



A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As I compose these thoughts, I am not sure who will be able to read what's placed here due to another anticipated Sunday of cancelled Masses in the light of the corona virus situation. Some copies are planned to be printed and made available, but perhaps you are reading this bulletin and the message from the parish website. These are tough moments for we Catholics, Americans, and members of the world-wide family. It was so strange to be around the parish last Sunday with the church building empty when we would otherwise expect it to house worshipers such as you and me. At this time as large gatherings are postponed and we are observing social distancing, let's remember how much we are still God's people strengthened with many blessings, including prayer. We know how much it is at the heart of who we are as people of faith to come together, sharing liturgy and communion. Our sacred trust will keep us hopeful that the precautions we take now will lead to safety in our all out effort to contain the virus. These days can remind us of being part of the domestic church as we share them with family members in our home. Church is the place where we carry out many of the events and activities of faith, but so too can our homes be sacred places of prayer, togetherness in Christ, and the discovery of God's abiding presence in and through the Holy Spirit. The readings of our Sunday as well as daily Masses are available to us in liturgy booklets as well as on online at various church websites. Let's read them and reflect on the message they share with us. Many viewed Cardinal Tobin's streamlined Mass from the archdiocesan center last Sunday and took part in worship through that means. Others Sunday Masses are aired regularly on some of our local TV networks. We continue to live and do all that we can even in these periods of limitation, with certain restrictions placed on us. We can even discover them as a kind of Lenten retreat period, especially through prayer, spiritual readings, being together with family members, and, yes, in some spans of solitude and silence.

Among all things, I wish to extend to you my prayers at this time, to all our families, and to join with Catholics everywhere in that communion, as we are particularly dealing with the same challenges. We include special intentions for our nation's leaders, guiding us all with the proper procedures at this time, and for the health care providers assisting those infected, and especially those who have become quite ill as a result of the virus. If you are reading the bulletin this week on the website, remind other parishioners of its availability here as we seek to stay connected and in touch. We will see how things will go as each day unfolds, and the online version of the bulletin may continue to be of special assistance during these weeks.

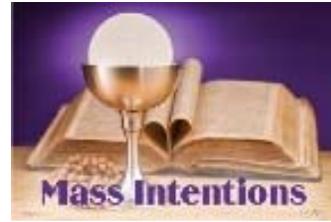
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jim Teti

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;
Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;
Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;
Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45



Next week's second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. You can learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MARY
during the coronavirus pandemic

March 11, 2020

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, *Health of the Sick*,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.

You, *Salvation of the Roman People*,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, *Mother of Divine Love*,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. **Judith Surace** req. the McAvoy family

Sunday, March 22: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. **Catherine & John Benvent** req. Rose & Gordon DeHaven

10:30 a.m. **Carmela Ray** req. her family

12:00 p.m. **Judi Surace** req. Carole & Frank November

Monday, March 23: Lenten Weekday / Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

7:30 a.m. **Henry Cuccinello** req. Mildred Iulo

Tuesday, March 24 Lenten Weekday / Saint Oscar Romero

7:30 a.m. **Edoardo Mattessich** req. Flora & Natalie Mattessich

Wednesday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 a.m. **Michael & Stephen Wyssenski** req. their parents

Thursday, March 26: Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. **Anita Carlin** req. Susan Geiger

Friday, March 27: Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. **Susan Long** req. Linda & Dan Conway

Saturday, March 28: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. **Edwin A. Leiser** req. the LoGiudice family

5:00 p.m. **Deceased members of the Windt & Fett families** req. the Windt family

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. **Deceased members of the Pereira, Callwood, & Correoso families** req. Maria Pereira & family

10:30 a.m. **Michele Troy** req. Marlene Ottimo

12:00 p.m. **Maryann Astuto** req. Dawn & Chip Philibosian



The sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of **Bud Nugent** by the Muscarella family.

The altar candles were donated in memory of **Eleanor Cocola** by Chrissy and Jim Tiedemann.

Staying Connected
during the Coronavirus pandemic

During these days when we cannot attend Mass and are unable to receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the Catholic church has always had the tradition of "spiritual communion," where even if you are unable to attend Mass you can participate spiritually. Here is St. Alphonsus Liguori's prayer on Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Father James Martin, SJ
Daily Faith Sharing

Father James Martin, SJ will be hosting a Daily Faith Sharing for the foreseeable future, at 3:00 p.m. ET on his Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FrJamesMartin). Each day will start with a reflection on the daily Gospel and then transition to a timely subject.

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., is a Jesuit priest, author and editor at large at America, the national Catholic magazine. His most recent books are "Building a Bridge" "Seven Last Words," and "Jesus: A Pilgrimage." (HarperOne) and "In All Seasons, For All Reasons" (Liturgical Press). In 2017, he was appointed by Pope Francis as a consultant to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication.



Relevant Radio, one of the preeminent Catholic radio networks in the country, has established a presence here in the Greater New York area – and especially right here in the Archdiocese of Newark. We are blessed that Catholic talk radio is available to assist us here in New Jersey in our efforts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WNSW 1430 AM is Relevant Radio's most recent station, and is located in the Archdiocese of Newark Chancery offices on Clifton Avenue. We encourage you to spread the news of WNSW 1430 AM far and wide, and to tune in. This informative and entertaining tool of the New Evangelization exists for the good of the Church, her people, and all who seek the Truth. You can download the Relevant Radio app to your smart phone or tablet. Go to RelevantRadio.com for more information.



Great Catholic Music

A web site has launched playing nothing but "great Catholic Music" including all genres: instrumental, chant, classic and modern hymns, and newer contemporary songs. The web site, <http://www.greatcatholicmusic.com>, also takes breaks for psalms, Scripture readings and prayers. The service is free and there are apps for Apple and Android devices.



...for those in need of healing...

Luigi Vene, Margaret and Quinn McVeigh,
Walter Wyssenski
and all those affected by the coronavirus

...for those who have entered new life...

Louise Cetinich

...for those serving our country...

all men and women in our military,
stationed both here and abroad



A copy of your 2020 contributions report is now available. If you would like a copy for tax purposes, please contact Judy Fanelli at the Parish Center.

If you have already requested a copy either in person or over the phone, there is no need to contact me again, your report has been mailed.

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

Annunciation's Parish Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for infants on the second and fourth weekends of each month, except during the Lenten season. The celebration may take place during the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, or at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Parents are invited to contact Judy Fanelli, even before your baby is born, so that participation in our preparation program can be arranged and the baptism planned.

RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Personal appointments for other times are available and can be made by contacting Father Jim.

During the Lenten Season, a communal Celebration of Reconciliation is offered in conjunction with Our Lady of the Visitation parish.

VOCATIONS

Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? As you discern God's calling, explore www.rcan.org/vocation.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

At times, physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease prevents our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with the community of faith is needed more than ever before. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and/or the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in your home or hospital room. Please call the Parish Center if you wish to be visited.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you are new to the parish, please submit a completed parish census form. Blank forms are available in the Gathering Space and on our website. Families already registered with the parish are encouraged to keep current their membership information.

INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process of formation and initiation for those (age seven and older) who have never been baptized and wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Formation and initiation opportunities also exist for adults baptized into the Roman Catholic Church as infants, but who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Christians baptized in Eastern Orthodox Churches or in communions other than Roman Catholic who wish to enter into the fullness of Catholic communion may also participate in the RCIA formation process.

For more information, please contact Father Jim.

VISITATION ACADEMY

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Visitation Academy, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Located in Paramus and supported by the Catholic parishes of Paramus and Rochelle Park, Visitation Academy offers classes for Grades pre-K3 through eight. For more information, please visit www.visitationacademyparamus.org or call 201-262-6067.

INTENTION REQUESTS

We can spiritually remember an anniversary of marriage, ordination or death, birthday, or other significant milestone for the living or deceased by dedicating the items we use for worship: the sanctuary lamps which burn constantly before the Blessed Sacrament in the church and Holy Family Chapel, the altar candles which remain lit during each liturgical celebration, the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, the Advent wreath candles, and the Paschal candle. Masses may also be offered for a special intention.

A set donation is requested for each intention, a card is provided, and the intention is printed in the bulletin. To request an intention, please visit the Parish Center.