REMEMBERING GOD’S DIVINE MERCY

As we know last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday, I’m suggesting you need to remember your ABC’s as a way of continually to live in God’s divine mercy.

- Ask for His mercy.
- Be merciful
- Completely trust in Jesus

THE STRANGER IN OUR MIDST

In these days when our life seems to be controlled by ways of trying to avoid the coronavirus – this very insidious stranger in our midst, our life is turned upside down. This pandemic dominates the 24-news cycle like nothing else in my lifetime. Flattening the curve seems to be the goal of life. This virus is indeed a deadly stranger in our midst.

Today's Gospel talks about another stranger in the midst of the first disciples on their way to Emmaus. From the Gospel account, The Risen Lord was present in their midst, and they did not recognize Him. He was just a stranger in their midst. The two disciples knew the details of the teaching of Jesus but not their real meaning.

How about us? Do we too have trouble recognizing the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst? The profound message of the Biblical account is that hospitality shown to the stranger is a way of recognizing the presence of the Risen Lord.

Yes, I would invite you to consider that there is a stranger in your life that is the presence of the risen Jesus. Perhaps even this stranger is asking us questions we would rather not hear.

The Emmaus account is a recognition story, so to speak. In contrast to COVID-19 that is a deadly stranger in our midst, the Risen Lord is a life-giving presence in our midst. May we commit ourselves wholeheartedly in this Easter season of 50 days to welcome this stranger in our midst, and in so doing, we are welcoming the Risen Jesus to accompany us in all of life.

Have a safe and blessed day.

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Joseph Mammino
Father of Barbara Bauman

Cleaning And Sanitizing
The Church And Common Areas As Coronavirus Hits Our Area
With guidelines in hand from the Diocese of Rochester and the Centers for Disease Control, we are working diligently to deep clean our campus in the days ahead and disinfecting it daily. As a result we are only open from 9am until 4pm. Please use the Chapel area only. Check our website for up to date information.

ONLINE COLLECTION BASKET
During these difficult and uncertain times your continued support of Church of the Holy Spirit is most appreciated. We want to thank all of our parishioners who have continued to mail in their envelopes (1355 Hatch Rd Webster, NY 14580) and/or utilized our electronic option via www.churchofholyspiritwebster.org/give.
Your generosity will enable us to continue serving you and the community. THANK YOU to everyone who is continuing their donations.

Fr. Frederick Bush Memorial
The Church of the Holy Spirit Council #16411 Knights of Columbus are excited to announce the Frederick Bush Memorial for the 2020-2021 school year. In memory of the beautiful legacy that Fr. Bush left our parish community, we look to bless 4 worthy students with a $500. If you are a school aged child and attend a home school, independent school, Catholic elementary or secondary school or college/university, we encourage you to apply. Awards will be made to the following grade groupings: K-6th grade, 7th-11th grade, and college applicant/student. Applications can be found online at www.churchofholyspiritwebster.org/knights-of-Columbus
The deadline for applying is May 31, 2020 with the winners announced during the month of June. Questions may be directed to Joe Corona by email at jcorona14@gmail.com or by phone at (585) 330-1743.

3 Easy Steps
To Keeping Yourself and Others Healthy!
We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways.

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can’t wash your hands, use hand sanitizer.

Don’t touch your Face especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep your Distance. Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.
FIRST READING
“God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father.” (Acts 2:32-33a)

PSALM
Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) or Alleluia

SECOND READING
He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

GOSPEL
“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” (Lk 24:34)


GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mass Intentions for the Week

You can catch our priests live streaming Mass from St. Joseph’s Church everyday. The Masses are at 8:00AM Monday - Saturday and 9:00AM on Sunday. Go to https://sjcpenfield.com/video to view them any time.

Monday 4/27 - Easter Weekday
† Frank Esposito by Church of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday 4/28 - Easter Weekday
† Vincent & Dino Ruggeri by Family

Wednesday 4/29 - St Catherine of Siena
† Charlie Cardillo by bequest

Thursday 4/30 - Easter Weekday
† Maria Laura Labata and Paul Valente by family

Friday 5/1 - Easter Weekday
† Thomas Dunn by Patty & Joe Janiak
† To St Joseph for all looking for employment by Shelley Mosher

Saturday 5/2 - St Athanasius
† Vincent Pellegrino by Pat Wallace

Sunday 5/3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
† Marianna & Rocco Falchi by Sally & Patsy Piccininni
† Lise Farnand by Dr Peri & Cecilia Samikkannu

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for
John Allen
by family

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Mass Schedule

Please know that although Masses are not being celebrated at Holy Spirit, due to St. Joseph’s live video capabilities, intentions for both churches are being announced and prayed for during the scheduled Mass. Please join them online at www.sjcpenfield.com, click on the Stream Spot image. Masses are said Monday through Saturday at 8am and Sunday at 9am. Recorded Mass videos are available to view all day long.

Until Further Notice

All non-essential parish gatherings at Holy Spirit are cancelled. This includes the celebration of Masses and all other activities.

Please check our website for the most up-to-date information during these difficult times: www.ChurchofHolySpiritWebster.org

Reach Out 1-844-863-9314

If you are overwhelmed right now, the NYS COVID-19 Emotional Support Line is staffed by specially trained volunteers who can help.