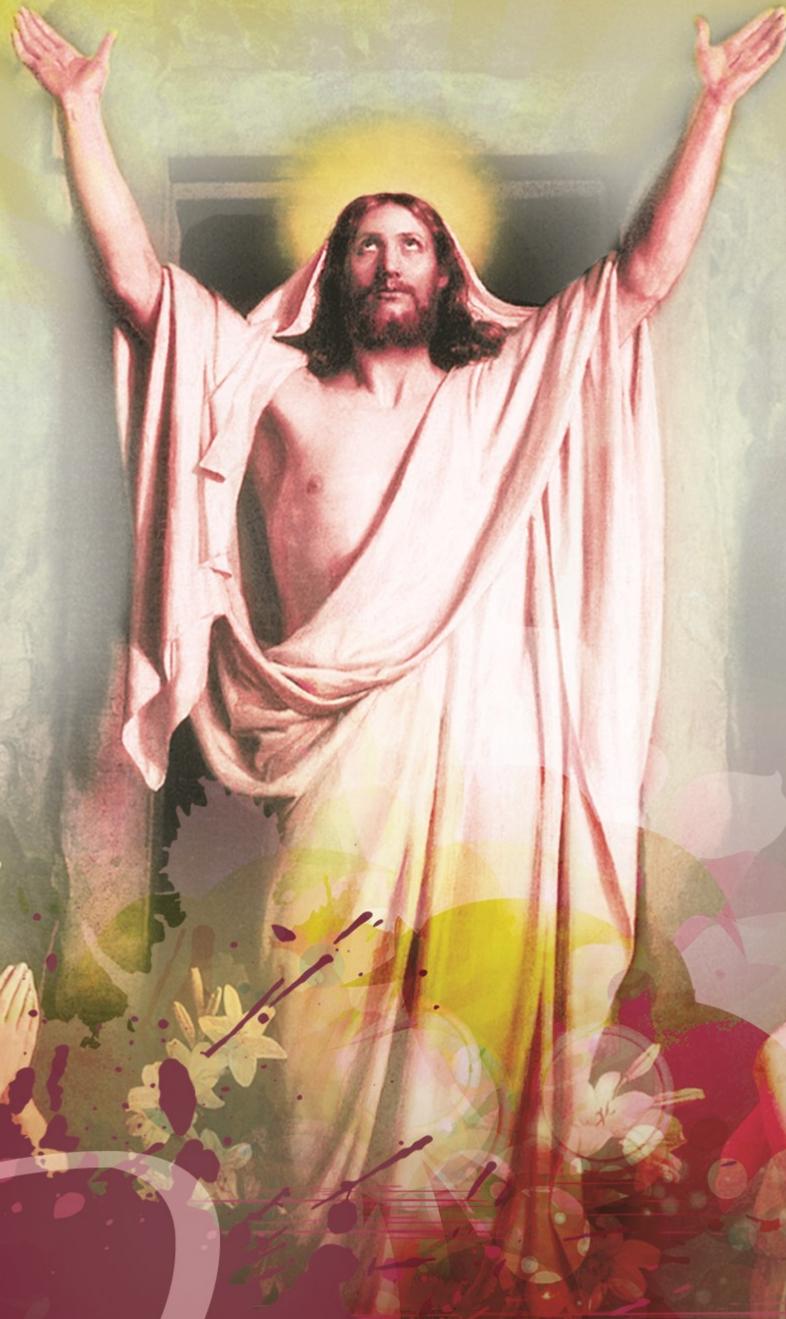


E A S T E R S U N D A Y



THE

*Resurrection*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

It was nice to see so many of you last Sunday as you received your palms. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, our important traditions must continue. We cannot lose faith in the God whose love and care for us allowed Him to sacrifice His Son on the cross of crucifixion. Jesus' love for us is total, unconditional and forever, a love so great it drove Him to give His life freely so that physical death would not be the end of our existence, but the entrance into eternal life. What an incredible gift God has given us and how truly blest we are! When you think of the magnitude of the universe, we are merely specks of dust in this universe God created, but He wants us to be with Him forever, for a very brief time in this world and forever in the next.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the darkness, foreboding and seemingly finality of death into the brilliant light of new life. We can see that new life all around us as the trees begin to bud (and the exploding pollen makes war on our sinuses!) and the tiny shoots of flowers begin to pierce the ground which eventually will result in a magnificent array of brilliant color and beauty. God will renew the 'face of earth' and will renew us. So it is imperative for us in this most difficult and challenging time never to lose hope in the God who is our rock, who loves us beyond description and measure, and will never leave us. "Do not be afraid," the angel Gabriel tells Mary, and on numerous occasions Jesus Himself in the Gospels repeats those strengthening and comforting words – "Do not be afraid." On the day of His Ascension into heaven, Jesus adds these words..."for I am with you always." God continues to hold us, His often irascible, difficult, disobedient children, in the "palm of (His) hands because of His great love.

Easter Sunday is the celebration of the great, simple, Gospel truth at the center of our faith. We can express it in one marvelously short sentence: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!* We have nothing to fear, not even suffering, pandemics and death. Jesus is here and invites us to share His life without end.

Easter Blessings  
Monsignor Pedone

## A LETTER FROM BISHOP McMANUS

Easter 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been called the "unseen enemy." The coronavirus has brought illness and death to the afflicted; fear, isolation and disruption to us all.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus' first followers saw the remedy for their fears. Days before, beginning with the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane and His Crucifixion on Calvary, they had experienced fear and seen death. Indeed, the threat of death caused not only fear but isolation and disruption as they ran from Jesus in the garden and nearly all abandoned Him at the Cross.

But on Easter Sunday He was there again, in their midst, back from the dead, bringing them together and reassuring them with His words, "peace be with you." Today he says the same to us. He is present to us. We do not see Him with our eyes. But with faith we know Him to be among us, risen and triumphant. He is the unseen ally, always present, always able to help us against all enemies, seen and unseen.

The presence of the coronavirus has and will shape our lives for a time. Even more so, may the presence of the Risen Christ at all times shape our lives, our outlook and our confidence.

Scientists work to develop a vaccine to prevent further infections of our bodies from viruses around us. We pray for those scientists and heed their sound advice. Jesus Christ is the complementary antidote for our souls to strengthen us spiritually against all the inevitable things in life that we face and fear - sickness, isolation, sin, uncertainty and even death.

While this is a very different Easter, in its essence it is the same. How we celebrate differs but what we celebrate and its meaning for us remain the same. May the Triumph of the Risen Christ give you and your loved one's peace, hope and confidence. I pray that God will protect you and your loved ones along with all who strive to maintain public health, order, and the necessities of life. May it be God's will that before this Easter Season is over, we will be through the worst of this pandemic so that we can gather again, stronger in faith, united in Christ, to give joyful thanks to God around the altar in the Eucharist.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND  
FIRST COMMUNION**

Our young people were initially scheduled to be confirmed on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, but with Governor Baker's prohibitions on public gatherings the Diocese has postponed the ceremony. We will let the students and their families know once we are notified by the Diocese.

Our First Communion ceremony will need to be postponed as well. We will keep families informed of when this can be rescheduled.

**THE CHURCH REMAINS OPEN DURING THE DAY. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO STOP IN TO PRAY AND TO VISIT AND SPEND A FEW MOMENTS WITH OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT REPOSED IN THE TABERNACLE.**

**HOLY WATER**

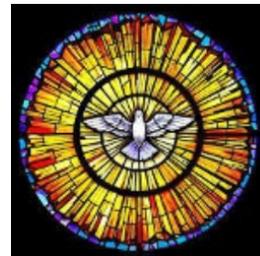
Bottles of Holy Water, blest on Holy Saturday, will be available Easter morning beginning at 10:00 am from in front of the parish center.

**A PRAYER IN TIME OF  
PANDEMIC**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Our Lady of Mt.  
Carmel and Our Lady of  
Loreto Parish  
PRAYER FOR PARISH  
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**



Lord God, You love us with everlasting love, and You choose us to share Your love with others. We ask that You rekindle in our hearts a new spirit of faith, of prayer and of reconciliation. Inspire us to search out and find ways of bringing one another closer to You. We pray for all who form our parish community, that we remain faithful to Your teaching, that we remain steadfast in our prayer, both personal and communal, that together with You and the Holy Spirit, our parish may be renewed and transformed. All this we ask in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**LINKS TO MASSES FROM THE CATHEDRAL**

Here are links to the streaming video of Masses at the Cathedral in English and Spanish.

VIMEO DAILY MASS-ENGLISH  
<https://vimeo.com/dioceseofworcester/dailymass>

VIMEO DAILY MASS-SPANISH  
<https://vimeo.com/398855105>

VIMEO SUNDAY MASS-ENGLISH  
<https://vimeo.com/150110122>

VIMEO SUNDAY MASS-SPANISH  
<https://vimeo.com/399648308>

Here are the livestream links: LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS-ENGLISH  
<https://livestream.com/dioceseofworcester/dailymass>

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS-SPANISH  
<https://livestream.com/dioceseofworcester/misa>

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASS-ENGLISH  
<https://livestream.com/dioceseofworcester/events/4318707>

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASS-SPANISH  
<https://livestream.com/dioceseofworcester/misadomingo>

**PRAY THE ROSARY !!!**

**Next Sunday, April 19 is  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



*Instead of counting sheep, talk to the Shepherd*

A Prayer for Easter

*'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ has burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun has risen;*

*All the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.*

*"Alleluia!" now we cry to our king immortal,  
Who, triumphant, burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising,  
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.*



St. John Damascene



*When Simon Peter arrived after him,  
He went into the tomb and saw the burial  
cloths there, and the cloth that had  
covered his head, not with the burial  
cloths but rolled up in a separate place.  
Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.*

John 20:6-8

*Msgr. Pedone,  
Deacon Gerry, Deacon Paul  
and the entire staff of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
and*

*Our Lady of Loreto Parish  
wish you a happy and blessed Easter.*

*On this high holy day of our liturgical year, we celebrate  
the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
God Bless us as we try to mold our lives and our parish  
to his message.*

Five Simple Rules to be Happy

Free your heart from hatred  
Free your mind from worries  
Live simply  
Give more  
Expect less

Financial Stewardship

For the week ending April 5, 2020

Income

Offertory:

Mail	\$5,378.00
On-Line Giving	574.80
Palm Sunday	382.00
Easter Flowers	255.00
Maintenance	192.00
Easter	167.00
Donations (Cash)	115.00
Fuel	105.00
Parking Revenue	95.00
Good Friday	95.00
Catholic Relief Services	25.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Latin America	5.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00

Total Offertory \$7,413.80

**A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS**

I am so grateful to the vast majority of you who are maintaining your donations to our parish. Without your great generosity we would have to cease all operations. We have been able to pay our regular employees, albeit at greatly reduced hours, and to pay our bills, such as withholding taxes, utilities, insurances, etc. May God continue to bless you for your goodness and kindness.

Monsignor Pedone

**PARTNERS IN  
CHARITY  
APPEAL**



"Envision Faith in Action"

Our goal this year remains the same \$50,000. at

You are invited to watch the Appeal Video at home at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net).

**There are several ways to give to this worthy cause:**

- \*Envelopes for your donations which were available last weekend, may be mailed directly to the Parish Center.
- \***Text giving:** Text the word: **donate to 84576.**
- \*Donations can also be made online at **partners-charity.net.**

As of March 25, 2020, we have received:

<u># of Gifts</u>	<u>Total</u>
43	\$16,355.



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11, 2020  
**The People of the Parish**

Sunday, April 12, 2020  
**Antonietta and Pietro D'Andrea** by Family

Monday, April 13, 2020  
**The Sick of the Parish**

Tuesday, April 14, 2020  
**Peter and Viola Griffin** by Family

Wednesday, April 15, 2020  
**Elda Sabatini** by daughter Ersilia Viapiano

Thursday, April 16, 2020  
**Nickie Sasso** (Birthday Remembrance) by Maria Gazzillo

Saturday, April 18, 2020  
**Camillo and Concetta Finocchi** by Daughter and Family  
**Charles D'Elia Sr.** (Anniversary) by Family

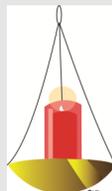
Sunday, April 19, 2020  
**Leonard Cariglia** by Family  
**Josie Lavarante** (25th Anniversary) by Carol Masoero  
**Peter and Claire Pecorelli** by Family  
**Joseph & Amelia Conte** by John and Family  
**Denise Pappas** (First Anniversary) by Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILLS, BEQUESTS AND UPON THE DEATH OF LOVED ONES FOR DONATIONS. MANY THANKS!**

**THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY LAMPS ARE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF:**

**Caryl Masiello**  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
 By Mary DiSilvestro

**John Lapomardo**  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
 By Family



**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Francis Caffone, Susan Stomski, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Carmella Szklarz, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank "Butch" Rano, Mary O'Connor, Christopher Colazzo, Paula Mari, Sim Simone, Cathy Coffey, Mildred Bassan, Vincent Pusateri, Sylvia Pusateri, Debbie Caffone, Joseph Ginkus, Philip Powers, Virginia Czubrynski, Karen Remian, Sandra Powers, Jennifer Bodinizzo, Martin Laine, Belinda Sahagun, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Maxwell Mitchell, Louis Naple, Sue Cozzolino, Carol Iaconi, Anthony DeAngelis, Anthony & Paul Locantore, Antoinetta Froio, Kelly Piscillo, Ann Servidio, Eleanor Gallo, Maria Dziczek, Joseph Vancelette, Vinny Tiscione, Adolfo Ortiz Jr., Madelyn Martin, Anthony Paldino, Ann Marie Verdolino, Christina Santley, Theresa Parretti, Marie Cherry, Emma Taubert, Francis Parretti, Charlene Swalec, Christopher Pace, Irene Bastardo, Lorrie Tufano and Riccardo & Silvia Cazzaniga. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

## PRAY THE ROSARY !!!

Our Church is closed but our Lenten Journey continues.....



The Daily Mass can be accessed on Emmanuel Radio seven days a week these easy ways:

1. Tune in at 8am daily on 1230AM, 970AM or 101.1FM on your radio dial
2. Stream the 8am Daily Mass live at <https://streamdb3web.securenetsystems.net/v5/1230WNEB>
3. Watch the Daily Mass on Facebook/1230AM Emmanuel Radio <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>

EWTN offers the Daily Mass, recitation of the rosary, stations of the cross, live streaming adoration and many other wonderful programs for young and old alike. Tune in and give it a try.

*Pray...Pray...Pray...*

**How about making a Cursillo weekend?**

Cursillo or “short course in Christianity”, involves organized talks, discussions, and witness presentations of the participants own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ. Weekends are held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT.

2020: **Women’s:** May 28-31  
October 22-25

2020: **Men’s:** September 10-13

For more information, Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871 or esantley@yahoo.com. Information on Cursillo as well as Applications are available in the vestibule if the church.

**CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING**

Ever consider Catholic homeschooling? In times like these, are you wondering if this may be your calling, but you have a lot of questions? Seeing problems in your children's learning now that they're home, but not sure how to address them? You may not know that Worcester county has a vibrant homeschooling community. There are many philosophies and strategies to fit all sorts of families, even yours. If you're interested but wondering what homeschooling would look like for you, feel free to call or email me with any questions. Alessandra 508-754-4588

**ON-LINE GIVING**

We would like to remind you that we currently offer Online Giving. We want to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want, whenever you want. Online Giving offers you the opportunity to make secure, automatic contributions from your bank account to our church. Online Giving costs you nothing and provides many advantages to you and the church:

**Benefits for You:**

- No check writing or ATM stops
- Safe, secure, and confidential transactions
- Use your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Change a gift or account anytime you like
- View your giving history anytime

**Benefits for the Church:**

- Reduces check processing fees
- Creates peace in knowing your data and auto-deposited gifts are secure
- Provides giving history for tax statements
- Reaches a wider demographic of givers

We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. To register for Online Giving, please visit the church website at mtcarmel.ws and click on the link for on-line giving or call Lisa at 508-753-5001.

One way to spread JOY is to put

Jesus first  
Others second  
You third



**SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS:**

**EASTER WORD SEARCH**

H K B U N O J V P S F B Z B M  
 J J W G H Q G U S G U U O W Y BASKET  
 R E S U R R E C T I O N M M V BONNET  
 D V L G U Z R L O F N N D U F BUNNY  
 I Y U L G P C B D E V Y Y A D CANDY  
 F J G Q Y E M M T K E D O Q Y DINNER  
 C Q R M B B T A J M E P T T M EGGS  
 H Q S E K S E L K D D P K B M EASTER  
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 F Q L Y A O A Y B S N A R V V LAMB  
 O R I A S P W E Y D L N J N M LILIES  
 G B L L K I C I Y S U S E J G PARADE  
 B O F R E N N I D D Z G A Q B RESURRECTION  
 P Z E C T Q J U S P R I N G M SPRING  
 SUNDAY

Watch the Daily and Sunday Mass online LIVE from Cathedral of St. Paul. To watch on **Spectrum (Charter)** tune in to **TV Channel 193 at 9 am on weekdays and 10 am and 6 pm on Sundays.**

