

May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - Jn 14:6

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Parish In Action

SPECIAL EDITION

This is the last chance to share the good work that you are doing for our special, abbreviated on-line issue highlighting the heroes of the pandemic.

We have heard from many of you about your own work or the works of others in the parish, but we know that there are a lot more of you out there doing wonderful deeds for others. Whether you are working as a doctor, nurse, aide, teacher, grocery deliverer, maskmaker, or in any other way, please let us know by contacting us:

Kathy Pesta at kathyp9195@verizon.net or Marie White at mbwhite422@gmail.com

Thank you for your service and for helping us spread the good news!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

Happy Mother's Day to the mothers in our parish. Mother's Day can be a sad day for many; those who have lost a mother through death or other circumstances. There are some who have lost the opportunity to be a mother, and others feel disheartened at this time. Stephen Ministers are here to help you talk through your pain, and find ways to channel it in a positive way. Call Carol Hartley at 783-4036

(e-mail: CTK_StephenMinistry@verizon.net), Larry Bartley at 965-7276 (e-mail: LJBJR@cox.net), or call the office at 783-7459 for more information.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

In a recent press conference, our governor mentioned how important it is to keep in contact with others during this time of the Stay-At-Home order. Even if it is lifted in the next few days, being away from crowded areas will still be necessary and it will continue to be difficult to gather with people. If you would like to have a friendly phone call from one of our Friendly Visitors, please call Bonnie Feeney at 391-9460. She'll help get you started.



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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

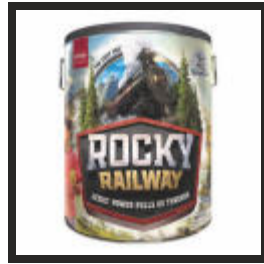
What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?



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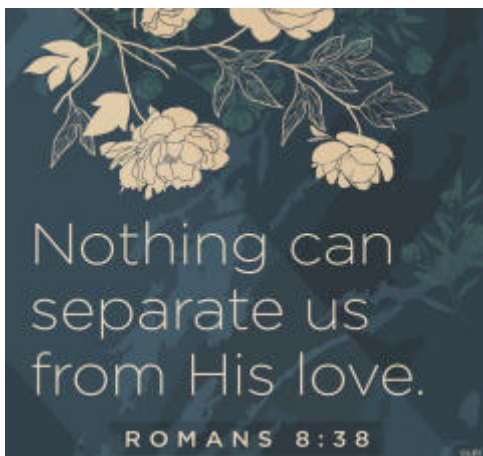
CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS

As we plan for the summer, we are hoping to have VBS for our parish. To that end we need to start preparing. The theme this year is Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. All counselors, jr. counselors (grades 6&7), adults, station leaders and production members are invited to join our ZOOM Conference on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more OR to sign up for a role, please email Ms. Eva at emancuso@ctkri.org to get the link. We are excited to start the planning and hope you will join us on the 14th.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO ROMERO CENTER, NEW JERSEY

We are still planning our Youth Mission Trip July 6-11, in Camden, NJ. Many of your school trips have been canceled for the summer so I encourage you to join us for a week-long mission trip. We will have our first organizational meeting by ZOOM on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please email Ms. Eva at emancuso@ctkri.org for the log in number. Please be sure you have filled out an application that is on our website (Ministry/Youth Ministry/Youth Mission Trip).



A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.
For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story.
For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.
For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp



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Quotes of the Week

"Let us pray for the dead, those who have died from the pandemic. And let us also pray in a special way for the 'anonymous' dead. We have seen photos of common graves. There are so many there." Pope Francis, speaking last Thursday. "Pope prays for anonymous victims of coronavirus." *Cruz*. April 30, 2020.

"Should a pastor suffer the loss of liturgical communion and Eucharistic participation along with his community? This is the decision I have taken (as the pastor) because I think I should share the Eucharistic fast with the community to whom I belong. As a pastor and presbyter, I believe that my presbyterial ministry is not defined by the power or need to celebrate Mass. The Sacred Liturgy belongs to the Church and I, alone, do not constitute the Church. When the community to which I belong cannot gather for liturgy I share our deprivation. Many would not agree with me. In making this decision I do not see that my priestly identity has been put at risk. Rather, I see my role as one who serves the life of the community by leading the community's worship is being defined by ministry and not by role. Liturgy is an activity of the whole community. When the community cannot gather, liturgy cannot be celebrated."

Rev. J.P. Grayland, a priest of the Diocese of Palmerston North (New Zealand). "Pandemic and the dilemma of Catholic liturgy." *La Croix International*. April 11, 2020.

"One of the most difficult moments that I've had as a bishop was participating in the decision to close our churches and to shut down the celebration of Mass with a community. Mind you, it was the right decision. I emphatically disagree with those who argue that the bishops caved in to the pressure of the secular state in making this determination. That's nonsense. There are some very real tensions between Church and state and sometimes we have to make a stand—a good example being our vigorous opposition here in California to the legislature's attempt to violate the seal of confession. But this is not one of those cases. Instead, we bishops agreed with the secular authorities that the churches should be closed, precisely for the well-being of our people. Having said that, the suspension of public Mass has been painful for everyone—and the principal reason for that pain is the forced fasting from the Eucharist."

Bishop Robert Barron, "The quarantine's three lessons about the church." April 28, 2020.

"The days of the distant Pope, being carried around wearing a huge tiara are over. People want someone 'real' now and I think the Church ignores this at its peril... Francis is loved by the people, though certainly not by the Curia. I'm sorry to say there's a 'dampening' going on to prevent Francis from becoming too popular. Benedict seems to be making Francis' life a misery with his opinions... Unfortunately there are many idealistic young priests in Rome, living in a bubble, who want to take the Church back to medieval times, and imagine Francis is wrong to reach out, but their way is losing Church members daily."

Lynda Telford, author of *Women of the Vatican – Female Power in a Male World*. "Pope Benedict's 'fury' with Pope Francis over holy water gaffe exposed." *Daily Express*. May 4, 2020.

"Too often, our bishops respond by answering the questions and criticisms that they wish people had or that they think that people should have instead of the ones they actually do have. It is a pastoral failure of communication that stems from a failure to listen."

Fr. Sam Sawyer, "Cardinal Dolan's praise for President Trump was a pastoral failure." *America*. May 4, 2020.

"In a new report after decades of ambivalence, Germany's council of Catholic bishops has finally admitted to the church's complicity in the actions of the Nazi regime during World War II... The 23-page document by the council reportedly states, 'Inasmuch as the bishops did not oppose the war with a clear 'no,' and most of them bolstered the [German nation's] will to endure, they made themselves complicit in the war.' It added: 'The bishops may not have shared the Nazis' justification for the war on the grounds of racial ideology, but their words and their images gave succor both to soldiers and the regime prosecuting the war, as they lent the war an additional sense of purpose.'"

"In 'confession of guilt,' German Catholic Church admits 'complicity' with Nazis." *The Times of Israel*. May 2, 2020.

"We pray for the men and women who work in the media. In this time of pandemic they risk a lot and work a lot. May the Lord help them to always transmit the truth."

Pope Francis, "Pope at Mass prays for media workers." *Vatican News*. May 6, 2020.

Quotes of the Week

"The current restrictions are challenging but are for the common good and the protection of everyone across our island... While we all look forward to the day when we can again gather together for collective worship in our churches, we accept that at this time it would not be appropriate to consider a full return to such gatherings, apart from the limited number of people who are able to meet for funeral services."

Statement of Irish Christian leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Irish Council of Churches. "Irish churches say 'at this time it would not be appropriate' to start public worship." *Cruix*. May 4, 2020.

"Opening our churches would convey at this point a false sense of security about the risks of public gatherings here in El Paso. Many of our most fervent members are also people in the categories of highest risk, our senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions." Bishop Mark Seitz, Diocese of El Paso Texas, speaking on the pastoral need for churches to remain closed. "Catholic Diocese of El Paso says churches will remain closed." *KTSM*. April 28, 2020.

"Though they had the state government's backing to reopen congregations to in-person services, many Georgia churches on Sunday ignored Gov. Brian Kemp's measure and remained closed as coronavirus fears persist... The Catholic Dioceses in Georgia said Thursday in a statement that it is 'not authorizing the return to congregating at churches or making our churches available for devotions' through May." "Many Georgia churches stay shut despite governor's measure that allows in-person services." *USA Today*. April 26, 2020.

"Maryland's oldest Catholic college preparatory school for girls, an institution that resolutely continued educating young women in the same East Baltimore building for more 170 years, announced Tuesday that it is closing its doors... They cited declining enrollment, financial difficulties and a need to raise millions of dollars, in part to cover at least \$5 million in building repairs, as some of the reasons for the closure." "Maryland's oldest Catholic girls school, Institute of Notre Dame, announces closing." *Baltimore Sun*. May 5, 2020.

"The Diocese of Harrisburg says due to financial stress and falling enrollment, Holy Family Consolidated Catholic School in Berwick will close at the end of this school year... The diocese says the school is \$700,000.00 in debt."

"Holy Family Catholic School in Berwick closing." *WNEP*. April 28, 2020.

"After 161 years of providing Catholic school education to Lebanon County, Lebanon Catholic School is closing its doors, the Harrisburg Diocese announced on Tuesday... The school is expected to reach \$2.3 million by the end of the school year."

"Lebanon Catholic School to close its doors after 161 years." *Lebanon Daily News*. April 28, 2020.

"Holy Family College in Manitowoc [Wisconsin] will cease operations at the end of the summer term and discontinue all operations by August 29. In a Monday release, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Sponsored Ministries says the decision was made due to increased operating costs, unstable enrollment, and the impact of the coronavirus."

"Manitowoc's Holy Family College to cease operations after summer term." *WFRV*. May 4, 2020.

"All Saints Catholic School in Elsmere [Delaware] will cease operations at the end of this school year in June, citing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic among the factors contributing to the school's closing... All Saints is the third school in the diocese [of Wilmington, Delaware] to announce its closing at the end of this school year. Immaculate Conception school in Elkton, Md., announced in January that it would not reopen after this year. St. Thomas More Academy in Magnolia announced in February that this would be the last year for the high school."

"All Saints Catholic School in Elsmere to close at the end of 2020 school year." *The Dialog*. April 30, 2020.

"After years of declining enrollment, financial struggles, and recent challenges brought on by the coronavirus, St. Joseph Catholic Academy will close at the end of June." "Enrollment decline, coronavirus cited as reasons for Catholic school's closure in Brookfield." *CT Insider*. May 4, 2020.



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MASS SCHEDULE

(TO BE ANNOUNCED)

BAPTISM

The celebration of baptism takes place either during a weekend Mass or a Sunday afternoon liturgy. Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in Lent. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

To be announced.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Ruth (Fr. Jared) 1 & 7pm

To be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

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