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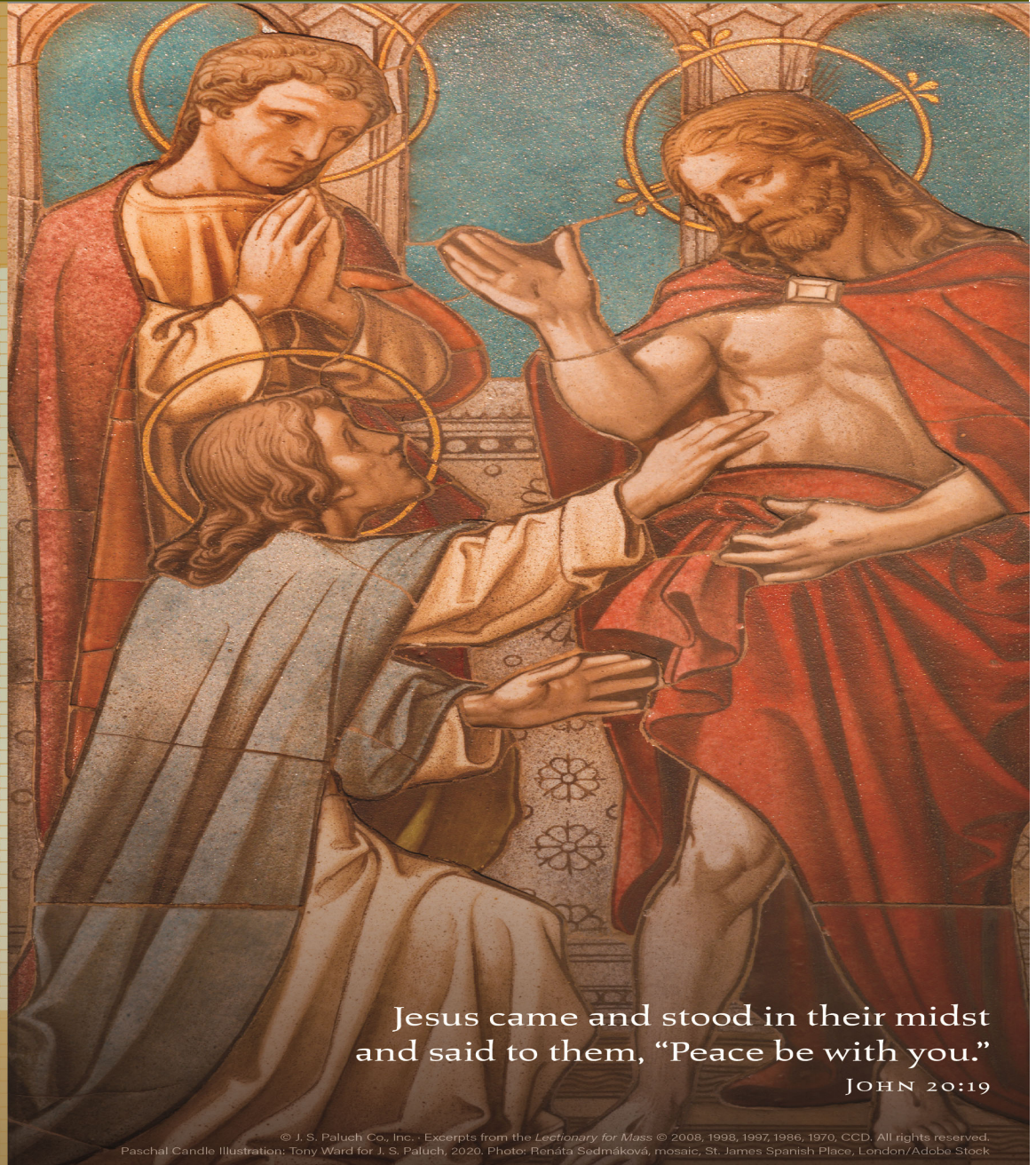
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APRIL
19
2020



SECOND
SUNDAY OF
Easter



Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

JOHN 20:19

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Mission Statement

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to live His Gospel by answering daily, "Yes, here I am Lord". Strengthened by the sacraments and trusting in God's saving grace, we joyfully commit ourselves to sharing our gifts for the continual renewal of our parish and the Maplewood community.

From Deacon John:

“Odds and Ends”?

Today is the Fifth Sunday without mass in our church. It still seems *ODD*.

When will it *END*? As of today all I can say is “NOBODY KNOWS FOR SURE.” On March 16th Archbishop Carlson suspended all masses after consulting health and government officials. Days later, the “Stay Home” order was issued by St Louis County and City in a joint statement. They have stated it will be extended beyond April 22nd. Catholic schools are closed for the remainder of the school year. Later the State of MO issued a “Stay Home Missouri” order. The CDC and President Trump have issued guidelines. Dr. Fauci said WHEN it will end is up to COVID-19.

IT IS UP TO US:

Most of us can determine if we catch COVID-19. No one can catch the virus if they “Stay Home” by themselves. No family will catch COVID-19 if they all “Stay Home”. For those who have to go out they can greatly reduce their risk by washing hands for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap, keep social distancing of at least 6', avoid touching their face, wear a mask and avoid crowds.

Some of us were greatly bored after a few days at home. It does not feel exciting or glamorous. But the best way to stop this disease is to keep it from spreading. By taking these steps we are “the quiet heroes” in stopping the disease.

It will take patience to get through our frustrations, and perseverance to keep the discipline, To me, it helps to remember we are not just staying home to protect our self, but we are staying home to avoid spreading it to OTHERS. It is up to us...for the sake of others.

NEED FOR PRAYER:

This is a wonderful time to pray for our visible heroes—medical providers, first responders, essential workers. They face real fears and sometimes do not have proper safety equipment. It is hard on their families too. It is good to pray for them.

This is a wonderful time to pray for the sick, those in hospitals and nursing homes, those who have died. Hospitals and nursing homes now do not allow visitors; that is hard for those inside and family/friends on the outside. Those with COVID-19 often have to die alone, without family or friends for support. It is good to pray for them.

This is a time to pray for yourself and your family. Thank God for the good things and memories you have. Pray for patience and perseverance. It is good to pray.

WHAT TO DO WITH ANY EXTRA TIME YOU HAVE?

A common complaint a month ago was “I would like to do _____ but I just don't have time!” Well, now you may have time.

It is always a good time to call friends, write letters (when was the last time you received a hand-written letter?), send a cheerful card to someone. Is there an older neighbor who may need a check-up call to see how they are getting along?

Is there a hobby you always wanted to start? Is there a home project you have been postponing, a room that needs a deep cleaning? Is this a good time to learn a language through digital programs?

Is there a new technology you wanted to learn? Many of us are learning “zoom” to have virtual meetings whether for work, school, book clubs, or small faith groups. Sue's high school class could not hold a reunion this year but they are going to have a “zoom” book club meeting. Sue and I will be attending our first small faith group via zoom later this week.

May God bless you,
Deacon John



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HELP WANTED St. Luke's Men's Guild is looking for someone to clean up McMahon field (at Dale & Bellevue) on a regular basis. You will be compensated for your time. For more information, please contact Tim Day at 314-781-2776.

Marriage/Family Life Update.

"The Archdiocese of Saint Louis Office of Marriage & Family Life is dedicated to preparing couples for a joy-filled sacramental marriage with all the beauty and graces it offers. To service this mission during this time social distancing and gathering restrictions due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Marriage Preparation classes from the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be presented as live webinars during the month of April. The class dates and times remain the same as published on the archdiocesan website <https://www.archstl.org>.

CREATE A FAMILY PRAYER SPACE AT HOME

In the coming weeks, families will be spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer.

Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an "inner room" to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and "desert-like" as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer. You can bless your place of prayer, saying:

Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer, and bless it with your peace and presence.

Bless all who seek you here.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are unable to go to Mass, one idea for prayer together is to find a resource with the prayers and reading for Sunday Mass and pray those together. Your parish may have something you can take home and use. You can find the readings online at www.usccb.org.

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Easter

Memorial
Flowers

Joe Amend
Harold & Madelen Biggers
Bonnarens Family
Don Bouvatte
Mary Busch
Etha Davis
LaDonna Davis
Ruth Gustafson
Harvey R. Hammann
Myrtle & Otto Hamman
Richard Hamman
Adele & Orville Kloeckener
Richard Konersmann
Kurt Martin
Stanley & Ula McClure
McFarland Family
Barry McLaughlin
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Schedule For The Week

Sunday, April 19

8:30 a.m.

Mass-**Suspended**

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Green Social-**Cancelled**

Monday, April 20

10:30 a.m.

Senior Exercise-**Cancelled**

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 p.m.

Choir-**Cancelled**

Wednesday, April 22

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Parish Hall Walking-**Cancelled**

Thursday, April 23

9:00 a.m.

Small Faith-**Cancelled**

9:30 a.m.

Quilting-**Cancelled**

Friday, April 24

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Adoration-**Cancelled**

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Parish Hall Walking-**Cancelled**

Saturday, April 25

4:00 p.m.

Mass-**Suspended**

4:15-4:45 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS—with Fr. Pete
St. Luke's Parish**

Sunday, April 26

8:30 a.m.

Mass-**Suspended**

Weekly Offering



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March 28th/29th: 1st Collection: TBD 2nd Collection: TBD

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April 11th/12th: 1st Collecton: TBD 2nd Collection: TBD

Online Giving: \$852.25

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: I want to remind you that collections remain essential to the continued operation and existence of our parish and our mission. Thank you to all who use online giving. It helps so much during times like this, snow days and vacation times. It is EASY to sign up for online giving on the internet at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1357. You may make one-time payments or set it up for automatic payments—it is very flexible. Otherwise, please mail or drop-off your contribution. Many expenses continue.

Stewardship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates the Paschal Mystery as a great gift of mercy from the Father. He gave us this gift through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. Now our faith will safeguard the story of this great gift. Through stewardship we will keep the legacy of Jesus alive until the end of time when the gift of salvation shall be revealed.

This gift of a new birth through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is our inheritance. As Christian stewards it is our responsibility to pass this inheritance on to all generations.

Parish Nurse Note

Helpful Hints From Homebound Seniors

As I've been calling the homebound on the phone rather than visiting, I frequently ask for advice for the rest of us who are now "sheltered in place". The most common answer, as from Mary Dingman is "This is normal for us, it's no big deal". In other words, they have accepted their situation. Chuck Ellerman chuckled and said, "Just learn to be patient".

Rita Kippenberger was puzzled by all the fuss about toilet paper, saying "If you don't have any toilet paper, just use a cloth with a little vinegar. It kills the bacteria". I quickly remembered just the day before, I had called my dermatologist about a spot on my face he had treated for a type of skin cancer, that wasn't healing properly. He told me to make a solution of 1 and a quarter of a cup of water to 2 Tbsp white vinegar, then to hold a compress of a cloth wet with that solution to my face for 10 minutes, 3 x a day followed by a prescribed antibiotic. A few weeks ago I wrote an article quoting from Consumer Reports, about using a vinegar solution to soak lettuce, killing a good amount of bacteria. We were told to mop our laminate floors with a solution of water and a little vinegar. I have a book at home that is all about vinegar, which is actually an alcoholic beverage that has "gone sour". In 1864 Louis Pasteur made sense of this natural process of fermentation, describing this process as turning alcohol into acetic acid and water. I'm just thinking, Miss Rita might be on to something, and if you can't find bleach or other disinfectants, you might think about using vinegar. I buy it in the gallon jug and keep it on hand for cleaning. It's also cheap!

Mary Bailey and Maureen Daniels told me about a flyer they had received offering help with pharmacy pick up and grocery shopping for older residents and those with immune compromised health conditions. They will also deliver to anyone who is ill, has tested positive or has symptoms of Corona Virus. This offer comes out of a group called "MapleGOOD", which parishioner Ann Arias is part of. You can call Dessa Somerside @ 301-9685 and give her your list or go on line at MapleGoodmo@gmail.com. Payment is made at the time of delivery with cash, check or Venmo. There is no delivery charge. This is volunteer neighbors helping Maplewood neighbors. Thank you to these diligent volunteers.

Blessings, Kathleen O'Reilly

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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Schedule

We will announce when Masses resume.

SVDP Food Pantry: Saturdays from 9:30-11:00am

Ministry Schedule-Suspended

Saturday EM's: *Suspended until Masses resume*
Saturday Lectors:
Saturday Servers:
Saturday Usher Captain:
Saturday Gifts:
Sunday EM's:
Sunday Lectors:
Sunday Servers:
Sunday Usher:
Sunday Greeters:
Sunday Gifts:



Hope and Healing

"There is no grief like the grief that does not speak."
Henry Longfellow.

The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace. Project Rachel/Project Joseph offers free, private, professional counseling for anyone who is suffering because of an abortion experience. Call Project Rachel/Project Joseph at 314-792-7565 to begin your journey of healing and reconciliation.



Suspended until mass resumes.

Please email the church to reschedule a Mass Intention-scheduled from March 16th-present or call Eva May at 314-776-7172.

Please Pray For:

Eileen Lencz, Jim Haislip, Alice Hezel, Gary Gray, Ellen Simmons, Chuck Ellermann, Mona Tillman, Heidi Barks, Madelyn McClure, Paul Rygelski, Mary Johnston, Jim White, Everleigh Lauber, Jack & Pamela Warner, Pam MacDonald, Nancy Maurer, Linda Amend
Terry & Ron Kippenberger (family of Rita Kippenberger)
Lisa Massack (sister of Joshua Capstick)
Jamie Jackson (Granddaughter of Annabelle Moran)
Pam Brown (former parishioner)
Tony Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)
Sr. Barbara Paul (former parishioner)
Jan Pilla (daughter in law of Eddie Pilla)
Nick Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)
Carl & Susan Case (brother and sister in law of Pat Curtis)
Mary Lucas (friend of Al & Maureen Daniels)
Drew Becker (son of Paul Becker)
John Biondo (brother of Maria Gray)
Deimeke Family
Sylvia Squires (former parishioner)
John Graves (brother of Karen Bish)
Lisa Hanley Blake (daughter of Celene Hanley)

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Col. Peter White, USAF, son of Jim & Lucy White
Senior Chief Matthew J Paul, USN, son of Maria and Gary Gray
William Patrick Flynn, USN, son of Patrick & Michelle Flynn

To add your loved one's name (s) contact Eva at the rectory. 314-645-3307 or email at icmaplewood@gmail.com

Rest in Peace

Parishioner,
Ed Langhammer

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