

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



When Jess heard of the death of John the Baptist, He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by Himself. The crowds heard of this and followed Him on foot from their towns. When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached Him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to Him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then He said, “Bring them here to Me,” and He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over - twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

~Matthew 14 :13-21

Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the *second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM*. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$100 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian witness.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please contact the Rectory Office *Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (temporary hours)*. Standard cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend.

Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you or a friend needs temporary food assistance, please contact Mrs. Batten at 610-237-1633. All calls are confidential. Donations of non-perishable food items, in addition to turkeys and hams during the holidays, are always welcome. Gift cards are also welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church *every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass*, unless otherwise announced.

Quote of the Week - Fear Not!

"I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

~Matthew 6:25-26

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. Ignatius Marneni, Retired in Residence

Rev. James McBurney, OSA and Rev. James McCartney, O.S.A., Weekend Assistants

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Parish, Secretary/PREP Coordinator Ext. 101

Mrs. Pat Dinan, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (Wednesdays)

Mrs. Marie Dunleavy, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (M&F)

Mrs. Chris Guidetti, Youth Minister, Ext. 125

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro, Director of Music, Ext. 101

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and Pastoral Care

Mr. Al Zeller, Bingo - 610-532-8271

Mrs. Mary An Zeller, Business Manager, Ext. 04

Parish Information

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Summer Hours 9AM to 4 PM daily
For more details, see page 5.
Phone Number: 610-237-1633
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Receptionist: Mrs. Marie Dunleavy
Mrs. Patricia Dinan
Secretary: Mrs. Lynda J. Batten
Parish Business Manager:
Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller

Convent

11 E. Lamont Avenue
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Office of Religious Education

Director of Adult Faith Formation
Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ
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PREP Coordinator

Mrs. Lynda Batten: 610-237-1633
Mondays Only 4-6 PM: PREP Office
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Bereavement Ministry

Mrs. Mimi Ednie

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Mr. Al Zeller

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Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

Youth Group

Mrs. Christine Guidetti

Join us on Twitter!



Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays
Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Readings & Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 2: Isaiah 55: 1-3; Romans 8: 35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ivar & Jerry Nyhus
Requested by: Joe and Rite D'Urso

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, August 3: Jeremiah 28: 1-17; Matthew 14: 22-36

4:00 PM John and Lois Sharkey
Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Tuesday, August 4: Jeremiah 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14: 22-36 - St. John Vianney, Priest (Memorial)

4:00 PM Billy O'Brien
Requested by: Zeller Family

Wednesday, August 5: Jeremiah 31: 1-7; Matthew 15: 21-28

4:00 PM John Murray
Requested by: Pat Dinan

Thursday, August 6: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Matthew 17: 1-9 - The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

4:00 PM Anna Levine - 30th Anniversary
Requested by: Family

Friday, August 7: Nahum 2: , 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16: 24-28

4:00 PM Isabella McKenna - 46th Anniversary
Requested by: Family

Saturday, August 8: Habakkuk 1: 12 - 2: 4; Matthew 17: 14-20 - St. Dominic, Priest (Memorial)

8:00 AM Alicia Darnell
Requested by: Ronnie Tinsley

4:30 PM Gerald Dinan
Requested by: Barbara Fister

Sunday, August 9: 1 Kings 19: 19a, 11-13a; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM Elise Rothwell Senior
Requested by: Joanne White

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM Saturday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days

As Announced
Holidays: 9:00 AM



We are pleased to announce that St. George Parish is now offering on line giving. You can donate simply by visiting <https://www.osvhub.com/stgeorgeparish/funds/offertory> and then click the icon that reads "Give Now."

This allows for electronic contributions to be transferred without the need of writing a check or dropping off your envelope at the Rectory Office.

Contributions and Mass Count

Sunday, July 26: \$5,763
Mass Count = 60@4:30 PM 50@ 8:00 AM
75@ 10:30 AM (9.8% attendance rate)

Special Announcement



Directives for Mass in the Green Phase

Pennsylvania has moved into the Green Phase of statewide reopening. The green phase is the least restrictive phase of Governor Wolf's three-color reopening plan. Under the green phase, you won't have to worry whether a specific business is allowed to be open. In almost every case, it is. And this will be as close to "normal" that we have had since first going under the stay-at-home order in March. Green does not mean a return to normal, although the governor called it a step "near normalcy." Concerts, festivals and large sporting events are still restricted — as are other "large recreational gatherings." Workers who can telecommute are urged to continue doing so. Nursing home visitation remains restricted. And you must still wear masks in public and continue to practice social distancing. All businesses must still follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state Department of Health. And specific guidelines will be released this coming week, according to Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine. "I must emphasize that moving into the green phase will still require precautions to keep our communities and our families safe," Wolf added during a Friday press conference. "COVID-19 continues to be a threat to our health and welfare."

Yes, things are opening up and life is reflecting some semblance of normalcy. But this does not mean that we stop taking precautions. The virus is still out there. And so, for your health and the health and safety of those around you, please remember that we must still *proceed with caution*. Masks must be worn in church, visitors must remain at least six feet apart, hand sanitizer must be used and all directives must be followed. We have only just returned to church after nearly three months of stay at home regulations. Please help us to keep our Church a safe haven by following these protocols. Thank you.

GENERAL POINTS

- * The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Green Phase. You are not obligated to attend Mass at this time.
- * Please stay home if you are sick.
- * Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19.

MASS SCHEDULE

- * *The church is open for private prayer from 3:0 PM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday.*
- * *Daily Mass Monday thru Friday - 4:00 PM and Saturday morning 8:00 AM*
- * *4:30 PM Saturday, 8:00 AM Sunday, 10:30 AM Sunday*
- * *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Fridays.*

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- * Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- * Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).
- * Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).
- * Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- * Please maintain reverent silence in respect for the Blessed Sacrament and others who are in prayer.
- * Please enter the side doors of the church (Blessed Mother and St. Joseph sides). With the exception of those who are handicapped, we ask all visitors to exist thru the main front doors.
- * Hand sanitizers will be available at the church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.
- * Foreign cups or containers are not permitted in the church at this time.

SEATING

- * When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Pews will be marked to ensure proper social distancing. Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.

DURING MASS

- * There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- * The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Green Phase.
- * There should be no holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- * Bulletins will only be available on line or by contacting the Rectory for a copy.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- * Holy Communion will be single file only.
- * Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew. Follow the main isle yellow guideline tape.
- * During the Green Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion.

- * **EXITING THE CHURCH** - Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

- * At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.

Parish Information and Local



Don't forget to watch Father Oswald's weekly reflection at www.stgeorgeparish.org or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA.

***"God bless you all.
It's wonderful to have you back!"***

www.HeedTheCall.org

The priests of tomorrow are in our midst. They are members of our community, our church and our families. Encourage vocations. Pray for the gift. Visit www.HeedTheCall.org today for details.

Mass Intentions - Open for 2020

If you would like to schedule a Mass for a deceased loved one, please call the Rectory Office **Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Mass stipends are \$10 for a regular card and \$20 for leatherette booklets. Masses are available from **August 2020 thru August 2021**.



Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week a happy and healthy year ahead: Bonnie Gallagher, Lisa Daniel, Jeremy Heineman, Charles Hudak, Linda McClintock, John Pimpinella, Lisa Rentos, Ralph Rubeo, Thomas Scandle, Kevin Tustin, Margaret Bruni, Eleanor Dougherty,

Jacquelyn Dunleavy, Maureen Gaffney, Nicholas Laska, Michael Pacheco, Patrick Rush, Jr, Theresa Boyle, Beata Caballero, Patrick Gallagher, Jeffrey Casey, Michael Dallatore, Robert Guidetti, Kathleen Joines, Kevin Karjono, Richard Schell, Christopher Zito, Laura Connelly, Jada Gibson, Huong Nguyen, Victoria Penny, Zenaida Taduran, Nancy Canady, Kathleen Collett, Kathleen DiGiacoo, John Dubbs, Mary McIntyre, Augustina Omoruyi, Barbara Ware, Aria Cooke, Martha Dwomoh, Donald McKinney, Rita Pagan, Rogan Reed and Mary Riendeau. ***Happy Birthday, one and all!***



Help for Your Marriage

August 14-16, 2020

Family Life Center, Malvern

Retreat weekend for couples experiencing marriage problems, difficulties or crisis. For details, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. John's Hospice

If you would like to prepare a casserole meal for homeless persons, please take home an empty casserole pan and return your frozen casserole meal **by August 10** to the Rectory Office on **Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Empty casserole pans will be available at the main doors of the church this weekend.

Men's socks and toiletries are always in great demand. If you are donating these items, simply place them in a bag marked St. John's Hospice and drop them off at the Rectory Office any time throughout the year.



Irene Bechara, Helen Belcher, Kay Bittle, Suzie Carboni, Rose Celia, John Cianciarulo, Fred Cuccunello, Lenora Cuccinello, Msgr. Gregory Akata-Daniels, Betty DiGrasso, Leonard DiGrasso, Sr. Eileen Eden, SSND, Nancy Eitelman, Robert Foltz, Brian Gallagher, Cass Hart, Joan Hatch, Jack Hawkins, Emily Hudson, Christina Kearney, Patricia Lerro, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Maureen Malley, Rosemarie Mazzio, Madelyn McBride, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Katie Rae McDonald, Julia McGlenn, John Meehan, Judy Miller, Mary Mullarkey, Laura Murray, Madeline Murray, Michael O'Neil, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Tom Pavese, Christopher Perdue, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Marie Prince, Margaret Richardson, Ted Stevens, Carmella Young, Allison Zane and all those infected by COVID-19.

Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember **Dolores Quinn and all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus**. May they rest in the loving arms of Jesus.

Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group meets on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM**. To ensure social distancing, we gather in the church. All are welcome and invited to join us as we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please remember, masks are required.



Resources for Family Caregivers



[Caring.com](http://www.caring.com) is a senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. They have been featured in AARP, The Administration for Community Living, The National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the Internet. To learn more, visit <https://www.caring.com> or contact Joan Martin, Community Outreach and Senior Advocate, at 1-800-289-4983.

Some Things to Think About

"When you talk, you are only repeating something you know. But if you listen, you may learn something new."

- Dalai Lama

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

~Helen Keller

Parish Information and School News



In order to effectively communicate with our parishioners, we are asking parishioners to contact us with your current email address and cell phone number so that we can add this information to our database. You can reach us via our website email or simply send an email to st.georgesec@rcn.com with your name, email and cell phone number. This data will not be shared with anyone. This is simply needed to allow us to communicate with you should the need arise. If you do not have an email address, please feel free to call the Rectory with your cell phone number. Our office number is 610-237-1633. If no one is available, you can leave a message in the general mailbox at extension 101. Parishioners who have a landline phone only (no cell) or do not have an email address are asked to stay connected through their Extraordinary Ministers, family members, neighbors or friends. Our Parish bulletin is always available to you in the Rectory Office or by requesting a copy in the mail. For those who have a computer, you can also obtain a copy on our website at www.stgeorgeparish.org.

Saint James Regional

Saint James Regional welcomes our new principal, Mrs. Francesca Cerabino!



Please keep in your daily prayers our St. James Families, relatives, friends and all who are being affected with the COVID-19 virus that God will continue to free their heart from sadness. A mind free of worries. A life

full of gladness. A body free of illness, and a spirit full of God's blessings!

We look forward to welcoming our faculty back to school on **Tuesday, September 8th**. We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Wednesday, September 9th**. May God continue to keep us safe and healthy. We are called to be Pillars of Faith...lighting the path to God's presence in you. Information on touring and/or registering for our wonderful school may be obtained by contacting the school office at 610-583-3662.

"I believe that religious education must be the sole concern of religious associations." ~Mahatma Gandhi

We are here for you and look forward to the new PREP year. Registration for 2020-2021 PREP is now due. If your child will be joining us, don't delay. Register today!



Father McCartney to Celebrate 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood

We are pleased to announce that on **Saturday, August 29**, Father James J. McCartney, OSA, Ph.D will celebrate his 50th anniversary to the priesthood at the **4:30 PM Mass**. Father McCartney has been a weekend assistant at St. George Parish since June of 2012. We are grateful for his service to our parish community and we are looking forward to celebrating with him. Here are some interesting facts about Father McCartney you may not be aware of:

The Rev. Dr. James J. McCartney, OSA, is an Associate Professor Emeritus in the Philosophy Department of Villanova University. He was Director of Philosophy Doctoral Studies from 2009 until 2013 and Chair of the Department from 1996 until 2001. From 2005 until 2008 he was Special Assistant to the Provincial for Development, Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. He taught courses in bioethics, clinical ethics, bioethics and the law, the philosophy of medicine, philosophy for theology, and the philosophy of law. He is a priest and a member of the Order of St. Augustine, a worldwide religious community in the Roman Catholic tradition. On weekends he celebrates Mass and hears Confessions at St. John Vianney Parish in Gladwyne, PA and St. George Parish in Glenolden, PA.

He received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Georgetown University in 1981 and also has graduate degrees in cell and molecular biology (M.S., The Catholic University of America) and theology (M.A., Augustinian College). He has co-edited four books: *Replacement Parts: The Ethics of Procuring and Replacing Organs in Humans*, Georgetown University Press, 2015; *The Case of Terri Schiavo: Ethics at the End of Life*, Prometheus Press, 2006; *Health, Disease and Illness: Concepts of Medicine*, Georgetown University Press, 2004, and *Concepts of Health and Disease, Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Addison-Wesley, 1981. He has authored numerous articles and a book, *Unborn Persons: Pope John Paul II and the Abortion Debate*, Peter Lang, 1987. Two important articles of his deal with stem cell research: "Recent Ethical Controversies About Stem Cell Research" in *Stem Cell Research*, pp. 87-119, edited by James M. Humber and Robert F. Almeder, Humana Press, 2004, and "Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Respect for Human Life: Philosophical and Legal Reflections," *Albany Law Review* 65:3 (2002):597-624. He also contributed a chapter in *The Penn Center Guide to Bioethics* entitled "Hospital Ethics Committees and Ethics Consultants."

Before coming to Villanova University, he lived in Miami, Florida. From 1980 until 1985 he was Academic Vice President at St. Thomas University. From 1985 until 1988 he was the Director of the Bioethics Institute at St. Francis Hospital in Miami Beach and served on several ethics committees of hospitals and nursing homes in South Florida. He was also an Associate Professor of Humanities at St. Thomas University as well as Professor of Jurisprudence at its School of Law. He was also Professor of Moral Theology at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach from 1982 until 1988. Before he came to Miami, he was a faculty member at the Georgetown University School of Medicine and a research associate at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University.

He was selected as the participant from the United States at an international workshop on "Human Life – Human Personhood" held in Mumbai, India, during December, 1988. In July 1992 he was invited to give a paper on genetics and ethics at an international genetics conference in Brno, The Czech Republic, the city where another Augustinian, Gregor Mendel, discovered the laws of heredity and variation. In 1995 he presented several workshops to various hospital ethics committees in Puerto Rico. He lectures frequently on bioethical subjects both locally and nationally. He was honored by Esquire Magazine in December 1987 for his support and advocacy for persons infected and affected by AIDS and HIV in Miami-Dade County.

Parish Religious Education



Presentation of the Sacred Oils

Please join us next *Saturday, August 8, at 4:30 PM* for Mass and the Presentation of the Sacred Oils.

We are pleased to acknowledge the following parishioners who will each represent one of these sacred oils:

- ⇒ **Oil of the Sick (*Charlie Ednie*):** The Oil of the Sick has been blessed by our Bishop for the healing of body, mind, and soul. Charlie was a recipient of the Sacrament of the Sick during a recent illness and, we are happy to say, he has fully recovered.
- ⇒ **Oil of Catechumens (*Nicole Nichols and her son, Keegan Levi Quinn*):** The Oil of Catechumens has been blessed by our Bishop for the anointing of those preparing for Baptism. Through this anointing they are strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms, as they prepare for the saving waters of Baptism. Nicole's son, Keegan, will be baptized on August 9th.
- ⇒ **Holy Chrism (*Lourdes Klees*):** The holy Chrism, has been consecrated by our Bishop and the Priests of our Diocese. It will be used to anoint infants after Baptism, those who are to be confirmed, Bishops and Priests at their Ordination, and altars and churches at the time of their dedication. Lourdes is preparing for her Confirmation on May 23, 2021 and will be representing the entire 2021 Confirmation class.

Please consider joining us for Mass on *Saturday, August 8 at 4:30 PM* to witness this very special presentation!

Registration for the 2020-2021 PREP year are due. Please contact the Rectory Office if you need a form. Completed forms are to be returned to the Rectory Office to the attention of Mrs. Lynda Batten.

Stay tuned for details on the opening of PREP for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents with students registered in the Parish Religious Education Program will be receiving information in the mail and we will be also sharing some of the details in the Parish Bulletin for the benefit of all.

We look forward to a new and exciting year ahead! Please join us.



Going to Mass Online or on Television

It may be physically impossible for some of us to go to church. But you can still follow Mass through digital means. Quarantine and forced isolation do not have to be an obstacle to daily participation in the Holy Mass. Many dioceses and Catholic media outlets are offering ways to follow the Mass online or on television. Of course, it's not always easy to be attentive and pious when attending Mass in this way. So here are some suggestions for how to do so with more devotion under these circumstances:

Unite with others: It's better not to follow the Mass alone, so try to do so with your family, or with at least one other family member. When everyone's focus is united, it's easier to concentrate. Choose the Mass time that best suits everyone's schedule and make it a family event of the day.

Create the right setting: Take care of the atmosphere in the room. For example, you could put a cross or an image of Our Lady near your TV or computer, and light a candle or two.

Get dressed: Dress for the occasion; you might be at home, but leave the pajamas for bedtime and the tracksuit for sports time.

Go through the motions: Try to attend the Mass as if you were in your parish, standing when the Gospel is read, sitting down during the offertory, kneeling during the consecration, etc. These gestures are full of meaning.

Pray a spiritual communion: Although you can't receive Jesus in the Eucharist, you can pray a 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.*

What's the rush? Don't be in a hurry. The Mass has incredible value, and right now there are so many things to pray for. Stay for a few moments after Mass has ended to pray for everyone, the deceased, the sick, health professionals, government officials, the Church, the Pope, our bishops and your parish. If you want to go deeper, you can pray with the Pope's Catechesis on the Mass, where the Holy Father explains what the Mass is, its different parts and its importance in the life of the Christian. *"Through these catecheses, I would like to rediscover with you the beauty that is hidden in the Eucharistic celebration and that, once revealed, gives full meaning to each person's life."* ~Pope Francis



Part-Time Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE)

Qualified candidates should send a resumé to Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 1 Fatima Drive Secane, PA 19018, Attention: Reverend Roland D. Slobogian or via email to: secretary@olfsecane.org

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Prayer to the Good Shepherd

My Good Shepherd, in this time of distress and despair, I ask that You walk close beside me through this dark valley. Protect and comfort me, renew my strength, and guide me along the right path. I will not be afraid when You are with me. I have all that I need, for You are my great provider. Your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life. Amen.

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