



April 26, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### ***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**

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**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.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl)
- **St. Michael in Garden City:** Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. [www.saintmichaelsc.net](http://www.saintmichaelsc.net)
- **EWTN broadcasts Mass** on its television network [www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule)
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**POPE FRANCIS** said the forced isolation devised to stop the pandemic was presenting the danger of people living the faith only for themselves — detached from the sacraments, the Church and the people of God.

Online Masses and spiritual communion do not represent the Church, he said in his homily at his morning Mass in the chapel of his residence on 17 April. "This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments — always,"

**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.

**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](mailto:Amnicola2@verizon.net)

**THANK YOU!!** Thanks to all who continue to send in their offertory donations while the churches are closed. In the past few weeks we have been able to deposit a total of \$8,180.

## Prayer List 4/26/2020

**5 Weeks Remaining:** Barbara Allerdice, Tom & Jo Orr, Mary Katherine Buyck, Tina Rhea.

**4 Weeks Remaining:** Bill Buyck, Bill Walsh, Chuck Smith, Marilyn Cholowsky, Paul Cook, Donna Johnson, *Marshall Young*.

**3 Weeks Remaining:** Gayle McKenney, Elizabeth Strickland, Cathy Masson, Helen Kronyak, Bob Guilfoyle, Kelly Konya, BJ Livingston, Melissa Cook, Billy Coffey, G.G.Cutter, Florencia Reyes, Leonarda Vera, Jaime Rivers.

**2 Weeks Remaining:** Donald Ard, LeRoy & Mary Lou Carter, Jim Latham, Brandy DelRio, Jack & Pat Schmit, Lois Neiferd, Jim Walsh, Christina Eades, Lynn Barth, Savannah Elms, Claire Clark, Dee Harrison, Bucky Brailsford, Eleanor Goodman, George Coffos, Kathy Bonett, Elaine Myers, Joe & Lena Cardella, Ray & Sue Barb.

**1 Week Remaining:** Carl Fredriksson, Teresa Bryant, Martin Brozik, Elisa Worthman, Ken & Judy McClelland, Mac Williams.

**0 Weeks Remaining:** Phyllis Quelette, Jean Walsh, Judith Pepergias, Joe Medeiros.



### FAITH SUSTAINS ME

Sometimes I look,  
But do not see,  
At times I cannot hear,  
The words that I say

At times of stress,  
I cannot bear,  
Does anyone listen,  
To my prayer?

We ask God, "Why ?,  
How can this be"?  
Why do bad things happen  
to good people?  
Why do they happen to me?

Fear makes us think,  
That God doesn't care,  
Afraid of things  
we cannot change,  
Of things too painful to bear,

Yet faith sustains me,  
Certain instilled belief,  
Reinforcing my hope,  
My tomorrow is relief.

A reflection of purpose,  
One's reason to be,  
Re-stirring consciousness,  
Emerging for me to see.