



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. Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

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Our Chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for private prayer and reflection. If you need to talk to a priest please call 610-779-4005.

The Parish Center will be closed until further notice. If you need a tax statement, please email dsitler@comcast.net. Let us continue to pray for one another and for an end to this pandemic. Scrip is available at the Parish Center please call first to see if anyone is in the office.

Thank you again for your patience. We will continue to update you through our website & social media as information becomes available.

Ez 37:12-14— The Lord promises to bring his people back to their homeland. He will be with them and they will know him.

Romans 8:8-11— The followers of Jesus live in the Spirit of God. The same Spirit who brought Jesus back to life will bring mortal bodies to life since God’s Spirit dwells in them.

Jn 11:1-45—Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, dies and was buried. When Jesus came, he assured them that he was the resurrection and the life. Jesus gave life back to Lazarus.

Today’s Message - Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

PRAYER 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Priests will continue to offer private Masses for the intentions of the faithful.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

6:30 Joseph Ruiz
8:00 John V. Nowotarski, Sr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

6:30 Arthur Naugle
8:00 William D’Andrea, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 Samuel P. Forke
8:00 Jurasinski Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00 Anna Tacyn

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 Raymond & Elizabeth Korczykowski
8:30 Michiko Aderhold

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 Katherine & John Pisanick
4:30 Vince Stubler (13th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 Ricky Ricketts (3rd Anniversary)
9:00 Dorothea M. Burns
10:30 Gerry Sullivan
12:00 Alfred Szymborski

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92. 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

EWTN, the network with Catholic-themed programming, televises two live Masses each Sunday at 8 a.m. and 12 noon. Below are the channel numbers for EWTN on cable services in the Diocese:

- **Service Electric Lehigh Valley: Channel 18 or 54**
- **Xfinity in Berks County: Channel 52**

EWTN streams the 8 a.m. Mass live online at ewtn.com/tv/watch-live. You can listen to the Mass live on SIRIUS/XM, or at ewtn.com/radio/listen-live.

Women's Resources

For resources specifically for women visit www.allentowndiocese.org/commission-women/resources

Men's Resources

For resources specifically for men visit www.allentowndiocese.org/commission-men/resources

Prayer

Apps

[iBreviary](#)

[Confession](#)

[Laudate](#)

How to Support Your Parish in These Unprecedented Times

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The Coronavirus is disrupting lives and having an economic impact far and wide, including at our parishes.

“In most cases, weekly collections are the only source of funds for parish operations,” said Paul Acampora, Secretary for Stewardship & Development. “Very simply, our parishes cannot exist without parishioner support.”

Acampora asks parishioners to prayerfully consider continuing their support of their parish during these difficult times.

Another option to continue giving, he noted, is to mail regular weekly collection envelopes directly to the pastor.

“Above all,” said Acampora, “please stay connected to your parish. Please continue to be a valued and loved member of your parish community.”



Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

a time to be born...

**Please pray for our sick :
& our soldiers in harm's way:**

Karin Acuna, Stanley Andrzejewski, Anthony Antonucci, Beverly Bansner, Marie Bassler, Becky Batastini, Melody Bechtel, Agnes Bohner, Paul A. Bomba, Michele Boucher, Gerald Boyer, Kathy Brendlinger, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Marvin Bush, Nancy Cassidy, Della Chmielewski, Mary Christ, Lisa Coins, Larry Curtin, Charles DeNaples, Arthur Dietrich Jr., Susan Dolinski, Roseanne Dougherty, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Luke Gilbert, Christine Gubernot, David J. Gulati II, Thomas Healy, Roberta Hedl, William Hedl, Jr., Wayne Hedrick, Catherine Hefferan, Robyn Hefferan, Brian Heim, Patricia Herber, Michael Hivner, Christine Jenkins, Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, Dorothy Kaisoglus, Winnie Kerns, Mary Kolakowski, Rosemarie Kovacs, Mary Leddy, Albert Lellig, David C. Lellig, Daniel Lonergan, Charles Loose, Charles E. Mathews, Cindy McConnell, Jacob McCue, Jr., John Mercadante Jr., Joanne Mierzwinski, Kathy Mills, Dolores Miravich, Cathy Motznik, Jerome Nigh, Joann Patty, Melly Pimentel, Stella Pingitore, Patricia Pinto, Donald Pisker, Angelo Porcaro, Sharon PrechtI, Jennifer R., Lorraine Ransom, Nada Rathkey, David Samsel, John Sausen, Loretta Sausen, Anne Schaeffer, Barry Scheirer, Mary Scheirer, Gloria Schmeck, Michael Shadday, Vincent Skimski, Tyler Skoczen, Margaret Smith, Veronica Stoss, Andy Strangarity, Sandy Sullivan, Kim Trois, Betty Vilardo, Alan Wachowicz, Chris Wasko, Frank White, Theresa White, Sylvia Willey, Leo Woelkers, Craig Wolf, Carol Woolston, Elaine Woudstra, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Gerald Young, Ann Marie Zawislak, Allyson Ziemba, Molly Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman. **A time to die: Joan Lloyd, (mother of Matthew Lloyd) & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11**

To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Captain Steffen E. Lis, SPC Specialist Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Lance Corporal Kadan C. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, LCPL David Ermentrout, Captain Morgan Hissick, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Sgt. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Tech. Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Senior Airman Timothy Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig & Lt. Cdr. Brian Blair. Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

Parish Nurse News - Medicine has discovered that laughter has a special role in good health. Increased oxygen is released into the blood stream, low blood pressure rises, and high blood pressure decreases! Resolve to add humor to your week and live healthier! (Hartness & Eskelin, *The 24 -Hour Turn Around*, 1993).

Pierogi Sale: Pierogi will be on sale every Friday in Lent through and including April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pierogis will be sold in the Church Basement. Please use the side entrance from the Parking Lot. Potato, Sauerkraut & Cheese Pierogis will sell for \$8.00 per dozen. Haluski will be available in limited amounts for \$4.00 per cup. (Weather permitting) Volunteers are needed to help sell Pierogis on Fridays.

Faith Enrichment Resources

*As the body has need of material nourishment,
likewise too, the soul needs daily reminders and spiritual nourishment
so that it may be strengthened...*-St. John Chrysostom, Homily 10 on Genesis

Online resources that you can access from home while under quarantine

[Aquinas 101](#) - Aquinas 101 is a series of free video courses from the Thomistic Institute that help you to engage life's most urgent philosophical and theological questions with the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas. In the end, you'll be able to read Aquinas on his own terms and to master the essentials of his thought.

[Ascension Presents](#) - A collection of free videos and articles produced by Ascension Press.

[Catholic Answers](#) - Catholic Answers has a wealth of apologetic material available for free on their website including videos, articles, and audio recordings.

[Edward Sri](#) - Renowned and popular theologian, Dr. Edward Sri, has videos and articles on a variety of topics available for free on his website.

[EWTN](#) - The Eternal Word Television Network has archives of their various television series for adults and children available "On Demand" through their website.

[FOCUS](#) - The Fellowship of Catholic University Students hosts two biannual conferences that bring in the most sought after speakers in the Catholic sphere. Video recordings of their from the past several presentations are available on their YouTube page.

[FORMED.org](#) - Some of our parishes have subscriptions to FORMED.org available to all of their parishioners which gives access to a plethora of content including videos, audio, and written content, as well as several Catholic movies. They have something for every age group! If your parish does not have a subscription, which you can find out by looking at their website or bulletin, during the COVID-19 quarantine, they are extending a complimentary 40-day subscription so you can engage in your spiritual and prayer life through watching, reading, and listening to Catholic content. After that, you could register for a personal subscription at the cost of \$9.99 per month or \$100.00 annually.

[Magnificat](#) - During this challenging time, many of the faithful are unable to attend Mass. Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. In addition to its online edition, Magnificat is now offering complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps throughout May. They are also making available complimentary access to MagnifiKid. Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of their colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6 through 12.

[Steubenville Conferences](#) - The Franciscan University of Steubenville is well-known for their summer youth conferences, but they also have adult conferences that they offer each year. Videos of the presentations at those conferences are available on their website. Simply select the conference you are interested in and scroll to the bottom of the page! They also have other free resources available at steubenvillefuel.com/

[St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology free Scott Hahn Video course](#) - Dr. Scott Hahn's St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology has compiled what they are calling the "Quarantined Catholic Hub" which contains many resources for Scripture study. Dr. Hahn's most popular study, The Eucharist in Scripture, is now available to stream completely free. You can watch the entire study right now. It's the perfect way to draw near to Jesus in the Eucharist and prepare your heart for the day we will again attend Mass. They have also made their other Scripture studies available for \$10 a month.