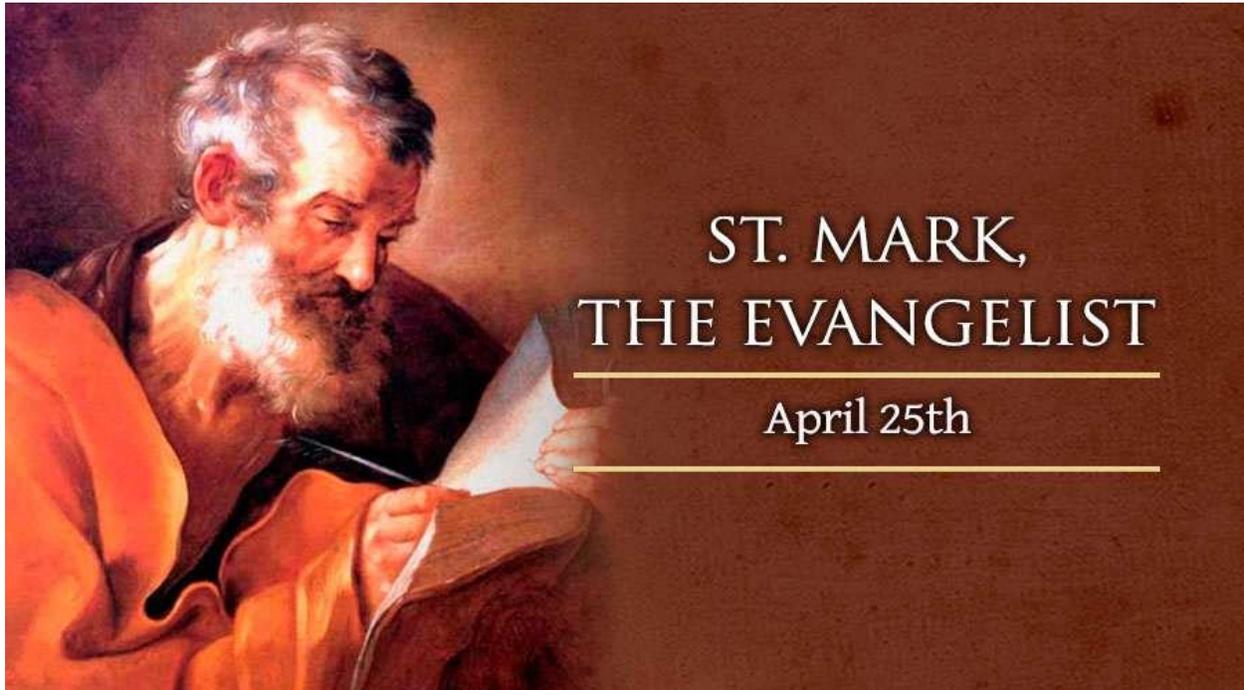


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**Another (about time) Letter to the Parish.** I'm finally over my anger at the Circleville Rolling Car Show. It was about the day and the time of this fantastic new way to spread the Covid 19 Virus. New, exciting, stupid to have on **Holy Saturday** at the same time I was to celebrate the PRIVATE Easter Vigil. With the noise of cars backfiring, music blaring, groups not social distancing, was difficult to rationalize my being alone on the Greatest Mass of the Church Year. Like I said, I'm over it. And if you missed it, I heard there is an encore presentation on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. In most cases, people are expected to learn from their mistakes. Not make them again.

Two Christmas' ago, I got a new-to-me Lionel diesel. Said on the listing runs forward and reverse. Only in someone's imagination. After oiling it, then over-oiling it, then oiling it some more, I could get it to move. Not consistently, or smoothly, or without a whole lot of not normal noise, I did what I thought was reasonable. Just keep it to look at. Two years later, being quarantined, and staying at home, like the Gov. ordered, not suggested or recommended as was told to me,... it was an order (but I'm over that now), I set up a test track about 10' x 3' to see if I could get the diesel back from the dead. I did put about 5 gallons of oil in the motor (exaggeration), but I didn't remember if I oiled the wheels and grease the gears. Took it apart again. Did not oil the motors (2 of 'em). But I did oil the wheels and greased the gears. Made sure they could move. Took it to the test track. Little engine that could and did. Ran so fast, it fell off the track! Good thing it was on the floor and carpeted.

Have you checked your "oil" lately? Do your gears need some grease? Was on a Zoom call yesterday with the Bishop and about 80 priests of the Diocese. Talk was about "restarting" the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We're working on a plan. Laying down the "test track". I'm asking the Bishop for St. Joe's to be a "host" site for the Sacrament. Did the letter today. "Be patient!" Other details will be greased and oiled before we can apply the power to it. The Sacrament will be beginning to be celebrated sometime after May 1<sup>st</sup>. And there will be precautions to come with it. Masks required. Take your temperature. Set up an appointment (not yet!). Days and times to

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be determined. And maybe do a trial run before we put the train together. Be patient! And have hope. It's coming.

**WE ARE ALWAYS CATHOLIC** The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world we know and were comfortable with and, in doing so, has caused pain and suffering to the people of God. This is just the most current storm the Church has had to weather, and she will endure this as well, as will we. The Bishops ask us to remember to keep Sundays holy. Maintain the Sabbath with prayer. Watch Mass on TV or streaming online and make Spiritual Acts of Communion. Pray the Rosary with your family. Pray the Liturgy of the Hours in union with the universal Church. Tell your children the Gospel. Teach them about the Church and her Sacraments. Jesus said He will be with us "until the end of the age" and He is with us still. Take heart and remember, we are not just Catholic at Mass.

Offertory Week of April 17<sup>th</sup> - \$3,460 *Thank you, parishioners!*

Mailing Offertory: St. Joseph Parish, **PO Box 40**, Circleville, OH 43113

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**MASS INTENTIONS** – Please know that Fr. Ted continues to say daily mass at the rectory with our scheduled mass intentions. Please know that your family and loved ones are in our prayers.

**PSR UPDATE** - As you know schools are closed for the remainder of the school year. Therefore, we will not be returning to PSR this school year. I hope you have taken the time to teach the lessons sent to you for your child/children. It is important to keep the faith alive in our lives. You are the first teachers of the faith. They learn from you before they ever learn from our catechist.

**Together We Can Overcome. A call for donations for those in need.**

**DRIVE THRU DONATION COLLECTION**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon**  
**St. Joseph Parish Center, 777 E. Ohio Street, Circleville**

**Items Needed:** Spaghetti/pasta, bar soap, can soups, diapers (Size 5), pull-ups, baby bottles, individual snack items, laundry supplies, bread