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MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. Styles & Ahl Families †
Sunday, May 24: Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. Helen Zucca †
11:30 a.m. Annette Gallo †
5:00 p.m. John & Angie Caprotti †

Monday, May 25: Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Eileen Nolfo (Living)

Tuesday, May 26: St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Michael, Frances, & Michael Jr.
Altamari †

Wednesday, May 27: Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Virginia & James Juanis †

Thursday, May 28: Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mary Ronald Scoccia †
9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 29: Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 30: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Madeleine & George Fassino †
5:00 p.m. Gina M. McGinnis †

Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. Ida Werner †
9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph's Music Ministry †
11:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 31, 2020

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-3.
Psalm 104. (Send Out Your Spirit)
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27. (The Spirit
Our Helper)
Gospel: John 7:37-39. (Prediction of the Spirit)
*Start today to familiarize yourself
with our readings.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR -- John Manfro, Sara
Lunogo and for all our parishioners who are
homebound, in healthcare facilities or who are
seriously sick.



IN LOVING MEMORY Lyndia Bohan,
Delores McGoldrick, Florence E. Deegan, Mary
Rose Pisano, Stase Bobelis, Michael P. Bathrick,
Edna Hulsair, Melville J. Allan and all who have
died recently.

PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Donations Received \$4,9444.00

Maintenance & Repair \$75.00

Religious Education \$10.00

Votive Shrines \$189.00

Good Friday \$25.00

Easter \$125.00

Latin America \$45.00

Mother's Day \$607.00

Ascension Thursday \$15.00

WeShare Regular \$2,205.38

WeShare Religious Education \$64.48

**Our thanks to all for your ongoing
monetary support of our parish during this
challenging, unprecedented time!**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

ARMY

Lt. Col. Kevin Doherty, Fort Knox, KY
SPC Joseph Tanksley, deployed
CW2 Justin Wanat, D.C.
Pvt. 1st Class Todd Caswell, deployed
Sgt. 1st Class Kristin Chandler, Ft. Hood, TX

NAVY

SA Tyler C. Petro, Groton, CT

MARINES

Corporal Bailey Emerton

AIR FORCE

CPT. David R. Beberwyk, deployed
1st LT Jacqueline Beberwyk, Alaska
MAJ Blaine Stewart, D.C.

*Thank you to all our veterans, past and present, for serving our country
& protecting our freedoms!*



FROM MSGR. DESMOND—First let

me say that all of you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Msgr. Sullivan, Fr. Cyprien, Deacon Doherty and I are well but greatly miss seeing you. We pray that the day comes soon when we can safely have public Masses and meet again. In the meantime, we continue praying and trusting in Jesus' great love for us. Please pray for those suffering from this virus, those who have died, the courageous people on the front lines caring for them, and all those facing financial challenges during this unprecedented situation. I will now report on the following: finances; meeting with Cardinal Dolan; return to sacraments; religious education; census; and repairs to the parish buildings.

Finances: a profound thank you to the parish. Many of you are continuing to send in your donations. In fact, our collections are 75% of what they usually are which is great considering that we do not have any Masses currently! We have, also, received the federal loan to help tide us over during this difficult time. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

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Zoom meeting with Cardinal Dolan & all the deans: at the time of this writing, we have not received the official minutes from this meeting which means that nothing is official or decided upon. Obviously, we realize that situations are changing daily so it is exceedingly difficult to make any definitive decisions. Here is a summary—decisions for our upstate counties may differ from those made for the metropolitan area because the COVID-19 numbers are quite different. The Cardinal hopes that some upper county public Masses could start being celebrated in a few weeks but with small numbers. We discussed the possibility of funeral, weddings, baptisms, and daily Masses attended by only 12-15 people. The need for social and physical distancing would have to be maintained for many months which will diminish the numbers that could attend a public Sunday Mass when resumed. For example, I placed tape marks on the pews in our church; and we could hold only 100-120 folks instead of our usual 450. As a result, there was some discussion on allowing a weekday Mass counting for the weekly obligation. If this option is taken, we would ask people to attend Mass just once a week and reserve weekend Masses for those whose employment prevent them from coming during the week. We usually have 1,200-1,400 on a weekend so if all cooperated, we could accommodate everyone with 100-120 attending a Mass. I emphasize again that these are only proposals. First Communion—class events must be dismissed due to distancing so only a few children would receive the sacrament at any given Mass. Confirmation—the Cardinal would give permission to each pastor to perform Confirmation. Confessions—cannot be heard in small, limited spaces so most confessionals would not be used. No decisions have been made regarding the education of our children, but most school districts are discussing smaller classes. I have spoken to Mrs. Joan Croton about having a second session on Tuesday afternoons for social and physical distancing. No decisions have been made. I know that not having a definite date is frustrating for families, but that seems to be the world we live in presently. Catholic schools—one third (1/3) of Catholics in the Archdiocese are out of work and parishes are suffering from reduced income. There is a fear of reduced enrollment especially in NYC this could translate into school closures. Summer help—350 priests that usually come for the summer will not be coming this year. This means that the diocese will have to find ways to carry on with fewer priests. Again, no decisions have been made.

Return to the Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick is presently taking place. It is hoped that soon we can return to other sacraments in a limited way with smaller numbers at Mass, funerals, baptisms, and weddings. First Communion will take place as soon as possible. Confirmation is currently scheduled for November so we have time to determine if that date might have to be changed or more dates added.

Census: thank you to all who returned these forms. With the office closed, I do not have a clear picture of what percentage has been returned. When we do get back, I would like to recruit volunteers to reach out to those who have not returned them.

Parish Repairs: Ron Calixto, Head of Maintenance, has stripped and waxed all floors and fixed all plumbing leaks in the Parish Center and is currently painting the chapel. The Parish Center looks great!! The Parish offices (not yet used) are finished. The paving of the parking lot should be completed by next Friday. A bid has been selected to replace the church roof, and that contract should be signed within a week. The new roof should be installed in less than 30 days. The elevator is on hold temporarily because its main purpose was ease of access for people attending Mass in the chapel downstairs. This would also save over \$7,000 in heating and air conditioning costs by having daily Mass in the Parish Center chapel. However, with the need for social and physical distancing for an undetermined time, we are back to using the main church. Finally, keep praying. Stay safe. We all hope to see you soon in CHURCH! God bless. Msgr. Desmond

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ARCHWAYS—the spring 2020 issue of *Archways* is available on the Archdiocese's website. This issue offers us some ways to stay connected to our faith while we practice physical and social distancing. The Adult Formation Office put together an exhaustive listing of dozens of online services and resources to help Catholics through this difficult time. This includes virtual Masses, prayer sessions, play lists, books and videos, counseling sessions and more. Here are a few highlights:

- Sunday Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral via Catholic Faith Network; saintpatrickscathedral.org/live; YouTube; and on the Catholic channel of Sirius XM (channel 129).
- Divine Mercy Chaplet daily on the Catholic Faith Network. Every Friday at 3:00 p.m. from the Office of Adult Faith Formation.
- FORMED.org which offers movies, audiobooks, discussions, children's materials and more.
- *Families Faith at Home* is a weekly religious education resource from the Archdiocese Office of Youth Faith Formation.
- Daily Mass readings with commentary available from the U. S. Catholic Conference of Bishops or from the *Word Among Us*.
- Morning and evening prayers available free from Magnificat during social distancing.

Archways Spring 2020 (archny.org/ArchwaysSpring2020)

edition has much more to offer so check it out today!!