

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2020



Jesus said to him

I AM

the
Way

the
Truth

and the *Life*

No one comes to the

FATHER

except THROUGH me

JOHN 14:6

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10 WAYS TO CELEBRATE MOM

In 2020, given the COVID-19 crisis, many of us are rethinking how to give extra recognition to moms, some of whom are in the high-risk age range.

- Most moms simply wish to connect with their children and spend time with family in any way possible—if not in person, then with a phone call or video chat.
- If your mom is at home, give her a day off from any family chores, especially during this difficult time. Someone else can take full responsibility for making or serving the food, clearing and cleaning the dishes, and doing the laundry. Volunteer!

This probably covers the big stuff, but here are 10 more ways to treat Mom!

1. Offer yard and garden services.

- ✓ If you're local, give Mom a "gift certificate" for your family's yard and garden services. Help her by laying down mulch. Put the "certificate" in a flower pot with spring-planted bulbs which flower in summer.
- ✓ If you're not local, how about a 1-year subscription to *The Old Farmer's Almanac Garden Planner* (or other subscriptions)? Any gardener would love it! And it's an instant present without shipping!

2. Decorate your mom's door or front porch!

If you're local, you can have fun decorating your mom's front door with streamers, special signs, a wreath, and flowers! If you have kids, get them involved! Mom or grandma will love the surprise.

Of course, flowers and plants are always a delight. If you're local, deliver plants to her porch in person. If you're not local, there's always delivery in most places (but order well enough ahead!).

- ✓ A rosebush or geranium plant is always welcome.
- ✓ Or, perhaps a dogwood or flowering shrub for her garden would be appreciated.
- ✓ Buying cut flowers? Or consider the monthly birth flowers for each child.

3. Cook for Mom or set up a virtual brunch date.

- ✓ If your mother is living with you, breakfast in bed is always a classic and appreciated. Something simple is fine for this, such as toast or a croissant with jam or fruit and a cup of coffee or tea. Or, if she's not fond of eating in bed, how about preparing a sit-down brunch? (There are several delicious brunch ideas.

- ✓ If you're not with mom in person, how about a virtual brunch date? We suggest these Champagne Mimosas. You can drop off the ingredients at her door if she's local, or send the recipe in advance to everyone! Then Zoom with the entire family and raise a glass to mom!
- ✓ If your mom is local, drop off a casserole dinner. It's great comfort food, and you can put it all together to drop off on her porch!
- ✓ Or, bake a cake! Traditionally, children in England always baked a cake for their Mother's Day. If you like this tradition, here's a truly delicious (and better than boxed) cake recipe: [Chocolate Mousse Cake](#). We also love [Nana's Funny Cake](#).

4. Give your mom an extra-long phone call or put on a virtual talent show!

- ✓ Talk to her (or video-chat) and make her laugh. Perhaps throw in some good "[mom jokes](#)." All most moms want is time with you.
- ✓ If the young kids are involved, put on a talent show for Grandma! It can be simple! Sing a song, show off some gymnastics, play an instrument.

5. Watch a movie or show together, side by side.

- ✓ If you're all at home in one place, have a movie that night, complete with theater treats.
- ✓ If you're in separate locations, watch the same movie on your computers at the same time. Or, start a marathon of your favorite TV series while indulging in a glass of wine or cup of tea.

6. Get creative: Make Mom a video, a music playlist, or a piece of art!

- ✓ Record a video from all of the children. They can each say "**Happy Mother's Day**" and why they appreciate her. You can always use iMovie to splice videos together on your phone.
- ✓ Or, make a tape or a music playlist. You could gather calming songs for bedtime, such as the sound of the seas. Or, you could gather her very favorite songs from the era that she loves most. (If your mom has an iPhone, [create a special iTunes playlist](#) that will get emailed to her.)
- ✓ How about a special work of art for Mom? For example, paint the outside of a terra-cotta flower pot and fill it with garden seeds and a card. Or, make a beautiful photo frame with your family photo inside. You can find many ideas on Pinterest and elsewhere on the Web.

7. Get outside! Go for a stroll in the park or how about packing mom a picnic?

- ✓ Fresh air always lifts the spirit. There's plenty of room to spread out and enjoy nature! Spring is a wonderful time to visit a park.
- ✓ How about packing a simple picnic? If mom's living nearby, drop off a picnic basket on her porch!
- ✓ If you're living together, pack a cooler for a beautiful drive through the countryside. There are great picnic food ideas.

8. Make a homemade gift!

You don't need to go out to a store and buy a gift. Mothers love gifts from the heart.

Here are some fun craft projects—including gifts from the kitchen as well as DIY beauty products for a home spa basket!

- [Make your own herbal vinegar](#)
- [Make your own fruit facial or scrub](#)
- [Make your own soap](#)
- [Make a lavender sachet](#)
- [Make rose potpourri](#)
- [Make strawberry jam](#)
- [Make blueberry-rhubarb Jam](#)
- [Make a pretty gift jar](#)

If you wish to buy a gift online, how about jewelry with her child's birthstone?

- For example, if your birthday is in August, give your mother peridot stud earrings. She'll always think of her dear child when she wears them. See [birthstones by month](#) if you're not sure of your birthstone or its meaning. Many small online businesses offer free shipping. [Etsy](#) is also a great place to find unique jewelry and help support small businesses at the same time.

9. Take a virtual tour of a museum or garden together!

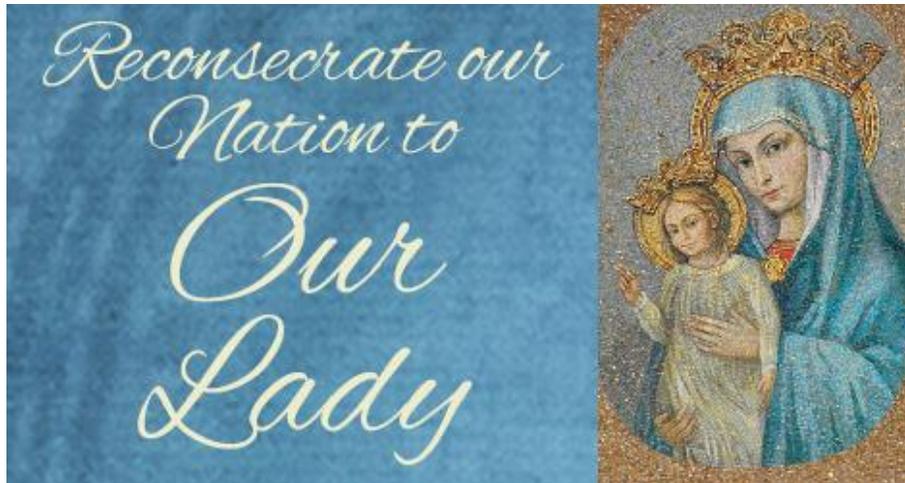
Even if you're not together, the wonders of technology make so much possible today! More and more museums are opening up their "walls" to offer virtual tours during this time!

- ✓ Set up a Mother's Day date for you and your mom to visit the [Louvre](#) in Paris! Or how about the [Vatican](#) in Rome? Or, the [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) in New York City?
- ✓ Would you rather take in the marvels of nature? Check out this [Nature Conservancy virtual field trip](#) in Oklahoma!
- ✓ Is mom a garden lover? The famous Holland tulip farm Keukenhof has created a [virtual tulip tour](#) since they can't welcome visitors in person! You could also visit [Monet's Gardens](#) in France to see the waterlilies! Or, how about taking a virtual trip to Hawaii to [see tropical flowers](#)?

10. Make your own card.

- ✓ Don't forget to send a card in advance! In our home, it's a tradition to make a homemade card every year. Moms love homemade! Here's one way to make [Homemade Note Cards](#).
- ✓ Wondering what to write in the card? How about sharing a funny story or happy memory of you and your mom? It will make her smile!

Credit: The Old Farmer's Alliance at <https://www.almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day>



Renewing the Consecration of the United States to the Care of Our Blessed Mother

As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the USCCB has announced that the U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 1 in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother.

Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother's witness to the Gospel and to ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need.

The [consecration on May 1](#) follows a similar action of the bishops' conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (CELAM) who consecrated their nations to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Easter Sunday. This prayer reaffirms and renews previous Marian entrustments, and it unites us in solidarity with our Holy Father, who recently established the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, as a source of protection and strength.

Archbishop Gomez will lead a brief liturgy with the prayer of re-consecration on Friday, May 1 at 3:00 pm EDT and has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation. A liturgy guide will be available to assist the faithful who may join in by tuning into the USCCB's social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#).



Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church,
you are the fairest fruit of
God's redeeming love;
you sing of the Father's
mercy and accompany us
with a mother's love.
In this time of pandemic
we come to you,
our sign of sure hope
and comfort.

Live-Stream on
Friday, May 1st
3pm Eastern | 2pm Central | 1pm Mountain | 12pm Pacific

Learn more at
lacatholics.org/consecration

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I will
come
again
and take you to myself



First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

DAILY READINGS

Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2020

SAT 5/9

4:00 PM LIVE STREAMED
ALL OF OUR MOTHERS,
Both Living & Deceased

SUN 5/10

10:00 AM LIVE STREAMED
ALL OF OUR MOTHERS,
Both Living & Deceased

MON 5/11

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED
+ **Gregorio de Perio**
Req. by Granddaughter Elsie de Perio Tinio
12:00PM PRIVATE MASS
+ **Judy Herlihy** 2nd Anniversary
Req. by her sister

TUES 5/12

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED
+ **Oscar de Perio**
Req. by Daughter Elsie de Perio Tinio
12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS
+ **Madeline Kelly**
Req. by St. Vincent de Paul Society

WEDS 5/13

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED
+ **Perpetual Remembrances**
12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS
L **People of the Parish (Pro-Populo)**

THURS 5/14

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED
+ **Helen Travis**
Req. by Ann Matsinger

FRI 5/15

8:00 AM LIVE STREAMED
+ **Gosselin Lawrence**
Req. by Mike & Marcia Kopytko
12:00 PM PRIVATE MASS
+ **Jason Wright**
Req. by Robin and Dad

SAT 5/16

8:00 AM PRIVATE MASS
+ **RoseAnne Steinberg**
Req. by niece, Sally

4:00 PM

LIVE STREAMED
+ **Irving Motluck** Req. by Wife, Dolores
+ **Santa and Madeline Dangelo**
Req. by Josephine Dangelo
+ **Amedeo Petrongolo** 1st Anniversary
Req. by His Family

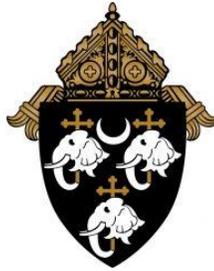
SUN 5/17

8:00 AM PRIVATE MASS
+ **Amedeo Petrongolo**
Req. by Ron Petrongolo & Family
+ **In Honor of St. Pasquale**
Req. by Ron Petrongolo & Family
+ **Lucille Johnson**
Req. by Marie & Joe

10:00 AM LIVE STREAMED

+ **Fr. James Dabrowski**
Req. by St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:30 AM PRIVATE MASS
+ **Harry Sauers** Req. by Mom & Dad
+ **Mary DeVaro** Req. by Henry & Nora Sauers
+ **Bobby Quinn** Req. by Nancy DiAntonio

Closure of Catholic Schools for Remainder of the Academic Year



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN *Office of Communications*

The following memorandum was sent to all priests and school principals of the Diocese of Camden earlier today by Fr. Robert Hughes, vicar general of the diocese, on behalf of Bishop Dennis Sullivan:

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, Bishop Dennis Sullivan issued a statement temporarily closing all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden effective Monday, March 16, 2020. In his statement the Bishop noted that the schools likely would be closed for a minimum of two weeks.

Given Governor Murphy's executive order closing schools in the State of New Jersey for the remainder of the academic year, Bishop Sullivan extends the closure of all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Camden through June.

Catholic high school and eighth grade Graduations will take place on the dates already scheduled, but will likely take the form of a "virtual graduation". Further directions on graduations and other year-end activities will be provided to principals by Dr. Bill Watson, Superintendent of Schools, and the Office of Catholic Schools.

Students and families are encouraged to follow the directives from the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services as we continue to work together for the common good, to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and prevent further infection.

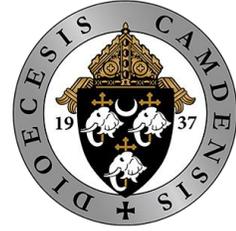
Bishop Sullivan is well aware that closure of our schools for the rest of the academic year places an enormous burden on parents and will be challenging for families. At the same time, he is impressed by the creativity of all involved in bringing the classroom into the living rooms of our children across the Diocese.

Please continue your prayers for the health of our students, their families, our dedicated teachers, administrators and staff members, and for all people as together we face the deepening effects of this worldwide pandemic.

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests; All Parishes
From: Father Robert Hughes, V.G.
Date: May 7, 2020
RE: **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**



A meeting of the bishops of New Jersey took place via Zoom earlier today. In that meeting, the bishops agreed that the observation of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord would be transferred in the Province of Newark from Thursday, May 21 to Sunday, May 24th (replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter).

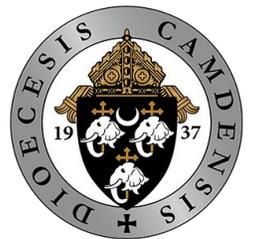
There was a robust discussion about the importance of holydays and there is no intention to make this a permanent change in the liturgical calendar of the Province of Newark. The transfer is for this year only; and was made to ease the burden on those who are required for live-streaming Masses and in light of the dispensations already provided in all five dioceses from the obligation of the faithful to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holydays.

Please inform your parishioners of the change and make note that Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter are to be celebrated as such and in accord with the prescriptions of the Roman Missal and the Lectionary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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 15th.

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 15th will need to be postponed. Father Rocks will be in touch regarding **Confirmations** scheduled before May 15th. **No May Processions** may be scheduled at this time.

The **Ordination to the Diaconate** scheduled for Saturday, May 16th is being postponed until Saturday, June 13th. The time and location will be determined at a later date. The **Ordination to the Priesthood** will remain as scheduled on June 20th. 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 17th is cancelled.

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

The **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** scheduled for Sunday, June 14th 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 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.



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 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
Siggie & 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
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
Shepherd Family
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
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:
Catherine C. Welser ~ Helen Swanson**



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection Stewards Cornerstones 5th Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms as Christian **Stewards**. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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 91% of our Parish goal. There are 297 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

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CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

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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.



Three more weeks of our diocesan retreat begin on May 4! In addition to our continuing Monday and Tuesday shows, Acts Afire and Faith & Family Night, we're introducing several new one episode shows:

Talking Collars, May 6

Come and get to know the men of Camden Diocese in priestly formation. Join Father Adam Cichoski, Director of Vocations, as he engages seminarians in a wide-ranging conversation, including hearing and answering God's call to priestly life, the journey to serving as spiritual fathers, as well as their hopes for both the clergy and the laity.

A Night of Marian Devotion, May 7

In this month of Mary, many of us will spend additional time with Our Blessed Mother. Join Father James Bartoloma as he offers us an evening of reflection and teaching on the mother of God to deepen our relationship with her. This evening will also include the beautiful music ministry of Molly and Mike Bedics as they sing songs of devotion to Mary.

Answering the Call, May 13

Many across the Diocese of Camden are aware we have a host of consecrated religious and priestly orders. In this first in a series highlighting the various

congregations of priests and religious, join host Donna Ottaviano-Britt as she helps us to understand the charism and calls of the Sisters of the Franciscan Renewal in Atlantic City.

Matthew 25 Alive, May 14

As all of us experience the impact of COVID 19 on our lives, our work and our ministries, what have we learned and how do we begin to think and shape the way forward. Join Matt Davis, director, Office of Life & Justice, with his guests as they explore the changes in our lives and how this helps us to see, find and serve those most in need.

Cooking with Mary, May 20

We all know the priesthood calls men to spiritual fatherhood and nourishing the laity's call to universal holiness! And, some of our priests take that even more literally as they nourish with great meals!. Meet Father Anthony Manuppella, pastor of St. Gianna Beretta Molla in Northfield, and host of a cooking show on YouTube called 'Ciao, Padre'. In this month of Mary, he is going to teach us to prepare a meal Mary likely cooked for Jesus and Saint Joseph.

A show to be named later on May 21 😊

ALL episodes are either live-streamed or released at 8 PM, M-Th on the Diocese of Camden social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCamden>

<https://twitter.com/camdendiocese>

<https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>

Introduction to Lay Ministry/Catechetical Ministry



Event details

- May 5 – June 9, 2020
- 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- In the comfort of your own home.
- **REQUIRES** internet access. Computer, smartphone, or phone connection may be used.

Introduction to Lay Ministry/ Catechetical Ministry, Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Are you a practicing Catholic who is hungry for more knowledge about Catholic teaching?

Are you in ministry with a desire to increase your knowledge about God and about the Church you serve?

CMIC—Church Ministry Institute Camden offers courses for you!

Courses are 6 weeks each. Cost is only \$60 for all six weeks. You don't need to take them in any special order; the 15 different courses are offered over 3 years.

For registration contact: Cathy Johnson, site coordinator
cjohnson@christourlight.net

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DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.
We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Amen.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden

FOOD DISTRIBUTION TIMES & DATES

- Distributions include non-perishables
- Please call us as early as possible before the distribution date so that we can make arrangements for the number of boxes we'll prepare
- Please wear a mask
- Drive-through style pick up. Please stay in your car.
- Staff will place food box(es) in your trunk.

CAMDEN COUNTY

When: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

(May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23)

Time: 1:30pm-3:30pm

Where: 1845 Haddon Ave Camden NJ

Call to reserve pickup time: 856-342-4193