



The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties

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RE: March 31 Update

Fr. Tom, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Don and I continue to celebrate private Masses for the scheduled intentions. So, if you requested a Mass on a particular date, it is being said on that date for that intention. When we do not have particular intentions, we are offering Mass for all parishioners, for those suffering as a result of this virus, for all healthcare workers, for the faithful departed, or for an end to the spread of the virus.

Palm Sunday & Holy Week Updates

On Palm Sunday, we will bless the palm branches at our Masses and will have them at each church for you to pick up. They will remain in church throughout the week. Announcements will be coming about times for various Holy Week Masses and events. We did receive a notice from the US Bishops' Conference that the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land will be transferred from Good Friday to September 13, 2020.

Take the C.H.R.I.S.T. Challenge!

This week, we've challenged our community to take part in our #LentenChallenge, Week 5: The C.H.R.I.S.T. Challenge. Each day we'll have a new challenge to help us keep Christ at the center of what we do.

We also hope the daily challenges will help us connect as a community while we build up the church, the Body of Christ, while we are apart. Connect with us! Tag us on our social media platforms (Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook) or send pictures or thoughts to mkennedy@athenscatholic.org. We will periodically share updates from the community. We look forward to seeing how you keep Christ in all you do this week!

#LENTENCHALLENGE: WEEK 5
C.H.R.I.S.T. CHALLENGE
Join us each day this week for a new challenge to keep Christ in all we do! The daily challenges below will help connect us as a community while we work to build up the church, the Body of Christ.

M	CLIMB Go out and be active! Enjoy God's handiwork in nature.
TU	HELPING HANDS Help a neighbor or friend.
W	RENEW Plant seeds/garden, recycle, or clean up your yard or neighborhood to show appreciation for God's creation.
TH	INSPIRE Think about how your words & actions can inspire those around you. Show or tell us what inspires you!
F	STATIONS Pray Stations of the Cross virtually. You can do this outside or visit one of the churches on your own.
S	TIME Spend time in prayer today. In this time when things are isolated, reflect on how you spend your time when everything is busy.

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Help Us to Plan

We hope to be able to offer spiritual growth opportunities to you during this time of social distancing. We ran a poll through Flocknote to find out preferences for modality and days/times that are preferable if we run live, virtual meetings.

Lenten Retreat: There's Still Time!

The Franciscan Sisters, who offered our Parish Mission back in January, are offering their Lenten Retreat called "Tree of Life: the Cross and its Fruits," online.

The Retreat can be a one-day experience or it can be broken up however you want, so you still have time to do this before Easter!

Regardless of the mode you choose (all in one or spread apart), the Lord will be at work no matter your situation! For more information about their retreat or to participate, [visit the Sisters' Website](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mike". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.