Alleluia!

Although we are not able to celebrate the beauty of Easter in our churches at this time, your loved ones will still be remembered. We will all be praying the intercessions for those who are on our Easter Flower Memorial List. Please know that when the ban is lifted for us to celebrate in our churches again, your generous donations will be used to make our celebration a joyful reunion.

All deceased COVID-19 patients
My Mom, Rose
Joe & Eleanor Beneventi
John & Lorraine Doorneweerd
Finnegan Family
Fleming Family
Glowaty Family
Carole Gow
Aniela Gron
Elmer & Lucille Haas
Herbeck Family
Kawczynski Family
Frank P. Kowalik
Carol Nolan
O'Hare Family
Procida Family
Rush Family
Smyth Family
Jack Styrczula
William Styrczula
Ray & Jeanne Tracy
Vidmar Family
Gene Wilczak
Nancy Wilczak
Stanley Wilczak
Wilczak Family

We also thank these additional contributors to the Easter Flower Fund and we remember them in our prayers.

M/M Joseph Mandl
Bruno Parzych
M/M Ray Pecor
Dear Parishioners,

This week I make a special request to you to consider helping the poor in our midst. Because of the pandemic, Catholic Charities of Joliet is in serious need of food for distribution to the many poor that they serve. Specifically, about 100 homeless persons who have had temporary shelter at the Daybreak Center in Joliet have had to be moved into hotel rooms in order to follow social distancing guidelines. Each has a small microwave and refrigerator. So, instead of receiving daily meals at Daybreak Center, the center is preparing boxed meals with three days of food and sending it out twice a week. For this purpose, there is a great need for food.

Catholic Charities is seeking the following:

**Personal hygiene items**

**Paper products -- plates, bowls, cups, napkins, paper towels, plastic utensils**

**Food for single adults -- non-perishable food, fresh fruit, cold and frozen food, microwavable food**

*(Try to keep fruit and cold/frozen food in separate bags.)*

**Monetary gifts -- checks made out to the parish with notation “Catholic Charities”**

*(These can be left in the drop box at parish office.)*

**Gift cards to grocers and gas stations** *(These can be left in parish office drop box.)*

We will have parish volunteers at the church at the following times this Sunday through Wednesday, April 19-22, to receive your donations:

- **Sunday, April 19** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- **Monday, April 20** 8:00 am – 10:00 am
- **Tuesday, April 21** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- **Wednesday, April 22** 8:00 am – 10:00 am

*(At other times between Sun & Wed, leave food donations outside church door under awning and out of sun. Volunteers will check throughout the day.)*

I encourage all when making such a food donation to use social distancing and masks and gloves as far as possible.

Our parishioners have been so generous with their good neighborliness during this quarantine. So many have given very generously to the parish with online giving, mail-ins and drop-offs. And so many have offered their time and effort to supporting relatives and neighbors. At the same time, many are feeling the pinch of the economic crunch. If the latter applies to you, please let me know how the parish or I might help.

While we do recognize the Lord in the breaking of bread and long for that opportunity again in church, we can certainly recognize him and serve him present in those in need. “Whatever you did for the least ones, you did for me”—Mt. 25:40.

Easter Blessings to you and yours!

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St. Bernard’s appreciates the assistance of the following priests:
Fr. John Merkelis, OSA; Fr. Joe Mostardi, OSA; Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, OSA; Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA; Fr. James Halstead, OSA; Fr. Jerry Nicholas, OSA; Fr. John Sponder; Fr. Ed Mikolaczyk

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Pray For Our Sick Relatives and Friends
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"Life is precious, handle with prayer."
For the sick, especially
Bishop Daniel Conlon, Deacon Chris McCaffrey,
Jim Weglewski, Joe Gawel, Diane Allabastro,
Jodi Musselman, Sandy Mikrut, Mike Urbanik,
Mary Lou McDonald, Dan Kardar, Marlys Ptak,
Susan Strzyz, Richard Panush, Patricia Reilly, Nancy Lucas,
Irene Stenson, Danny & Frank Sapyta, Bill Jacobs,
Ed Glorioso, Michael Reid, Arlene Stengi,
Iolene Holland, Mandy Semenik, Judy Riley, Lois King,
Jody Fuchy, Maryann & Hank Owen, Kathleen Reese,
Sandra Pope, Winifred Kasper, Louise Karkula,
Karen Horting, Dorothy Johnson, Evelyn Lopezalles,
Ray & Barb Nino, Mike Nino, Megan Guinea,
Jeremiah & Teresa Mahon, and Rich Waliczek, Jr.
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Parish Finances
Fiscal Year July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020
Budgeted Weekly Amount.............$11,977.55
Collection for Easter...............No total at this time.
Online Giving for Easter........No total at this time.
Budgeted Weekly YTD.............$466,683.85
Total Actual Year to Date.............$441,279.22
We Give Thanks to the Lord for your Generosity!

Rice Bowls
We prayed, fasted, and gave alms – and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl donation either by mailing a check to the Parish Office or dropping your check off in the drop box at the office. It is located to the left of the overhead garage door.

Please continue to check our website, Facebook page, and email blasts for the latest information regarding COVID-19 and the impact it has on our parish.