

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**March 22, 2020**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. In today's Gospel, Jesus cures a man born blind, using mud and dirt as a sign of his healing. Even the most ordinary things in our family can be sources of healing and signs of God's presence if we open our eyes and use them for the sake of others.

IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF ALL PUBLIC MASSES AND CELEBRATIONS. Because of the fear of public contagion, on Monday, March 16th, the bishops of the State of Ohio issued the directive that no public Masses may be offered until after Easter. This means, that we will not be hosting the Cluster Mass at St. Mary's next Monday, March 23rd, nor will we have the Lenten Penance Service. There will also be no public Holy Week Services. This means no Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday procession, no Triduum Services, nor Stations of the Cross. It is recommended that our faithful pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy, the Divine Office, read the scriptures or any other devotions. Instead of attending Sunday Mass, watch Mass on the EWTN channel on your television or livestream Mass. More information will be forthcoming of how we will continue parish life under these circumstances. Pray fervently that this pandemic and any fear and panic it has created will soon pass with the help of Almighty God, who is the Divine Physician of body and soul.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS. Special envelopes for Easter flower offerings in memory of your loved ones are by all of the entrances of the church. Please take one for your use.

PRAYERS FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC. While the world struggles to cope with the coronavirus, why not lift up your prayers to God through the intercession of St. Roch who miraculously cured a plague in his day. St. Roch was born of a noble family, and according to tradition, he was born with a miraculous red cross on his chest. At age 20, he gave his entire fortune to the poor. In 1315 he assisted plague victims in several Italian cities, miraculously curing people with the sign of the cross. While helping the sick, he also contracted the disease. The saintly man, survived after being helped by a dog in the forest, who brought him food and licked his wounds. He was later mistaken for a spy and spent the rest of his life in prison. According to legend, an angel appeared in St. Roch's cell after his death and said that those who invoked his intercession would be cured of the plague.

PRAYER TO ST. ROCH: O blessed St. Roch, Patron of the Sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world that by the Sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer then to God our sighs and our tears and obtain for us that health we seek. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

**“The Lord is my Shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.”**

Last Sunday's Offering: \$2,883.00

Church Needs: \$200 in memory of Alice Poremba from the Ladra Family; \$50 in memory of Matthew Dolenc from Deacon Bob & Karen Lester; \$50 in memory of Matthew Dolenc from Richard & Elizabeth Kozan; \$20 in memory of Matt Dolenc from Edward Veider; \$200 in memory of Alice Poremba from son, Francis; \$150 in memory of Helen Jecic from Family

Church Pew & Floor Restoration: \$200 from Robert Quinn; \$200 in memory of Lojze & Mici Mohar from the Mohar Families; \$200 from Sonia Omahen; \$200 from Anton & Ivana Bozic; \$100 from M/M David Proboski; \$100 from Jože Tomc; \$200 from Thomas Strazar; \$200 from Bill & Diana Kozak; \$200 from Ioannis & Susan Giagtzoglou; \$250 from John Gorshe; \$200 from Chris & Joan Chermely

High School Scholarship Fund: \$100 anonymous

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT. Council met in the rectory on Tuesday, March 10th.

Comments about the Appreciation Dinner was positive and the Lenten Fish Fries are off to a good start.

Pew refurbishing is moving along, but Father expressed his disappointment with the work being done on the floors and that it is not up to his expectations. Hopefully, the people involved will be able to remedy this.

Karen Nemec has done some wonderful research into different software programs for registering parish contributions and other information. After reviewing the proposal, the cost and capabilities of the program, Council agreed with her recommendation to go with ParishSoft. Karen also generously volunteered to set up the program for our parish use.

Father Kumse shared with Council how one parish highlights students from the PSR Program in the weekly parish bulletin, and asked if we could start doing this in our bulletin, so that the parish may learn more about our talented young people. ToniJo Kozak agreed to pass on the information.

THE EFFECTS OF CORONA VIRUS ON PARISH LIFE.

As you know, all public Masses and devotions are cancelled until after Easter. However, we will be live-streaming Sunday Mass. Please keep in mind that we still need the financial support of our parishioners, so we encourage you to mail in your envelopes at regular intervals. The church will be open for prayer by the parking lot entrance near the priest's sacristy only.

During this time, all meetings and activities of the parish are cancelled. In case of funerals, the Funeral Mass is recommended to be limited to family members only (given the size of the church we could easily keep people separated from each other). It is recommended, that if possible, there be a committal service at the cemetery and a Memorial Mass at a later date.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are NOT permitted to take Communion to the sick for their good and the good of their families. It is recommended that we refrain from taking Communion to the homebound and visiting the sick unless absolutely necessary.

We encourage all of our parishioners to keep contact by phone with our homebound and elderly parishioners and those who are in nursing facilities, to offer prayers for them and with them.

Necessary precautions: wash hands thoroughly and often with soap and water, sanitize door handles and other surfaces with which there is frequent contact, drink plenty of fluid, get fresh air and sunshine, take Vitamin D and avoid crowds.



Masses for the Week of March 23-29, 2020

Monday:	(3/23) ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (Bishop)
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
Tuesday:	(3/24) ST. OSCAR ROMERO (Bishop & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Tillie Merkun (Altar Society)
Wednesday:	(3/25) THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
7:45 a.m.	Marija Krašovec (Frank Grčar)
Thursday:	(3/26) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Frances Vasle (Altar Society)
Friday:	(3/27) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Peggy Mochan (Bob & Joan Shenkel)
Saturday:	(3/28) LENTEN WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Jože Delost (Senka)
5:00 p.m.	Carmen Frederico (Geoffrey Frederico)
Sunday:	(3/29) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Drago Androjna (Frančiška Androjna & Family)
12:00 noon	Jože Juršič

Please Pray for Our Sick: Robert Klancher, Rev. William Jerse, Carol Kausek, Chris Chermely, Josephine Strle

POROČILO PASTORALNEGA SVETA, ki se je sestala v torek 10. marca v župnišču. Pripombe za Appreciation Dinner so bile pozitivne in Večerje z ribami so na dobrem začetku. Obnova klopi in tla gre naprej, toda g. Kumše je izrazil razočaranje na delo obnove na tleh, ki ni tega pričakoval. Upajmo, da tisti zapleteni v to bodo lahko popravili. Karen Nemeč je naredila dobro raziskavo na software programih za vknjiženje nedeljskih nabirk in drugih informacij. Po pregledu ponudbe, cene in sposobnosti programa je svet sprejel njeno priporočilo, da gredo z Parishsoft. Karen bo tudi prostovoljno namestila program za našo župnijsko uporabo. G.Kumše je delil s svetom dejstvo, kako ena župnija poudarja na študente verouka v nedeljskem Oznanilu in je vprašal če bi mi začeli to v našem Oznanilu, tako bo župnija znala več o naši nadarjeni mladini. Toni Jo Kozak je soglašala in bo podala informacije naprej.



DANES JE ČETRTRA POSTNA NEDELJA.

DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA. V današnjem Evangeliju, Jezus ozdravi moža, ki je bil slep od rojstva, ko je naredil blato, ki ga je rabil kot znak njegovega zdravljenja. Celo najbolj navadne stvari v naši družini morejo biti viri ozdravljenja in znaki Božje navzočnosti če mi odpremo naše oči in jih uporabimo za dobro drugih.

ODPOVEDANE SO TAKOJ VSE JAVNE MAŠE IN OBHAJANJA. Zaradi strahu za okuženost ljudi, so škofje v državi Ohio izdali odpoved, da se ne darujejo javne maše do časa po Veliki noči. To pomeni, da ne bo Postne maše Collinwoodskih župnij v ponedeljek 23. marca tukaj pri Mariji vnebovzeti in tudi ne bo Spokorne pobožnosti. Tudi pomeni, da ne bo obhajanja Velikega tedna, ne bo procesije na Cvetno nedeljo in na Veliko noč. Ne bo obhajanja Velikonočnega Tridnevja, ne Križevega pota. Svetujejo naj naši verniki molijo Rožni venec, Božjega usmiljenja ali druge pobožnosti namesto maše. Imeli bomo več informacij kako bomo nadaljevali župnijsko življenje v tem položaju. Goreče molimo, da ta pandemik in ves strah in panika ki povzroča bo kmalu prešlo s pomočjo vsemogočnega Boga, ki je božanski zdravnik telesa in duše.

MOLIMO ZA KONEC PANDEMIK Medtem ko se svet prebija s koronavirusom, zakaj ne bi povzdignili vaše molitve k Bogu po priprošnji Sv. Roka, ki je čudežno ozdravljaval kugo v njegovem času. Sv. Rok je bil rojen v plemiški družini in po izročilu je bil rojen s čudežnim rdečem križu na njegovih prsih. V starosti 20 let je on dal vse njegovo bogastvo ubogim, V letu 1315 je pomagal žrtvam kuge v več mestih Italije, jih čudežno ozdravljaval z znakom križa. Medtem ko je pomagal bolnikom se je tudi sam okužil s kugo. Sveti mož je preživel v gozdu, ko mu je pomagal pes, prinašal mu je hrano in lizal njegove rane. Potem je bil zmoten za špijona in je ostala leta bil v zaporu. Po legendi je, da se je angel prikazal v celici Sv. Roka po njegovi smrti in rekel, da vsak ki prosi njegovo priprošnjo bo ozdravljen.

MOLITEV K SV. ROKU. O blaženi Sv. Rok, patron bolnikov, imej usmiljenje do nas, ki ležimo v postelji trpljenja, Tvoja moč je bila velika ko si bil na tem svetu ko si z znakom križa ozdravljaval njihovo bolezen. Sedaj ko si v nebesih, tvoja moč ni nič manjša. Potem nudi Bogu naše vzdihne in solze ter prinesi nam ozdravljenje, ki ga prosimo po Kristusu našem Gospodu. Amen. Sv. Rok, prosi za nas, da bomo obvarovani vseh bolezni na duši in telesu.

VELIKONOČNO CVETJE V SPOMIN. Posebne kuverte za velikonočno cvetje v spomin vaših rajnih za okrasitev cerkve za Veliko nočne praznike, so pri vseh vhodih v cerkev. Prosimo, vzemite eno.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
GOSPOD JE MOJ PASTIR, NIČ MI NE MANJKA.**