

THE SIMPLE ABC MESSAGEE ASK FOR HIS MERCY, BE MERCIFUL, COMPLETELY TRUST IN JESUS

St. Simon Stock Parish

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Jesus, I Trust in You

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What to do on Divine Mercy Sunday? This inquiry was the question many Christians have asked during this global pandemic. The Stay-At-Home Executive Order and the suspension of all public Masses are in place. I found this article written by Father Chris Alar, MIC, the director of the Association of Marian Helpers. I discovered his pastoral, practical, and holy approach beneficial to many of us. So, I would like to share with you his article. He began with this question:

Are you discouraged that you will not be able to receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday promised directly by our Lord through St. Faustina in the 1930s?

Don't be.

Even though churches are closed, and you cannot go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can receive these special graces this Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday. And we're going to tell you how.

Let's begin by reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's *Diary*, when Jesus tells St. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).

There it is: Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will

be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.

But how can you receive this complete forgiveness of sins and remission of all punishment? After all, churches are closed and Confession and Communion are not available.

There is, however, still a way to receive this grace.

Do these three things on Divine Mercy Sunday with the intention to turn away from sin in your life:

1. Make an Act of Contrition

Since you are unable to get to Confession, make an Act of Contrition, instead. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is 'sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again'" (1451).

You thereby will be completely forgiven of all sins, even "mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible" (*Catechism*, 1452).

2. Make a Spiritual Communion

Since churches are closed and you cannot receive Holy Communion, make a Spiritual Communion instead, asking God to come into your heart as if you received Him sacramentally — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For instance, you can say this:

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 to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You.

Amen.

Again, do this act of trust with the intent to return to the sacrament of Holy Communion as soon as possible.

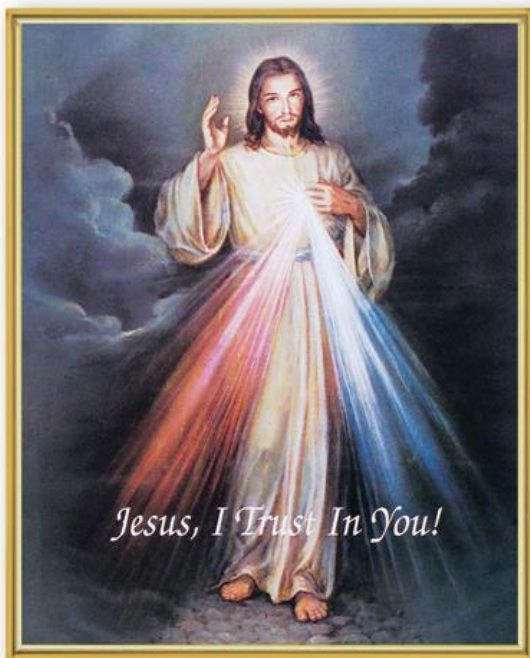
3. Say a prayer like this:

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I'm unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I'm unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace.

Finally, please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. Tell your non-Catholic friends about it. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins. Everyone can make a Spiritual Communion. And everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our spiritual life!

According to Fr. Chris Alar, MIC: "I promise you, it will be the most important thing you ever do in your entire life. In fact, it could mean the difference in your salvation. And Jesus told St. Faustina, Divine Mercy is mankind's last hope of salvation [see *Diary*, 998]. Please don't let this grace pass you by."

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/what-do-divine-mercy-sunday>



To end this message, let us continue to call on Jesus, the Divine Mercy, and pray as a community of faith **for an end of this horrible global 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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

SAT 4/18

4:00 PM LIVE STREAMED

- + **Irving Motluck** Req. by Wife, Dolores
- + **Sandee Finamore** Req. by Family
- + **Anita Angelozzi**
Req. by Terry & Dolores Hertzberg

SUN 4/19 PRIVATE MASS

8:00 AM + George A. "Bud" Hubler
Req. by Mary Ellen Welsh & Joan Welsh Fox

10:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

- + **Ida Boccella** Req. by Daughter, Maria
- PRIVATE MASS**
- + **Anita Angelozzi** Req. by Louise Amato
- + **Melissa Peters** Req. by Kaitlynn Kirk
- + **William Stepler Jr. & William Stepler III**
Req. by Wife and Mom

6:30 PM NO MASS

MON 4/20

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

- + **Anna & John Squillace**
Req. by Erickson & Shore-Horner Families

12:00PM PRIVATE MASS

- + **Joseph** 14th Birthday Remembrance
Req. Mom and Dad

TUES 4/21

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

- +**Joe & Emma Santone** Anniversary
Remembrance Req. by Family

12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS

- + **Dot and Vince Frette** Req. by Sue & Dennis

WEDS 4/22

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

- + **Walter Feyt** Req. by Wife, Jennie

12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS

- L **People of the Parish (Pro-Populo)**

THURS 4/23

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

- +**Lorraine McPeak** Req. by Family

12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS

- + **Walter Cope** Req. by St. Simon Stock Parish

FRI 4/24

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

- + **Madeline Kelly** Req. by St. Simon Stock Parish

12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS

- + **Paz Caasi de Perio** Req. by Elsie de Perio Tiniio

SAT 4/25

8:00 AM PRIVATE MASS

- + **Perpetual Remembrances**

4:00 PM

- LIVE STREAMED**
- + **Mom, Frank & Ed** Req. by Vellucci Family
- + **Edward P. DeFilippis** Anniversary
Remembrance Req. by Wife, Bernadette

- + **Jerry Merola** Anniversary Remembrance
Req. by Sister

SUN 4/26

8:00 AM PRIVATE MASS

- + **Susan Cleary** Req. by Joan Welsh Fox & Mary
Ellen Welsh

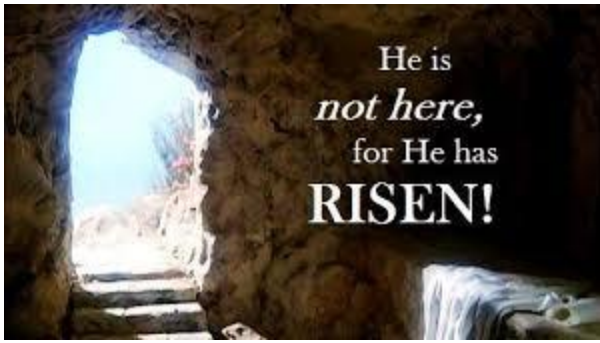
10:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

- + **Ronald Herman** Req. by the Bilella Family

11:30 AM PRIVATE MASS

- + **Kenneth Valinote** Req. by Wife, Maria

6:30 PM NO MASS



We can embrace the Jesus' resurrection (Easter) by also embracing His passion, suffering, and death.

I am in constant communication with our parishioners, families, friends, and acquaintances – praying and hoping that they take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and staying safe and healthy. I know some of my parishioners, family, and friends are staying at home to help minimize the spread of this coronavirus. I also know others who are nurses, medical people, doctors, EMTs, and those working in the hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, police officers, all who are risking their lives to protect and keep us safe. I also know that there more than 365,142 (of which 26,522 are Americans) who recovered from coronavirus and are now staying safe and healthy (John Hopkins University Resource Center, April 10, 2020). I also know that the brightest and humble people across the globe are working hard to find the cure for this coronavirus pandemic.

To my dearest parishioners,

Today is Easter Sunday. We, together with the whole Christian world, celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We should be celebrating and rejoicing because the Lord is risen. Yet, something weird and eerie that might hold us back is truly embracing this spectacular event.

The global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has disordered and shook the very fiber of our lives and faith. As of this Friday, April 10, (Good Friday), John Hopkins University and Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center reported that there are 1,619,495 total COVID-19 confirmed cases, 185 countries/regions affected, 97,200 resulted to death worldwide of which more than 16,000 deaths came from U.S. These are depressing numbers.

Like many of us who feel the pain of others, I also feel the sorrow and anguish. I would not be human if I don't feel sad and despaired. Who would not be sad and depressed to see people suffering and even dying because of this horrible coronavirus pandemic? Who would not be sad to see families separated physically (grandparents couldn't even and wouldn't be with their grandchildren and vice-versa) because of social distancing and quarantine guidelines? Who would not be depressed to see people of faith cannot come physically to celebrate Mass with their families and community? Who would not be sad to see priests, like myself, not able to celebrate Mass with our parish family?

Looking at these realities of suffering, anguish, and death alone will most probably not give us any reason to celebrate Easter. **Yet, I know and believe that we cannot celebrate Easter without Good Friday.** We cannot jump to Easter without going through the suffering and death of Jesus. This is what we, believers and Christians, call the Paschal Triduum. Paschal Triduum is ONE celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (Vigil) Sunday. Paschal Triduum is ONE (not three separate commemorations) remembrance of the passion, death, and resurrection.



Yes, like many of us, I feel sad and down because of suffering, pain, and death. Jesus also suffered and was in pain carrying the cross, and even died on the cross for us. He also rose from dead for us!

This Easter is different. **Easter is an essential ingredient of our Christian Paschal Triduum.** Our families, communities, countries, and the world will surpass this hardship and tribulation. Just as Jesus transcend his suffering and death into resurrection and everlasting life, we, too, believers and followers of Jesus, will transcend this pain, suffering, and death into a "new life with renewed faith."

Today is Easter. Together, we will rise again with Jesus from this global pandemic.

I would like to share with you some poems written by our students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel school. These are excellent and original poems that attempt to illustrates the meaning of Easter from the perspectives of our young people. Perhaps we may learn a thing or two from these inspirational words.

Easter Inspiration

The Easter Season is all about happiness but this one is different,

This year isn't so pleasant,
We have to stay away from relatives,
Which makes us feel like fugitives

Easter is still about Jesus and his love,
And if we show our love then we will fly like a dove,
Easter is one of the happiest times of the year,
It can stay like that if we just cheer

Resurrection Sunday is a delight,
And when we go to church it makes us feel bright,
In the Spring when the choir sings,
It brings zing to our Easter thing

Fr. Michael's ceremonial homily will be inspirational,
And families will leave joyful,
Kids will be galloping in the tulips,
And they won't be bugging the grownups

By: Julian Rich, grade 7

New Beginnings

Easter is a time of rebirth,
The whole family comes together,
We hunt for our Easter Eggs,
We enjoy the beautiful weather.

Mom's baking honey biscuits,
I can hardly wait to eat,
After we finish our Easter dinner,
We'll all have a special treat.

This year our family is missing,
It's making me feel really sad,
But we have to protect one another,
Because Coronavirus is bad.

One day this will all be over,
We'll say goodbye to COVID strife,
We'll celebrate the birth of our savior,
And welcome the joy of new LIFE!

by: Nick Sirdashney, grade 7



Now, let us continue to pray together the Prayer for Healing and Peace amidst the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic I composed with God's grace and inspiration:

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.
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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 and faith. Finally, we pray for healing, peace, and an end to this global Coronavirus Pandemic.
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.

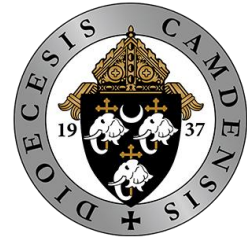
A Faith-filled Easter!

Fr. Michael



MEMORANDUM

To: All Diocesan Entities
From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.
Date: April 13, 2020
RE: **Covid-19 and Update on Diocesan and Parish Operations**



First and foremost, on behalf of Bishop Sullivan, I would like to wish you and yours best wishes for a Happy Easter as we continue to celebrate the joy and hope that Christ Resurrection brings to us in this Octave of Easter.

As you know, Governor Murphy's executive order requiring New Jersey residents to stay-at-home remains in effect until at least April 30th.

This means that the **administrative offices of the Diocese** (all three buildings) will remain closed through April 30, 2020 at least. If you need to retrieve items from your office in order to continue your work from home, please notify me in advance through your department director. Please respect social distancing requirements if you need to access any of the buildings.

Parish Offices should likewise remain closed to the general public. If parish staff are needed to process financial matters or produce the parish bulletin, the pastor can have them come in as long as they are well and respect social distancing requirements.

School Offices should also remain closed to the general public. The principal is free to call in staff members and faculty so as to properly support the ongoing education of students and the distribution/collection of educational materials.

MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests; All Parishes
From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.
Date: April 14, 2020
RE: **Covid-19 and the Celebration of Mass**

Bishop Sullivan asked me to convey to all priests and parishes that the restrictions in place for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter remain in place until further notice.

SUNDAY MASS

There are to be NO PUBLIC GATHERINGS (inside or outside Churches, in cars for any reason, etc.).

Bishop Sullivan will continue to celebrate Mass **without a congregation** broadcast via live-stream on the Diocesan website/YouTube/Facebook at 10:30 am on Sunday.

In parish churches, Sunday Mass may be celebrated **without a congregation** (you may have one deacon; one person to operate the live streaming equipment if the liturgy is being live streamed; one lector; one cantor and one musician in addition to resident clergy) by the pastor/parish; pastors should notify the parishioners of the time for the live-stream; pastors should also notify the Diocesan Office of Communications so that a Diocesan calendar/schedule of events might be posted for access by the faithful of the Diocese.

NB: Performing music at Sunday Mass may require the parish to provide copyright information and/or payment to those who hold the rights to the music and/or lyrics. One License did provide a free use of music through April 15, 2020. Mike Bedics is checking on how best to handle this and will be in touch before the end of the week. This is a serious matter because these live-streamed Masses and liturgies will "live" on the internet.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Many parishes have special celebrations for Divine Mercy Sunday. Obviously, these will need to be done virtually, especially the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm.

All restrictions currently in place for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance remain in place. Social distancing must be practiced in the location where confessions are heard and by those who are waiting in line for the Sacrament.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Many parishes are live-streaming daily Mass. These should be celebrated by resident clergy and one person to operate the live-streaming equipment if necessary.

CHRISM MASS

As you know, the Chrism Mass was postponed and will be re-scheduled for another date/time with the renewal of priestly commitment and the blessing/consecration of oils occurring at that time. It is hoped that the CHRISM MASS will serve as a Mass of Thanksgiving which will initiate the return to public worship.

As a reminder, oils/chrism from the current supplies (currently in use) may continue to be used until a new supply is blessed/consecrated and made available. If the parish is running low on oils/chrism, contact Michael Bedics, Director of the Office of Worship, michael.bedics@camdendiocese.org.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS and FUNERALS

All current restrictions remain in place.

In terms of Funerals, please maintain a record of those parishioners who have died and whose families would like to have a public celebration of the funeral rites at a later date. Permission will be granted to invite families to join together for a common memorial Mass in those parishes where there are a large number of families to accommodate. Clearly advanced planning and communication will go a long way in preparing for such celebrations.

CFR SISTERS IN ATLANTIC CITY

I had a phone call from Sr. Ann Kateri letting me know that a few of the sisters and their missionaries have cold symptoms. As such they are shutting down their services to the poor and homeless from the next two weeks out of an abundance of caution. They will therefore be somewhat less able to receive items and/or answer the phone. They will need help again when they reopen but do not need anything until after May 1st.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Penance: There is no obligation to provide regular times for confession during this pandemic.

Confessionals are not appropriate for use at this time due to the proximity of the priest to the penitent.

It goes without saying that confessions CANNOT be heard via the telephone or through the internet. In addition, "drive-thru" confessions are not permitted.

Please remember that the faithful can complete their Easter Duty anytime up to and including Trinity Sunday, which is on June 7, 2020.

Regarding Plenary Indulgence: The Apostolic Penitentiary has decreed: a Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will* to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), **as soon as possible.**

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of *the Viaticum*, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a *Plenary Indulgence* on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. *Enchiridion indulgentiarum*, no.12).

[*fulfillment of the usual conditions may not be immediately possible; therefore, the *will* to fulfill them suffices with the intention to fulfill the usual conditions "as soon as possible."]

Here at Saint Simon Stock Parish, we will continue to live stream our Mass so that our parishioners and friends can join us spiritually.

You can participate "virtually" and "spiritually" in all our live-stream Masses on Facebook St. Simon Stock Parish @stsimonstock.berlin.nj and on YouTube St. Simon Stock Parish Berlin NJ.

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.

 **Easter Flower Donations 2020** 

Late Arrivals

In Memory of:

Schamp and Chant Families
Anna Falato
In Loving Memory of Kenny Gundle
William & Anna Binkowski
Anna Marie & John Squillace
Charlotte & Joseph Shore
Elmer, Lorraine &
Rik Erickson
Ernest Oldenburgh
Caporelli Family
Scioli Family
Reni Family
Teresta Thompson
George "Bud" Hubler Sr.
Joesph & Rita Williamson
Laura Galiano
Valeriano-Carey Family
Harry & Michael Rosenbaum
Judy Herlihy
Louise Vilmont
Daniel A. DiMatteo
M/M George Metzler Sr.
M/M James Martin
Robert G. Gallagher
Charles T. Gallagher

Requested by:

Ms. Rosemary Schamp
M/M Donald Falato

Anne Gundle

M/M John Erickson
Mike Oldenburgh

Theresa Phillips
Mary Ellen Welsh
Grace Williamson
Sandra Perez
Tom & Peg Carey

Sally Rosenbaum
Jean Claude Vilmont Sr.
JoAnn DiMatteo

M/M George Metzler

Betsy Gallagher

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. Luthé 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 Coglianò
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

Frank Flood
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
Jennifer Jansinski
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
Pat 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 Walser
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

**Please pray for those who have continued
on their journey to the Kingdom of God:**
Madeline Kelly ~ Thomas C. Wood



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection Stewards Offer Peace

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. **Stewards** are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

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.

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 88.7% of our Parish goal. There are 283 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!



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.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

In times of uncertainty and crisis, there are individuals and families of our Parish, who needed assistance more than ever.

If you or someone you know needed assistance like grocery shopping, going to the pharmacy, food, and others, please email us their information: name, phone number, and specific needs. I will make sure someone will get back to you within 24 – 36 hours. If you would like to volunteer, please email me your name and phone number.

Why do we need to take care and look after our older people in the community? According to the CDC,

- Older people are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 which may result in increased stress during a crisis.
- Fear and anxiety about the COVID-19 pandemic can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions.

Let us help our neighbors in need.



Faith Formation

Mary Spicer Coordinator of Faith Formation
856-767- 1537 ext. 314 mary@stsimonstock.net.

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

Waiting for more information from the Diocese.



MORNING PRAYER AND YOGA

Now available on ZOOM

Thursday Mornings at 8am

If you are interested in participating please call
Sue at 856-685-3638.

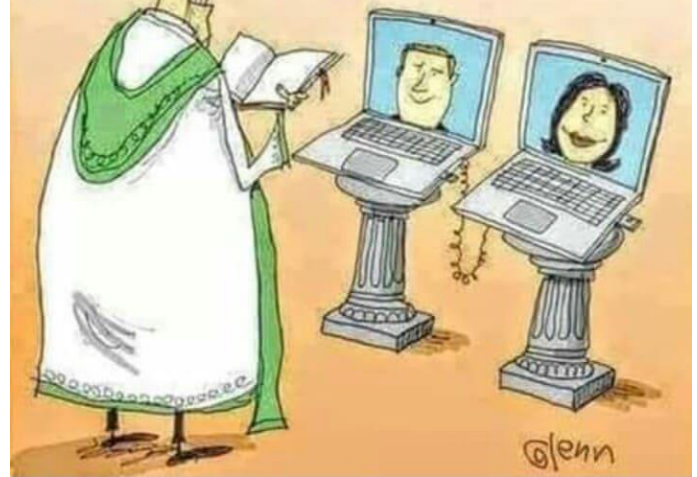


FR. MICHAEL'S **SMILE!** CORNER



A WEDDING DURING CARONAVIRUS COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Mary, do you accept John as your lawfully wedded husband? If you do press [ent].
If you don't press [esc].



Diocese of Camden

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

By Saint Alphonsus Liguoro

MY JESUS,

**I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST
BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

**I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE
TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.**

**SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU
SACRAMENTALLY,**

**COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY
HEART.**

**I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY
THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.**

**NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM
YOU.**

AMEN.



Faith & Reason

Join us to explore these two great subjects and how, together, we arrive at truth, and how truth is the foundation of the Catholic faith. This is an opportunity for the people of God to explore the 2000 year old treasures given to us by Jesus Christ.

Thursdays with Fr. Jim Bartoloma and Fr. Jason Rocks
Four more one-episode shows will also be released this month:

Matthew 25 Alive

Explore this chance to learn more about Catholic Social teaching and how the church seeks to care for the poor and afflicted members of the mystical body of Christ. Discover how the Gospel is forever timeless and how Jesus teaches us to love one another and how to love as He does.

Recorded and posted on Wednesday, April 15 with Mary McCusker Kevin Hickey and staff from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden.

Young Church

An intimate conversation with young adult ministers Star Martinez and Jose Rodriguez who discuss the millennial perspective on the Catholic faith and how it does and should interact with the reality of American culture. Live-streamed on Wednesday, April 22

Vocations Holy Hour

We'll spend a prayerful hour with Fr. Adam Cichoski, vocations director for the Diocese of Camden, focused on encouraging more men to listen to God's call to the priesthood.

Live-streamed on Wednesday, April 29

Fireside Chat w/ Bishop Dennis Sullivan

Our final April show of the month will be a fireside chat with Bishop Dennis Sullivan. Hosted by Donna Ottaviano-Britt, this chat will be focused on his view of the Catholic faith and the ever-changing times we are currently living in.

Recorded and released on April 30.

Online Easter Retreat through April

With Easter upon us, the Diocese of Camden and the Office of Discipleship and Leadership are continuing our on-line programming, with a mix of live stream and recorded shows throughout the month of April. Monday through Thursday of each week, new shows will be released at 8 PM on the Diocese of Camden social media:

- <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCamden>
- <https://twitter.com/camdendiocese>
- <https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>

ActsAfire

He is Risen and we have work to do! Join us as we explore the Acts of the Apostles in this Easter Season and learn from our 1st century sisters and brothers how to share the Joy of the Gospel. Our mission remains the same – "Go and Make Disciples of All Nations." Each week we will explore a passage from Acts and find its application in our life today in the 21st century.

Live-streamed Mondays with seminarian, Deacon Peter Gallagher, and Dan Palmieri.

Youth and Family

This series focuses on young people and their families. Come and join conversations on faith, love, grief, vocations and living as a young Catholic and as a Catholic family. Our host, Kari Janisse, brings a diverse guest list with equally diverse topics and ways to help us answer the universal call to holiness. Live-streamed Tuesdays with Kari Janisse, and rotating guests Fr. Joshua Nevitt, Rebekah Hardy, Kim Pesotski and Fr. Adam Cichoski. Each week will include worship music by Jeffrey Shields from Forgotten Truth.