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## **A WORD FROM FR. LEWIS ...**

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### **Third Sunday of Easter**

My dear fellow Saints-in-the-Making, joyful greetings in our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

Praying that you are all well, I encourage us, that as we continue to do our part to flatten the curve by sheltering at home, to take heart in the words of Psalm 16 that a Holy Spirit-filled St. Peter proclaims to those in Jerusalem about Jesus Christ: "You will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

St. Peter proclaims nothing less than the Victory Christ Jesus has won over death by His own Death on the Cross. This proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus to eternal life is also promised to us that we who are God's faithful ones will be filled with joy in His Presence forever.

How do we be joyful in times such as these? We remember with love and gratitude that because of the Risen Lord, our hearts burn within us, for He remains with us, and He fills us with His promised Holy Spirit. Let us not walk away from this confident hope as the two disciples traveling to Emmaus walk away from Jerusalem, the place of the Resurrection. Instead, let us walk ever closer to the Source of our joy: Jesus Christ.

\*\*\*Some additional joy to share with you: our parishioner, Emily Powell, has been accepted to begin her Postulancy with the religious sisters Servants of the Lord on May 31, Pentecost! She will live the joy-filled charisms of religious life and spread the Gospel joy door to door with her fellow religious sisters. We are grateful to you, Emily, for your "Yes!" to God's Will, and we keep you in our prayers.

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, that makes, in the span of less than a year, three of our parishioners who are pursuing religious life and/or the Priesthood. May God be praised! Yet, more laborers are needed for His harvest. Let us continue to pray that more members of St. Benedict-St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish will also say "Yes!" to God to serve His People as religious sisters and brothers and priests.

\*\*\*Check out Godcast for the new "Making Space for Grace," a short daily segment beginning Sunday, April 26 that helps us make space in our heart and soul for God's grace by explaining with some depth the elements of the Catholic faith.

God love you. I do.  
And I miss you VERY much.  
In Christ,  
Fr. Lewis

## OTHER NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...

Patricia Brady ~ Peggy Brittingham ~ Joan & Frank Mollick ~ Kathleen Green ~ Patricia McWilliams ~ Helen Dill ~ Cheryl Harris ~ Judy Edmonston ~ Edie Crank ~ Patricia Freedman ~ Michael Alt ~ Michael Keating ~ Christina Jewell ~ Debbye Jackson ~ Kenny & Debbie Winn ~ Clark Johnson ~ Janet Kibler ~ Karen Coward ~ Kelly Presnell ~ Ron Safchick ~ Rita Miedl ~ Nelson Owens ~ Roy Dean ~ Tobey McWilliams ~ Agnes Metzler ~ Cynthia Makas ~ Ernie Blazejak ~ Alex Wood ~ Donnie Riffle ~ James Coleman ~ George Simacourbe ~ Delaney Tull ~ Su Lappin ~ Al Buccalo ~ Maria Poptanich ~ Mark Sellman ~ Ben Shirley ~ Georgia Smithmyer ~ Doris Sharp ~ Kevin Flynn ~ Frances & Edward Cartrette ~ Rob Pasciak ~ Ann Blazejak ~ Gage & Shawn Kelley ~ Benjamin Pin & Family ~ Ruth Susini ~ Rita Kucharski ~ Julia Seiler ~ Ginny Lewis ~ Butch Petroski ~ Michael Petroski ~ Ruth McCullough ~ Mary Jo Clancy ~ Gary Stewart ~ Jeffrey Kinnamon ~ Carmen Guzman ~ Gavin Hood ~ Craig Kelley ~ Ron Champagne ~ Larry Close

Do you know someone in need of prayer? Let us know and we'll add their name to the list. Has someone on the list experienced healing? Let us know if we can remove their name and offer prayers of thanksgiving.

We congratulate David & Alyssa King on the birth of their third child, William Peter King, who was born on Easter Sunday! Congratulations to big sister, Anna, big brother, Charlie, grandparents, Kenny & Jill King and great-grandparents, Don & Cass Kempel.

### MASS INTENTIONS & MASS CARDS

Here is a link to a list of the current Mass intentions through May 31st.

If you are in need of a Mass card, please contact Lori Parks ([lparks@beparish.com](mailto:lparks@beparish.com)). Cards can be mailed to recipients on your behalf or to you directly.

### PARISH OFFERINGS, ONLINE GIVING and HELP IF YOU NEED IT

During this time when our churches are closed, many of our expenses continue. We also recognize that these times may find our parish families facing difficult financial circumstances. As you are able, offertory and other weekly collection donations can be mailed to the Parish Office (PO Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660). Or, you can sign-up for WeShare, our parish's online giving platform, by visiting this link (and here is a simple guide to online giving). Should you have any questions about offertory or online giving, you can contact Marie Freeman at [mfreeman@beparish.com](mailto:mfreeman@beparish.com). Most importantly, if you find yourself in need of financial assistance, especially for things like food, rent or utilities, please contact the Parish Office via e-mail ([parishoffice@beparish.com](mailto:parishoffice@beparish.com) or [frlewis@beparish.com](mailto:frlewis@beparish.com)) or by phone (410-634-2253).

### DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF FR. HILARY?

We are working on a slideshow of photos of Fr. Hilary from his time here at St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth as our pastor. Do you have photos of Fr. Hilary from sacramental celebrations (weddings, baptisms, First Communion, etc...) or other photos of Fr. Hilary to share? If so, please e-mail the digital picture files to Lori Parks at [lparks@beparish.com](mailto:lparks@beparish.com). Once the slideshow is finished we will send a link to everyone. Thank you.

### THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS!

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### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

As we face this unprecedented time of economic instability and a global public health crisis, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and can lead to feelings of anxiety and depression. You do not have to face the fear of unemployment, safety for yourself and your family, on your own. You can access real help remotely through

Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services, which is currently accepting new clients. Feel free to pass this information on to your staff and parishioners. [Click here for more information.](#)

## 2020 CENSUS

The US Constitution requires a complete count of the nation's population every ten years. Census Data impacts decisions at the national, state and local levels. It determines congressional representation as well as allocation of more than \$675 billion dollars to state and local government. These resources are essential to the well being of all of our neighbors and communities. The allocation of funds support our schools, hospitals, fire departments, food programs, roads etc.. You should have received information in the mail regarding the 2020 Census and how to respond.

There are three ways that you can respond to the Census questionnaire.

1. You can fill out the questionnaire and mail it back.
2. You can call 1-844-330-2020 and provide information over the phone
3. You can go online: [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)

Even during these trying times it is important for everyone to be counted for the resources we need for the future.