

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2020

From the Priests' Desks:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart:

This is now the ninth weekend without public Masses...Many of us have continued to plead: "How much longer, Lord!?" With that, I ask us all to deeply ponder the first verse of today's Gospel message from John 14:1-

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."

My suggestion, brothers and sisters is simple: Read it. Let it sink in. Read it again and again and again.
Amen.

Mother's' Day 2020 will be different. This prayer by Heidi Busse sums it up beautifully...Mothers present and heavenly- We love you and treasure you for raising us with such tender devotion and sacrifice...Happy Mothers' Day!!

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

By Heidi Busse

All-loving God,
We give you thanks and praise
For mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers,
Who give life and count toes
And tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness
To care for their families and themselves
With great joy.

We pray for our own mothers
Who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide
In strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated
From their children because of war,
Poverty or conflict;
May they feel the loving embrace of
Our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers
But still love and shape us
With motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers & great
grandmothers
Who are no longer with us
But who live forever in our memory
And nourish us with their love.
Amen.

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The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life." The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.



HOLY MOTHER PRAY FOR US

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the
grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the
Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, MAY 10 Mother's Day
Monday, MAY 11
Tuesday, MAY 12
Wednesday, MAY 13
Thursday, MAY 14
Friday, MAY 15
Saturday, MAY 16
Sunday, MAY 10

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

ALERT

Now more than ever the Archdiocese of New York needs your support. The virus which we realize has impacted us all makes your support if possible, even greater. Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners. As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$49,986. towards our goal of \$122,500.

ATTENTION

SACRED HEART CHURCH FAMILY

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS
WE ARE HEREBY CANCELLING THE**

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

To date we have only sold a very small amount of tickets. Those who purchased a ticket will receive a refund in the next week.

We pray that we will at least be able to celebrate in some way, even in this new norm our Feast Day.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS WE ADORE YOU!

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Attention 8th Grade Boys!

St. Joseph Regional High School is currently accepting qualified applicants for admission to the: Class of 2024 Knights Bridge Academy (A unique academic program that helps graduating 8th grade boys who could benefit from another year of preparation before beginning 9th grade.) We encourage you to visit www.sjrnj.org or email admissions@sjrnj.org to inquire about becoming a Green Knight!

ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS

Join Us for Falcon Fridays

May 29th, June 12th and 26th -11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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IMMACULATE HEART PRAYER GROUP

Please join members of our parish's Immaculate Heart of Mary prayer group for devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Her lovely statue present in the church this weekend, Friday-Sunday during the hours of private prayer from 1:00-5:00pm. God bless everyone!



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Elias and Marina del Castilla, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Cynthia Finneran, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

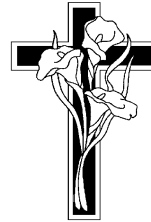
We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS MAY 10, 2020

Altar Candles In Memory of KEN GAUDREAU Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of ALL THOSE LOST TO COVID - 19



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: Especially: Jean Szermer, Romualdo Cogliano and Rich McDowell



ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY OUR PARISH PRIESTS DUE TO COVID-19

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 12:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 12:00PM



SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm - ALL MOTHERS

SUNDAY, MAY 10 MOTHERS DAY

ALL MASSES ARE FOR ALL MOTHERS

MONDAY, MAY 11

7:00am - Fermin Diaz

9:00am - Paula Panico

7:15pm - NO Novena

TUESDAY, MAY 12

7:00am - Jean Szermer

9:00am - Joseph Randazzo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

7:00am - Geraldine P. Kane

9:00am - Michael Cunningham

THURSDAY, MAY 14

7:00am - Special Intention Chase Blaesi

9:00am - Lester Bernstein

FRIDAY, MAY 15

7:00am - Romualdo Cogliano

9:00am - Nancy Collins

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9:00am - Neil Schouten

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm - Andrew Columbia

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:00am - All Parishioners

8:30am - Dianne Messina

10:00am - All Those Married 25 & 50 years

11:30am - Catherine Greeley

1:00pm - Harry Leggett

5:30pm - Parish Memorial Society

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 12-MARIANE HECK