

**SAINT
MARY**



**CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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Monday—Closed

Tues thru Fri—Closed

Sat-Sun — Closed

Sunday Readings:

Acts 2:14a,36-41 † Psalm 23 † First Peter 2:20b-25 † John 10:1-10 †

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Worship

Eastertide Worship

Public Masses and Gatherings are Suspended **thru May 29** with hope to celebrate Pentecost on May 30/31

"Participate" via Spiritual Communion & Bshp Barron Daily Mass - WordonFire.com

www.stgabrielradio.com & 820AM
EWTN: www.EWTN.com & TV Chnl 385
Rosary & Chaplet, Etc. - YouTube.com

Pray Daily for

- * COVID-19 Victims & their families
- * COVID-19 Healthcare warriors
- * Careful health precautions
- * Everyone who's sheltered in place

Masses

Saturday Private Mass	May 2	St. Athanatius, Bishop & Doctor Madelyn Newlon by Mike Newlon
Sunday Private Mass	May 3	Fourth Sunday of Easter Parish
Monday Private Mass	May 4	Easter weekday Military personnel serving with risk of COVID+
Tuesday Private Mass	May 5	Easter weekday Police and Firemen+
Wednesday Private Mass	May 6	Easter weekday School students at home+
Thursday Private Mass	May 7	Easter weekday Stan Carter by Tom & Carol Keller+
Friday Private Mass	May 8	Easter weekday Medical Workers+
Saturday Private Mass	May 9	Easter weekday Unemployed in our Community+
Sunday Private Mass	May 10	Fifth Sunday of Easter Parish

Be Heathy

Be Holy

Be Home

Spiritual Communion

Saint Thomas Aquinas described Spiritual Communion as “*an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him*” at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion. Spiritual Communion is a genuine opportunity for Eucharistic grace when the normal reception of the Sacrament is not possible. We’re accustomed to the regular availability of the Body and Blood of our Lord in Communion at Mass. However, as we now experience suspension of Masses in our churches, the practice of Spiritual Communion can be a wonderful renewal and reception of the Lord into our hearts.

Spiritual Communion requires the same disposition as actual reception of the Sacrament ... that is, turning your heart to Jesus. Before the Act of Spiritual Communion, pause to thank Jesus for Sacrament of his Body and Blood, make an act of contrition and say the ‘**Our Father.**’

An Act 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.



Announcements

Suspension of Public Masses is Extended

With all the bishops in Ohio, Bishop Brennan has announced the extension of temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses and liturgies. This suspension is through May 29, looking to a target date of May 30/31— Pentecost Sunday— hopefully to resume our public celebrations. He has renewed his dispensation for all Catholics from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

During this additional month of “sheltering in place” we can renew our commitments to Catholic life and devotion by personal and family prayer. There are so many wonderful resources by broadcast and live streaming. Let this continued “retreat” be a time to deepen your spiritual lives. Watch the Mass. Pray the Rosary. Say the Divine Chaplet. Meditate on the Stations of the Cross. Fan the flame of Easter Joy!

Take advantage of the Opportunities for Confession

Commencing Friday, May 1 there are special arrangements throughout the Diocese for you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession sites are at different parishes at various schedules. Advance appointments are necessary and careful pandemic precautions apply. Detailed information is on the last page of this Bulletin.

Saint Vincent de Paul Members respond to local Food Needs

SVdP members mounted a response to local food needs. Purchased food was placed into 26 bags and delivered to a local shelter. Also, the usual “Third Thursday” meal delivery to the Friends on Carpenter Street was reconfigured because of Corona virus restrictions. Instead of the usual meal preparation, pizzas and pop were ordered and delivered by the SVdP team. A great work of the Lord by these faithful friends of the poor.



Prayer Line being Revived

Pam Scott and Patti Lebens have taken charge of reviving the Saint Mary Prayer Line. Look to next week’s Bulletin for more details including how to request prayer and/or be a prayer warrior. Individual privacy is always a consideration. In the meantime, remember to pray for our school students who are stressed by the current closeting at home and away from normal social and school contact.s



PSR, First Communion and “May” Mary Crowning

With the suspension of worship during May and the conclusion of PSR programs for this year, we still must consider plans for First Communion (that would have been this Sunday.) We look for a special opportunity for a grand festival in June. The Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, June 20 looks interesting. Stay tuned for further word from Andrea Maier and Fr. John.

REFLECTING on the GOSPEL as a Family

4th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

John 10:1-10 Jesus is the Good Shepherd who protects and guides His sheep to abundant life.

What are some characteristics that good Christian leaders share?

How does a shepherd take care of his sheep?

How do sheep know their shepherd? How do you know Jesus?

How will you follow Him?

How does Jesus make your life more abundance?

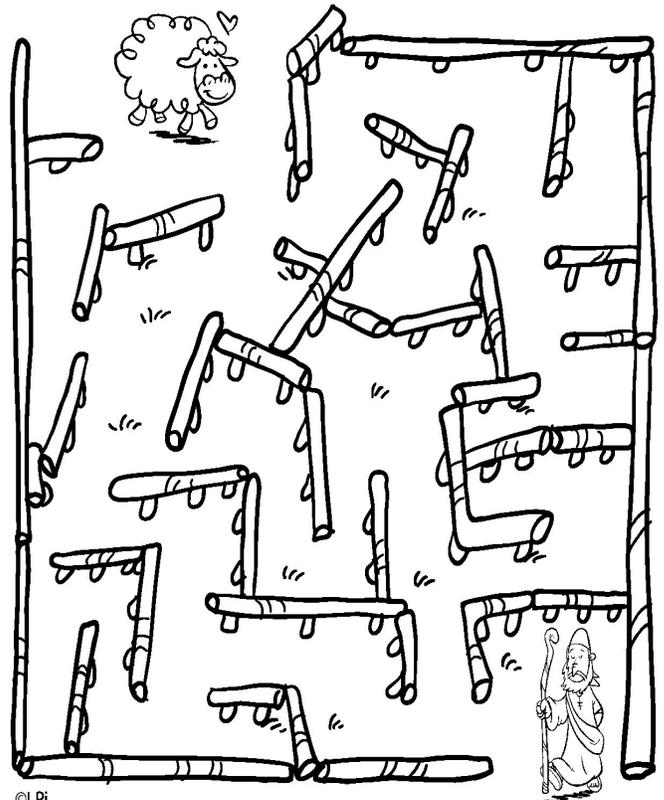


Read the Gospel and Color



Puzzle

Help the sheep find the shepherd.



Mission for the Week

I will listen and follow directions of my parents and teachers right away.

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Confessions

Across the Diocese arrangements are in effect to enable the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, even as we continue to be sheltered in place and public worship is restricted for another 4 weeks. The Plan for the local parishes in our Deanery is in a document found on our St. Mary Parish website: <https://groveportstmary.org/events/confession-info> **Advance** appointments are required and the appointment scheduler contact numbers are provided in the document.



Confession times at **St. Mary Parish** are Mondays between 10 and 12 and between 5 and 7pm. Other area parishes are on different days but similar times.

Strict rules apply at all parish locations across the Diocese in order to maintain pandemic precautions to protect the penitent's and the confessor's health, while also maintaining the sanctity and Seal of the Sacrament.

Rules

If you are "high risk" (e.g. elderly with an underlying health issue; or someone with a compromising medical condition) wait until the pandemic subsides.

If you are ill with **anything** or show signs of COVID-19 (dry cough, body aches etc.) or have a fever over 100, do NOT come to Confession at this time.

You need to make an appointment in **advance**. When making your appointment do not give your name. To make an appointment at St. Mary contact Fr. John by text or phone: 740-503-2827. Before your Confession appointment, examine your conscience and prepare for your Confession AT HOME. The Confession time should be about 5 minutes or less. This is not a time for counseling or to inquire about Church moral teaching. If you want such counseling or instruction make a separate appointment for pastoral conversation.



Take your temperature immediately before your appointment. DO NOT come if you have a temperature over 100.

Bring and wear a face-mask during the appointment. With masks on, we'll need to speak up.

Confessions at St. Mary will be heard in the PSR office on the first floor. Wait in your car in the parking lot; then, at your appointment time come to the main door and ring the doorbell.

These Confessions will be anonymous, that is, NOT face-to-face. There will be no touching and adequate separation will be maintained.

After the Confession do NOT go into the Church. Leave immediately. Fulfill your penance at home.

If there's no advance appointment in a time period, I will not be waiting in the PSR office. Again, you must make an advance appointment.

Make a separate appointment for pastoral conversation

A summary reminder of these rules will be posted at the front door.