



May 10, 2020

5th 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

Letter from the Bishop

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As society moves forward with the reopening of public spaces, we must ensure that the Diocese of Charleston does all that it can to provide for your spiritual needs and welcome you home. Our primary goal is to approach the lifted restrictions with great care, keeping the safety of all our parishioners and our clergy at the forefront of our decision-making.

On Thursday, after conferring with the College of Consultors (the priests who advise me on many important matters), I decided to resume the sacraments with in-person daily Mass beginning on Monday, May 11. Our first Vigil/Sunday Masses will be held the weekend of May 16.

We want to have the freedom to participate in Mass together in a peaceful manner, but also in good health, so your pastor/administrator will spend the next several days developing a plan on how your parish will operate in the current climate and under the restrictions we have set forth. These restrictions have been developed based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, plus mandates from state government and recommendations from those dioceses that have already resumed Masses. Your pastor/administrator will communicate the specifics of his plan for your parish no later than May 10.

Although we will do all we can to provide a safe environment, the risk of contracting COVID-19 will still exist. Therefore, I am still granting dispensation to those who are uncomfortable attending weekend Mass and those who are high risk until further notice.

We are all hungry to receive the sacraments once again. This time away from the Eucharist has been painful. And, for so many, that struggle has been compounded by the loss of income and freedom for our families. These new guidelines may be challenging, so I ask everyone to do their very best to adjust to the new normal together as one family in faith.

May God continue to bless each of you in this season of the Resurrected Lord.

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo, Bishop of Charleston

Facemasks for Mass. We are so grateful to be able to return to church and the sacraments. Of course, all of us are concerned about being safe. Several members of the OLOH Women's Club are making facemasks for those who do not have any for Mass. They will be distributed at all of the Masses at St. Mary's and OLOH beginning the weekend of May 16th. These should be worn not just for your safety, but also for the safety of others. Because these are reusable, we ask that you take the one that you receive home with you, wash it in between wearings, and reuse it for future Masses or other occasions when you might need one.

If you are not able to come to Mass, but would still like a mask, please call Phoebe Smith at 803 472-1083 or 301 213-0810 to order one.

The Women's Club End of the Year luncheon will be rescheduled as soon as we are sure everyone will be safe and things are starting to get back to normal. Maybe July or August. Please remember this will also be our end of the year elections for new officers. If anyone is interested in serving in any of the offices, please email Phoebe Smith or call her home 803 472-1083 or cell 301 213-0810.

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Text "Hi" to Sister Hope at 315.276.3157 to get instant support. Sister Hope is anonymous, private, and available 24/7. Proven, faith-based, emotional and mental support service. Sister Hope offers proven technology to offer custom mental health help when and where you need it. She is used by over 13 million users world-wide.

[If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, please contact the Suicide Hotline – 800.273.8255.]

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Questions? Email sisterhope@charlestandiocese.org

Happy Mother's Day! Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends Jul 17-19, 2020 in Beaufort, SC and Jan. 29-31 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602

THANK YOU!! Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we were able to deposit \$2,279 from contributions received last week. This will allow us to continue to keep up with our expenses.

Prayer List 5/10/2020

5 Weeks Remaining: Phyllis Quelette, Jean Walsh, Judith Pepergias, Joe Medeiros, Ruth Lambert.

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

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

2 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.

1 Week Remaining: Donald Ard, 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.

0 Weeks Remaining: Carl Fredriksson, Teresa Bryant, Martin Brozik, Elisa Worthman, Ken & Judy McClelland, Mac Williams.

† Leroy Carter RIP



The parish family extends sympathy to Mary Lou Carter on the death of her husband Leroy. May he rest in peace.