

Prayers and Easter Season Wishes from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I continue to extend to you prayers and best wishes during this Easter season! Of course, our lives remain impacted by the conditions of social distancing. Even with the restrictions we face, I trust your Easter Sunday was a time of joy and hope, and the days since as well. We shared the celebration with our immediate families members and those of our households. I'm sure as well many were able to extend those greetings to others beyond their homes through telephone calls, emails, text messages, and possibly even zoom conferences through the internet. I had one such conference on Easter Sunday afternoon with my parents, brother, and sister. It was especially nice for us since the next day, Monday April 13, was my father's birthday. And so we shared Easter and birthday wishes in one such virtual gathering! I thank you for your prayers and best wishes sent through emails and text messages. I have been praying for our families throughout this time during which we have been unable to join for Mass and other parish events and gatherings. I appreciate so much yours in this period that we continue to endure. It's amazing to have, for example, a telephone conversation when you can't visit in person with those whom you would normally expect to see in the regular course of time. Just to hear the voices of others...I have found it so reassuring and comforting. I'm sure you have too! We continue to hope and pray for a resolution to the COVID-19 crisis as soon as possible. We long to be back together and resume the normal pattern of life. Hopefully it will arrive not too long from now. May God's wisdom be with all who lead us during this pandemic, in caring for the sick and suffering, protecting all from further spread of the infection, and those entrusted with the decisions about safety and proper procedures. With everyone's effort, faith, cooperation and understanding, we keep discovering the hope to see it through.

I know we long as well for the other events and celebrations of the Easter season such as First Communion, Confirmation, and baptisms. We simply don't know yet when we might be able to share these great annual events of the Church. We will await further directives from the archdiocese as they come to us in the weeks ahead. The month of May was intended to be a time of three different ordinations here in the archdiocese, including that of deacons and our own diaconal candidate Bernie Hayes. Again here we must await further information as it is shared. I would also like to thank our families for continuing in their financial support of our parish at this time. Without the regular Sunday collections, our financial resources are now greatly mitigated. I do therefore appreciate those who are mailing in their offertory envelopes. I encourage all families to do what they can in their support, even as we are without public Masses. Everyone is aware of the financial impact of the crisis as well. Your sacrifices for our community are especially appreciated under such conditions. Let's trust that by sustaining the proclamation of Jesus' resurrection, we will be renewed in His risen life. With the hope that this great event gives to God's people, we will reaffirm our belief in Eternal Life and the courage to overcome the burdens and mysteries that, at times, this life imposes.

Faithfully yours in Easter joy,
Fr. Jim Teti

Prayers Needed

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

Luigi Vene, Margaret and Quinn McVeigh,
Walter Wyssenski

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

Roberto Delgado

...for those serving our country...

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

...for those serving in other ways during the coronavirus...

our first responders, medical & healthcare professionals,
mail carriers and delivery services, grocery store workers,
& all other essential workers



The sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of **Ida Moerler** by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Flaccomio.

The altar candles were donated in memory of **Salvatore and Lena Santoro** by Sylvia and Charles Santoro.

MASST INTENTIONS

During the time of the suspension of services the daily Mass intentions are fulfilled by the priests of the parish at private celebrations in the rectory oratory, ordinarily at 7:30 a.m. Parishioners are encouraged to unite in prayer with the Eucharistic Sacrifice being offered and make a spiritual communion when and where possible.

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.

Saturday, April 18

Deceased members of the Fuino Family req.
Sal & Rose Prestia

Sunday, April 19: Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy

Maryann Astuto req. Fr. Jim & the
Annunciation staff
Mary Bussanich req. Nick & Mary Morin
Mario Panicucci req. Ralph & Maria Casale

Monday, April 20: Easter Weekday
People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 21 Easter Weekday / Saint Anselm
Maria Binder req. Joe & Marianne Windt

Wednesday, April 22: Easter Weekday
Reynaldo Paraiso, Sr. req. the Annunciation
Rosary Group

Thursday, April 23: Easter Weekday / Saint George /
Saint Adalbert
Roy Schrumpf req. Kris & Bernie Hayes

Friday, April 24: Easter Weekday / Saint Fidelis of
Sigmaringen
Michael & Stephen Wyssenski req. their
parents

Saturday, April 25: Saint Mark
Eileen & Adie Schmidt req. the Trigani family
Anna Scrivanich req. the Markey family

Sunday, April 26: Third Sunday of Easter
Anita Riccoboni req. Fr. Jim & the
Annunciation staff
Patricia A. Maisano req. her family
Patricia Voorhees req. Jacqueline O'Grady

Readings for the Week



Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20;
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



Thank You!

Twice a year the Social Concerns Committee of Annunciation prepares and serves a hot meal and dessert to about 100 homeless at the Hackensack shelter. Our committee was scheduled to do so on Friday, April 3. However, due to the Covid 19 situation, things became more complicated. Not being allowed to cook or enter the shelter to serve, a committee member reached out to Ralphy's Pizza for help.

We would like to give a big shout out to Ralphy's Pizza. They not only gave us a great price, but prepared and delivered 100 spaghetti and meatball meals to the door of the shelter. Ralphy and his son could not have been more helpful and supportive of what we were doing. Ralphy's son even called after the delivery to let us know that the food had arrived at Bergen County Human Services. Desserts and drinks were provided by Ginny Amato.

Social Concerns is so glad we were able to still help those in need at this difficult time. If you are looking for take-out, support Ralphy (corner of Forest Ave and Midland Ave.) and please remember to thank them for all they did for our church, and most importantly the shelter patrons. Stay well and be safe!

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark's
Message of April 1, 2020

As Christians, we encounter Jesus in his people—our families and friends, our neighbors and fellow parishioners, our co-workers and school mates, even people we don't know personally (strangers) who we come in contact with as we go about our daily lives. Jesus tells us that we find him in the "least of these" brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25: 31-46), so being close to them means being close to him.

During this unprecedented time of pandemic, we need to be especially concerned about those who are experiencing intense anxiety, feel lonely and abandoned, and who really count on public worship for their own support. We also should be concerned about how the spiritual lives of our people will be impacted by the drastic changes we are all experiencing for the first time in our lives. The Eucharist and the celebration of the Mass are so central to our Church that their absence is really felt deeply by us.

"Social distancing" is necessary for the common good, but we need to counter this with a dramatic increase in what Pope Francis calls "spiritual closeness." How can we stay close to Jesus, and all our sisters and brothers, at a time when concern for them demands that we keep our distance? How can we remain spiritually close at the same time that we practice social distancing?

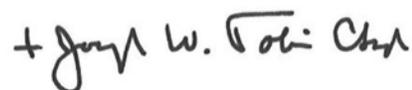
Here are some simple suggestions for staying close spiritually while maintaining a safe and respectful social distance:

1. Begin each day with prayer. Ask Jesus to stay close to you and to all your family and friends. Pray for the health and well-being of everyone you associate with, and of all God's people throughout the world.
2. Express your love and concern for the people you live with—your spouse, children, other relatives or friends. Comfort and encourage them when they are frightened and feeling closed-in or helpless.
3. Reach out to other family members, friends and colleagues by telephone, texting, email and other forms of social media. Let them know that you are close to them and that you share their experiences and anxiety.
4. Attend Mass and other prayers and devotions virtually. Many opportunities are available each day on television, radio and online. Participation in the life of the Church can help us feel more closely connected with God and with each other. Make a spiritual communion (see below).
5. As you go about your daily business—working remotely, studying at home, doing spring cleaning, caring for children or family members, preparing dinner, doing the laundry, and more—look for opportunities to offer up your activities to God in gratitude for his closeness to you.
6. To the extent that you can, share your financial resources with those in need. Online giving is available for most religious, educational and charitable organizations, but if that's not an option for you, you can write a check and mail it, or set aside some cash to give to someone in need once the current stay at home order has been lifted.
7. Be patient with yourself and those you love. This is a strange and difficult time for all of us. Frustration and anger are understandable reactions. We need to help each other remain calm and trust in the healing power of Jesus who is close to us—now and always.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

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.