973-601-3028, and mail payment to our Treasurer, Susan Mihok, 3 Fawn Terrace, Wharton, NJ 07885. You can also continue to Order online until July 1st at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com, enter Group Number 999979759. Thank you for your generosity.

SHOPRITE CARDS In light of current events, please call the rectory 973-663-0211 to make arrangements for purchase and pick up, or mailing of gift cards. Thank you.



DIOCESAN MANDATES

1. The Bishop has suspended all public masses. (EWTN Channel 135 has Sunday mass at 8AM and 12PM. CFN Ch.137 at 11AM)
2. A Private Mass will be celebrated 8AM during week, 9AM Saturdays, & 8:30am Sundays by Fr. Chris to fulfill his obligations.
3. Now is the time to pray. CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 5pm DAILY.
4. Wednesday night Lenten masses- suspended.
5. No Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent.
6. Confirmation is suspended.
7. First Communion is deferred.
8. Funerals -Masses suspended.
10. For decisions on Holy Week and Easter see Fr. Chris' reflection.
11. Everyone should pray the Rosary for an end to this crisis.

We pray for everyone's safety, and for a complete resolution to this virus traveling the world.

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake
 May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable
 May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
 May we who have the flexibility to care for our children while their schools are closed
remember those who have no options.
 May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.
 May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.
 May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.
 During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
 let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



FOOD PANTRY- WILL REMAIN OPEN
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS- call 973-663-0211
with your order and a pick up time will be given.
DROPPING OFF FOOD please call before doing so- There is a receptacle outside the pantry at the rectory.
 Coordinator-Toni Tarigh. **Only items listed are needed.**
 Items needed: **CREAMY peanut butter, STRAWBERRY JELLY, JUICES, chicken broth, beets, spinach, CANNED FRUIT.**
Household: cleaners, shampoo, conditioner, TP, paper towels.
Refrigerator: milk, yogurt; frozen foods.
 NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations are also accepted.
Thank you to the Bolcars and Judy Sterner for their donations.

