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A WORD FROM FR. LEWIS ...

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Peace of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you!

How good God is! Even at such a time as this, He provides for us in many ways and in great abundance. One such blessing is the ability to celebrate our mothers especially on this second Sunday in May: Mother's Day. We honor with great love the mothers of our parish, the mothers in the Church, the mothers in our homes and families, and the mother who gave birth to us. May God bless them for having blessed us with life and a mother's love.

God shares another abundant blessing with us: His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom St. Therese of Lisieux says "is more Mother than Queen," meaning that God entrusts us to Mary's maternal care and to the love of her Immaculate Heart, so that we might never be afraid to run to her protection or to seek her intercession. Let us be sure to remember the Blessed Mother in our celebration of Mother's Day this weekend, perhaps with each family praying together a Hail Mary, or a decade of the Rosary (the 5th Glorious Mystery is the Coronation of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Earth) or praying a full Rosary. Let us conclude the prayer with a thanksgiving to God for the gift of so blessed and loving a Mother.

Please know that I am keeping all mothers, especially those who cannot be with their children on this day, and the members of our parish's Blessed Mother Sodality (as the Mother of God is their patroness) in my intentions at Mass this weekend.

For those who will experience their first Mother's Day without their mother or without their child, please know of a particular place in my prayers and priestly heart.

Finally, heartfelt congratulations to Deacon Hal Jopp as he celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate and to Margaret Jopp for her untiring support of his ministry of service and love to our parish, the Diocese and beyond. We love you, Deacon Hal, and we thank God for you.

May God bless you all as together we go to Jesus through Mary, our Mother.
Fr. Lewis

PS: In anticipation of our eventual re-opening of the church doors, please read the Diocese's statement about what to expect as we endeavor to return together to worship God. You can find the article at [this link](#).

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 ~ 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 ~ Anne Ogletree

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.*

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). 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. 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 or frlewis@beparish.com) or by phone (410-634-2253).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSOR COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR in NEWARK, DE
The St. Joan of Arc Council Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food and supply drive for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newark, DE. Prior to his death on April 1,

Fr. Hilary resided with the Little Sisters at their Newark home, the Jeanne Jugan Residence. Parishioners are asked to assist, as they are able, in collecting items from [this list](#) and delivering them at the following times:

- Friday, May 15th – 5:00-7:00p.m. - St. Benedict Parish Hall
- Sunday, May 17th – 11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. – St. Benedict Parish Hall

Items may also be dropped off at the home of Dan & Marlinda Tuel, 24276 Asbury Drive, Denton. Please call Dan first at 410-924-0596 and he will meet you in the driveway. It would be great to fill a couple of pick-up trucks in support of the Little Sisters. If you are unable to go out to shop, cash donations would also be greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase items off the list. The Knights thank you for your help with this project and your prayers for the Little Sisters. Helping one another and our neighbors in need are signs that God is working in and through us.

Thank you and may God Bless you!

Dan Tuel ~ Grand Knight, St. Joan of Arc Council

BEPROUD!

Every once in a while we get wind of one of our parishioner's accomplishing something amazing, and that makes us BEPROUD! Today, we'd like to give a shout out to parishioner, Connie Connolly, who recently garnered nine awards in the 2020 Delaware Press Association Communications Contest for stories published in *The Star-Democrat* in 2019. She received three first, four second, and two third place awards in seven writing categories! Way to go, Connie!

If you have information about the achievement or milestone of a parishioner, please submit it to Lori Parks at LParks@beparish.com for inclusion in the BE Proud section of the parish bulletin.

BEPARISH ROCKS! In a spirit of fun and in an effort to stay connected and share our care and love with one another during this time of quarantine and isolation, a group of parish volunteers has been busy painting rocks with messages and images of faith and inspiration. Thus far, about 120 rocks have been painted!! The underside of each rock is labeled with the words "BEPARISH" and the rocks will be left at the homes of various

parishioners, anonymously if possible, in the hopes that they will be found and will bring a smile to the face of those receiving them (the rocks will be left in places where they are easy to see such as front porches, etc...). If you receive a rock, perhaps you will keep the smiles going by placing the rock at the home of another parishioner you know to brighten their day. And of course, should you choose, you can get in on the creative fun and paint your own rocks to share with others. Help us get the word out - our parish rocks!

SUPPORT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thank you to all parishioners who collect aluminum cans in support of Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity. Recently, 540 lbs. of aluminum cans were turned in and \$108 will be presented to Tuckahoe Habitat on Monday, May 11th. If you'd like to learn more about Tuckahoe Habitat or find out other ways you can assist in their mission to provide affordable housing for people in need, click [here](#).

THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS!

We encourage you to continue to support the businesses that support our parish by sponsoring ads on the back of our printed bulletin ([click here to view their ads](#)). If you need something during this time which these businesses can provide, please be sure to reach out to them. We thank them for their generous support of our parish.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT "MAKING SPACE FOR GRACE"?

Recently, Fr. Lewis began offering a new segment on the Godcast YouTube Channel. It is called "Making Space for Grace" and each short daily segment helps us make space in our heart and soul for God's grace by explaining with some depth the elements of the Catholic faith. Take some time to check it out -you can find a link to a recent episode below. Put it on the "learn something new everyday" section of your to do list!