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from 5:00-6:00pm
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 22, 2020

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Saturday 3/21

5:00pm James Maitilasso
Henrietta Siemer

**Sunday
March 22nd**

8:00am Deacon Arthur VanVleet

**Fourth Sunday
of Lent**

9:30am Kerri Knight
Muriel & Terence Gillen



11:30am Thomas Francis Sullivan
Roberta Treptau

5:00pm Father Michael J. Burke

Monday 3/23

12:05pm Raymond Rezendes

Tuesday 3/24

12:05pm Claire Reigh

Wednesday 3/25

12:05pm Sandra Fredrick

Thursday 3/26

12:05pm Thomas Francis Sullivan

Friday 3/27

12:05pm Inez Cloutier

Saturday 3/28

5:00pm Roman Salza
Ted Uly

**Sunday
March 29th**

8:00am Marjorie Ross

**Fifth Sunday
of Lent**

9:30am Tyler Rodimer
Debbie Modrow-Snook
Neita Green



11:30am Ann L. Crane
Ted Olechowski

5:00pm Kristen Shea Feeny

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns near the Tabernacle
as a reminder of our Lord's presence
in the Most Holy Eucharist,
burns this week in loving memory of:

Victor Pallante



And the hosts and wine,
which will become the
Holy Body and Precious Blood
of our Lord, were given
in loving memory of:

Patricia Fitzpatrick

**May they now be resting in the peace
of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!**



"OREMUS PRO INVICEM"

**We pray for all those who are in need
of the Lord's healing presence:**



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 22

NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Monday, March 23

NO FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday, March 24

6:30pm Ladies Group (CANCELLED)

Wednesday, March 25

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (CANCELLED)

Thursday, March 26

1:00pm Legion of Mary (CANCELLED)

Sunday, March 29

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS



Saint Mother Teresa

Food Pantry

*"God doesn't require us to succeed:
He only requires that you try"*
- Saint Mother Teresa

Due to the suspension of all Masses, you may still bring your donations for the poor when you come to church for Exposition on the weekend. You may also bring them to the Food Pantry on Wednesdays. **Thank you!**

The list below contains the items that we are in need of:

Food

Ketchup
Mayonnaise
Salad Dressing
Canned Chicken
Spam
Dinty Moore Stew
Hamburger Helper (*all kinds*)
Jar of Pasta Sauce (*all kinds*)
Coffee (regular, decaf)
Instant Coffee
Cereal (*especially sweet ones*)
Cookies
Granola bars (*all kinds*)
Fruit snacks
Peas & carrots (*canned*)
Spinach or beets (*canned*)

Household Needs

Paper towels
Toilet paper
Tissues
Dish soap
Laundry Detergent

Personal Hygiene Items

Bar Bath Soap
Shampoo & Conditioner
(*men and women*)
Toothpaste
Deodorant

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*

WEEKEND DONATIONS

March 15, 2020

**Collection \$5,815
Online Giving \$746**

Total: \$6,561

Weekend Mass attendance: 371



NEXT WEEKEND READINGS

March 29, 2020

**Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
Saint John 11:1-45**



*We kindly ask that you do not buy any family sizes,
as they are too heavy for our clients to carry home.*

*Also, please no expired or partially used items.
Please no mac & cheese!*

PIZZA FUNDRAISER



The Don Bosco
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#7784 is having a pizza
fundraiser at the Villa Capri
Restaurant on Route 206

in Newton on **Friday, April 3rd**. Please help the
Columbiettes raise money for scholarships and local
charities. Villa Capri will donate \$1.00 for every
pizza sold all day on Friday, April 3rd.

So treat your family to some really great pizza
and help raise money for charity!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

As you know, since Mass has been suspended by the bishop, we are not able to take up our weekly collection in order to keep our church up and running efficiently. We ask that you please keep us in mind when giving to charity, especially on the weekends when you are not with us in person. Our website (www.stjosephnewton.org) has a space (at the bottom of the page) where you can make a weekly or monthly donation online (which is safe and secure). Before we have to start dipping into savings, I ask that you kindly think of your parish family during your absence. **Thank you for your continued generosity!**

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

MEET SISTER NIVIA

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *(Confession)*



Every Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm

*(There will be no confessions on Mondays
due to the Coronavirus restrictions)*

THRIFT SHOP SALE

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until further notice due
to the Coronavirus.**



SALVATION OF SOULS



The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the **Salvation Of Souls**. Please support this endeavor to pray **ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS**.

The campaign will continue until
May 31, 2020.

You can e-mail your tallies to:
hailmarysforsos@gmail.com or write the
number on a slip of paper and drop it into the
container by Mary's statue.

The tally so far is: 960,417



Sister Nivia Arias is an artistic, fun-loving, ardent and a lover of nature. These are all fair descriptors of Sister who was born in Tampa, Florida, and met the Salesian Sisters when her parents enrolled her in Villa Madonna School. Mom and Dad were Cuban immigrants and among the builders of the rich culture and vibrancy of today's Tampa. Working long factory hours, they brought Nivia to the Sisters before sunrise where she spent her day until 6:00pm.

Nivia and many other children were fixtures in the lives of the Sisters. She got to know the Sisters very well, and, it should be noted, the Sisters got to know her too, loving her for who she was. Nevertheless, Nivia's constant movement, her natural curiosity and her "loquacious social skills" earned her many trips to the Principal's Office! After graduation, she followed her older brother, Carlos, attending the Catholic Diocesan High School and then starting as a Communications and Art major at the University of South Florida.

Fortunately, the environment of faith and joy that became deeply rooted within Nivia during those early years with the Sisters never left her. Despite the bright prospects that laid ahead of her, she could not deny the sense that God was calling her to Himself for life. So, she quit the University and headed to New Jersey to begin her formation as a Salesian Sister.

She made her profession here in Newton on August 5, 1980 at Sacred Heart Center. Since then, she has served young people in New Jersey and Florida, teaching in elementary schools, youth centers and during the 90's as one of the pioneers in the programs of the Spirituality Center at Sacred Heart. Her deep faith and inborn artistry overflowed in the classroom and at summer camp. There is never a dull moment in her classroom and the children with more vivacious characters, know they have a special advocate in Sister Nivia.

Most recently she taught at Saint Joseph Catholic School as a teacher, children's choir leader and Girl Scout leader, while also caring for her aging parents.

A place for "People and Nature Together" is a paradise for a soul like Sister Nivia and God's Providence brought her back to it this summer. She serves on the Retreat Team at the Sacred Heart Center, as a catechist here at Saint Joseph Church and as a wonderful, prayerful and lively member of the community, where she is known for her laughter, her prayerfulness and for a great resourcefulness which can create beauty out of nothing.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

In 2009, the H1N1 Virus (also known as the “swine flu”) epidemic touched the lives of 60.8 million people living in the United States. There were 12,469 deaths and the panic level was **minimal**.

As of March 16, 2020, the total number of people who have contracted the Covid-19 Coronavirus virus is 3,813, the total deaths are 66, the recovered is 73 and the panic level is hysteria; empty shelves, long lines, hoarding toilet paper and people losing their minds as if this was the Armageddon as spoken about in the Book of Revelation. This past year, according to the C.D.C. (Center of Disease Control and Prevention) over 80,000 people died of the flu during the winter. The only difference between these epidemics is eleven years and who the President of the United States was during these times.

Let me be clear, I am not a person fond of conspiracy theories and do not believe in the “boogie man.” However, I do believe that the press has unjustly and possibly by political motivation and T.D.S, instilled true fear in the American people. This is evident by the stock market responding violently, the hysteria of buying water and toilet paper (as if it was the end of the world) and even the Church having a knee-jerk reaction to this situation by closing their schools, universities and even suspending the celebration of Mass through entire dioceses. In the words of Doctor Leonard McCoy “Dear God Jim, what have we done?”

Maybe the first thing we need to do, like we have done historically since the time of Moses, is **pray**! We need to ask God’s intercession during this time of crisis as we have in times of pestilence, war, genocide, bombings and mass murders.

Maybe staying at home, keeping the social distance, self-quarantining and “flattening the curve” could have a silver lining. Not only does it keep us away from opportunities to contract the deadly virus, but maybe it also gives us a chance to refocus on what we have lost over the past decades; the need and essential role which family and prayer should play in our lives.

You only have to go to any restaurant (when they were open) and see entire families on their phones, video games, iPads or wristwatches to realize how uncommunicative our families have become. I remember that after 9/11/01 people adorned their cars, motorcycles, homes and anything that was moving with the American flag and churches were filled to the capacity. How soon after that initial reaction our consciousness began to wane and once again we started taking our freedom, our safety and our nation for granted. In a time when you think we should be returning to the Lord, we are not allowed to celebrate Mass any longer for the public. Again, Doctor McCoy’s words seem appropriate.

However, with the fear mongering of the media and the desire to limit interaction with large crowds, gathering as a people of faith is not possible at this time. To think that daily Mass has been suspended, not only in our own diocese, but in many dioceses throughout the world is unfathomable. This did not even happen during the black plague. So once again, we are left with the question “**What are we to do?**”

As with most difficult things, the first step to take is **prayer**. We must pray for peace in our land and peace among all people and for those professionals who are trying to eradicate this terrible virus. We should pray that politics and partisanship is placed aside for the true good of ALL people.

The second thing we can do is **pray**. Pray for all those who have died, those who are sick and those who care for these people; their doctors, nurses’ and nurses’ aides.

The third thing we can do is **pray**. Pray for all those who are in laboratories seeking a cure for this epidemic. May the Spirit of Wisdom and Knowledge fill their hearts with the miracle of a cure.

The fourth thing we can do is **pray**. Pray for all our elderly and those who have compromised immune systems. May the healing hand of the Lord be upon them and their families.

The fifth thing we can do is **pray**. We should pray for our local church here in Newton and for our Universal Church through the world. May we be a beacon of hope in time of despair and always extend an open hand to those in need.

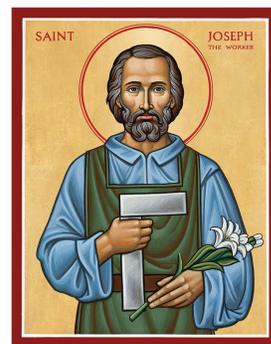
The sixth thing we can do is **NOT overreact**. Keeping our routines and schedules as usual with our minds aware of large crowds, places where people are sick and minimizing our hand shaking and never forgetting to wash our hands frequently.

The final thing we should do is to buy toilet paper! More seriously, we should never lose our sense of humor in the midst of such seriousness. Not thinking lightly of the situation, but to approach it with an open mind, an open heart and a spirit of hopefulness.

We have weathered worse situations in our lives and we will survive this one as well. As the Lord promised us “*Have faith in God, have faith also in me.. For I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*” Let us put our hope and trust in the Lord, that He will not abandon us in our hour of need and may He use this calamity to bring goodness, wholeness and holiness by drawing straight lines using crooked arrows.

Please know that I am praying for you individually, especially those who are in nursing homes, hospitals and for the elderly in your own homes. Know also that I am also praying for your families and friends and especially our family of faith here at Saint Joseph Church in Newton. I pray that we will one day return to celebrating the Lord’s love for us in this Eucharist with our whole hearts, minds and bodies one day soon!

Saint Joseph the Worker, protect your family here on earth as you protected the Holy Family while you were alive. Continue to watch over your parish family here in Newton and keep us safe from all that can harm us.



Yes there is fear.
 Yes there is isolation.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 Yes there is sickness.
 Yes there is even death.
 But, they say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
 You can hear the birds again.
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes
 But blue and grey and clear.
 They say that in the streets of Assisi
 people are singing to each other
 across the empty squares,
 keeping their windows open so that those who are alone
 may hear the sounds of family around them.
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
 is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
 Today a young woman I know
 is busy spreading fliers with her number
 through the neighborhood
 so that the elders may have someone to call on.
 Today churches, synagogues and temples
 are preparing to welcome
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary.
 All over the world people are slowing down
 and reflecting.
 All over the world people are looking
 at their neighbors in a new way.
 All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
 to how big we really are,
 to how little control we really have,
 to what really matters,
 to Love.
 So we pray and we remember that yes there is fear,
 but there does not have to be hate.
 Yes there is isolation,
 but there does not have to be loneliness.
 Yes there is panic buying,
 but there does not have to be meanness.
 Yes there is sickness,
 but there does not have to be disease of the soul
 Yes there is even death,
 but there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
 Today; breathe,
 listen, behind the factory noises of your panic.
 The birds are singing again.
 The sky is clearing.
 Spring is coming.
 And we are always encompassed by Love.
 Open the windows of your soul,
 and though you may not be able
 to touch across the empty square,
Sing!



Prayer of Pope Francis for Protection and Help



O Mary,
 you always shine on our path
 as a sign of salvation and of hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you,
 Health of the sick, who at the cross
 took part in Jesus' pain,
 keeping your faith firm.
 You know what we need,
 and we are sure you will provide
 so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
 we may return to joy and to feasting
 after this time of trial.
 Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
 to conform to the will of the Father
 and to do as we are told by Jesus,
 who has taken upon Himself our sufferings
 and carried our sorrows
 to lead us, through the Cross,
 to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen

*Under your protection, we seek refuge,
 Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain
 the entreaties of those of us who are in trial,
 but deliver us from every danger,
 O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

12 THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER

1. The past cannot be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Things always get better with time.
5. Judgements are a confession of character.
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness.
7. Happiness is found within.
8. Positive thoughts create positive things.
9. Smiles are contagious.
10. Kindness is free.
11. You only fail if you quit.
12. What goes around, comes around.

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O'Connor and Police Officer
Christopher Walsh*

*who were killed in the line duty this past week.
May their heroic souls now be resting in peace
and may the Lord of all good things give their
families and friends His peace.*



**Father Michael
J. Burke**
March 11, 2018

*We remember you with great
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Father Brian Tomlinson, C.F. 16 Cap.

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We continue to pray for all parents who have lost their children through death. May the Blessed Mother continue to watch over them and share with them her Sons' peace.



Pray for our Salesian Sisters and all the good work they do, especially as catechists in our Faith Formation Program.

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"Store up treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
Saint Matthew 6:20-21

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