“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

SUN 5/10  Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
MON 5/11  Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
TUE 5/12  Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
WED 5/13  Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
THR 5/14  Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
FRI 5/15  Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
SAT 5/16  Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
SUN 5/17  Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Pt 3:15-18 /Jn 14:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

Sunday:  5th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Tuesday:  Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday:  Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday:  St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday:  St. Isidore
Saturday:  Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday:  6th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, “Where I am you also may be.” Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORSHIP & MEDITATION

DON’T COUNT THE LOSSES

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won’t be able to see, babies they won’t be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It’s all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

FIRST READING
The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7a)

PSALM
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33) or Alleluia

SECOND READING
You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

GOSPEL
Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn 14:6)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

3 EASY STEPS
To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!
We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.

Wash Your Hands
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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- Jn 14:2-3


SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
We unite together spiritually in prayer as a parish community praying for our many needs. We begin with a prayer to combat the coronavirus pandemic:

Most merciful and Triune God, we come to you in our weakness. We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust, for you alone are our hope. We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.
Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts.

“The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”

We pray now for your intentions:

❖ For Jeannine Decorato, home recovering from Covid-19.
❖ For the health and safety of Paige Graskemper, an ICU nurse at Stony Brook Hospital who is caring for Covid patients.
❖ For 15 year old Julie Pagan who suffers from asthma and is battling the virus
❖ For the health of Jamie Morrison, Bill Scott, Sam Ramey and Ruth Kalinowski. and for the health and safety of Elizabeth, Patrick, Matthew and all our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
❖ For the safety and health of Judy’s son Scott, a police officer in New Orleans, who is exposed every day to the virus
❖ And for Judy’s neighbor Joe who contracted the virus and is quite ill.
❖ For John Savas who has the corona virus and also for his family
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❖ For Helen’s father Frank, age 95, may he remain in good health while we get through this difficult time.
❖ For Peter’s wife Louisa who is having stomach problems
❖ For Diane’s Dad, George Perrone, who is undergoing chemotherapy for Stage 3 lung cancer
❖ And for Diane’s Mom, Rose, who has lymphoma
❖ For Kathleen’s sister that her health be restored and for strength on her health journey
❖ And for Rosemary Perrone whose surgery to repair a blockage in her heart must wait until this health crisis has passed.
For Marisa, a nurse in Massachusetts caring for covid-19 patients
For Devin, and all those in his group home, please keep them safe from the virus
For Ingrid, a respiratory therapist who is treating covid patients everyday
For Laurie’s grandson James, for an accurate diagnosis and for his healing
In Thanksgiving for Bryan Dempsey and Robert Dempsey’s recovery from the virus. And their healing
For Joseph’s continuing miracle journey
For Cyndi’s friend, Miriam Okorafor who was diagnosed with the Covid19 virus on Easter
For Lorraine O’Donnell, age 82, who lives in assisted living and is sick and suffers from the Corona virus
For Barbara, a Registered Nurse in Brooklyn who continues to battle the virus and
For Michael’s Aunt Ellen Lee who is battling the virus and is on a ventilator. She will need a miracle.
For the repose of the soul of Rosanne Curiale. When her husband Tony contracted the virus in their nursing home in Virginia, Rosanne didn’t leave his side. She left this life Thursday, only a few days after her husband. May our Risen Lord welcome Tony and Roe into eternal life in his Heavenly Kingdom.

For these petitions and for all those we hold in the silence of our hearts, we now ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.
Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.
Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.
Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.
Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us.

The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Good Shepherd, we have suffered much loss recently, but even so, Your word declares that with we shall lack for nothing. We live in a world filled with anxiety and uncertainty, but when we let ourselves be comforted by the Good Shepherd, he will provide all that we truly need. We ask that those of us gathered here in prayer and that all your creation be filled with your love and your peace. Amen.

We will continue every Wednesday at noon until the day we can gather together again here in our beloved Little Church. You are invited to email your petitions for next week’s prayer service.

Let us close today’s service by praying together:

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
We pray for the mothers in our lives, especially those named below, both living and deceased, for whom a special Mothers Day Remembrance Offering was made.

Blanche Audette
Emily Bleser
Marie Borli
Patricia Butler
Anna Cronogue
Marie Cummings
Anna Gamaldi
Miriam Hattemer
Loretta Kadula
Marie Kobertitsh
Sophie Komoroski
Lorraine Korber
Frances Leone
Diane Doyle McLaughlin
Lucy McLaughlin
Lorraine McMurtry
Colleen Nicols
Barbara Peters
Kathyleen Kelly Ress
Mary A. Richmond
Frances Rolston
Carol Russo
Jeannie Russo
Wanda Seiger
Theresa Sogno
Emma Spinelli
Jean Spinelli
Suderwati
Sri Suranto
Ethelynn Cooper Swan
Marion H. Swezey
Lillian Swift
Fannie Szuster
Linda Toronto
Rosalie Travers
Barbara C. Underwood
Nancy Xavier
The Parish Family of Mary Immaculate

We live-stream Mass Monday through Friday at 9 am and also Sunday at 9 am on Facebook.

If you don’t have a Facebook account, you can always view Masses on our website after they have concluded.

If you would like to submit an intention for our special Wednesday Prayer Service, please email leslie@miparish.net.

If you would like to receive emails from us, please send your name, street address and your email address to leslie@miparish.net

Your weekly offering is both greatly needed and much appreciated. You can support your parish by mailing in your envelopes or you can use our on-line giving program by visiting our website at www.miparish.net and click on the “GIVING” link. You can make a donation by texting 105parishmary immaculate to 516-271-3338.

Our website will continue to be updated with the latest information. Whenever we receive updates from the Diocese, we will share them on our website. All sacraments continue to be suspended at this time.

If you need to speak with someone in the office, please do leave a message. We may not be in the office physically, but the phones are monitored and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

May God bless you and your family.