

Giving | Fasting | Praying
Repenting | Forgiving

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Simon Stock Parish, Berlin, NJ

March 29, 2020

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Dear parishioners and friends,

Today, March 23rd, the rain is coming down. I wanted to believe that God is allowing it to wash away the coronaviruses (COVID-19) that might be still lingering on surfaces outside. I was imagining myself adding soap or detergent or Lysol to the rain to really have good cleaning and disinfecting. If only it is that easy to get rid of this virus. **For now, we need to stay healthy and steadfast in faith.**

I also wanted to give my parishioners and friends an update based on Governor Phil Murphy's Executive Order No. 107 and the Diocese of Camden Directives, and how this will impact our parish.

First, I wanted to share with that last Sunday, March 22, we had our first Live stream Mass on Facebook. As of the writing of this message, more than 1,300 views our first live stream Mass.

We will continue to live stream our Mass so that our parishioners and friends can join us spiritually. **We will live stream our Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM, and on Sunday at 10 AM.**

If you have missed the first live stream Mass or you want to watch it again, go to our [official St. Simon Stock Parish – Berlin Facebook page @stsimonstock.berlin.nj](https://www.facebook.com/stsimonstock.berlin.nj).

Here are some pertinent communications that impacts our parish.

1. PRAYER LIFE

Prayer life is critical to our faith in God. Our prayer life connects us to God. When we find time to pray, we foster our relationship with God. As a community of faith, we are reminded to not lose our connection and relationship with Jesus.

We are aware that Bishop Sullivan has suspended all public weekdays and Sunday Masses and Eucharistic Adoration in order to minimize the physical contact among people and hoping to quell the spread of the COVID-19 among people. **The question is: Should Churches be locked?** The answer is no (as per Diocesan Memorandum on March 23, 2020). **People are welcome to stop at church**, especially those who may be deemed essential employees (i.e., nurses, doctors, grocery

store employees, delivery persons) and **need just a few moments to collect themselves before or after their shifts.** Praying in large groups, however, should be avoided. **PLEASE ALWAYS OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING** (at least six feet space between people).

The Church is Open

Monday – Saturday: 8 AM to 3 PM

Sunday: 12 PM to 5 PM

2. LIVE STREAM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe in the Real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Parish wants to assist our parishioners and friends to nourish their souls and minds before the Blessed Sacrament. Hence, **we are live streaming Eucharistic Adoration on Facebook.** Please follow us on Facebook St. Simon Stock Parish - Berlin [@stsimonstock.berlin.nj](https://www.facebook.com/stsimonstock.berlin.nj).

Eucharistic Adoration Live Streaming schedule:

Monday through Friday: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Saturday 4:45 - 5:45 PM [After the Live Stream Mass at 4 PM]

Sunday 10:45 - 11:45 AM [After the Live Stream Mass at 10 AM]

- Pastors are encouraged to expose the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time each day so that the faithful may join “virtually” and “spiritually” and pray and unite themselves in spiritual communion with the Lord.

3. LIVE STREAM MASS

Saturday at 4:00 PM

Sunday at 10:00 AM

Your priests and I still celebrate Masses privately for the good of the Christian faithful and parish family entrusted to our care and in satisfaction of the intentions of those who have made an offering for Mass.

4. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As per Diocesan Directives, Confessions may be heard. **We will take every precaution to observe SOCIAL DISTANCING.** We remind those waiting their turn to keep at least six feet between them.

Confession on Saturday at 2: 00 - 3:00 PM

5. LIVE STREAM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will live stream our Stations of the Cross starting this Friday, March 27 at 5:00 PM via Facebook Live.

6. PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed. However, we encourage our parishioners to connect with **us by checking our website** <https://www.stsimonstock.net>, or **our official St. Simon Stock Parish-Berlin Facebook page** [@stsimonstock.berlin.nj](https://www.facebook.com/stsimonstock.berlin.nj) or calling the office at 856 767 2563 for parish related business and to leave a message on the emergency line in the event of a true emergency.

Let us continue to have faith in God. And,

- a. To find time to pray as individual or with your family (of course, observing safe social distancing).
- b. To entrust all our parish family, the Diocese, our family and friends, the United States of America, the Philippines, countries greatly affected by this pandemic, and the world to Jesus Christ, the Divine Healer and Redeemer.
- c. To stay safe, strong, and healthy by observing good personal hygiene, social distancing, eating right, sleeping enough, and exercising.

Let us pray together the Prayer for Healing and Peace amidst the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic:

Loving and gracious God,
We ask for your special grace, especially this challenging and trying times of coronavirus pandemic.
We recognize the unpredictability and severity of this health crisis.
We pray for those who are sick and those affected by the disease.
We also remember the medical people – doctors, nurses, caregivers, scientists and all those who are working hard to combat the disease.
We pray for our older people, in nursing homes, assisted living, memory care, rehabilitation centers, homebound, and hospitals, which are significantly impacted by this health care crisis.

We also pray for those whose lives have been disrupted, especially anyone who has lost income from a loss of work during this difficult time.

We lift up to you those who have died because of this pandemic.

We also recognize your wisdom and power, O Lord. Without You, we can do nothing.

Help us to deepen our faith in you and to trust in You and work together so that we can surpass all these challenges and would come out stronger and resilient.

By Your grace, help us to realize the importance of prayer, faith, and collaboration to find a cure for this coronavirus disease. We ask all these in your name Lord Jesus Christ, with the Father and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.
Amen!



Peace and grace,

Fr. Michael



Please help your parish family stay buoyant!

In times of crisis like this, please help your parish family stay above water. We ask you to mail your weekly contributions to the Parish Office or drop it off in the office mailbox. Alternatively, we ask you to consider using *Parish Giving* to make weekly, special and onetime donations both now and in the future. *Parish Giving* makes it easy to establish and modify your giving options and helps keep contributions consistent and predictable, which is more important than ever. You can sign up for *Parish Giving* by visiting www.stsimonstock.net, or by calling the Parish Office at 856 767 2563 for assistance.

Thank you. Stay safe and healthy.

God bless you and your family!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. *Pray for us.*

Saint Edward, the Confessor. *Pray for us.*

Saint Simon Stock. *Pray for us.*

LENT 2020

Confessions: Confessions are held every Saturday from 2:00-3:00 PM in the Church.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE has been canceled.

ALMSGIVING

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

Please help our neighbors in need. Kindly donate to our 2020 House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Fasting

Jewish Law required fasting on only one day of the year - -Yom Kippur, the last of the 10 days of penitence introducing the New Year. However, special public fasts could be called in the face of disasters, e.g. a famine. There were also private fasts. For example, some Jewish people fasted every Tuesday and Thursday.

As Christians, we fast as a way of asking God for what we need, or of doing penance for our sins. But more deeply, fasting is a form of prayer---prayer in action. It helps us experience and express:

- ❖ Our hunger for God
- ❖ Our dependence on God
- ❖ Our weakness and frailty
- ❖ Our willingness to change some of the sinful patterns in our life
- ❖ Solidarity with the poor, the outcasts, the alienated, etc.

EASTER CELEBRATION 2020



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 4 Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm

April 5 Sunday Mass: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am & 6:30 pm

TRIDUUM

April 9

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm
Adoration in Church until 12 midnight

April 10

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Veneration of the Cross
3:00 pm in Church

April 11

Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Food
11:00 am in Church

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 11 **Easter Vigil** 8:00 pm

April 12 **Easter** 8:00am 10:00am & 12:00pm

Please support the 2020 House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal

PRAY. REFLECT. SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

We help our neighbors...

...when we bring the healing Hands of Christ to the sick and dying

Your *House of Charity* gift enables our staff of Hospital Chaplains to provide comprehensive help to those in need. They administer the Sacrament of the Sick in the many hospitals throughout our area, conduct pastoral visits with patients, families and hospital staff, help coordinate the visits of parish Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and assist in a diocesan-wide effort to teach our Catholic faithful more about the Sacrament of the Sick.

"Who is My Neighbor?"

Support the 2020 **House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal**

www.camdendiocese.org/hoc

Thank you for your support and generosity. We are at about 83.8% of our Parish goal. There are 271 families who have given their pledge to support the 2020 House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are praying for 100% support from our parishioners. God bless you and your family!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Lazarus, come out!

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

Daily Readings

Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
First Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
First Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary Candle is available to pray for your special intentions - for the living or the deceased. Your Sanctuary Candle's specific intention is for the whole week.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION LIVE STREAM

Monday – Friday
2:00pm -3:00 pm
Saturday
4:45 pm-5:45 pm
Sunday
10:45 am-11:45 am



Mass Intentions for the Week

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 29, 2020

SAT 3/28

- 4:00 PM + **Santone Swift Family**
Req. by Family
+ **Theresa DeFilippis** Birthday Remembrance
Req. by Mom
+ **Dervine Merola** Anniversary Remembrance
Req. by Daughter

SUN 3/29

- 8:00 AM + **Fr. Jim Dabrowski**
Req. by Swift Family
+ **Pat Torrance**
Req. by Lorie Burr and Family
+ **Lucille Johnson**
Req. by Marie & Joe
- 9:30 AM + **Bianca D'Adamo**
Req. by Will & Joanie Torres
- 11:30 AM + **Charles Trimmel** 1st Anniversary Remembrance
Req. by Jane Danser & Jean Eddis
+ **Jimmy Beal**
Req. by George and Janet Ralston
- 6:30 PM + **Victims of COVID 19** Req. by the Parish

MON 3/30

- 8:00 AM + **Charlotte & Joseph Shore**
Req. by the Erickson & Shore Families
- 12:00PM L **People of the Parish (Pro-Populo)**

TUES 3/31

- 8:00 AM + **Charlotte & Joseph Shore**
Req. by the Erickson & Shore Families
- 12:00 PM + **Rev. Msgr. Cornelius P. O'Leary**

WEDS 4/1

- 8:00 AM + **The Shaughnessy Family**
Req. by Joe & Alice Shaughnessy
- 12:00 PM + **Perpetual Remembrances**

THURS 4/2

- 8:00 AM **Maryann Fitzgerald** Req. by son James
- 12:00 PM + **Rev. Howard E. Mulbaier**

FRI 4/3

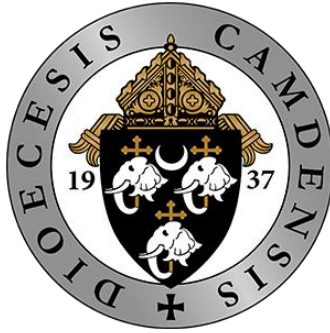
- 8:00 AM + **Regina & Genevieve Gallagher**
Req. by Norman Buehler
- 12:00 PM + **Dad, Mom & Brother** Req. by Theresa Callandrello & Family

SAT 4/4

- 8:00 AM L **Intentions of Healthcare workers**
- 4:00 PM + **Melissa Peters** Req. by the Bartolone Family
+ **Edward P. DeFilippis** Req. by Wife, Bernadette
+ **Dervine Merola** Birthday Remembrance
Req. by Daughter

SUN 4/5

- 8:00 AM + **Marie Leehive** Req. by Sen & Francesca Leehive
+ **Fr. Jim Dabrowski** Req. by Bailey & Blake Smith
+ **Brian Kisielnicki** Req. by Wife, Amanda Simone Kisielnicki
- 9:30 AM + **Gregorio Ferri** Req. by Wife and Children
- 11:30 AM + **Helen Leyden** Req. by Son, Brian Leyden & Family
- 6:30 PM + **Darren Masciantonio** Req. by Mother & Sisters



To: All Priests; All Parishes

From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.

Date: March 21, 2020

RE: Covid-19 Update and Governor Murphy's Executive Order 108

This morning, Governor Philip Murphy signed an executive order which places further restrictions on residents of New Jersey. These restrictions have further impact on the operation of our parishes in the Diocese of Camden.

Reminder about Gatherings – through social media, it is clear that some pastors are not adhering to the ban on gathering the faithful at their churches. Pastors are reminded that it is not within their discretion to invite parishioners to join them for live-streamed prayers, processions, Stations of the Cross, or Masses. Given Governor Murphy's executive order – only the resident clergy and one technician may be present for any live-streamed event or parish celebration of Mass or other service.

Diocesan Operations – the Diocesan Offices will be completely shut down as of 12 Noon on Monday, March 23, 2020. They will be open only for a period of three-hours on Monday so that employees may obtain critical materials needed for working at home.

Parish and School Operations – all parish and school offices are to be closed and parishioners/parents are to be informed that the office is closed. Those things that can be handled by phone or email may be handled by the resident clergy or by parish employees working from home. Phone services can be forwarded to a secretary's personal phone number if the pastor deems this necessary or appropriate.

Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms – all funerals, weddings, baptisms and other gatherings are now prohibited by the Governor's executive order.

Funerals - while a public memorial can be scheduled for a later date, the burial of the dead may need to occur before that date – our cemeteries will be open, but pastors and funeral directors must

limit those in attendance at a burial to 10 persons including the priest or deacon. The pastor/priest should celebrate a private Mass without a congregation on the day of burial for the deceased and inform the family that he has or will do so.

Weddings – all weddings are to be postponed. Since reception halls are prevented from serving their clientele, most couples will choose to postpone their wedding. As all municipal buildings are likewise closed, marriage licenses will be difficult to obtain. If you have questions about a specific wedding, please contact me at 609.828.2502.

If a dispensation or permission has been received for a wedding that needs to be postponed, the dispensation or permission will remain in force. If you would like the letter re-issued with the new date, please return it to the Bishop's Office with that request. If you retain the dispensation or permission, please attach a letter on parish stationery explaining that the wedding date was changed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Baptisms – all baptisms are to be postponed except in the case of emergency. A reminder **ALL HOLY WATER IS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CHURCH.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – the Governor's executive order extends to 24 hours daily the times when New Jersey residents are to be "off the roads" unless they are conducting essential business (i.e. grocery shopping; banking; or obtaining prescriptions) or traveling to work at essential businesses. Please be mindful of this order. Adoration, the recitation of the Rosary or other devotions may be conducted online if possible or parishioners are encouraged to pray at home. Please do not encourage your parishioners to visit the church or parish chapel.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter – instructions for the celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday will be issued by Decree of the Bishop on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Parish Operations and Finances – guidelines about parish operations and parish finances will be issued on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Planning – while none of us knows how long these restrictions will be in place, it is very likely that they will be in effect through the month of April. You may want to begin preparations for postponing First Holy Communion and other events that are scheduled for April and at least the first half of May. Hopefully those plans will not be needed – but all indications at this point are that they will be.

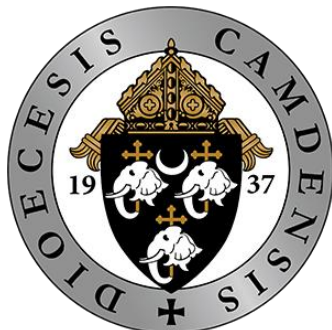
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your question may well be the question of another pastor as well. I apologize for the plethora of memoranda but this ever-changing situation requires clarification and direction.

Again, Bishop is most grateful for your leadership and for the creativity that many of you are expressing in finding new ways to reach out to you parishioners.

Charities and nonprofits are on the frontline responding to our neighbors and communities in need during the COVID-19 pandemic, but risk catastrophic damage from evaporating revenue, new and rising demands for assistance, and major disruptions in charitable giving. Please provide the link below to you parishioners so that they may tell Congress to act now and provide emergency aid to nonprofit organizations by expanding charitable giving and providing organizations with grants, loans, and tax credits.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

https://www.voterve.net/BroadcastLinks/6Z0LX7RIHyeV1XVb4dS2_g



To: All Priests; All Parishes

From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.

Date: March 23, 2020

RE: COVID-19 UPDATE

Parish Confessions – confessions may be heard. You should take every precaution to observe social distancing. It is acceptable to hear confessions in a room other than a confessional in order to create distance. The priest’s chair may be situated so as to provide anonymity for those who seek it. Notices should be posted at the church entrance as to where confessions are being heard (sacristy, cry room, other) with a reminder that those awaiting their turn should keep at least six feet between them. A “drive through” confessional as pictured on the news and social media is NOT the solution – please be respectful of the sacrament.

Should Churches Be Locked? – the answer is no. People are welcome to stop at church – especially those who may be deemed essential employees (i.e. nurses, doctors, grocery store employees, delivery persons) and need just a few moments to collect themselves before or after their shifts. Notices are to be posted at the entrance reminding visitors of social distancing requirements.

Social Service Activities – parishes may continue their outreach and service to the poor, needy, shut-ins, etc...but must always respect social distancing requirements. Creativity is key here. Inviting parishioners to write to nursing home patients and shut-ins; having curbside food drop off for parish food pantries and curbside pick up by those in need; using social media; etc... A review of parish websites and Facebook pages shows that parishes are indeed finding new ways to keep people connected and to further their mission. Keep up the good work. If anything is working well that you want to share with other parishes, please send it to me and I will be sure to get it out.

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

To Everything There is a Season, and a Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven". (Eccl 3)
*a time to bring forth new life...a time to be baptized...a time to be married...
a time to welcome...a time to serve... a time to be healed... a time to die...*



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Ssgt. Nicholas R. Luthe USAF; Sgt. Adam Cutaiar, USMC; Spc. Sean Gillespie, USA; Capt. Lewis Nicoletto; PO 2nd Russell Hagner, USN; Spc. Justin Scheuren, USA; PO 1st Class Damien Renzi, USN; Lt. Jason E. Healey, USA; SSgt. David Sigwart, USAF; Sr. Airman Maverick Marchesani, USAF; SSgt. Taylor Purvis, USAF; Sgt. Michael Franzini, USA; PO 2nd Class Michael Angelow, USN; Pfc. Amanda Sylvester, USA; Sgt. Tyler Fisher, USA; Joseph Morris III, USA; Matthew Angelow, USCG; Nadeem Sarwar, USA; Sherri Mercier; Spc. James Heisler III, USA. **To add or remove a name from our Military, please call Jim Gillespie Jr. at 856-767-7999 or email gillespiejas@comcast.net and provide name, rank and branch of service.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to have a name placed on the prayer list or removed from it, please contact the office at 856-767-2563 or email Sue at sue@stsimonstock.net.

Marge Acheson
Carol Adach
Lillian Alba
Rocco Arcaini
Patricia Bailey
Eileen Barclay
Alberta Barody
George Batten Sr.
Scott Beckett
Kathleen Benedetto
Joyce Benedetto
Richard Beppel Jr.
Theresa Beppel
Peg Boccella
Chrissy Reeves Breder
Patricia Brady
Jennifer Britt
Dennis Brown
William Brown
Betty Butler
Dolores Caporelli
Marie Carr
Louise Cherill
Tony Cipolone
Catalina Clark
Phil Clunk
Thomas Cogliano
James Connor
Lorraine Contardo
Shawn Copes
Zachary Cromer
Renee Delaney
Dawn Dentzau
Mary DeSpirito
Carmella Dooley & Family
Msgr. Francis X. Dreger
Dennis Druding
Rachele, Kevin Edwards
Thomas & Vada Ellison
Baby Lyla Elizabeth
Thomas Ellison Jr.
Jack Erickson
Dolores Falconi
Fr. Joe Ferrara

Susan Fleming
Dolores Foca
Rose Fraioli
Donna Gagliardi
Gabrielle Garcia
Terri Germano
Angelina Gervasi
Gail Grabowski
Debbie Gutjahr
Margaret Helner
John J. Henderson
Patrick Hennessey
Christian Brother Richard Herlihy
Sister Jane Hill, SSJ
Siggy & Maria Honrychs
Michael Honrychs
Denise Honrychs
Marie Howard
Sawyer Howarth
Robert Jacobs
Baby Carter Jaroski
Bill Johns
Vera Kirk
Stanley & Maureen Kochanek
Joseph Lange
Carol Lee
William Lees
Sophia Lewis
Jennifer Lionelli
Stephen Malloy, Marie Malloy
John Manes Jr.
Libby Martinez
Diane Maas
Rosa McDermott
Edward McGovern
Monica McGrath
Mary McKay
Adele Miller
Kaitlyn Miller
Steven Muller Jr.
Maria O'Brien
Marilyn Peoples
Catherine Perkins
Glenn, Shannon Pliszczak

Jeanette Piracci
Frank Power
Deanna, Matthew Prichard
Amelia Reantillo
Elwood Rulon
Jamie, Tyler & Brandon Rulon
Sammy, Sophia & Jack
Amelia Sabol
Kristina SaccoPeggy, John Sachs
Lenny Schuchman
Forrest Setzer
Krista Sheehan
Mandy Schleinkofer
Alec Silovitz
Peg Skorup
Tamara & Robert Slivinski
Dawn & Harry Smith & Family
Jamie Smith
Logan, Wayne Stepler
Christina Sturgis
Clare Sussman
Helen Swanson
Jason, Robyn Talucci
Gerald E. Thompson
Patricia Tighe
Luis Torres
Frances Turner
Jacob Turner
Michael and Shawn Valcarcel
Wildamina Vilmont
Lorraine Walsler
Sr. Patricia Mary Walsh, O.P.
Chick Warrington
Alicia Watkins & Savanna
Kathy & Lucas Watkins
Thelma Wichrowski
Rick Williams
Jack Wilson
Colleen Yaniak
Venita Young
Lissy and Teo Zulueta



VINCENTIANS CONTINUE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Our St. Simon Stock Parish
**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be open
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
from 11 AM to 3 PM** at this time.

In addition to the hygiene, disinfecting and other health precautions already implemented, we will follow **social distancing guidelines** in our food pantry procedures to prevent person to person contact.

Our SVdP Thrift Store will temporarily close. ONLY FOOD DONATIONS can be accepted for the duration of the coronavirus emergency closings. Contact us at 856-767-7391 during pantry hours for further information.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In an effort to save the cost of postage, end of the year tax statements for year 2019 can be emailed to you or made available for pick up in the Parish Office. This would be a good time **to update or add your email contact information**. To request a statement, call the parish office at 856-767-2563 (ext. 300), and leave your name, address, phone number and email address and please indicate if you would like to pick up your statement or have it emailed to you.

Ways you can give:

1. Use weekly envelopes for your donations.
2. Parish Giving is an automated means to support our parish through weekly and monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit/debit card account. Visit <https://stsimonstock.net/Charitable> Giving.
3. Please remember the church in your estate planning by including St. Simon Stock Parish in your will.
4. Make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to St. Simon Stock Parish. Compared with donating cash or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction. To participate, contact the parish office at 856-767-2563.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS

Please consider placing St. Simon Stock Parish in your Will so that your legacy might continue through the important works and ministries of the parish. You or your estate planner can contact St. Simon Stock at www.stsimonstock.net or call the parish office at 856-767-2563.



Faith Formation

SueAnn Jeral, Director of Faith Formation
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Mary Spicer Coordinator of Faith Formation
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FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, May 3 at 11:30 Mass
For Monday Faith Formation Classes
Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 AM
For Wednesday Faith Formation Classes
and OLMC School Class

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Dennis Sullivan on **Tuesday, April 28th at 5:00 pm** in the Church.

FR. MICHAEL'S **SMILE!** CORNER *BEFORE AND AFTER*



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Presents...

American Girl "Sweet" Tea Party

Sunday, April 26, 2020

1-4PM

\$25 per ticket

Fr. Bourke Memorial Hall

1 N. Cedar Ave.

Berlin, NJ 08009



Tickets must be purchased through the school office.

Contact Melissa at 856-767-1751 ext. 303

email: mchesebro@olmc-school.org

*Admission includes unlimited soda, tea, coffee
and lots of "sweet treats!"*

Raffles throughout the event include:

10 American Girl Dolls

"American Girl Grand Hotel"

American Girl "Doll of the Year"

** Welly Wishers and Itty Bitty babies*

*DJ, doll ear piercing, games, various "make and take"
craft stations, doll marketplace, and door prizes.*

No tickets will be available at the door for this event!

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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2020, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary
of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more,

Please join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan on

Sunday, June 14, 2020

3:00 p.m.

Church of the Incarnation

240 Main Street Mantua, NJ 08051-1018

(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

Registration forms are available through your local parish. Deadline is May 6, 2020.

For more information, please contact your parish office.

Garden Permit Program Now Available

Spring is Just Around the Corner

Gardening – The Healing Power of Nature

Research shows that digging in the earth's soil is soothing, comforting and peaceful. When planting seedlings, cultivating the ground, and nurturing flowers, we experience happiness from our fruitful labor. Each year we plant gardens knowing when the first frost comes the flowers will die.

However, we have hope because in the spring we will once again plant flowers. The cycle of life mimics the cycle of nature. Although grief may never go away, gardening may be a therapeutic option that provides hope.

The mission of South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is to not only bury and pray for the dead, but also to comfort and console those grieving. Consequently, we are happy to announce our Garden Permit Program will be available at all Diocesan run cemeteries beginning March 21. To learn more visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 800-594-4980 and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

“He loves justice and right. The earth is full of the mercy of the LORD.” Psalms 33:5