

**Preble County Catholics  
St. John, St. Mary and Visitation Churches**

**March 29, 2020**

**Mass Schedule for March 29th - April 5th**

- Sun. 29th 10:30a.m. - Parishioners  
Mon. 30th 9:00a.m. - Intention of Liz Collins  
Tues. 31st 9:00a.m. - Marjorie Walsh  
Wed. 1st 12:00p.m. - Gary Coleman  
Thurs. 2nd 9:00a.m. - Ron Pitson  
Fri. 3rd 9:00a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Bell & Hansen Families  
Sat. 4th 9:00a.m. - Parishioners  
Sun. 5th 10:30a.m. - Parishioners

*All Masses will be celebrated in private.*

**ALL PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELED**

During this time, please pray for the sick, medical professionals, and first responders.



*Saint Joseph,  
pray for us.*

May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!

May Thy Grace, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen

***To protect the health of our faith community  
we ask that you temporarily:***



We will no longer have Mass in public at any of our churches. Through the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, Fr. David will offer Mass everyday in private to fulfill the Mass intentions.

You can view Mass on-line at EWTN.org

Fr. David will live-stream daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. and one Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. via the Catholic Community of Preble County Facebook page.

***Offertory***

Information about collections was not available before the deadline to submit the bulletin.

***2020 Wedding Anniversary Certificates:***



Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Please contact the parish office to request your certificate.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

While we continue to live through this unique episode in our history, let us unite in prayer together. The last word/phrase of Jesus is so simple: "It is finished." As Bishop Sheen once wrote, "For the disobedient man Adam, there was the obedient man Christ; for the proud woman Eve, there was the humble Virgin Mary; for the tree of the garden, there was the tree of the Cross. The Redemption was now completed." A poignant question to ask is this: Jesus' work of redemption is finished in the perfect sacrifice of the Cross & Resurrection, but is my work of redemption complete? To put it another way, "Have I died and risen in the Lord?"

As we read in Philippians 2:12, "So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling." We may no longer have Mass in public, we cannot gather together, perhaps we cannot even go too far from our homes, but we are still called to work out our salvation. Which means that God is not done with us yet. He has given us the full pattern of his life, death, and resurrection in sending us his Son, Jesus Christ, in saying "It is finished." The question remains for all of us: Will we also finish the race that lies ahead for us?

As Romans 13:11 says, "And do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed...." May we also hear the words of St. Paul to Timothy, "For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance."

God love you and protect us,

Fr. David Doseck

**Join us in prayer**--Even though the growing threat of COVID19 has many of us staying in our homes, that doesn't mean we have to pray alone. The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary daily, from our homes at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Knights will take up the Rosary and raise our voices to God. Wherever you are, you know that at those hours, somewhere a Knight is praying with you. We will continue praying with you until the Archbishop sounds the "all-clear" and it is safe for us to gather together again in prayer.

**Cornelius M. "Neil" Cahalane Memorial Scholarship:** K of C Council 3698 will once again be offering one \$500 scholarship to a parishioner in the Preble County Catholic Region who will be attending a 2 year or 4 year college or vocational training school for the 2020/2021 academic year. An application with eligibility requirements can be found on the website. Applications must be received by Thursday, April 30, 2020.

**FORMED, the Catholic Faith On Demand:** As we continue providing free access to the wonderful study programs, audio presentations, movies and ebooks available through FORMED, we hope that you are using and enjoying the resources on the website. If you haven't checked out FORMED yet, we encourage you to do so! Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

### *St. Anne's Sodality Scholarship*

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will be presenting \$1000 in scholarship funds to a worthy student, not just a new high school graduate, but for any woman of any age who is furthering her education. Application guidelines will be available on the website. Applications must be submitted by May 11