

## **Christ Our Light Parish**

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH  
Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 High Avenue, Lore City OH

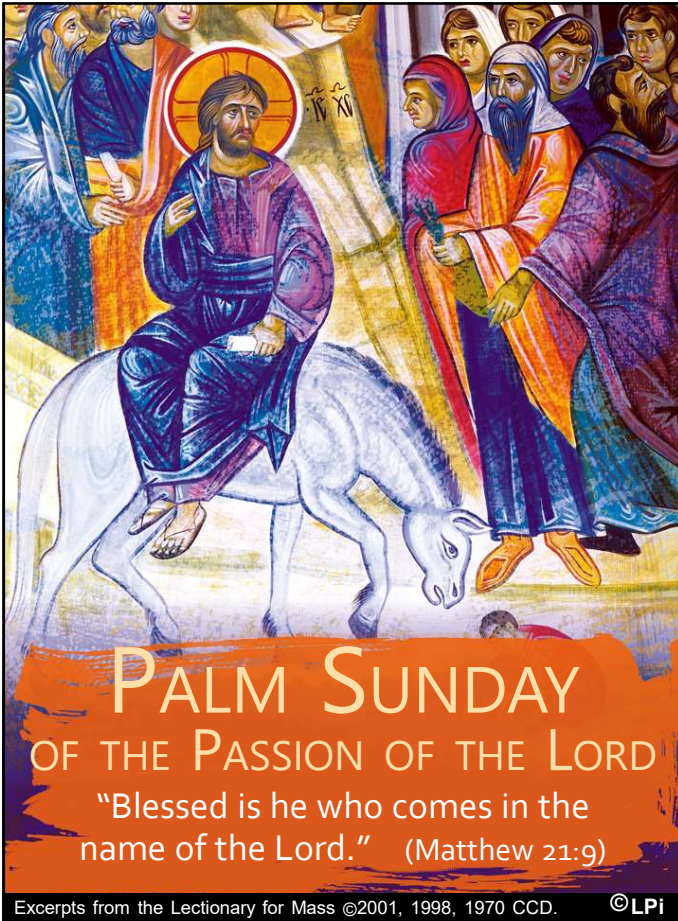
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# **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

## **Sunday, April 5, 2020**



### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

None during this time of crisis.

**BAPTISMS:** Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please call immediately if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS,**

**AND THE HOMEBOUND:** If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

### **RECONCILIATION:**

None at this time of crisis.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):**

Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS:** Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory or parish office.

### **Pastor**

Fr. Paul Hrezo ..... phrezo@diosteub.org

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**Parish Offices** ..... 701 Gomber Avenue

**Office Hours** ..... 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline** ..... Noon Wednesday

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**St. Benedict School** ..... 220 North Seventh Street

Phone ..... 740-432-6751

Web Site ..... www.stbenedictschool.net

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Web Site...www.colsvdp.org Phone ... 740-432-7609 x 207

## Mass Intentions for the Week of April 5, 2020

Fr. Robert Borer and I each have a small chapel where we can offer a private Mass each day during these next few weeks (not open to the public) and we will offer the Masses that have already been scheduled, not necessarily at the time scheduled, but as best as we can on the day that they were scheduled.

### Saturday, April 4

† Lillian Zeleznik (Anniversary) by Family

### Sunday, April 5

People of Christ Our Light Parish

† Michael Burt Sr. by Pat and Pat Grubbs

Intentions of the Seminarians by the Catholic Women's Club

### Monday, April 6

† Jim George by Fr. Hrezo

### Tuesday, April 7

† Fr. Andrew Nugent by Estate

### Wednesday, April 8

† Deceased Members of the Wasieleski Family by Estate

### Holy Thursday, April 9

Intentions of the Celebrant

### Holy Saturday, April 10

People of Christ Our Light Parish

### Easter Sunday, April 11, Easter Sunday

† Albert DeStephen by Don and Ann Moore

† Lettie Scholik by Paul and Lori Jirles

## Schedule for This Week

Because of the Stay-at-Home order, both St. Benedict Church in Cambridge and Sts. Peter & Paul Oratory in Lore City will be closed until May 3rd. Please contact me if you would like access to either church building for personal prayer, at (740) 432-7609, extension 201, and follow the "locate" instructions.

## The Chalkboard

### ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

Faithfully Educating God's Children Since 1911

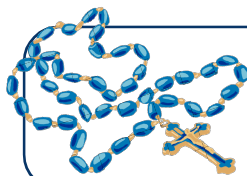
Students and staff are adjusting to an additional month of home learning. Please continue to pray for our students and parents during this difficult time. We are all praying that we will be able to return to school on May 4th!

Due to the social distancing order, the Auction Committee has not been able to have our "wrap-up" meeting. However, the preliminary financial numbers indicate that a profit of approximately \$55,000. A total of \$5,950 of that was donated for future maintenance projects for the school. God is good all the time! All the time, God is good! Again, thank you to everyone who supported this annual event.

The school continues to register students for the 2020-2021 school year. If you know of anyone who is looking for a faith-filled education in a safe environment for their children, please encourage them to give us a call! As a "provider school", St. Benedict School participates in the State of Ohio School EdChoice Scholarship Program. ***Due to the current pandemic, the Ohio Legislature has made some changes to the eligibility requirements for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship program.*** Please review these changes at [edchoice@education.ohio.gov](mailto:edchoice@education.ohio.gov). *Anyone needing more information may contact the school office (740-432-6751) and leave a message.*

Praying for your safety and well-being. "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" -Matthew 21:9. May God continue to bless you on this Holy Palm Sunday.

In His Name,  
Sue Sanders, Principal



**Please pray the Pro-Life Rosary** this first Sunday of April.

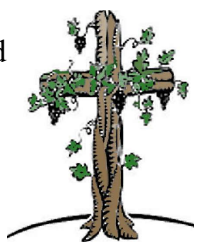
## The Pro-Life T-Shirt Contest

will continue with a new deadline to be announced in the future. This contest is open to ages 5 to 21. If you need a form, contact Joyce by email: [jjday4@suddenlink.net](mailto:jjday4@suddenlink.net) and put "t-Shirt" in the subject line.



With faith and hope in the Risen Lord  
we pray for the eternal peace  
and happiness of:

**Mary Ellen Wright**



**Please pray for all God's children  
who are ill, home-bound or in nursing  
homes, and those who care for  
them.**

Jim Albert, Megan Archer, Bob Barlock,  
Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Whitney  
Benson, Marcella Beros, Darylin Best,  
Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth,

Brinley Boyd, Connie Broadwater, Imelda Bruney,  
Gertrude Burkhart, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane  
Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Gary and Jackie  
Casto, Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Lee Cline, Jan  
Coffey, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Anna  
Crock, Max Davis, Linda Delik, Michael Dempsey,  
Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Sister Miriam Dosch, Carl  
James Duch, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Betty  
Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Marcia  
Fulk, Marsha Finley, Greg Gibson, Mary Ann Grace, Pat  
Graven, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum,  
Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Violes Henry, Lorriane  
Hesson, Payton Hubal, Bob Huffman, Laverne Ingles,  
David, Michael and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones,  
Diane Krall, Ethel Kuklica, William Kyser Jr., Dorothy  
Lackney, Amara Larrison, Cynthia Law, Agnes Lehotay,  
Bob Long, Mike Long, John David Maleport, Tammy  
McDaniel, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Nate  
McVicker, Keagan Meek, Melissa Meek, Angela Merva,  
Bette Miller, Helen Miller, Hayley Morris, Pam Motil,  
Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John  
Palmer, Paul Pasqual, Dick & Frances Pavlov, Lynda  
Pawlowski, Carole Pekari, B.J. Petrasko, Sally Pfalzgraf,  
Ben Pickenpaugh, Richard Riesbeck, Gayle Roberts, Don  
Ross, Emma Ross, Connie Rummell, Mary Schmid, Jett  
Schmitt, Terri Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve  
Shedlock Jr., Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith,  
William Smith, John Sprouse, Loretta Stahovec, Louie  
Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump,  
Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Don Thatcher, Janice Miller  
Thomas, Lyn Tomaszewski, Margaret Urdak, James  
Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Maria Whitis, Bill and Cathy  
Whitmire, Don and Grace Whitmore, Andrea Yakubik,  
Helen Yakubik, William "Bill" Yoho, Betty Zvolensky,  
Stephen Zvolensky

**We ask your prayers for all men  
and women serving in our armed  
forces and those who put them-  
selves in harm's way to protect  
and serve others.**

Steven Barrows, Becky Chesar,  
Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn,  
Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy  
Jones, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas,  
Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C.  
Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters,  
Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zach Williams, Zac Wilson,  
Ethan Wray, Makenzi Carna



## **Please Pray For Our Priests**

April 5 ..... Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton  
April 6 ..... Rev. Vincent Huber  
April 7 ..... Rev. Joshua Erickson  
April 8 ..... Rev. Timothy Kozak  
April 9 ..... Rev. Thomas Graven  
April 10 ..... Rev. Charles Moran  
April 11 ..... Rev. Robert Borer  
April 12 ..... Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon

## **Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
remember those who are most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from  
home remember those who must choose  
between preserving their health or making  
their rent.  
May we who can care for our children  
when their schools close  
remember those who have no options at all.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those that have no place to go.  
And may we who are losing our money in the  
market remember those who have  
no money at all.  
May we who must settle in for a quarantine  
at home  
remember those who have no home.  
During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our brothers and sisters.  
Amen.



**Holy Thursday**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**April 9, 2020**

**As the Jewish feast of Passover begins, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his Apostles, at which he establishes the Eucharist as his Body and Blood.**

The celebrations of Holy Thursday Mass, the Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil Mass are considered as one liturgy that continues over three days. The Holy Thursday Mass ends in silence and the Good Friday liturgy begins and ends in silence, without the sign of the cross or blessing. This usage of silence connects all three liturgies together.

We will not celebrate the foot washing this year, but it is referred to the Gospel.

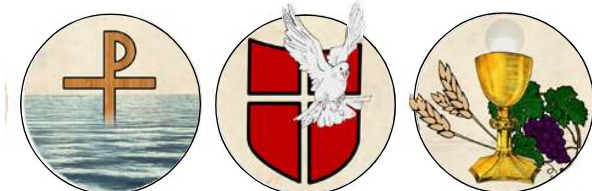
When the celebration has ended, the altar and sanctuary are stripped. The faithful are encouraged to continue reflecting on Jesus' Agony in the Garden and his betrayal and arrest.

**Holy Saturday**  
**The Easter Vigil**  
**April 11, 2020**

**Alleluia! The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone! If we have died with Christ, we shall also rise with him and pass from death to life.**

The entire celebration of the vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after the nightfall and end before the dawn of Sunday. The four (4) proper parts of the vigil as celebrated this year are:

- (1) Light Service (blessing of the Easter Candle)
- (2) Liturgy of the Word
- (3) Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- (4) Eucharist



**Good Friday**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
**April 10, 2020**

**Entrusting his life to the Father, Jesus bore our infirmities, and, obedient unto death, won for us eternal salvation.**

Good Friday, and, if possible, Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, should be observed by the Paschal fast to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in the Resurrection.

**The Celebration of the Lord's Passion** will be at 3:00 p.m. this year, to connect with Jesus' death on the cross. The Passion of the Lord according to St. John is proclaimed. Those parts of the Liturgy which are sung are the general intercessions and the chants for the showing and Veneration of the Cross.

After the Veneration of the Cross, the ciborium with the Blessed Sacrament is brought from the tabernacle and placed on the altar and the clergy and ministers receive Communion. After reception of the Eucharist the altar is again stripped and the ministers leave in silence.

**The Solemnity of Easter**  
**April 12, 2020**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia! On this glorious Easter morning, let us gather as one community united through the living waters of Baptism.**

**Acts 10:34, 37-43**

**Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.**

How have you experienced the forgiveness of your sins?

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above.** Have you experienced God helping you to "seek what is above?"

**John 20:1-9**

**On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning.**

How have you experienced God calling you by name?

## Our Holy Week Scripture readings, and especially next week's Easter Sunday

**readings**, invite us to go with our Lord Jesus to the foot of the Cross – and into the Tomb – and then to run with the disciples who first encountered Him alive, filled with the ultimate joy of the Resurrection!

At the Easter Vigil, we consider the sweep of salvation history that is expressed in the readings. We could have as many as seven Old Testament readings (we will likely “only” have four)! These readings begin with the creation of the world described in Genesis 1, followed by recalling how Jesus’ cross was prefigured in the offering of Isaac by Abraham. Next, we read about the Hebrew people being set free from slavery in Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea (foreshadowing Baptism and Jesus’ tomb). After this, various prophecies that describe Jesus as the Suffering Servant are read. Following the hymn of the Gloria, which is sung for the first time since before Ash Wednesday, we read Romans 6:3-11. This reading expresses how Baptism immerses us into new life in Jesus. Finally, we encounter the empty tomb with Mary Magdalene.

We see many of these themes repeated in other readings on Easter Sunday itself.

In that Gospel from Matthew for the Easter Vigil, when Mary Magdalene and another Mary (identified elsewhere as the mother of other disciples) first arrived near the tomb, they experienced an earthquake and an angel who had rolled back the huge stone from in front of the tomb. The angel encouraged them who, like the soldiers guarding the tomb, were filled with great fear. The angel’s message helped them to be “fearful yet overjoyed” (28:8). Jesus likewise greeted them as they were running back to tell the other disciples about the empty tomb. He, too, told them, “Do not be afraid” (28:10). He reassured them that he had conquered those fears through His death and Resurrection.

Pope Francis, in his *Urbi et Orbi* message from Friday, March 27, 2020, invited us into the calmed seas of the Resurrection. He noted, “Now that we are in a stormy sea [of the coronavirus disease], we implore you, [O, God]: ‘Wake up, Lord!’ [Jesus responds, saying,] ‘*Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?*’ Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith... Dear brothers and sisters, from this place that tells of Peter’s rock-solid faith, I would like this evening to entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the stormy Sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God’s blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts.

You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again [as after the Resurrection]: ‘Do not be afraid’ (Matthew 28:5). And we, together with Peter, ‘cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us’” (cf. 1 Peter 5:7).

May you experience entering into the tomb with Jesus and then being set free from your deepest fears with the ultimate joy that comes from His Resurrection!

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## As the month of May draws

**near**, and we are filled with sadness and fear, we should also feel hopeful and gladdened at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world will soon be paying to the Queen of Heaven. Also our beloved Pope Francis has invited the faithful to join in prayer for the end of the coronavirus epidemic.

Once again I would like to take this time to provide you information about the Living Rosary here at Christ Our Light Parish.



The rosary is intended to bring us ever closer to Christ in humble devotion and sincere love. What makes this effective meditation on the mysteries so especially fruitful, however, is the fact that we combine it with prayer to Mary. We go through the Lord's life on the hand of the Blessed Mother.

## What is the Living Rosary?

The Living Rosary is a prayer group that requires a short, simple, daily commitment from the members. Parishioners form teams of five members, with each member individually praying one decade of the Rosary, so that each day the team completes a full Rosary. Each team will have one special intention for which they offer their decade in addition to prayer intentions of the members. Each member follows a calendar indicating the mystery to meditate on as they pray their decade, which can be prayed at any time. We have 13 Teams actively participating in the Living Rosary. Anyone may join our Living Rosary prayer group, and it would be best for younger children to be guided by an adult or older sibling. Please contact me, Maria Duke (740-260-0489), if you would like to join or know someone who has expressed interest in learning more about joining the Living Rosary.

“Show your love for Mary, opening your heart to her, confiding to her your joys and sorrows, asking her to help you recognize and follow Jesus.”

## Pastor's Letter

One of the great ironies I have been experiencing over these past three weeks is that even though we have been carrying out church-related activities (funerals, daily Masses, occasional confessions, telephone spiritual direction meetings, etc.) in a much more quiet and seemingly unchanging way, as soon as I make plans for connecting with the parish in a more public way, the circumstances change again!

For example, I would like to have both St. Benedict and Sts. Peter & Paul open for parishioners to stop by and pick up palm branches and bulletins this weekend at the times each of those locations are usually open for the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. And, I would **like** to be available for confessions at those times, strictly following the hygienic protocols established by Bishop Monforton and the other bishops of Ohio.

Then, yesterday, on Thursday, April 2nd, two things happened to bring extra caution to those plans!

Because of our first publicly confirmed case of the coronavirus here in Guernsey County and the extension of both the Stay-at-Home Order by the governor and the “no publicly celebrated Mass” decree by Bishop Monforton and the other bishops of Ohio (until through Sunday, May 3rd!) I now want to be even more careful about any interactions that could enable the spread of this virus.

We have a full supply of the palm branches and Deacon Nick and I are planning to bless them late afternoon on Saturday. And, Bishop Monforton has reemphasized for all of the parishes in our diocese that even when we have funerals we must strictly adhere to a 10-person maximum inside the church building. So, here is a plan, established on Friday, April 3rd, aware that it could change by the time we try to carry it out publicly!

1) We will have plenty of the palm branches available for all who would like to wait until after this decree is

completed in May. 2) For any who safely venture by either St. Benedict or Sts. Peter & Paul to see the beautiful flowers and trees around the grounds during the times we are usually open for the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, we will plan to have some palm branches and bulletins available both outside the ramp door and inside the church, with someone there (with mask and gloves!) to regulate those who go inside (no more than 10 at a time) and who hygienically pick up the branches outside. I will be available for confession at those times as well in the confessional that has been set up for both godliness and cleanliness! At Sts. Peter & Paul, we would have someone at the main front door.

Why not just have palm branches set out for people to take at their convenience? Well, we do not want any unknown virus-carriers (which could be any one of us) to be breathing all over the other branches and bulletins (what a world we live in!)! And, I don't want Deacon Nick to get infected just weeks (Lord willing!) before his priestly ordination!

Because I don't anticipate a parade of vehicles on either Saturday or Sunday, you could still simply park in the courtyard parking lot and either have one person from the vehicle receive the branches and bulletin at the ramp door (or front door at Sts. Peter & Paul) or have all go into the church, up to our limit of 10.

For Holy Week Masses and liturgies, we will simply have them available to view through our parish's Facebook page [Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH] either as a pre-recorded or live-streamed event. See the schedule on another page of this bulletin. Please contact me if you would like to plan a time for personal prayer in either of our church buildings – which you are 100% welcome to do – so that we can plan to maintain our 10-person limit.

May the Lord keep us protected and healthy and, as always, well prepared for the gift of eternal life!

**Please go to our parish website:**

**[www.christourlightparish.com](http://www.christourlightparish.com)**

**to see information about  
completing a Plenary  
Indulgence, by a special  
declaration from Bishop  
Monforton.**



### Offertory for March 28-29, 2020

Adults .....	\$3,072.00
Children .....	8.00
Miscellaneous (candles, book rack, etc.) .....	28.36
Catholic Relief Services .....	147.00
<b>Weekly Budget Amount Needed .....</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <u>Readings</u> Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	<b>2</b> <u>Readings</u> Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	<b>3</b> <u>Readings</u> Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	<b>4</b> <u>Readings</u> Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
<b>5</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>  <u>Readings</u> Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54	<b>6</b> <u>Readings</u> Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11	<b>7</b> <u>Readings</u> Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	<b>8</b> <u>Readings</u> Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25	<b>9 Holy Thursday</b> <u>Readings</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15 <b>5:00pm</b> Live-streamed at Our Parish Facebook Page	<b>10 Good Friday</b> <u>Readings</u> Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19-42 <b>3:00pm</b> Live-streamed at Our Parish Facebook Page	<b>11 Holy Saturday</b> <u>Readings</u> Ex 14:15-15:1 (& 4 others!) Mt 28:1-10 <b>8:00pm</b> Live-streamed at Our Parish Facebook Page
<b>12 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 10:34-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9 <b>10:00am</b> Live-streamed at Our Parish Facebook Page	<b>13</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	<b>14</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	<b>15</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	<b>16</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	<b>17</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	<b>18</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
<b>19 2nd Sunday of Easter</b>  <u>Readings</u> Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31	<b>20</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8	<b>21</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	<b>22</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	<b>23</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	<b>24</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	<b>25</b> <u>Readings</u> 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20
<b>26 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>  <u>Readings</u> Acts 2:14,22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35	<b>27</b> <u>Readings</u> 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29	<b>28</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 7:51-8:1a Jn 6:30-35	<b>29</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40	<b>30</b> <u>Readings</u> Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51	<b>Our Facebook Page:</b> <b>Christ Our Light Parish,</b> <b>Guernsey County, OH</b> 	



## Questions and Answers Now That Public Liturgies Are Suspended Through May 3rd

The bishops of Ohio, including Bishop Jeffrey Monforton of Steubenville, have declared that all *publicly* celebrated Masses and liturgies are now suspended and will be so through May 3rd.

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### Questions & Answers

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#### **Q. Will there be any times that the church buildings are open?**

**Fr. Paul:** At this point because the decree suspending public liturgies is formally enforced through May 3rd, we will continue to maintain the churches closed.

However, you and/or members of your household could contact me and we can plan for specific times for access to either of the church buildings, maintaining, of course, the hygienic and social distancing protocols.

You could contact me in the same way as described for anyone needing Last Rites: call me at (740) 432-7609 and follow the “Locate” instructions in the voice-mail message to contact me on my cell phone or send me an email message through [phrezo@diosteub.org](mailto:phrezo@diosteub.org); my phone is also synchronized with my email and so I am usually notified when an email message is received. I will try to respond to email messages as readily as possible.

Please pray that we might be surprised in a positive way and be able to have the churches open at scheduled times again!

#### **Q. What about Masses that are already scheduled and their intentions, and scheduling new Mass intentions?**

**Fr. Paul:** Fr. Robert Borer and I each have a small chapel where we can offer a private Mass each day during these next four weeks (not open to the public) and we will offer the Masses that have already been scheduled, not necessarily at the time scheduled, but as best as we can on the day that they were scheduled.

We will continue to post a live-streamed or a pre-recorded Mass each day at our Facebook page: **Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH.** I will try to post a pre-Mass video as a separate video before each Mass as well.

Please feel free to call our parish offices about scheduling additional Masses: (740) 432-7609.

#### **Q. What if I know someone who needs the Anointing of the Sick/Last Rites?**

**Fr. Paul:** Please call me at (740) 432-7609 and follow the “Locate” instructions in the voicemail message to contact me on my cell phone or send me an email message through [phrezo@diosteub.org](mailto:phrezo@diosteub.org); my phone is also synchronized with my email and so I am usually notified when an email message is received. I will try to respond to email messages as readily as possible.

#### **Q. When will Confessions and Communion be available?**

**Fr. Paul:** From instructions from Bishop Monforton on Tuesday, March 17th, Confessions may be available with strict hygienic safeguards in place (i.e., behind a screen between the confessor and penitent, with the penitent standing, conducted as quickly as possible). So, if you contact me about having a time for personal prayer in either of our church buildings, I will try to be available for confessions at that time as well.

Regarding Holy Communion, at this point we will maintain the instruction from Bishop Monforton on Monday, March 16th, which is the latest instruction: “Holy Communion [is to be] distributed only as Viaticum [when death is imminent] at least through Easter Sunday, in keeping with the directives of the Bishops of Ohio regarding the suspension of public celebration of liturgies. This step is necessary to bring about the social distancing that is absolutely essential to public health and to serve the common good (cf. canon 223).”

**Please go to our parish website: [www.christourlightparish.com](http://www.christourlightparish.com) to see information about completing a Plenary Indulgence.**



## From *The National Catholic Register* website on March 19, 2020

[www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/no-mass](http://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/no-mass)

### Ten Things You [Could] Do Until Public Masses Return By Patti Armstrong

We blinked, and the world changed. It was once only oppressive regimes that [closed] Catholic Masses [to the public], but the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) is triggering [this happening] around the world.

The Mass is irreplaceable. Certainly many people feel a deep loss over missing it, yet, how many will give equal time to other holy activities in its place? Removing the Sunday obligation of Mass does not remove the obligation to *keep holy the Sabbath*.

Jesus freely suffered and died for us so that we might have life eternal. Any time spent with him is time spent receiving, although sometimes we feel that gift while other times, we must be satisfied with just knowing it. Regardless, we need that time with Jesus.

Not attending Mass presents the danger of slipping away spiritually. For people already not fully engaged, missing/ but-not-missing Mass will make it easier down the road to omit it from their Sunday to-do list. Even devout Catholics are at risk of losing spiritual ground. Consider how interruptions in our routine such as a vacation or having company over so easily crowds God out.

Here are some ways to be intentional. Consider not only giving God equal time for Mass, but going beyond the usual one hour, knowing [God] cannot be outdone in generosity.

1. Watch or listen to the Mass. EWTN broadcasts it daily, live at 8 a.m. Eastern. You can watch on TV or [online](#). You can also listen to the Mass on the radio, SIRIUS/XM, or [listen online](#).

2. Read the [Mass readings](#) daily.

3. Read *Magnificat*. Temporarily, [online versions](#) are available for **free** as a service to the Church (<https://us.magnificat.net/free>). This resource offers spiritual inspiration and the Mass readings and is also available in [Spanish](#) (<https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis>).

4. Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, two of our most powerful prayers after the Mass.

5. Develop a devotion to the dying to help escort them safely into the arms of Jesus. The whole reason Masses are [closed to the public] is due to the risk of death.

Venerable Sister Mary Potter (1847-1913) promoted devotion to the dying in her book *Devotion to the Dying: Mary's Call to Her Loving Children*. She wrote that we *must* pray for the salvation of dying sinners and that

those graces will return to our own loved ones when they are dying: "How pleasing this devotion is to Our Lord, who is Love Incarnate, and to Our Lady, who is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit! The saints tell us that we can do nothing more charitable than pray and offer sacrifices for the dying. They are on the threshold of eternity; the state in which they die will determine their eternity; for 'in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be' (Ecclesiastes 11:3)."

6. Make a Holy Hour if your church is still open. If not, go to [Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration](#) for a listing of 13 chapels that broadcast adoration 24/7: <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>.

7. Pray to [Our Lady Help of the Sick](#) for all those who have contracted the coronavirus and those who will in the future and a [novena](#) to Our Lady of Monte Berico, for protection against it.

8. Make a [Spiritual Communion](#) in your own words, or use this prayer written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**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.**

9. Watch "[The Veil Removed](#)" to deepen your appreciation of the Mass. This five-minute video removes the veil of this world to reveal the supernatural celebration of the Eucharist depicted in Revelation and given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper.

10. Open your Bible and read it.

We are living in a time that most of us probably never imagined could really happen — not just the pandemic, but Masses [being closed to the public] around the world. Yet God can use all things for good for those who love him (Romans 8:28). Let us use this as a time to grow closer to him and to bear fruit through increasing our prayers and sacrifices for our own good and the good of the world.

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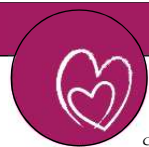
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