RAISED

“The Lord has truly been raised!”

LUKE 24:34

MASS
On-Line
Every Day

www.ChurchofStPatrick.org

Mass Intentions

ALL Mass Intentions are being fulfilled each day in a private mass service which can be seen online.

Sat. 4/25 • Novena for Life
  • Edward & Florence Fitzgerald ††

Sun. 4/26 • Mass for the People of St. Patrick
  • Tilly Boulanger † (1 year in eternal life)
  • Frances Fitzpatrick †
  • Bernard Ross †

Mon. 4/27 Barbara Dobrzeniecki †

Tue. 4/28 Tilly Boulanger †

Wed. 4/29 Jackie Culligan †

Thur. 4/30 Pat Ferlise †
  Fri. 5/1 Joey Parotino †

Sat. 5/2 • Alfred “Ace” Clark Boughton †
  • John Zoller †

Sun. 5/3 • Barbara Scott †
  • Nancy Dooley †
  • Ava Firestone †
  • Mary Deutschle †

Garabedian Light Burns in
Loving Memory of
John Pecilunas †

Readings For the Week of April 26, 2020


Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58
## Financial Stewardship

### CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK WEEKLY FINANCIALS

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## CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

April 8, 2020

- **Goal**: $285,000.00
- **Pledged**: $116,660.02
- **% of Goal**: 40.93%
- **Households Participating**: 9.12%
- **Payments to date**: $ 95,049.77

To set up your on-line contribution, visit [www.ChurchofStPatrick.org/give](http://www.ChurchofStPatrick.org/give)
or
Mail your Check Made Payable to:

The Church of Saint Patrick
7900 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL  34241

### Photo Directory Project on Hold Until August Due to Company Closure

Although our project team was on track to finish our new photo directory in May and get it distributed in June, the project is now on hold until August 2020. The LifeTouch company who is producing the directory for us closed down its entire operation in mid-March and will not be resuming work until August 6.

Therefore, those who had their photos taken in March will be impacted. Some may have received the photo items they purchased prior to the shutdown, but most of the orders were not fulfilled. Similarly, if you had your photo taken for the directory but did not make a purchase, your free 8x10 photo will not be arriving at our church office until August.

Once LifeTouch reopens and resumes work on our directory, we will be in touch with you about the timeline for picking up your free photos and ultimately the distribution of the directories. Thank you for your patience.
Join Us for Holy Communion at The Church of Saint Patrick

Wednesday 9 AM to 10 AM & Sunday 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Join Us for Confession Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 PM (Weather Permitting at The Church of St. Patrick)

Mass On-Line Every Day

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An 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 into 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.
Diocese of Venice
TV & On-Line Mass Guide

Televised Mass - The Diocese of Venice in Florida airs the televised Sunday Mass each week on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on the CW Network in Sarasota, Manatee, Desoto, Charlotte, Hardee and Highland counties, and at 10:30 a.m. on FOX4 in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Desoto counties. Please refer to the channel guide below, based upon your cable provider.

- Brighthouse – Channel 4
- Comcast Cable
  - North Port – Channel 9
  - Sebring – Channel 9
  - Sarasota – Channel 9
  - Venice – Channel 9
- Direct TV – Channel 44
- Dish Network – Channel 44
- Frontier Gulf Coast – Channel 4
- Spectrum Network (Bradenton) – Channel 4
- Universal Cablevision (Bradenton) – Channel 11
- Verizon – Channel 4

The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass. While Masses in churches are suspended access to daily Mass online can be found on the Diocesan website as well as prayers and other resources at www.dioceseofvenice.org.

Do You Need Help?
If you need assistance from Catholic Charities for food, financial assistance or tele-mental health counseling, please call the number listed below between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday in Sarasota/Manatee/DeSoto/Hardee/Highlands counties: 844-385-2407

Food Distribution - Bradenton Food Pantry - The St. Joseph Parish Food Pantry, 2704 33rd Ave. W., Bradenton, is open and distributing food from 9:00 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, and 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, following all social distancing protocols. Cars will be directed through the parking lot and trunks will be loaded by volunteers in protective gloves and masks. Call 941-756-3732 if you have any questions. You do not need to be a regular client to receive food. To make a donation of money or food, please visit www.stjopantery.com.
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Easter Season, as the Church rejoices in Our Lord’s Resurrection, my prayer is that you and your family are safe and strengthened by God’s grace in these uncertain times. You will recall that I promised to give an update regarding the Coronavirus and our efforts in the Diocese of Venice to ensure the health, safety, and the spiritual wellbeing of all our Catholic Faithful.

The decision to suspend public celebrations of the Liturgy was among the most difficult I have had to make as your Bishop. The decision required the Diocese to weigh the needs of public health in a time of pandemic against the great sacrifices that a suspension would require of the Christian Faithful and our Priests. Knowing it would be difficult for you not to fully participate in the Holy Mass or gather with your fellow Parishioners for other activities, was something I sincerely understood. It was also on my mind that your Priests would need to labor strenuously and find innovative ways to compassionately care for Parishioners.

It has been edifying to see how the Catholic Faithful, led by their Priests, have embraced these challenges and found creative ways to give witness to our spiritual communion in Christ. Throughout these days, I have been privileged to hear many stories from Parishioners about how they have, in their homes, remained Faithful to their life of prayer and worship of God. The efforts of parents, caregivers, Catholic School teachers, catechists, Parish staff and so many of our people, have made the difficulties being experienced an opportunity for heroic acts of Christian Charity and love. Priests are to be acknowledged for the pastoral ways in which the Holy Mass and the Sacraments have been offered to the Faithful; at the same time, placing themselves at risk to attend the sick and dying. Likewise, I am grateful to the Parishioners who have continued their generous stewardship towards the Parishes and Schools of the Diocese which face financial challenges in these present circumstances.

In a particular way, let me express my appreciation to the many families who, from home, united in their Parish Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. All the Faithful can be proud of the efforts made during these difficult days to maintain spiritual communion and practice their Catholic Faith. Trusting in Our Lord who abides with us, we have found hope and strength to weather the hardships.
No matter how difficult this time has been for many of us, I ask you to prayerfully intercede for those who have died from the Coronavirus and for their family and loved ones who grieve. Likewise, please lift-up in prayer healthcare workers and others, who, with dedication, are combating this disease and compassionately caring for the sick and dying. Pray also for wisdom for our public officials that they may guide us with competence and concern.

Please know that the Diocese appreciates the sacrifices you have made and is looking forward to the time when public celebrations of Holy Mass can resume. With me, Diocesan Officials are monitoring public health data as a process of planning begins. It is necessary to determine how and when your Parish can resume normal operations safely, while maintaining careful vigilance to protect those at greater risk of serious illness. The upcoming weeks will indeed require patience. Only after necessary steps are taken, can there be certainty regarding when to begin a phased return to normal Parish activities and public gatherings.

Likely, the present circumstances regarding public Masses will last for the near future. Celebrations of Confirmation, First Communion, and reception into the Church for Catechumens and Candidates will continue to be postponed until it is feasible to reschedule them with some certainty. Parishes will keep the Faithful updated as greater clarity regarding Diocesan plans is possible.

Let us remember that with Faith, our sufferings and sacrifices can be a source of redeeming grace. If we offer our sufferings to God and unite them with the Passion of Our Lord, we will be made stronger in Faith and greater witnesses to the hope that is ours in the Risen Christ.

As we commemorate Divine Mercy Sunday, let each one of us put aside our doubts and united as a believing people, express with new resolve: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida
The Giving Challenge is an Exciting online 24-hour Giving Event that connects nonprofit organizations with passionate donors to support diverse causes and create enduring impact in Sarasota!

To strengthen giving during the 2020 Giving Challenge, The Patterson Foundation will provide a 1:1 match for all unique donations, up to $100 per donor, per organization.

There is no limit to the number of nonprofit organizations a donor can give to and still get matched.

SUPPORT A FAVORITE CHARITY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. Benefits all people regardless of race, nationality or creed with a wide range of assistance throughout Southwest Florida. With housing developments and outreach services.

Stillpoint House of Prayer. 100% donor designated financial support goes to those in need. Offers free food, diapers and personal hygiene products are distributed to those families in need. Also provides financial assistance for water and electric utilities, prescriptions and ID’s.

Community Pregnancy Clinic— All services at Community Pregnancy Clinics are FREE and confidential. Assists women in getting answers to their questions about pregnancy, STDs, adoption and parenting. Gives women the opportunity to talk with a licensed staff and receive support regarding their personal situation.

Resurrection House - Resurrection House serves as a day resource center to the homeless of Sarasota County, Florida. Their range of services includes showers, restrooms, laundry, counseling, medical treatment, food, clothing, veteran’s assistance, post office, phone and many more.
On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19, Bishop Frank J. Dewane consecrated the Diocese of Venice to the care and protection of Saint Joseph in the context of the Coronavirus and announced a "Year of Saint Joseph" beginning March 19, 2020 through March 19, 2021. Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, fathers, workers and the sick and dying. It is most appropriate now that we take the opportunity to focus on the upcoming Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1 asking this humble Saint for his intercession to assist those facing the uncertainty of employment in the future. For the nine days beginning Thursday April 23, a Novena for the Intercession of Saint Joseph for the employed, underemployed and unemployed will be available on the Diocese of Venice website at www.DioceseofVenice.org

**Year of Saint Joseph** -
Catholic Community Foundation

CARES Act
Donor Information

Throughout the Diocese of Venice and around the world, we are witnessing incredible acts of kindness, faith and generosity. Faithful Catholics are helping one another, praying for each other and supporting those in need during these unprecedented times. According to Michael Morse, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation, “We are so grateful that even in the midst of an economic crisis, individuals and families continue to support the Parishes, schools, programs and ministries of the Diocese of Venice.”

As many people are aware of, the Federal government recently passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). However, most people are not aware that the CARES Act provides some additional tax benefits to those who donate to churches and other charitable organizations in 2020.

One of the new tax benefits will make it possible to take an above-the-line deduction for qualified charitable contributions up to $300 for the 90 percent of taxpayers who do not claim itemized deductions on their federal income tax returns.

The CARES Act also relaxes some of the limits on charitable contributions. There are not many people with the ability to donate most of their income to charities, but for those that do, they can now get an increased Federal income tax deduction for qualified charitable contributions. The deduction limit has been increased from 60 percent of their Adjusted Gross Income to 100 percent for 2020. In addition, the limitation on corporate donors has been increased from 10 percent to 25 percent of taxable income. Corporations can also increase their food donations from 15 percent to 25 percent of taxable income.

These income tax changes were included by the Federal government to help individuals and families continue their support during this pandemic for the charitable organizations about which they care most, including the Church. As stated in a recent letter from Bishop Frank J Dewane to the Faithful about the coronavirus, “As your Bishop, I am always edified and grateful for the generosity of the Faithful, particularly at difficult times...be confident that Christ is with us always and that the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph are interceding for us. Take courage and trust in God during this time of many challenges.”

To learn more about the CARES Act or the Catholic Community Foundation, please contact Michael Morse at 941-441-1124 or by email at Morse@dioceseofvenice.org. You can also visit the Foundation website at www.CCFDioceseofVenice.org.
Message from the
Health & Caring Ministry

This has quickly become a memorable year. “Social distancing” has become a part of our everyday vocabulary. Strangely, avoiding physical presence is now an important form of caring. Routines are disrupted. Planned events, regular gatherings, shared rituals and meaningful ceremonies have been canceled or postponed indefinitely in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We have all felt the impact of this pandemic in some way. Many congregational gatherings have been cancelled as well as social events. Faith, hope and love have not been canceled, but might be expressed and experienced in unfamiliar ways. Families, friendships, and the need for human connection have not been canceled. Some are finding unexpected blessings as households are spending more time together, but others are finding it difficult to maintain human connections. How can we keep social distancing from becoming unhealthy social isolation? This list might inspire us as we consider new opportunities to embrace self-care and encourage others to do the same, and as we help our faith communities respond to what is meaningful and what is currently missing from lives in transition.

- Self-care
- Family time
- New routines
- Reassuring sacred texts, rituals and prayer
- Music, meditation, relaxation, dance
- Listening/connecting with God
- Consistent messaging: Information and resources
- Exercise and outdoor activity
- Social interaction via technology
- Active listening
- Process for checking on the elderly and vulnerable populations
  (Consider existing “prayer chain” call lists)
- Create a contact card for neighbors
- Homeschooling resources and activity ideas for kids

Adapted from: Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing, Spiritual Care Association (Webinar, March 20, 2020): Strategies for Spiritual Caregivers Dealing with the Chaos of Coronavirus and other Infectious Disease Threats.