20 March 2020

To: The Holy Rosary Parish Family

As the seasonal calendar indicates that today is the first full day of spring and the liturgical calendar is in the middle of Lent, our world is anything but normal. The only constant these last several weeks has been rapid change and it is often difficult for us to keep up with it all. Our whole lives as we know them have come to a halt and our daily routines upended. COVID-19 affects us all.

Throughout all of this, God remains unchanged. God continues to pour out love, mercy, and grace to all of us during these times. In fact, the change in our daily routines provides us an opportunity to reflect more deeply on God’s presence with us. While we cannot gather in prayer for the celebration of the Eucharist, Stations of the Cross, or other spiritual or faith formation meetings, we can encounter Christ. Jesus continues to be with us.

This weekend is the 4th Sunday of Lent. Our gospel is the story of the man born blind, whom Jesus cures. The cure is not only physical sight, but the man also receives spiritual sight as well – to know who Jesus is and encounter Him. Like the Samaritan woman in last week’s gospel, there is a progression of faith in believing in Jesus as the Christ.

During this difficult time, we might be tempted to despair as our period of “social distancing” and inability to gather with others, especially for Mass, continues. Yet, God calls our faith to progress as well, deepening our belief in Jesus as the Christ, fully realizing that He has redeemed us by His Cross and Resurrection.

So, no matter how long the coronavirus pandemic affects our lives and the world, it does not affect our faith – unless we allow it. Through all this, God remains unchanged. The question is how will we change? It can be a time to see things differently, to appreciate each other more and see our lives from God’s perspective. We can view this time as an inconvenience or an opportunity. Throughout His public ministry, Jesus only saw opportunities to proclaim the good news – curing the blind man, was one of them.

Let us see only the opportunities before us – the opportunity to pray more as a family in our homes, especially the Rosary; the opportunity to reach out to those in need via the phone, to the elderly or those who live alone, as well as the physically or mentally challenged; the opportunity to have meaningful conversations with family and friends; and the opportunity to reflect more deeply on God’s presence to us as we seek to encounter Christ.

Please know of my daily prayers for our whole parish family and, in your charity, please remember me in your daily prayers as we look forward to the day we again celebrate the Eucharist together.

In Christ,

Fr. Joe Previte
An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Daily Readings & Feast Days
available online at www.usccb.org

Monday, March 23:
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24:
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25:
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26:
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 27:
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28:
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:23, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

† Rest in Peace †
Nicola (Nick) Capretta

With Gratitude & Appreciation:
Offertory total for March 14-15: $ 2,375.00

For online giving through your bank account or credit card, please visit www.faithdirect.net and sign up using the Holy Rosary church code: OH473.

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Rosary!

Note About Parish Office Hours:
The Holy Rosary Parish Office is open for necessary business only from the hours of 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
The church remains closed at this time.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

- Catholic Conference of Ohio

Visit the Diocese of Cleveland Website for Daily Mass, Updates and Resources

The Diocese of Cleveland is live-streaming weekday Mass at 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, on its website. Sunday Mass will also be available online. Note that weekday and Sunday Mass can be viewed online at any time throughout the day at: www.dioceseofcleveland.org. Sunday Mass is also broadcast on television at 6:00 am on Cleveland’s Fox 8 on Sunday mornings.

Please note that ALL Catholics in Ohio are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this time due to the worldwide COVID-19 health crisis.

Even though we are not gathering together weekly, we encourage you to continue your efforts in supporting Catholic Relief Services. You are invited to fast, pray, and make monetary donations throughout Lent. The rice bowls with monetary donations may be returned to Holy Rosary when we again resume Masses. Your sacrifices benefit so many people throughout the world. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity. More information and stories at: www.crsricebowl.org

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Lenten Fasting and Abstinence from Meat:
All Fridays during the liturgical season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for all those age 14 and older. Note that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special Lenten days requiring both abstinence from meat plus fasting. Fasting applies only to those 18-59 years of age (Consuming one full meal during the day, plus two lighter meals and no eating between meals).
**PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

Please pray for the following individuals & their caregivers. Names will remain on the list for one year. If you wish to add a name to the list, please call the Parish Office at (216) 421-2995.

Jim Anderson  • Michael Antonacci, Jr.  • Pearl Beningo  • Lisa Bielawski  • Yvonne Bolden  • Bryan  • Joy Buckholtz  • Michael K. Buckholtz  • Ebe Chamberlin

Patricia Cornacchione  • Corrine (Corky) Ferrone-Ramey  • Gabie Council  • Celeste DiCillo  • Marie Elena DiFrancisco  • Mary Duigg  • Marissa Elsing  • John Feighan  • Marie Fiore  • Phyliss Flannery  • Vince Francioli  • Joe Frank  • Florencio Gomez  • Chris Grutta-daria  • Anton Hannaford  • Terri Hannaford  • Cathy Heimburger  • Michalina Hocevar  • Salvatore Lamont  • Robert Lay  • Antoinette Malatesta

• James Malatesta  • Harry McNally  • Patrick McKinney

Sarah Menatti  • Paul M. Miller  • Mary Nero  • Richard Damian Nero  • Anthony Nunziata  • Michael Peluso

Emily Pinzone  • Patrick Pronio  • William Principi  • Alice Puliafico  • Flo Rapposelli  • Susan Restifo

• Gretchen Richmond  • Susan Royer  • Antoinette Saba-to  • John Sabetta  • Vincent Scibana  • Charles Skripko

• Cheryl Switzer  • Sendev Tamiselvan  • Margaret Trenkamp  • Karyn Thomas  • Annmarie Varga

Mary Lou Welther  • Donald Worthington  • Donna Zart

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**Culture of Life Ministry Collection**

**Care Packages for Abington Arms Residents**

The Lenten project to support the residents of Abington Arms is delayed, but will continue as planned once we again resume gathering weekly for Mass.

Would you like to brighten the life of someone in our neighborhood who may be less fortunate than you? In the future when gathering for Mass resumes, the Culture of Life Committee will collect items to create care packages that will be distributed to residents at Abington Arms, an apartment complex on Mayfield Road offering affordable housing to seniors and the disabled.

See below for suggestions which should be purchased as individually wrapped items that would fit in a lunch bag.

**Snacks:** Candy, gum, granola bars, snack packs (pretzels, chips, crackers, small fruit cups, etc.), breath mints, etc.

**Toiletries:** Toothbrushes, lip balm and travel-size lotion, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, mouth wash, hand sanitizer, etc.

Once the restrictions for gathering for Mass are lifted, donations may be placed in the marked bins at the two side entrance doors and in the back of the church before or after Mass. If you would prefer to make a monetary gift, please put cash or check (payable to Holy Rosary) in an envelope and mark it for “Culture of Life Collection”. These can be placed mailed to the parish office or dropped in the offertory basket when gathering for Mass resumes.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness! For questions, please contact Rose Spena: rtspena@sbcglobal.net.

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**Pray for All Those in the Military, Law Enforcement & for Firefighters**

• Third District Cleveland Police

• Battalion I Cleveland Firefighters

• Firefighter Nicholas Angie, Euclid  • Major Timothy Berger, Marines  • Sgt. Dan Clementi, Shaker Hts. Police Dept.

• Basic Patrol Officer Danny Clementi, Cleveland Hts Police Dept.  • Capt. Evan Campbell, Marines  • David D’Eusatio, Parma & Willoughby Hills Police Depths.  • Ret. Frank DiPenti, Marines

• SFC Daniel Geraci Elliott  • Patrol Officer Christopher Frato, Jr., Euclid  • Firefighter Joseph Frato, Euclid  • R. J. Harmon, Willoughby Hills Police Dept.  • Specialist Antonio J. Lonero, U.S. Army

• William Madan, Mayfield Hts Firefighter  • Nicholas Mandato, Air Force  • Miles McGreehan, U.S. Federal Police Officer  • Sgt. James Mixon  • Sgt. Sean Moriarty, U.S. Army  • Lt. Kevin Owens, Beachwood Police Dept.  • SrA Stevan Previte, Air Force  • Joseph Della Rosa, U.S. Coast Guard  • Captain Jonathan Royer, Marines  • Firefighter Michael Scaboo, Bedford

• Matthew Scalisi, Cleveland Clinic Police Dept.  • Deputy Rex Smith, Minnehaha County, SD  • Mark Stack, Marine Reserves & Lorain Firefighter  • Patrol Officer Matthew Sustarsic

• Sgt. Ralph Valentino, Cleveland Police Dept.

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**Be a Part of 40 Days for Life**

Please continue to pray for people considering abortion and for abortion to become unthinkable as well as unlawful. The 2020 Spring campaign continues through Palm Sunday, April 5. Prayer and sacrifices are encouraged from home. However, 40 Days for Life has suspended all on-site prayer vigils. Following 40 Days for Life campaigns, abortion clinic workers have left, and with support from And Then There Were None, have found other work. Abortion clinics have closed. Another abortion clinic in the same block of Shaker Boulevard where people prayed is now closed. Your prayers and sacrifices make a difference.