

May 17, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Mary & St. John Churches

Pope Francis Prays for the Unemployed - story taken from catholicnews.com

As countries continue to reel from the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis offered prayers for the men and women who have been unable to work,

"In these days, many people have lost their jobs, were not rehired or work off the books. Let us pray for these brothers and sisters of ours who are suffering from this lack of work," the pope said May 11 at the start of his Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

In his homily at the Mass, the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading from St. John, in which Jesus promises his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit who will "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Referring to Christ's use of the Greek word "Paraclete," which means "advocate," the pope said the Holy Spirit is the one "who supports us, who accompanies us so we won't fall, who holds you firmly."

The Holy Spirit's two main tasks, he explained, are to "teach" and "remind" Christians about faith.

The Holy Spirit "teaches us. He teaches us the mystery of faith, he teaches us to enter into the mystery, to understand the mystery a bit better," the pope said. "And the Spirit teaches us to grow in the understanding of faith, to understand it more, to understand what faith tells us."

Faith, he added, isn't something that remains static but, like a tree, continues to grow and gives fruit.

"The Holy Spirit prevents doctrine from being mistaken, it prevents it from standing still without growing in us," he said. "He will teach us the things that Jesus taught us, he will develop in us an understanding of what Jesus taught us and will make the Lord's doctrine grow within us until it is mature."

The Spirit's second task, he continued, is to remind us of Jesus' teachings and "is like a memory, it awakens us."

"He keeps us awake, he awakens us to the things of the Lord, he helps us remember our own lives," including the times when one has chosen to follow or leave the Lord, the pope said.

Pope Francis encouraged Christians to trust in the Holy Spirit who guides all people to discern what is right and wrong and is "God's gift" to all.

"The Spirit is the gift," he said. God "will not leave you alone, he will send you the Paraclete who will sustain you and help you to go forward, to remember, to discern and to grow. God's gift is the Holy Spirit."

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<u>READINGS</u>

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16,

20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Monday Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and

9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday
Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday
Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-

23

Saturday Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-

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Happenings In and Around Our Parish Home

Private Prayer Hours

St. Mary and St. John Churches are open for private prayer hours as follows:

*St. Mary: Monday - Friday from 9am-12 noon

*St. John: Wednesday and Thursday from 9am - 12 noon

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASSES

Since public Masses within the Diocese of Kalamazoo are now suspended through May 28, St. Mary & St. John are livestreaming Sunday Masses via our Facebook Pages,

- 9am Sunday Mass at St. John "St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Albion, MI" Facebook **Page**
- 10am Sunday Mass at St. Mary "St. Mary Marshall" **Facebook Page**

Visit stmarymarshall.org for links to: 1) Recent updates from Bishop Bradley, 2) Links to daily Masses, and 3) Faith resources to name a few.

Military Prayer List

Please pray for family members of St. Mary/St. John parishioners who are currently serving in the military. Please email all names for inclusion in this list to: stmarymarshall@aol.com.

Cameron Cook, Matthew Fedewa, Brody Fitzgerald, David Haack, Blake Iobe, Jacob Konkol, David Mellino, Christian Sabados, Cody Sabados, Paul Shen, Rick Spells II, Christopher Staab, Jr.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Delaney, our St. Mary parishioner who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may his soul rest in peace. Amen.

Please Pray For All Those Impacted By Coronavirus & Those Listed Below...

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Arnold Arquette

Louann Atkins

Mike Atkins

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Bill Bramble

Don Brankovich

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David DeShon

Tim Donahue

Doug Doty

MaryAnn Dunn

John Dyer

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Sara Fisher

Debbie Frazier

Dorothy Flynn

David Fountain

David Goedde

David Good Father Greene

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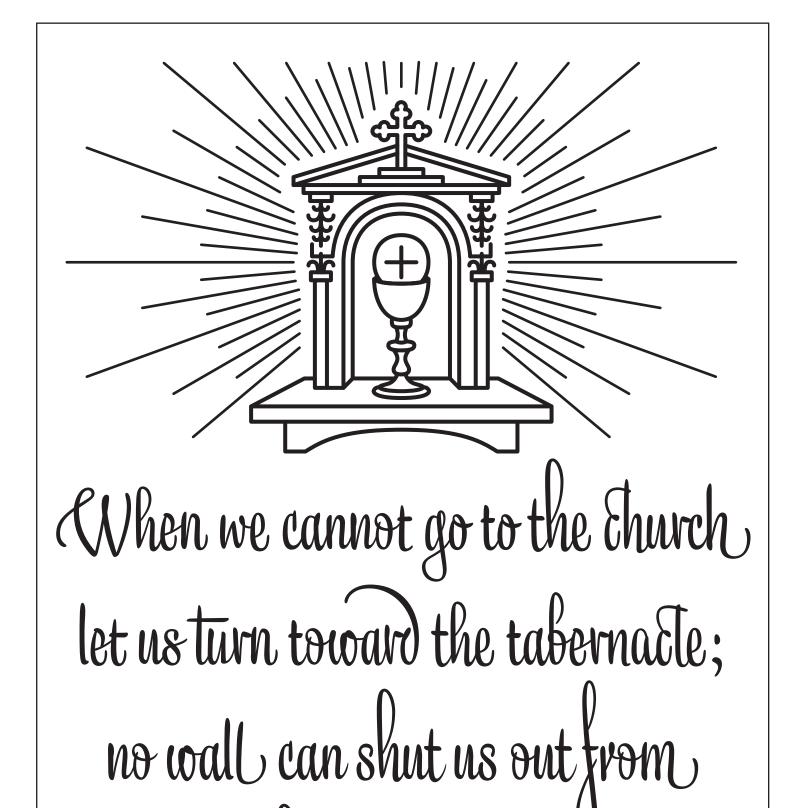
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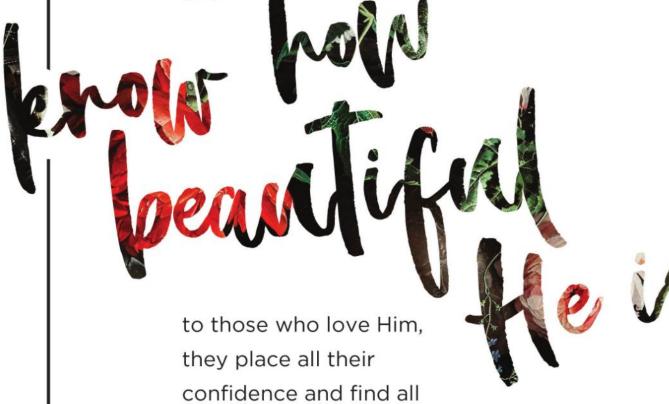
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The Good God.

The more a person loves God, the more reason he has to hope in Him. This hope produces in the Saints an unutterable peace, which they preserve even in adversity, because as they love God.

and



their repose in Him alone."

- Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. and we are sure you will provide

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so that, as in



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.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

Amen.





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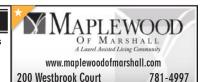
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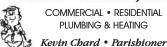
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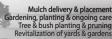
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