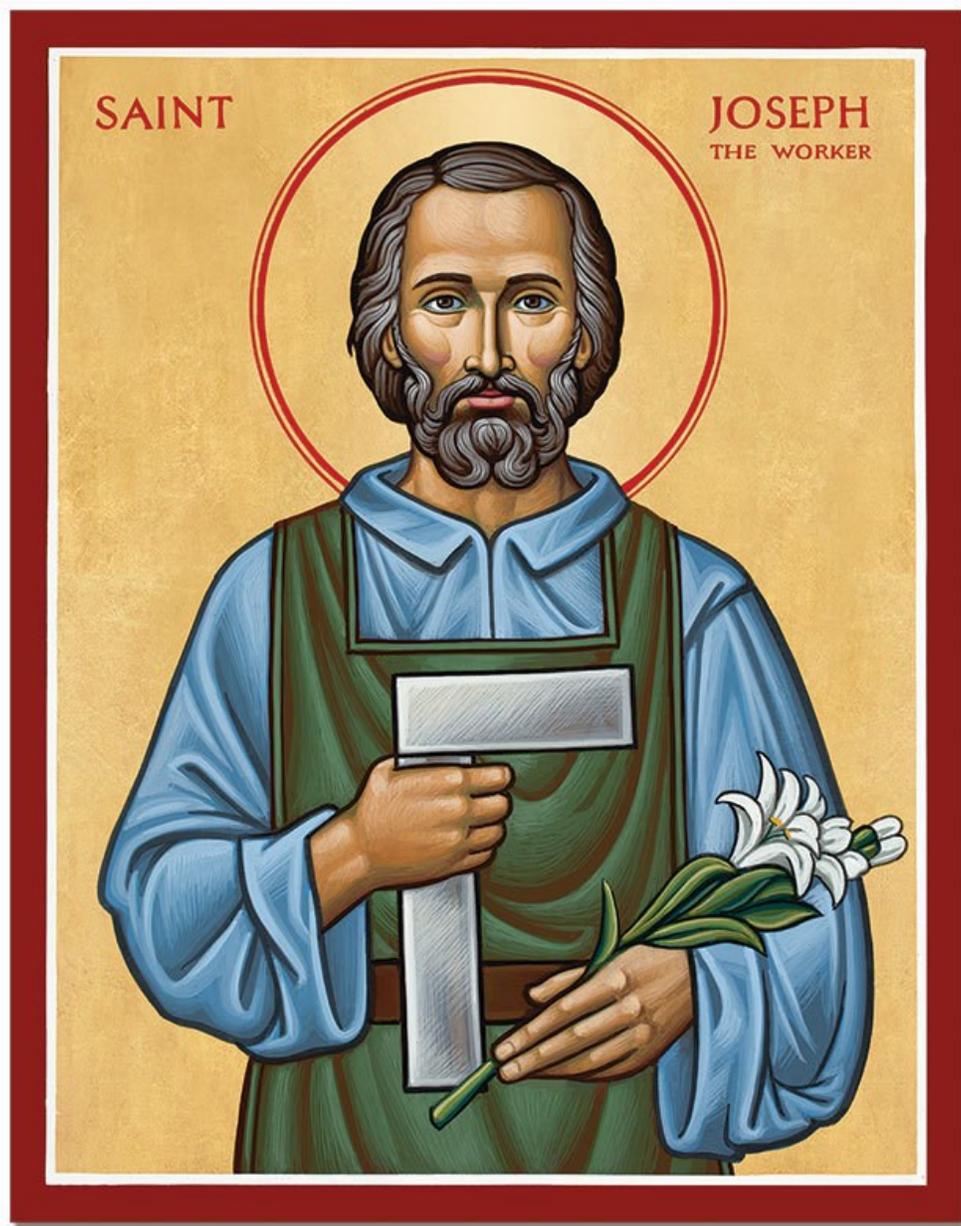


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5:00pm John Cardinal O'Connor

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living and deceased

Sunday 8:00am
May 10th

Fifth Sunday 9:30am
of Easter



11:30am

5:00pm

For all Mothers
living and deceased

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:

Herman Lanterman



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

Brother Luke O'Connell

*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

CANCELLATIONS

Due to state regulations and unconstitutional mandates of the Governor ALL offices, meetings, Faith Formation and Masses have been cancelled.

Lower grades of Faith Formation are completed. However, Confirmation classes which continue online for a few more weeks.

WEEKEND DONATIONS



April 26, 2020

Collection \$ 3,109
Online Giving \$1,631

Total: \$ 4,740

Thank you for your generosity!

NEXT WEEKEND READINGS

May 10, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
1 Saint Peter 2:4-9
Saint John 14:1-12



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FURTHER NOTICE**



*If you are in need of anything please email us
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Saint Mother Teresa



Food Pantry

*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."
- Saint Mother Teresa*

Due to the Wuhan Virus epidemic and for the safety of our volunteers, we had to unfortunately close the food pantry. However, we still are accepting donations for when we re-open. We pray that this will be soon!

In the interim, the best way to support our food pantry is financially; we accept any Weis Supermarket or ShopRite Gift Cards or you may also make a direct contribution online or send a check (or drop one off) at the Parish Center during the week from 9:00-12:00Noon.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to help those who are in need during this epidemic and to prepare for when our food pantry will hopefully be open once again in the very near future.

Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Special thanks to all of you who have continued to support your parish family. With the help of our PPP Loan, we are able to continue paying our employees and making sure the lights are not turned off!

If you have not yet helped us, you may do so online, send via USPS or drop it off at the Parish Center at 22 Halsted Street during the week from 9:00am-12:00Noon.

You can continue to support your parish family by making a one time or weekly online (secure) donation. Just scan this code (or if you have an Apple phone, you only have to take a picture of this code) and follow the directions.



Thank you for your continued generosity!

BROTHER LUKE O'CONNELL, OSB



Around the time the monks at the abbey were singing Compline with the response *"Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit,"* our beloved confrere

Brother Luke O'Connell, OSB

was passing from the evening shadows of this life into the brightness of the light of the risen Lord in the Newton Medical Center.

Brother Luke died at 7:50 p.m. after suffering for a long time with pancreatic cancer complicated with a lung disease and strengthened by the Anointing of the Sick.

Born on February 8, 1946 as the only child of William and Lillian O'Connell, he grew up in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey in the Archdiocese of Newark. After attending Saint Francis Parish Grammar School, he entered the Benedictine Mission Seminary at Saint Paul's Abbey, Newton in 1960. He completed high school, graduating from Saint Meinrad Seminary High School, Saint Meinrad, Indiana in 1964. In 1965, he entered the abbey as a brother candidate. Novitiate followed in August 1966 and he made his First Profession on August 19, 1967. He took his Solemn Vows on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 9, 1972, which was also the 25th Anniversary of Saint Paul's as an Abbey. Brother Luke's first assignment was to work in the development office known then as the Pax Office. This kind of office worked followed him throughout his life. He continued his education by attending business courses at Morris County Community College from 1970 to 1973. He then went to Benedictine College at Saint Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kansas, returning in 1975 with a degree in business. Brother Luke joined other confreres serving at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta teaching business and accounting from 1975 to 1980. Summers were spent at Camp Saint Benedict before and after joining the monastery serving as the business manager and then from 1975 through 1977 as the camp Director. Over the years he was a familiar face during the annual sale of Christmas trees in December.

In July of 1980, he was given a new assignment as Business Manager/Cellarer of the monastery. He held this position for 24 years under three abbots and up until 2004 as he guided the newly arrived monks of Waegwan Abbey into this office. For many years Brother Luke was on the board of the medical trust of the Christian Brothers Services serving as Chairman of the Board from 1987 when the services of the Trust were reorganized into the Religious Medical Trust. The confreres showed their trust in him by electing him three times as the Delegate to the General Chapter. He was an indispensable aid to his confrere Father Damian Milliken OSB in Mazinde Juu, maintaining contact with his donors, facilitating transfer of funds and assisting the Sisters when they came for studies. He finally made a trip to Tanzania in 2000 to put a face to many names.

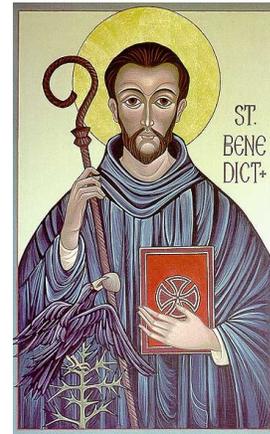
When Brother Luke came to high school at the Abbey, he brought his accordion. He knew music and chords. He quickly had to transfer that skill to the keyboard and pedals of an organ. He was the community organist for 50 years only slowing down as the effects of cancer made it hard for him to use his left hand. From 1980 to 1985 he accompanied Saint Joseph Parish choir in

Newton and remained on call for funerals for many years.

When the monks of Waegwan came to live at Saint Paul's in 2001, Brother Luke was one of the three members of the American community who was asked to accompany the new community. He did this above all in his work in the business office being a liaison with local merchants, agencies and officials. He easily won the affection of the Korean monks as he won the respect of his confreres and employees over the years.

Brother Luke was quiet by nature, but strong in a faithful presence and service. He always tried his best to help anyone who came to the office. Saint Benedict said the Cellarer should be like a father to the community. That was Brother Luke, always ready to do an errand, try to make another phone call, concerned if you were ill. His love of music never left him and no doubt brought him calm in recent years as he dealt with many health issues. Like much of his life, he kept things quietly in his heart including the seriousness of his last illness. Now he has entered the eternal home of the Father where he can be part of the harmony of praise and after serving so many others, be served by his Lord and Master at the heavenly table. *(written by Father Sam Kim, OSB)*

Due to the Coronavirus, the Vigils of Dead, the funeral Mass and burial are limited to the monks at the abbey.



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: 1,054,673

SO WHERE ARE OUR MESSAGES OF HOPE?

This past week, I had two burial services in our parish cemetery and while I was in the chapel, a family member made a comment that really hit home; a woman mentioned to her sister how lovely the choice of the casket was for her dad. At that moment, it dawned on me how truly out of sequence and “un-ordinary” everything has been during the “lockdown” in these times of quarantine. Families cannot be with their loved ones at the hospital. A friend’s baby daughter was rushed to the hospital with a fever last week and only one of her parents was allowed in the hospital! Elderly parents and those who are sick, have to die alone in the hospital because no one is allowed in to visit them. No Funeral Masses are permitted and when a priest dares to come to the funeral home or the cemetery, only ten people are allowed (including the priest and funeral director). Some people never even get to see something as simple as a choice of a casket until they meet (from a distance and only in VERY small numbers) at the cemetery.

Last week, I had a cemetery burial service in Newton Cemetery and as we gathered, I noticed a police car pass by in the cemetery, no doubt to make sure we are adhering to the unconstitutional mandates of our governor. Surreal? Unreal? Unfair? Unjust? Unconstitutional or just plain stupid? Again, I realize that “social distancing” is important, even though there is no medical research to even suggest that this is working. I look at the other countries that are not practicing lockdowns, quarantines and isolation and some have fared even better than the United States.

So, we realize that we cannot look to the civil authorities for hope, other than the optimism of the President, who is constantly mocked, caricatured and misrepresented by the media every step of the way. **So where can we go for hope?**

Even our own Church (meaning the Universal Church) seems to be lacking in any sign or message of hope. All we hear from our bishops and even our local pastors is about bankruptcy, deficiency and the need for more money. As I mentioned in my last week’s bulletin article, why would anyone support a Church that is not supporting them in such a serious time of need? Who has any words or messages of hope?

I think when things get difficult to handle, difficult to understand and difficult to endure, we ALWAYS have a God who has promised us from the beginning of time, to be our Father and we will be His Children. From the Old Testament, we read: *“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him” (Nahum 1:7). “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).*

From the New Testament we are told: *“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed” (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). “For God, who said, ‘Light shall shine out of darkness,’ is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6). “I can do all this through him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13).* And from the mouth of Jesus Himself we recall: *“I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness” (John 12:46).*

When man fails, God prevails! Yet, even in the midst of our diminishing hope, it is difficult to keep our faith fed and alive without the Eucharist. THIS is why our bishops must make and take a stand to reopen our churches. Making a “spiritual Communion” is all well and good, but it is NO replacement for actually eating the Holy Body and Precious Blood of Christ, which He commanded us to do. At this point, I think the mandate of Jesus takes precedence even over Governor Murphy, no?

Nonetheless, back to the reality of no daily or weekend Masses, no Anointings, no Funeral Masses, no First Holy

Communion, no Confirmations, no Baptisms, no Marriages; **Where can we get our hope?** The simplest yet most difficult answer is from the Lord. Even in the absence of His healing presence in the Holy Eucharist, we still can put our hope and trust in Him, who promises to make straight the crooked ways of the world. **Jesus is the only one that can and does offer us hope.**

Did you ever think that you would miss coming to church so much? Did you ever think you would miss listening to me? Did you ever think you would miss supporting your fellow parishioners by your presence? Maybe the silver lining which we can get from this tragedy goes against the percentages of “Catholics” who do not believe in the Eucharist. Maybe we can get a better appreciation for our local church and our need to be part of a family of faith. Maybe we can find our hope in knowing that one day soon we will be together again.

I pray each and every day at my private Mass for your hope, your strength and your endurance. I am so sorry for the many people who are experiencing the direct and indirect effects of the Wuhan Virus by the sickness and death of their loved ones. I am so sorry for those who have lost their jobs and are having a difficult time paying bills and making sure there is enough food on the table (if you need some help with this, please call me). I am so sorry for those who are depressed and lonely, especially our elderly. It is a sad reality that our absence from those we love can actually save their lives. I am sorry for those who put their lives on the front lines as First Responders. I am so sorry that I cannot open our church’s doors for you. But even in the midst of our separation, I once again find great hope and consolation in knowing that we will be together again one day soon. It is reminiscent of when someone we love dies. We experience the pain of separation, but our faith and hope tells us that we will be together again one day soon. The positive side of this epidemic is that most of us do not have to wait until we die until we meet again; hopefully, it will only be a few more weeks or maybe even months.

So, if you have lost your hope, hold on tight. Make a telephone call. Zoom with friends. Speak to a priest or therapist online or on the telephone. This past week, I have been making telephone calls to our “mature” parishioners, reassuring them of my prayers and love. Maybe you can do the same with people you know and love. **You are not alone!** I want you to hold on tight to the fact that you are part of our family of faith. A family that misses you, prays for you and hopes for you.

In all that you do, in all that you experience, in all that you endure, let us remember the words of Jesus: *“I am with you always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20).*

I leave you with some helpful words I found on the internet by Flavia Medrut, who said: *“Hope is a powerful force and probably the most important factor when it comes to overcoming life’s biggest challenges. Without it, everything is lost. They say that in certain tragic situations only mad men can keep their hope alive. But it’s that little spark that eventually pulls them from the depths of despair. Hope has the power to make you do the impossible.*



GOD IS GOOD

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve.
Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.
Blessings are when He is generous with both.
Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.
God Is Good All The Time!

CORONA VIRUS HUMOR

Basically, you can't leave the house for any reason, but if you have to, then you can.

Stores are closed, except those that are open.

You should not go to hospitals unless you have to go there. Same applies to doctors, you should only go there in case of emergency, provided you are not too sick.

There is no shortage of groceries in the supermarket, but, there are many things missing when you go there in the evening, but not in the morning. Sometimes.

WELCOME



The following families have registered in our parish. Welcome to our parish community! You are invited to share your time, talent and treasure with us.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cocchiarella
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stock

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

With the hope that our church will be opened soon, we are preparing the new schedules for the months of : June, July and August for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers.

Please **email** the Parish Center by **May 1st** with any dates that you are unavailable during these months.

Please note: there will be no 5:00pm Sunday Mass starting Memorial Day until Labor Day. If you usually serve at this Mass, please let us know if you can serve at another. **Thank you.**

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Father Michael
J. Burke
March 11, 2018

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