

# March 29, 2020

## Fifth Sunday in Lent



**MASS INTENTIONS, GREETERS, ALTAR SERVERS, MINISTERS OF THE WORD, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.**  
Please check back when Masses are set to resume

Sunday March 22, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish,

Once again, I thank you for the outpouring of so many cards, notes, letters, good wishes, and prayers that you sent me during my stay here at Guest House. The good news is that my time for treatment is beginning to wind down and it will not be long before I return to Middletown again. You have graciously supported me during this time that has been most difficult for all of you and I am deeply grateful.

Yet for now we are all dealing with a situation unprecedented in our lifetimes: almost complete closing down of so many important aspects of our day to day life. Chief among these is, in my view, the fact that we cannot hold any public Mass for the foreseeable future. This is especially hard as we come to the highlight of the liturgical year, the celebration of the Easter Triduum. This year, the celebration will be very, very different for all of us.

In the midst of this turmoil, I encourage you to remember that God has not abandoned us nor has he forsaken us. We must pray every day for the good of others, especially those who are most vulnerable to infection. We must also see how we can be of greater support to one another. Calling those who are homebound would be a great way of keeping close to one another. We can also make use of social technology. I applaud Father Anthony, Father James and Father Pio for seeking how to make Mass available over the Internet. Please contact the Priory Office to see how you can reach these daily Mass celebrations and bring them to your home.

I would also ask you to remember the needs of the parish at this time. One way that you can help us to pay all of our bills is to send your weekly contribution to the *WeShare* program by which your weekly contribution is sent directly on-line to the parish. A record is kept of each contribution so that a report can be given you at the end of the year for tax purposes. You can connect with *WeShare* by going to the website: [www.olmcmiddletown.org](http://www.olmcmiddletown.org) and scroll down to the *WeShare* link.

Please continue to hold one another in prayer before the Lord. Despite the importance of maintaining some distance from each person, we are also called by these times to show how we are united in the spirit of faith, hope and charity. By living these virtues, we allow the loving will of God to flow through us, bringing new life to the world.

Yours in Carmel  
Father Paul



### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*)  
Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*) Chase Bowen (*Navy*)  
Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)  
Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) David Nguyen (*Marines*)  
Anthony Pagano (*Navy*) Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)  
Carissa Tironi (*Army*) Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joanne Bach, Hank Bodendorf,  
Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C.,  
Eileen Carson, Barbara Ceriale, Charles Clark,  
Bob Cross, Brian Cross, Kevin Crowley, Nicole Dawson,  
Lucy D'Amato, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo,  
Kathleen Harris, Maggie Horne,  
Johanna Luciano, Diana Mulhair, Janet Murphy,  
Agnes Poole, Helen Ryan, Sadie, Bert Salerno,  
Frances Salewski, Pam Sibley, Chris Strobl, Katylynn Auer  
Weidel

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Rosella McKane, Regina Parthesius,  
Virginia Steinbeck, Robert Wise

In light of the continued concern surrounding the coronavirus, and the advice of medical experts, all Masses in the Archdiocese of New York Have been canceled.

A private Mass will be celebrated in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and will be available on many cable systems via the Catholic Faith Network and its website at [www.catholicfaithnetwork.org](http://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org), livestreamed on the Saint Patrick's Cathedral website at [www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live](http://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live), and broadcast on radio on The Catholic Channel of Sirius XM (Channel 129).

## LOOKING AHEAD

**FOOD PANTRY – 9:00 AM by appointment**  
(Every Saturday Unless Announced)

If you are in need of food, please call the church office to make an appointment.

Please Check in with us on facebook or our website <https://www.ourladyoftheassumptionchurch.org/> for updates on Masses and other events.



## Today's Scripture

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Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45 or  
John 11:3-7,17, 20-27, 33b-45

### We, too, share in the Resurrection of Jesus.

Death is not the end. God has power over death. The theme in our readings today is *resurrection*. If we allow the Spirit of Christ to direct us, we will share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Faith calls us to allow the Spirit, which dwells in us, to move us to live in holiness, so that we may share in the eternal life Christ won for us.



### Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

## Mass Attendance/Collection

Mass was Cancelled for March 21 & 22  
No Weekend Collection



### The Year of Vocations

"If only we were all on fire with love of God! If we were, we would preach love, proclaim love, and yet more love, until we had set the whole world on fire." ~ St. Joachim de Vedruna de Mas. We are not meant

to remain hidden in the world, but to be out in the opening making Christ known to all people. Is God calling you to grow in holiness as a Carmelite Friar? Contact the Vocation Office at 845-344-2225 or email: [vocations@carmelites.com](mailto:vocations@carmelites.com)

Our Helping Hands Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to help distribute food on Saturday mornings. If you can join a team to help once a month, or if you are able to be an occasional substitute, please call the parish office. Approximate food pantry hours are 8-10:30am.



FOOD PANTRY

Check out YOUR Church Website: [www.ourladyoftheassumptionchurch.org](http://www.ourladyoftheassumptionchurch.org)



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