

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

### ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

Pastor: Fr Andrzej Boroch

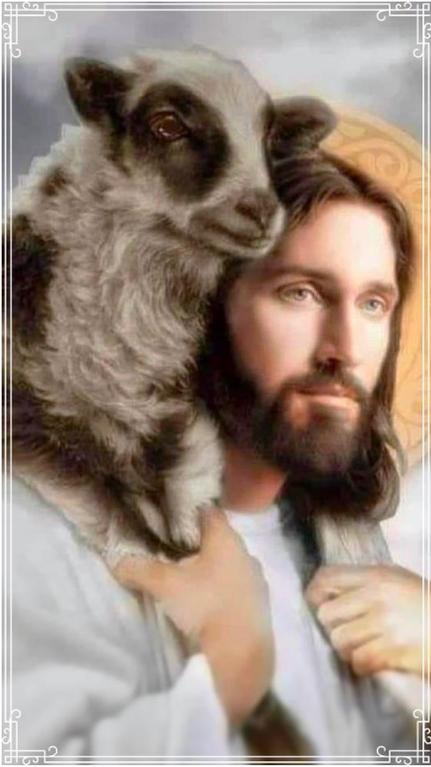


*"So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate." – John 10:7-9*

#### *St Paul the Apostle Mission Statement*

We the Parish of St Paul the Apostle, including the churches of St Martin de Porres and St Paul the Apostle as Disciples of Jesus Christ, accept the call of our Savior, to proclaim God's Word, through worship, prayers, and actions in our respective communities. We take seriously the responsibility of God's call to serve others, live out His word and support His church here on earth.

<b>St. Paul the Apostle Church</b>	<b>St Martin de Porres Church</b>
121 N Union St Ithaca, MI 48847	4101 W Cleveland Rd Perrinton, MI 48871
<b>Mass Schedule:</b> Wednesday: 6 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. (Adoration follows until 8:00 p.m.) Saturday: 6 p.m. (5 p.m. Confession) Sunday: 11 a.m.	<b>Mass Schedule:</b> Friday: 9 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m.
<b>Office Hours:</b>	<b>Contact Us:</b>
Monday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. * Thursday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Phone (989) 875-2852 Fax (989) 875-7027 E-mail stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com Website <a href="https://stpaulparishmi.org/">https://stpaulparishmi.org/</a>
<i>* Please submit announcements by 12 p.m. on Wednesday. Thank you!</i>	
<b>For Adult/Child Sacrament Initiation:</b> - Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist -	Josh Mikulka (989) 436-3119 Sarah Mikulka (989) 576-3114



Dear Friends,

Maybe we come back slowly to celebrate Holy Mass together after May 15. These days re-opening and returning to normal are on our minds. When can we go back to our lives? What will the normal look like? Will it be really normal? These are the questions that captivate not only the average citizen but also those in power. If these days of stay-home order have been so unsettling and unfamiliar, the “normal” seems to be a bigger unknown.

We should return not to what we were, but rather to what we should have been. We like the familiar. The unknown unsettles us. We hope and pray that we can return some day to the way we used to live. The challenge for us is to return to a different normal, a normal that we can make happen.

This time has been a time for family. The majority of us have been forced to spend time with our families. Even though at first some of us might not have liked it, eventually we learned to cherish our time together. We have begun to understand how precious this time together has been.

This time has been a time for God and faith. Many parishioners let me know how much they appreciate online Masses and prayers, however most of you are missing our Sunday Masses at St. Paul Church and St. Martin Church. You missed very much your community, people with whom you worship God each week through Holy Mass.

People continue to find ways to encounter Jesus even though they miss receiving the Eucharist and cannot wait for the day when they can actually receive Holy Communion. Many individuals are reading the Sacred Scriptures and spending time in personal prayer. Families are gathering together to pray the Rosary. If we can devote time to God and the development of our faith during this difficult time, why can't we make God our priority all through the year.

So here is our challenge. Do we want to return to the way we were? Or, do we want to enter a future that is much better? Are we ready to fashion a world as it was always intended to be – more loving, more caring, making room for God and faith, and holding on to things that really matter. “We should return not to what we were, but rather to what we should have been.”

Jesus is telling us” I am good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.”

Do we know our Shepherd- Jesus Christ? Did we use this difficult time to be closer to Him, to know Him and to love him more?

“I am the gate for the sheep.” I am only true way to the Father! ‘Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Jesus Good Shepherd please lead us again to good pasture, to the table of Holy Eucharist. Please open the doors of our churches and feed us again!!!

Love and prayers,  
Fr. Andrzej

*“To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.”*

*-Thessalonians 2:14-15 (ESV)*

### LITURGY SCHEDULE: ALL MASSES CANCELLED

#### MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions will be offered during Fr. Andrzej's daily private Masses. If you would like to reschedule a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office.

#### PRAYER

If you would like time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

#### WATCH MASS ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Mon-Sat: 8 AM | Sun: 10 AM | [Visit Site](#)

**SAT**                      **MAY 9**

*Mass intentions for + Alice Gavenda*

**SUN**                      **MAY 10**    **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Mass intentions for + Walter Lewanski*

*Please come and spend an hour with the LORD.*

### ST PAUL'S ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 9	SUNDAY, MAY 10
<b>LECTORS</b>	
Ann Franich	Adam Chapko Josh Mikulka
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	
Elizabeth Casnovsky Mary Bowen Joyce Raducha	Dennis Pavlica Tony Huntoon Paul Hornak
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	
TBA	Jack Raducha Mark Barrows
<b>USHERS</b>	
Pat Lamey John Franich	Chuck Wieferich Brad Harkness Rich Ramereiz Al Ramereiz

### ST MARTIN'S ASSIGNMENTS

<b>LECTORS</b>	Mel Wieber
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Linda Daniels Paul & Andrea Goerge
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Parker Hungerford Rylan Huyck
<b>USHERS</b>	Daryl Trefil Larry Blair

### **UNIFORMITY WITH GOD'S WILL**

BY ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI

*Translated by Thomas W. Tobin, C.S.S.R.*

**6. Spiritual Desolation (continued).**

Lastly, we should unite ourselves to the will of God as regards our degree of grace and glory. True, we should esteem the things that make for the glory of God, but we should show the greatest esteem for those that concern the will of God. We should desire to love God more than the seraphs, but not to a degree higher than God has destined for us. St. John of Avila says: "I believe every saint has had the desire to be higher in grace than he actually was. However, despite this, their serenity of soul always remained unruffled. Their desire for a greater degree of grace sprang not from a consideration of their own good, but of God's. They were content with the degree of grace God had meted out for them, though actually God had given them less. They considered it a greater sign of true love of God to be content with what God had given them, than to desire to have received more."

This means, as Rodriguez explains it, we should be diligent in striving to become perfect, so that tepidity and laziness may not serve as excuses for some to say: "God must help me; I can do only so much for myself." Nevertheless, when we do fall into some fault, we should not lose our peace of soul and union with the will of God, which permits our fall; nor should we lose our courage. Let us rise at once from this fall, penitently humbling ourselves and by seeking greater help from God, let us continue to march resolutely on the highway of the spiritual life. Likewise, we may well desire to be among the seraphs in heaven, not for our own glory, but for God's, and to love him more; still we should be resigned to his will and be content with that degree of glory which in his mercy he has set for us.

It would be a serious defect to desire the gifts of supernatural prayer—specifically, ecstasies, visions and revelations. The masters of the spiritual life say that souls thus favored by God, should ask him to take them away so that they may love him out of pure faith—a way of greater security. Many have come to perfection without these supernatural gifts; the only virtues worth-while are those that draw the soul to holiness of life, namely, the virtue of uniformity with God's holy will. If God does not wish to raise us to the heights of perfection and glory, let us unite ourselves in all things to his holy will, asking him in his mercy, to grant us our soul's salvation. If we act in this manner, the reward will not be slight which we shall receive from the hands of God who loves above all others, souls resigned to his holy will.

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT  
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**

**ST PAUL PARISH ~ To Be Counted ~**

**CSA 2019-20 as of March 30, 2020**

Total Pledged: \$20,435.00      Total Paid: \$20,435.00  
Pledged & Unpaid: \$0.00      Target: \$34,072.69

**Our parish needs: \$13,637.69**

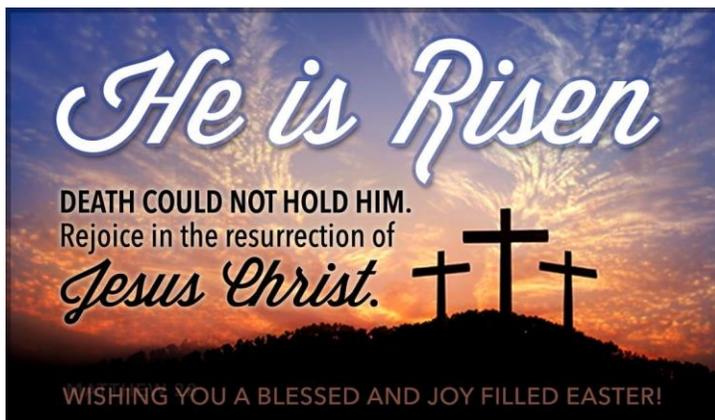
**Thank you all for your tithes, pledges and payments!**

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Tina Abell	Linda Palmer	Mary Ellen Pitkowski
Kevin Leonard	Keith Peters	Mike Bowen
Ethel Thomas	Tom Keiffer	Florence LaVoy
Holly Holland	Joan Abell	Josephine McCliggott
Shirley Czape	Betty St Pierre	Julie Ahern Saunders
Gloria Abell	Gordon Gladden	Sue Bowen-Harteg
Don Williams	Karen Barrows	Ron Zyzelewski
Jeff Watson	Emily Sanchez	Willie LaFreniere
Don Macha	Terri Grierson	Mary Narodowicz
Vincent Strouse	Tony Huntoon	Judy Wischmeyer
Anna Sanchez	Jonathan Fenner	Stephen Zamarron

*Remember those who have no one to pray for them, and also the men and women who are serving in the military.*

**2 WEEKS AFTER WE BEGIN SERVICES AGAIN,** the "Pray for the Sick" List (left) will be starting over from scratch. Please contact the office with any names that you would like to add to the NEW Sick List, even if they are already listed. Thank you.



**Scripture Readings for the Week (5/4-5/10)**

<u>M</u>	Acts 11:1-18	Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4	John 10:11-18
<u>TU</u>	Acts 11:19-26	Ps 87:1b-7	John 10:22-30
<u>W</u>	Acts 12:24-13:5a	Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8	John 12:44-50
<u>TH</u>	Acts 13:13-25	Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27	John 13:16-20
<u>FR</u>	Acts 13:26-33	Ps 2:6-11ab	John 14:1-6
<u>ST</u>	Acts 13:44-52	Ps 98:1-4	John 14:7-14
<u>SN</u>	Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9	Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19	John 14:1-12

**-----CANCELLATIONS-----**

**ST PAUL MASSES**

All public Masses and services throughout the week have been cancelled.

**SERVICES & SACRAMENTS AVAILABLE**

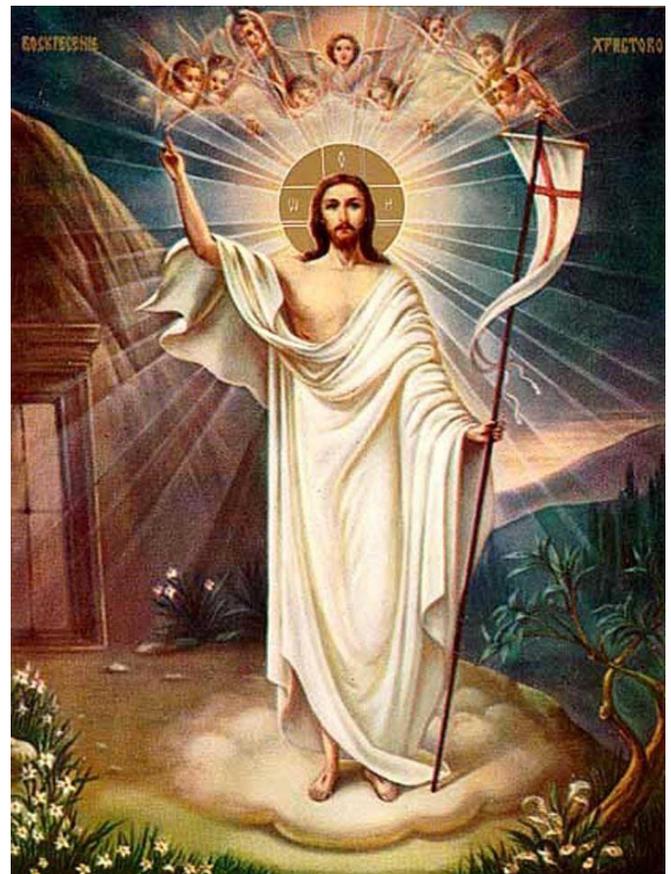
If you need access, contact Mary Weeber at (510) 676-9137: Sacrament of Penance & of Anointing of the Sick | Funerals  
Katherine Vojtas has moved to hospice care.

**PRAYERS & READINGS AVAILABLE**

Lenten prayers are available on our website [stpaulparishmi.org](http://stpaulparishmi.org) under "Bulletins" so that you can pray at home.  
Spiritual Reading sites are available on [Parish Update page](#).

**EASTER BOOKS AVAILABLE IN VESTIBULE – CALL MARY WEEBER TO RECEIVE BOOKS (510) 676-9137**

**BULLETIN MEMORIALS| \$50 EA. NOW DUE MAY 1, 2020**



**ALTERED OFFICE HOURS | Mon – Thurs: 2pm – 3pm**

Please contact Mary Weeber with any concerns:

(510) 676-9137 cell (can text or leave voicemail)  
[stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com)

Calls and e-mails will be checked periodically every day of the week. Please do not hesitate to call/e-mail!

**←-----READ DAILY READINGS HERE: LINK**  
*Links for each day are also provided*



***In loving memory of those who remain  
forever present in our hearts.....***

In loving memory of JOHN HARUSKA & HARUSKA FAMILY MEMBERS

In memory of ANTON & ANNA SMOLKA, HELEN (SMOLKA) STRATTON, ANDREW, JOSEPH, AND TONY SMOLKA

In memory of JOSEPH & ROSE STEHLIK & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STEHLIK & BARTA FAMILIES

In loving memory of LOUIS, BERTHA, & DONOVAN DZIURKA, BALWINSKI & NETZLEY FAMILIES & FRIENDS

In loving memory of LAMEY, WAGNER & DAMASKO FAMILIES

In loving memory of RAYNOLD & RITA MILLER & BETTIE HILLABRANDT

In loving memory of BURTIS BLAIR, LOUIS & MARY KUPRES

In loving memory of the members of THE BOWEN, DIONISE, FORTINO & TOWN FAMILIES

In loving memory of EDWIN R OLSZEWSKI & GRANDSON MARK GREENING

In loving memory of GAVENDA, CASNOVSKY & SPIECE FAMILIES

In loving memory of JOHN, JOHANNA, & JAMES RADUCHA

In loving memory of THOMAS, ANGELA, & JEROME SAGER and DONNA & JERRY HICKEY

In loving memory of TOM ZAMARRON AND SONS, TOM & LARRY, ARTHUR & CLARA ST PIERRE,

AMELIA & TRINIDAD ZAMARRON & SZYBOWICZ FAMILY

In loving memory of MARY SNIDER & SON AUGUST SNIDER

In loving memory of GEORGE & MARTHAJEAN FRANICH, RONALD & MARY LOCKE

In loving memory of JOSEPH & PHYLLIS TREFIL, DEANNA TREFIL

In loving memory of LOUISE (LOU) GOOSEN, LOUIS & ROSE GOOSEN, ART & BETTY KLEIN

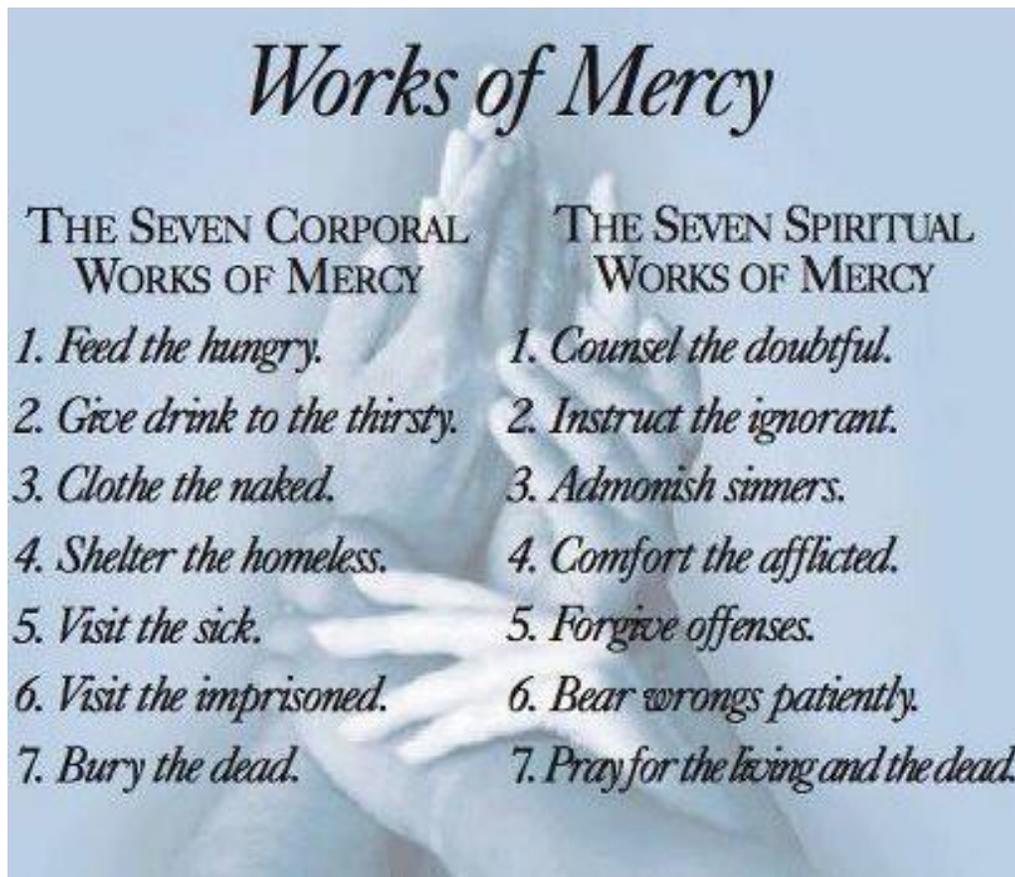
In loving memory of ROBERT A KRISTIN

In memory of BILL (SONY) LAFRENIERE

In memory of BETTY FINCH

In loving memory of GEORGE VOJTAS

# CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY



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Version 3: [link](#)

Version 4: [link](#)

Version 5: [link](#)

Franciscan Friars: [link](#)

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Chant 2: [link](#)

Chant 3: [link](#)

Song 2 Version 1: [link](#)

Song 2 Version 2: [link](#)

Song 3: [link](#)

Matt Maher: [link](#)