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MAY 10, 2020 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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BAPTISMS
English—Second and Fourth Sundays at 1:30 PM
Spanish—First Saturdays at 11:30 AM and First Sundays at 1:00 PM
Pre-Jordan Class (Located in TPH)
English—First Sundays at 12:00 PM
Spanish—Fourth Thursdays at 7:00 PM

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS
Week of May 10, 2020

SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM: + Michael Montgomery
10:15 AM: + Barbara McGinley
MONDAY: Easter Weekday
6:30 AM: + Our faithful departed parishioners
8:00 AM: + William Latoff
TUESDAY: Easter Weekday
6:30 AM: + Our faithful departed parishioners
8:00 AM: + Dora Diarcangelo
WEDNESDAY: Easter Weekday
6:30 AM: Savannah Frost
8:00 AM: + Anna and Thomas Sabrinsky
THURSDAY: St. Matthias, Apostle
6:30 AM: + Our faithful departed parishioners
8:00 AM: + Horace B. Spackman II
FRIDAY: Easter Weekday
6:30 AM: + Our faithful departed parishioners
8:00 AM: + Our faithful departed parishioners
SATURDAY: Easter Weekday
8:00 AM: + Our faithful departed parishioners

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

"Present on our altars as on a throne of love and mercy, to dispense graces and there to show us the love which He bears for us by being pleased to dwell night and day hidden in our midst." St. Alphonsus Liguori

The church and the chapel will be open and available for personal prayer every day from 8am until 3pm. Adoration is in the chapel on Sundays from 11:30am to 3pm.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE SICK
Deb Aelsch, Virginia Basilio; Joan Beck; Jack Bragger; Marilyn Buckley; Cindy Burns; Charles W. Cadden, Jr., Barbara Carrozza; Christine Cavaliere; Marge Christianell; Jeannette Cichy; Christine Cole; Noel D; Bill Davenport; Carol De Marco; Charlie Deegan; Roseanne Doyle; Meg Gorbsky; Helen Hartman; James Jaenisch; Maren Kaniewski; Elizabeth Kephart; Jean Kerigan; Timothy Kollhoff; Kathi Lafferty; Chuck Loughin; Bill Lynch; Chase Masters; Sr. Dorothy Mayer, IHM; Brian L. McCorkle; Victoria Neidigh; Ann O’Connor; Scott Paris; Elizabeth Pinkerton; Kim Pizzi; Michael Pizzi; Ed Polgar; Charles Porter; Steve Roberts; Carmelo Scuncio; Tracie Shelton; Diana Stull; Dorothy Sweets; Elizabeth Tipton; Candace Tomes; Zachary Trexler; Breeelyn Valentine; Rosalina Vito; Mary Ann Walsh; Lynneann Washlick; Baby Abby Whelan; Catherine Yankech; Marie Corso Zielinski

MILITARY PARISHIONERS
CTR2: Alexandra Haney
CTR3: Reilly Haney
USA: Capt. Thomas Berkman, Major Jessica Bayer Chominski, SPC Matthew Conway, Specialist Ian Donoghue, 1st Class, David P. Estes, Private 2nd Class, Specialist Jason Hall, 1st Lt Eric Lugo, Sgt. James Mac Fadden, 1st Class, PFC Alexander Sarcione, Major John Paul Snook, Capt. Walter R. Snook
The bishops of the United States joined in renewing the consecration of our country under the protection of our Blessed Mother on May 1st under the title of Mary, Mother of the Church. As our world faces the pandemic we turn to Mary’s loving intercession for her children. During the month of May we turn to Our Lady in a special way each year and even more so at this time.

Pope Francis wrote a letter encouraging us to pray the Rosary during the month of May with all of our hearts asking Mary’s intercession for the end to the pandemic and for her protection: “The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this ‘family’ aspect [of praying the Rosary]. … Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, our mother, will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial.”

This can be a time for us to be sensitive to Our Heavenly Mother’s presence by placing a statue or image of Mary in a special place in the home and praying the Rosary. The Immaculate Heart of Mary has a place for all of her children and always brings us closer to Jesus.

On this Mother’s Day we express our love and appreciation for all of our mothers who are with us here and those who now share in the peace of Heaven.

In Christ’s love,
Fr. Costa

**CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE**

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners who are continuing their financial stewardship even though we are unable to be together for public Mass at this time. We are also sensitive to our families facing financial pressure these days. Our collections for the month of April for this year and last year are:

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Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of our parish.
MOTHER’S DAY

GOD BLESS ALL MOMS!
Here are some ideas for how you can celebrate your mother and the gift of life that she has given to you during this most unique time:

• Spend some time reading one of the Gospels where Mary is a central character, asking God to help you to understand what it means to be a mother
  
  Annunciation (Lk. 1:26-38)
  Nativity (Matt. 1:18-25)
  Wedding Feast of Cana (Jn. 2:1-12)

• Pray a Hail Mary for your mother, entrusting her to the care of Mary, the Mother of all of humanity, whether she is living or deceased.

• Call your mother and let her know that you have been praying for her this Mother's Day and share with her some of what it means to you to know that you are united in Christ even if you are separated by distance

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Pirrall and Morgan Furore

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with St. Agnes Parish

Text AGNES to 22828
During the Coronavirus Outbreak and to minimize social distancing to keep everyone safe, the KofC Council Home will temporarily remain CLOSED to its members and to the public. Thank you for your understanding. Stay tuned for any changes.

Ever consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, #1333? If you are male, 18 yrs. old or older, and a practicing Catholic, please contact our New Financial Secretary Jim O’Melia at jamesome-lia52@gmail.com or 267-205-9749.

UPDATES

FROM OUTREACH SERVICES

This past week, during Morning Prayer in the Day Room we re-consecrated ourselves, and the work we are privileged to do, to Our Lady. That we, under her maternal care and through her intercession may, like her, respond to all of God’s proposals in our lives with a confident “Yes!” Ever in new and unexpected ways, may we welcome Him and point to Him and what He is doing in our lives and in our Day Room and in the Church. We ask Mary to teach us to never be self-referential, but always receive all that He provides in His gratuitous and abundant mercy.

In that light we are delighted to share with you that once again, Saint Agnes Outreach Services has been awarded a grant of $15,000.00 from Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to be used in our free Educational Support Programs for the children of immigrant families. This funding assists us to educate young children aged three years through Count Down to Kindergarten for whom English is a second language.

The children and their parents are acculturated to our best educational practices and encouraged in their Faith formation and develop a life-long love of learning and seeking who God is calling them to be in the world. Always seeking what is beautiful, what is good and what it true.

During this past week we have also been the recipients of many food drives and generous donations and meals for the hungry in our community. We thank all who help us in this work, whether by sewing masks for us and our guests, for preparing food for our meal program or through financial support and prayers. All is needed. All is sacred. All is in the care of Our Blessed Mother.

The grant that Outreach Services has received is funded by the Catholic Charities Appeal. Please continue reading the bulletin for more information on this initiative and prayerfully consider contributing financially to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

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El Arzobispo Nelson J. Pérez anuncia la suspensión de las misas públicas en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia.

¿Qué significa esto para la Parroquia Santa Inés?

**DISPONIBILIDAD DE MISAS Y DE LA IGLESIA**

Después de las misas de las 6:30 a.m. y 8:00 a.m. del miércoles, 18 de marzo, no se celebrarán misas públicamente. Los sacerdotes de Santa Inés continuarán ofreciendo la misa en privado por las intenciones ya programadas, con particular atención a la intención de la misa Pro Populo (Para el pueblo). Se nos ha ordenado que no celebremos servicios de comunión, en lugar de la misa.

A partir del jueves 19 de marzo, la iglesia y la capilla permanecerán abiertas para la oración privada. Las puertas se abrirán a las 8 a.m. (ya que no hay misa pública) y se cerrarán a las 3 p.m. Tanto la iglesia como la capilla estarán abiertas para que podamos observar la recomendación de los funcionarios de salud con respecto a las reuniones de personas.

**A partir del 17 de marzo de 2020, se restringen las reuniones a no más de 10 personas.**

**OTROS SACRAMENTOS Y FUNERALES**

**Visitas a los enfermos:** ya existen directrices para hospitales y otras instituciones. Se suspenden todas las visitas a los enfermos con la Sagrada Comunión en casas particulares, por sacerdotes, diáconos y ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión. Se espera que los sacerdotes celebren los sacramentos para aquellos en peligro de muerte, especialmente el Santo Viático. Las solicitudes pueden hacerse llamando a la oficina parroquial. Los mensajes serán revisados diariamente y el servicio de guardia continuará.

**Confesiones:** se llevarán a cabo en la iglesia el sábado, entre las 2 p.m. y 3 p.m., con la debida consideración de la limitación de los participantes y el distanciamiento social razonable.

**Bautismos:** las familias que han programado un bautismo, o les gustaría programar uno, deben comunicarse con la oficina parroquial. Organizaremos el horario de tal manera que el niño/a, los padres y los padrinos puedan estar presentes, sin exceder el límite de un máximo de 10 personas. Si el deseo es tener más familia presente para el Bautismo, se puede posponer para una fecha posterior.

**Bodas:** las parejas cuya boda se ve afectada por estas restricciones pueden reprogramar o elegir la boda con los padres y los dos testigos necesarios para celebrar una boda.

Hasta nuevo aviso, se suspenden todas las demás actividades y reuniones relacionadas con la parroquia. Permanezca conectado y por favor, háganos saber si hay feligreses que necesitan alguna otra ayuda.

**ASUNTOS RUTINARIOS DE OFICINA**

En la medida que sea posible, el personal laico de la parroquia estará trabajando desde su hogar, o sus responsabilidades se llevarán a cabo según sea necesario. Las horas regulares de oficina se suspenden a partir de las 5 p.m. del martes, 17 de marzo de 2020. Todos los asuntos de rutina de la oficina se manejarán por teléfono, correo postal o correo electrónico.

**DOMINGO DE RAMOS, SEMANA SANTA Y EL SAGRADO TRIDUO PASCUAL**

Las actualizaciones para estos días y celebraciones serán notificadas próximamente. El Arzobispo ha dispensado a todos los catecúmenos / candidatos de los escrutinios restantes.
Responding to COVID-19 through Prayer, Companionship, Self-Care and Care-of-Others
By Dr. Kevin Kirby

The township, the city, the state, the nation, and the world are in the grip of this pandemic. We are inundated through social media with the effects: the number of persons who have contracted the virus, the number of persons who have died, and the estimated number of persons who may die. We are advised to stay at home and travel only for essential purposes. All non-essential businesses, schools, and recreation facilities have been closed with unemployment reaching record highs. Many are feeling depressed, sometimes alone, and helpless. And we are deprived of the much-needed comfort, solace, joy, and spiritual sustenance of the Mass and Eucharist.

But we are truly not alone. In this time of deprivation and illness, fear and crisis, there is the opportunity of enhancing, rediscovering, and experiencing the love of God, who is always real and always present in our lives. Through prayer, we present our fears, our weaknesses, and our hopes to the hand of God. Our prayers need not be complicated or formalistic. In prayer, we are speaking intimately with God, placing our hopes and our needs - our humanity - before him, in all its imperfections.

Pope Francis recently expressed the following in his message to Spain: “God never abandons his people; he is always close to them, especially when sorrow is most present… It is the Lord who will ask us again, ‘Where is your brother?’ and, in our ability to respond, may the soul of our peoples be revealed, that reservoir of hope, faith and charity in which we were begotten and which, for so long, we have anaesthetized or silenced.”

For those who are on the front line of assisting others, our hearts and prayers are needed. We are also called to give our support to allow them respite from the front line and to acknowledge their great sacrifice. With the same heart and prayers, we all need to support those who are alone; those who have been immobilized by fear; those whose isolation, both physical and emotional, has endangered them physically and spiritually.

We pray for healthcare workers, police and fire personnel, our public administrators and staff, and all those who are truly essential in maintaining basic services. And we pray for those who have died, not as victims of the pandemic but as those whose suffering and death may restore them to life in Christ.
AL DÍA CON TU PARROQUIA

Circulo de Oración: Cada Miércoles a las 7:00pm en el Thomas Patrick Hall (Sótano parte baja).
Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento del Altar: Cada Miércoles en la Capilla de la Parroquia de 8:30am a 8:00pm visitalo, háblale y escúchale.
Clínica de Asistencia Médica: Invitamos a toda la comunidad a disponer de este servicio totalmente gratuito, los horarios son miércoles de 4:00pm a 6:00pm, y Sábado de 10:00am a 12:00pm. La clínica se encuentra ubicada en el pasillo que está cercano al Thomas Patrick Hall.
Bautizos: El primer Sábado de cada mes a las 11:30 am y el primer Domingo a la 1:00 pm en la Capilla de la Iglesia. Para más información, comunicarse con Sra. Carmen Lytle para registrarse al (610)692-2900 (Oficina Parroquial) y luego ella le comunicara a Kermit Brau para la plática previa al Bautizo.
Clases de inglés y de preparación para la Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos de América: Ya iniciaron las clases y si desean información pueden comunicarse con Hermana Mary.
Queremos anunciarles que la Oficina del Apostolado Hispano funciona en el Thomas Patrick Hall, Segundo piso, la Directora es la Hermana Mary Filan y su número de teléfono (610) 344-7224, pueden localizar a la hermana al final de la misa.
Para cualquier información o aviso que deseen incluir en el Boletín Hispano, o alguna sugerencia, favor de enviar un email a: boletinhispano2019@gmail.com o llamar a José Carbone al (484) 639-3370

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CONFESIONES

Hay confesiones cada Sábado en la iglesia de 2pm a 3pm. La iglesia y la capilla están abierto cada día de 8am a 3pm para oración personal.

SANTA MISA

Habrá una transmisión en vivo de la celebración de la Santa Misa cada Domingo de la parroquia de Santa Inés en Inglés a las 9am y en Español a las 10:15am/

ORACIÓN PERSONAL

La iglesia y la capilla están abiertas cada día de 8am a 3pm. El domingo hay Adoración de 11:30am a 3pm en la la capilla.

INTENCIONES DE ORACIÓN

¿Cómo podemos orar por ti? Te extrañamos en Santa Inés y queremos que sepas que estamos orando por ti.

Envía tus intenciones de oración a través de nuestro sitio web en saintagnesparish.org/prayer-intentions.

AYUDA

- Day Room tiene alimentos de primera necesidad, si alguien necesita comida.
- Nuestro objetivo es llamar a cada familia para ver si necesitan algo. Nos estamos acercando a Uds.—háganos saber sus necesidades y trataremos de ayudarlo de cualquier manera que podamos. Veremos que podemos hacer para ayudar a Uds. Y les llamaremos en unos días.
- Si no necesita nada en este momento, no dude en llamar a la rectoría cuando sea necesario en el futuro (610-692-2990)
- Si no tenemos su información en la rectoría, llámenos al 610-692-2990.

SACRAMENTOS

Bautizos: los bautizos serán una familia a la vez.
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