

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020



*With that their eyes were opened  
and they recognized him (Jesus),  
but he vanished from their sight.*

*Then they said to each other,  
"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and  
opened the Scriptures to us?"*

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To my dearest parishioners,

I hope and pray you are all taking care of yourselves: physical, emotional, psychological, mental, and certainly not the least, spiritually. There is no doubt that during this global COVID-19 pandemic, we are sometimes discouraged and sorrowful.

Like many of us, who are discouraged from this pandemic, Cleopas and the other disciple felt downcast as they journey towards Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). The story of the Road to Emmaus shows us the importance of faith and the Eucharist (the Breaking Bread) in our journey of faith. Let us examine the Gospel (Luke 24:13-35) briefly:

First, Jesus himself drew near and walked with Cleopas and the other disciple, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Jesus. What was it that prevented the disciples from knowing Jesus? Maybe frustrations, discouragement, too much pain and suffering, and other things can hinder any of us from accepting Jesus. But, one that stood out the most was the disciples' lack of focus on Jesus. *They were too preoccupied with their worries and frustrations, and they failed to recognize Jesus in their journey to Emmaus.*

Secondly, Jesus explained to the two disciples the necessity of the passion and death of Christ to fulfill the scriptures. Jesus says, "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. *When we feel lost and downcast, let us turn to Jesus in the Scriptures and allow Jesus to soothe and comfort us with His words.*

Finally, the Breaking of the Bread of Jesus was the catalyst for the disciples to awaken from slumber to new life. Saint Luke writes: while he (Jesus) was with them at the table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened,

and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." The Eucharist allows us to see clearly with faith amidst confusion and discouragement. That is why even though these days we can't be communally present at the Holy Mass, still, every time we follow it on the internet or TV, don't we all feel comfort and hope in our hearts? Amidst this global pandemic, (1) *let us focus on Jesus*, (2) *allow God's words in the Scriptures to soothe us in times of crisis*, and (3) *partake in the Eucharist even virtually and spiritually on our live-streaming via the internet.*

I want to end this reflection with a Prayer of Solidarity during this Global Corona-Virus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

### COVID 19: A Prayer of Solidarity

**For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.**  
**For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.**  
**For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.**  
**For affected families who are facing difficult  
decisions between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.**  
**For those who do not have adequate health  
insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens  
alone.**  
**For those who are afraid to access care due to  
immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity  
of all.**  
**For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.**  
**For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.**  
**Father, during this time may your Church be a sign  
of hope, comfort and love to all.**  
**Grant peace.**  
**Grant comfort.**  
**Grant healing.**  
**Be with us, Lord.**  
**Amen.**

Peace and grace,

Fr. Michael



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

# MASS INTENTIONS

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

### Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."

### DAILY READINGS

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
<b>First Friday</b>	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
<b>First Saturday</b>	Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

Our Sanctuary Candle this Week is For Healing Peace and for An end to this global COVID 19 Pandemic.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION LIVE STREAM

Monday – Friday: 2:00pm -3:00 pm



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2020

- SAT 4/25**  
**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
- MON 4/27**  
**8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED**  
 + **Lou Bunoza** Req. by Wife, Loretta
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MASS**  
 + **Perpetual Remembrances**
- TUES 4/28**  
**8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED**  
 + **Kenneth Valinote** Req. by Wife, Maria
- 12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS**  
 + **Melissa Peters** Req. by the Kirk Family
- WEDS 4/29**  
**8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED**  
 + **Anna Bombaro** Req. by Santone & Swift Family
- 12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS**  
 + **Thomas C. Wood**  
 Req. by St. Simon Stock Parish
- THURS 4/30**  
**8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED**  
 + **Carolyn Higgins**  
 Req. by St. Simon Stock Parish
- 12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS**  
 + **Victoria M. Fascenda**  
 Req. by St. Simon Stock Parish
- FRI 5/1**  
**8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED**  
 + **Lois Edna Bradley**  
 Req. by St. Simon Stock Parish
- 12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS**  
 + **Elizabeth Arrington**  
 Req. by St. Simon Stock Parish
- SAT 5/2**  
**8:00 AM PRIVATE MASS**  
 L **People of the Parish (Pro-Populo)**
- 4:00 PM LIVE STREAMED**  
 + **Ellen Garrity** req. by Mom  
 + **Kenneth Soboloski** Req. by /M James Pacifico  
 + **Jim Beil** Req. by Baumann, Beuhler, Kirkland, & O'Hara Families
- SUN 5/3**  
**8:00 AM PRIVATE MASS**  
 + **Joseph Farina** Req. by his sister, Maria  
 + **Fr. James Dabrowski**  
 Req. by Victor & Josie Lombardi
- 10:00 AM LIVE STREAMED**  
 + **Jerry Pastore** Req. by Tom & Denise Steinert  
 + **Walter Cope** Req. by his Family
- 11:30 AM PRIVATE MASS**  
 + **Gregorio Ferri** Req. by Wife & Family

## 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.***

## MEMORANDUM

To: All Diocesan Entities  
From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.  
Date: April 20, 2020  
RE: **Covid-19 and Updates on Diocesan and Parish Operations**



As you know, Governor Murphy's executive order requiring New Jersey residents to stay-at-home remains in effect until at least May 15<sup>th</sup>.

This means that the **administrative offices of the Diocese** (all three buildings) will remain closed through May 15, 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.

**First Holy Communions** scheduled before May 15<sup>th</sup> will need to be postponed. Father Rocks will be in touch regarding **Confirmations** scheduled before May 15<sup>th</sup>. **No May Processions** may be scheduled at this time.

The **Ordination to the Diaconate** scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is being postponed until Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The time and location will be determined at a later date. The **Ordination to the Priesthood** will remain as scheduled on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The time and location will be determined at a later date. If restrictions are still in place in June, the ordinations will take place on these dates, but with limited in-person attendance.

The **Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting** scheduled for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

The **Priest Jubilee Mass** scheduled for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.

The **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** scheduled for Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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](http://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**

#### **A Gift From:**

Madeline Cantor

Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Lizzio

Mr. Edward B. Warrington Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. James McKay

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### **DIOCESAN EVENTS POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19**

The **Lay Ministry Celebration** originally scheduled for June 8 will be postponed. A new date will be announced after diocesan offices are reopened.

The **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** originally scheduled for June 14 will be postponed. A new date will be announced after diocesan offices are reopened. Please contact the parish office to register for the event.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Hagner, USN; Spc. Justin Scheuren, USA; PO 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**  
William Minnick ~ Frances Turner ~ Rev. Alfred Hewett ~ Madeline Kelly



# 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](http://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](http://www.camdendiocese.org/hoc)

Thank you for your support and generosity. We are at about 90.3% of our Parish goal. There are 294 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](mailto:mary@stsimonstock.net).

### FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

**First Holy Communions** scheduled before May 15<sup>th</sup> will need to be postponed.

### CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Postponed until further notice.



### 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



Ok who ever did this, you're a legend



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.**



## 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.

### 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.