

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Private Mass Intentions for the week:

### Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30AM Tom Gaffney

8:30AM Ronald Goryl

### Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

6:30AM Thomas Daly

8:30AM Susan Myers

### Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30AM Antonio Luis Ramos

8:30AM Frank Kapsha

### Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30AM Covell Family

8:30AM Boeggeman Family

### Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:30AM John Ryan

8:30AM John Kelly

### Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Rick Owsley



### *Please remember in your prayers all our sick:*

Brian Allison, Dakota Almeiva, Jim Bakey, Bob Belczyk, Marie Biddle, Bernice Bonsmann, Jack Boyette, Theresa Bucella, Paul Bufano, Sophia Bufano, Virginia Burbage, Dennis Burns, Greyson Burke, Cathy Carrol, Susan Crowley, Anne Davis, Barbara DeLeon, Claudio Defino, Thomas Duggan, Amanda Durkholder, Kelly Eberz, George Edelmann, Joseph Eichinger, Sharon Feist, Janice Ford, Fr. Mike Freynes, MHM. Laurie Frost, Kim, Fry, Daniel Garvin, Krysten Gentile, Heidi Goldberg, Karen Gormley, Anne Hagg, Margaret Hardy, Robert Harron, Helena Hart, Conall Harvey, Charles Hee, Tony Iacone, Sylvester Jenifer, John Johnson, Rosemarie Johnson, Regina Johnson, Jennifer Kelly, Lizzy Kelly, Shyla Kelly, Donald Kester, Karen Kester, Ralph King, Danielle Lever, Thomas Luke, Debra Mallon, Bob Magolon, Brenda Magolon, Barbara Magozzi, Margaret Mahoney, Robert Malin, Ann Manco, Patricia Marconi, Tom Marley, Florence Marshall, Thomas Marshall, Mary Mascioli, Deacon Paul McBlain, Cameron McCarthy, Megan McDevitt, Nan McGroary, Dan McKenna, Joey McLaughlin, Cesar Montalvo, James Moran, Susan Mullen, Phyllis Myers, Christina Nesmith, Julia Newell, Anthony Oswald, Louisa Pacubas, Thom Parker, Edward Piecara, Sr., Charles Piecara, Jr., Eileen Posner, Claire Powers, Larry Price, Helen Raftovich, Loretta Ricciardi, Paul Riggs, Bill Robb, Joseph Romasko, Jr., Ernie Rink, Sharon Rowles, Claire Salvi, Christine Samuels, Candy Santos, Patricia Schmidt, Diane Shaefer, Kathy Shiels, John Smith, Rosemary Smith, Thomas Smith, Kathleen Stacklass, Jerry Sullivan, Kayla Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jose Tavarez, Lauren Thomas, Virginia Tracy, John Tully, Mary Walls, Diane Weverling, Nancy Williams, Hana Yago, Michelle & Robert Yanuzzi, Angie Zuccarino

### *Please pray for our beloved deceased especially:*

*Audris Lichota*

## *a letter from the pastor*

Let us see this time of crisis and isolation as a tremendous opportunity for:

### PRAYER

Pray for all the victims of this virus, especially those who have died from it. Remember also those in the medical field, first responders and those working to keep food and other necessities available to us.

### GENEROSITY

Please remember the many families without and income at this time because of this virus. Be open to sharing what you are able with them.

### SERVICE

Reach out to your elderly neighbors, those who are alone during this crisis. Share what you have, make a phone call.

I am sure any generosity and acts of kindness will be appreciated.

This is an opportunity to put our faith in action. Be kind to one another, be patient with each other!

Let us pray for each other!

*Msr. Vogan*

**ALL Public MASSES are SUSPENDED!**

**Please join us!**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> 5PM MASS**  
**Simply go to the parish website and click on the link!**

*Faith over Fear*  
*Wisdom over Worry*  
*Prayer over Panic*

**Although our Church is closed the chapel will remain accessible for prayer from 9AM until 3PM.**



**PLEASE remember the many families without jobs who are struggling financially at this difficult time – share what you can!**

**Please IF YOU ARE ABLE consider onling giving.**

**Please IF YOU ARE ABLE continue to support the parish financially, by mailing in your donations.**

**The NEED is REAL as we continue to maintain parish operations and reach out to our parishioners facing serious financial difficulties.**



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**PLEASE if YOU ARE ABLE continue to use the poor boxes in the chapel and bring non-perishable food goods to the red box in the lower church vestibule.**

**ALL Facilities ARE CLOSED!  
ALL Events ARE CANCELLED!**

**The rectory office is CLOSED.  
PLEASE CALL the RECTORY if there is a need.**

We will respond to emails and be available by telephone. All business that can be conducted by phone or email is the best course of action at this time.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Priests will continue to offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass privately during this period and to honor all requested Mass Intentions.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** must be made through your funeral director.

#### **SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES**

Priests will continue to anoint those in danger of death.

#### **SICK VISITS**

In conjunction with directives already in force in hospitals and institutions, all visits to the sick are suspended.



At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tell us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

**PROJECT H.O.P.E. is SUSPENDED!**

**NO rides are being given at this time.**



#### **EASTER DINNER DONATIONS**

**We will be collecting money/gift cards** to help defray the cost for Easter dinners provided by the Missionaries of Charity. **Please send your donation in by Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please stop by the rectory and purchase your **gift card if possible!**



#### **BEREAVEMENT Ministry**

Since February 1999, St. Joseph's Bereavement Ministry has provided emotional support and encouragement to those who have lost a loved one. Each November, we celebrate a Mass of Remembrance, commemorating the lives of those we have lost. In the spring and fall, we host a support group facilitated by professional grief counselors. We call, visit or correspond with those who are grieving. If you or someone you know has suffered a loss and we can be of service, please call the rectory at 610-497-3340. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, to be present for our families who are navigating their grief journey, please call Marge at 610-485-8213.



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Any questions or to give feedback, please contact Kellianne Miley DRE, 610-494-4358/[astonstjdre@gmail.com](mailto:astonstjdre@gmail.com)



PREP sessions last week, levels 2 through 6, went to confession. The students were respectful and prayerful.

In Wednesday's 6:00 session, Mrs. Hunt's class, Santino told us that they learned that while Jesus was carrying the cross he fell three times and Padraig told us that Simon helped Jesus carry His cross.

*"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."*

*Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

## GIFTCARDS WE HAVE THEM!

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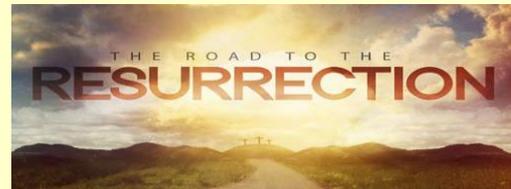
## CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING HOPE TO ALL

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to tens of thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You may mail your gift in the envelope mailed to your home.

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH LENTEN



### Road to the Resurrection



Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Church of St. Joseph Lenten Reflection  
Led by Fr. Michael Mullan

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/952204785>

Listen by Phone: (646) 558-8656

Webinar ID: 952 204 785

**A Lenten event for the whole family!**  
Adults and children will enjoy Lenten reflections presented by Father Mullan including quiet time for contemplation!



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**IF YOU ARE ABLE!**

### ENROLL IN ONLINE GIVING

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- You can make weekly or monthly offerings without writing a check
- You can make one time donations to special appeals
- You Schedule and manage recurring donations
- You will continue to receive envelopes to drop into the Sunday collection basket, simply check the online giving box on your envelope.

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