



Our
Lady of
HOPE
Parish

April 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY

Bulletin Information

This format will be followed as long as the COVID-19 virus is interrupting the regular parish schedule of Mass, Sacraments, and other functions.

Parish News

While we cannot yet gather together to celebrate the Holy Week Liturgies we still can take part in witnessing them as the Diocese celebrates them. From now until Easter Sunday morning, these are the major Liturgies of the Catholic Church year:

Holy Thursday, April 9: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 8 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10: Liturgy at 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 11: Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua, April 12: Mass in English at 11 a.m. and Misas en español a las 12:30 p.m.

Parishioners can join the livestreams on facebook.com/DioceseChas and youtube.com/DioceseChas. 3

St. Mary Catholic Church will be open for the faithful during the day if anyone wants to visit the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Antony is planning to celebrate private Mass at St. Mary at 9:00 am during the week and on the weekends.

Remember, you are under no obligation to attend Mass. However, anyone wishing to come is welcome.

Holy Communion: If you would prefer to just receive Holy Communion please go to St. Mary in Summerton. Fr. Antony will be available in the Rectory.

For any emergencies you can reach **Fr. Antony at 843-469-9817.**

From a directive from the diocese...

As there will be no celebration of the Mass, if you wish to participate virtually, there are several ways to watch Mass online or on television. Here is a list of some recommendations:

St. Mary's in Greenville: Sunday at 11 a.m. facebook.com/stmarysgvl

St. Michael in Garden City: Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. www.saintmichaelse.net

EWTN broadcasts Mass on its television network www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule

Confirmation is scheduled for on June 1st, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann in Sumter. Please keep Angela Valdez, Austin Broadway, and Haley Keyes in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation.

First Communion Please keep Allison Rios, Nhuy Pham, and Patrick Soffera in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

THANK YOU A sincere thanks to those of you who mailed in your offertory contributions. A total of \$3,105 was deposited this week to our checking account which will enable us to continue paying our necessary bills during this difficult time.

Face Masks I'm hoping everyone is doing well during this trying time. While we are asked to stay at home, I know there are times when we have to get out: groceries, doctors, pharmacies, etc. I am making fabric masks and would be happy to make one for any member of our parish who needs one. I will deliver. There is no charge and any donations please give to our parish. All you need to do is contact me by email, text, or call with the number of masks you need for your family, how many male or female masks (even children), and most importantly an address and contact number.

Please call or text Phoebe Smith @ 301 213-0810, call home at 803 472-1083 or you can email at Amnicola2@verizon.net

We wish all our parish members a Blessed Easter

ST. MARY – OUR LADY OF HOPE AND ST, ANN PARISHES

March 28, 2020

Dear Friends,

I write to you today, to address some concerns you may have regarding COVID -19 and how our parish is responding to the situation. First, I want to assure you that you and your loved ones are in my prayers during these uncertain times. I also want you to know that I am available to you when needed.

Few of us have experienced a situation such as this in our lifetime. Scripture reminds us “that all things work for good for those who love God” Romans 8:28. Please do not lose hope. Remember, God is still in control. He is the master, and we must depend on Him, and Him alone.

The Diocese of Charleston has implemented several liturgical recommendations to address the current situation.

- Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone has dispensed all the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Charleston and all Catholics currently in the Diocese from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass until further notice and from fast and abstinence for the remainder of Lent except for Good Friday.
- The Diocesan College of Consultors have met and determined how we will proceed, particularly concerning public or limited Holy Week services. See separate schedule for live streaming of Holy Week and Easter services

Please remember that these directives are meant for the safety and well-being of everyone. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to when we can all gather as brothers and sisters in faith.

Finally, I want to remind you that our parish relies on your support both spiritually and financially. We still need to pay our bills. So, if you find it in your heart to do so, I welcome your offerings.

When you mail your checks in, please place your envelope number in the memo section of the check. The church collection envelopes are not necessary if you do this. Please write one check for multiple Sunday's.

Checks are preferred for safety reasons but if you must send cash, please place a note with your name and envelope number in the mailing envelope with the cash. Mailing envelopes should be addressed to: **ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 14 N. CANTEY STREET, SUMMERTON, SC 29148**. Your contributions will then be distributed to the appropriate parish.

Please join me in prayer for the repose of those who have died, for the recovery of those who are sick, for the strength of healthcare workers and caregivers , and for an end to this health crisis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Antony Benjamine - Pastor



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A Message from Deacon Walsh

It's true our Diocese has canceled Masses or dispensed the faithful from their Sunday obligation because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This does not mean that parish life is suspended; in fact, parish life may be more important now than ever. If anything, our responsibility to each other and especially the most vulnerable among us is heightened. People are going to get sick, the elderly are particularly at risk, many will feel lonely and overwhelmed. We need parish life.

The parish is the stable Community of the Faithful (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2179). The parish is a place and a people of communion, formed by the Eucharist. Communion is the remedy to suffering and loneliness. It is the Lord sharing everything with us so we can learn to share everything with each other, to bear burdens together, to suffer and love together.

Here is the idea: use the telephone, twitter, text, Facebook or whatever. Pick another parishioner and just ...
....**Check in:** "How are you doing? What is your situation going into this outbreak? Do you need anything right now?"
....**Pledge of support:** "Here is my phone number and e-mail. If something comes up, if you or someone in your household gets sick, if you need help with shopping or errands, if you need someone to talk to, if you just get lonely...you can call me. I will get what you need. We are in this together."

....**Further outreach:** "If you know other people who need help or support, –neighbors, coworkers, friends...whoever,"

Then, you let ME (Deacon Walsh) know.

- You may end up calling people who have not been active in the parish for years, or who left because of some grievance. So be it. In fact, good. Because you, a real person, made contact from the parish.
- Most people will probably say thanks and never ask for anything. OK. Because you let them know they could depend on their parish community if they did need something.
- But for some people, this might end up being their lifeline. When they don't know what to do, they will call you. When they need a community and there is no community, they will call you. When they need hope, they will call you. And because they called you, a real person, the parish can be a source of life.
- It is important to stress that this is a personal connection, not a program. Our parishes have enough programs. What we need are stronger personal connections. Communion is nourished through personal bonds. That is a fruit of the Eucharist. Of....common – union.

It is also important to stress that this is not, not, not an outreach left to our Pastor, Fr. Antony, the parish staff or me. It comes from parishioners, not professionals. IT IS COMMUNION **EVEN** WHEN WE CAN'T RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST.

Until everyone can meet again in our parish for Mass, this is a concrete and personal way to become the communion we need. This is how we act as members of the one body, where the suffering and joy of one becomes the suffering and joy of all.

And you might wonder: Why couldn't this be the life and mission of a parish even when the pandemic is over? If so, you wonder correctly. Maybe this is how a time of crisis becomes a time of new birth.