“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3
Dear Friends,
I can't believe we have begun the month of May. It seems that time is passing quickly, but at the same time very slow because of the pandemic. We begin this month of May, which is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. By praying the Live Streamed Rosary every evening at 7pm. This has been something I look forward to, and I am very happy to see that many of you connect to the Rosary, offer your prayers and call in with your intentions.

This past Friday, May 1st, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Vincent and I led our parish in prayer at 3 pm to unite ourselves with the entire US Catholic Church to re-consecrate our nation to the Blessed Mother’s protection. It was a moment of grace. Many of us know about the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sacred Heart of Mary, but have you heard about the Sacred Heart of St. Joseph?

The picture illustrates the Three Hearts. As head of the home, St. Joseph plays the role of protector and provider. All of us need to be protected and provided for especially during the Corona-virus pandemic. The Third Heart is the heart of St. Joseph. We pray for his intercession. I invite you to do the consecration to the “Three Hearts” as a family (Prayers are below) by stopping all what you are doing at home, gathering your family and reciting those prayers with all your hearts. Let us pray for the end of the pandemic, for those affected by it and the protection of our families.

I am praying for you constantly. I love you and miss you!
Fr. Carlos

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
By St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and all my actions, my offerings, my sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my inviolable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee. I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
By St. Maximilian Kolbe
O Immaculate, Queen of heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, N..., a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you. If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: “She will crush your head,” and, “You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world.” Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin.
R. Give me strength against your enemies.

Act of Consecration to the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph
O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Catholic Church! O Virgin Spouse of God, and guardian and foster father of the Incarnate Word! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose thee this day to be my guardian and father. O thou whom God has constituted Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech thee, though utterly unworthy, to be a poor little servant in thy holy house. Present me to thy Immaculate Spouse, ask her also to accept me as a servant and to adopt me as a child. With her, teach me, thou who art a master of the interior life, how to converse constantly with Jesus and how to serve Him faithfully in all things to the end of my life.

To thy custody was committed the Living Bread of Heaven, to be dispensed to thy starving brethren. O, with Mary help me to pray for them, and may thy prayers, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, intercede for me. I offer to thee, my very soul, heart and hands, to be thine forever. O, Lord, let me have a loving, chaste heart to receive, worthily and often, the Bread of my salvation. Let me receive it from thy hands and from those of Mary, as often as I approach the Holy Table.

O my tender and watchful father, I hereby consecrate myself to thee; and I firmly purpose and resolve never to leave thee, and never to say or do anything, nor to suffer anyone under my charge to say or do anything, against thy honor! O thou head of the house of God upon earth, in faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under thy care and protection. To thee, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul with all their faculties, my spiritual progress, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings.

Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and a child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially in the last awful hour of my life on earth: then visit, console, and strengthen me with Jesus and Mary, that with them and thee I may sing the praises of the adorable Trinity for all eternity.

Amen.
Saturday, May 2  
9:00 am Memorial Mass  
5:00 pm Gloria & George Barton

Sunday, May 3  
7:30 am Mark Sproha  
9:00 am Frank Masciandaro  
10:30 am Narciso Morson  
12:00 noon People of the Parish  
6:15 pm Anthony & Julia Maziarski

Monday, May 4  
7:00 am Michael Owen Cassidy  
9:00 am Rose Beltran

Tuesday, May 5  
7:00 am Norman Smith  
9:00 am D’Ura & Gringeri Fam.

Wednesday, May 6  
7:00 am Helen Lovell  
9:00 am Robert Ulrich

Thursday, May 7  
7:00 am CJ & Louise Lombardo  
9:00 am Jack Stanton

Friday, May 8  
7:00 am Constance Minichini  
9:00 am Patrick J. Greaney

Saturday, May 9  
9:00 am Memorial Mass  
5:00 pm Gary Innocenti

Sunday, May 10  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Catherine Kura  
10:30 am Morson & Tramontozzi Families  
12:00 noon Tina Pecorelli  
6:15 pm Dianna Bright

“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.”
Your loved one will be announced at Mass for two weeks, then included in the bulletin for six weeks. Call the Parish Center to let us know the names of those we should include in our prayers.

A time to be healed...  
Healing prayers for: John Benigno, Barbara Birchennough, Maria Dipalo Sim, Joan Dacey, Ardienne Phillips, Mia Rugienius, Isabella Donohue, Pam Gross, Maryann Comiskey

A time to for sorrow...  
Recently deceased: Michael Parisi

Memorials for the week of May 3  
Altar Bread & Wine: In memory of Josephine Acocella, donated by the Katy Acocella

Flowers for the St. Elizabeth Shrine: In memory of Modesto & Maria Miranda, donated by Daughter Maria & Family
Sharing the Gospel
Jesus is the way for you to go to heaven. Through Jesus' love and forgiveness, you can be close to God. You can enjoy the many ways God takes care of you. God gives you people to love. God gives you food to eat. He gives you the Bible to read. Stay close to God through Jesus.

Prayer
Jesus, thank you for helping me follow God.

Something to Draw
Draw a picture of a sheep eating green grass.

Mission for the Week
Make a sign for your bedroom door that says, "Jesus is the way to heaven."