

St. Mary of Mercy, St. Martin of Tours & St. Stephen Parishes

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April 27-May 3, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

REMINDER: ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS).

Rosary & Benediction of the Bl. Sacrament...Sunday: 3:15 p.m. (Carmelite Monastery)

Sacrament of Reconciliation see schedule below for weekday confessions, or by appointment

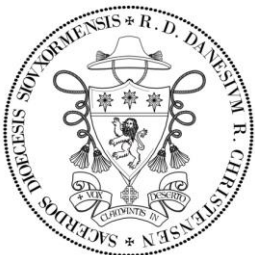
Sacrament of Baptism - Call Father to set up a date, preferably before the birth of the child.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony - Call to set up an appointment *at least* 6 months ahead of the proposed date for the Celebration of the Sacrament. A date will not be set until the first meeting with Father.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 27	Mon.	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	+John Kayser (Fr. Cone)
April 28	Tues.	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	Carol Niedermeyer Int (Fr. Lawrence)
April 29	Wed.	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	Fr Bill Quinlivan Int (Fr. Cone)
April 30	Thurs.	3:00 pm	Carmelite Monastery	Archbishop Robert Carlson Int (Fr. Stevens)
May 1	Fri.	3:00 pm	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention (Fr. Stevens)
May 2	Sat.	8:00 pm	Carmelite Monastery	Bishop Donald DeGrood Int (Fr. Short)
May 3	Sunday	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention & People of the Parishes (Fr. Cone)
		3:15 pm	Carmelite Monastery	NO Rosary and Benediction



Well, the quarantine continues. I know for many this is a grave hardship, especially when we don't have access to the sacraments. It is a truly strange time in the world and the Church. I have heard from so many of you who are asking hard questions about this whole thing. This questioning is a good thing because it makes us think about the larger questions about the meaning of our lives. I am convinced that this pandemic is a mysterious gift from God meant to call us to conversion. In the book of Hebrews we read, "the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?" We should see this pandemic as God, as a good Father, disciplining us and reminding us what is truly important, namely the reverent worship of God, the reception of the Sacraments, prayer - especially family prayer, love of family, and love of neighbor. During this time let us receive God's discipline, let us reorder our lives so that when God removed those chastisements from us we will be holier.

Let us remember each other in prayer, especially the Holy Rosary. Know that I pray for all of you. Please pray for me, especially during this time of transition.



*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.
Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. (Psalm 126:1-3)*

Senior Meals are available for deliver to your home for anyone 60+ during this time of the COVID-19, through your Senior Dining program. Please contact your senior dinner representative for further information to get signed up. Recommended meal cost is \$4.00. Bridgewater/Emery site: (605) 729-2525

James Valley Community Center in Mitchell also has curbside pickup for orders on the Second Meal Program. You can call 605-995-8441 for more details or on their website.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Social Services would like you to know that there is help out there. CSS is accepting applications for assistance (up to \$250) with basic necessities during this time, as well as telehealth. The Knights also want you to know that they are there for assistance as well.

St Mary, St Martin, St Stephen: I am working on updating everyone's information to include email address, cell phone numbers, home phone numbers (if you have one ☺), mailing addresses. In these trying times, I have been using email, texting and Facebook to get any news out to everyone. If you do not have any of these, then let me know so that I can get you a hard copy to keep you informed as well. Please let me know of any changes. I will be sending out something in the near future. Thank you to all for your time and assistance in this matter. God Bless You All and stay safe!! This too shall pass!!

Knights of Columbus Gun raffle tickets. This is for the drawing for the 50 cal Black Powder rifle to be drawn at the next Knights of Columbus event. Proceeds to go to the Steubenville Youth Retreat. So far there are 4 kids signed up!!

St Stephen's Church will continue with saying the Rosary on Tuesday mornings. Please note the time change from 8:30 to 9:00.

IN THESE TRYING TIMES OF NO MASS, YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE ONLINE THROUGH THE DIOCESE WEBSITE, BY MAIL OR DROP BY THE OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!!! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!

CFSA Update:

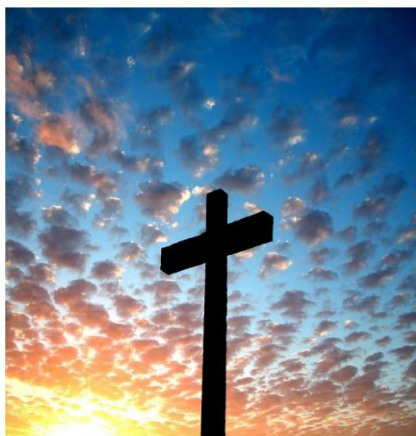
St Mary of Mercy-Alexandria has reached \$14,430.00 of \$18,000.00 which is 49% with 69 of 140 households responding.

St Martin-Emery has reached \$10,530.00 of \$15,000.00 which is 50% with 45 of 90 households responding.

St Stephen-Bridgewater has reached \$7,415.00 of \$12,400.00 which is 48% with 24 of 50 households responding.

Our goal is 100% participation, please fill out your card and submit even if it is prayers or maybe donation of your talent. Thank you for your stewardship! Remember that anything over and above the parish share sent to the diocese will stay in the parish. Again, thank you for your generosity.

St Mary of Mercy Bell Tower Capital Campaign Update: A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE RESPONDED TO DATE, IT'S GREATLY APPRECIATED!! To date there has been 35/140 household respond with Pledges of \$62,850.00 and \$29,650.00 already given. Again Thank you to all!!! GOD BLESS!!!!



***The Lord is Risen!! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
HE is right beside us through this trying time!!
Pray more, stress less!!***

