MAY 3, 2020 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them.
--John 10:3

WEEKEND MASSES (Suspended until further notice)
Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. (anticipated), Sunday: 7:45, 9:30, 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Hello all! I hope you are staying safe, well, and sane during this continued shelter-in-place order and our social distancing. Taking long walks has become a part of my routine for staying physically healthy and mentally strong. There is so much beauty and peace that I discover on my walks: the sidewalk art, signs in many homes reminding us we are strong together, and the budding trees and blooming flowers -- such simple signs of hope and new life. Sometimes, I take shorter walks and do that two or three times a day as needed for my well-being.

There is so much in the news that has created for a world that scares us, especially as we fear for our own well-being and that of our families, neighborhoods, country, and even our planet these days. Through all our uncertainty and fear about what the future will bring, we strive to continue to do the right things to keep ourselves and others safe. Washing our hands, wearing a mask when out in public and in the stores, and our social distancing are all the right things that can help us stay healthy and move past the pandemic. It boggles my mind when some argue that these restrictions are infringing on their rights. We all have a right to live and be safe. These inconveniences are really, as I see it, a way of ensuring the most important for all: to live and be healthy and “free” from this enemy, the corona virus. Many see it differently. Either way, the point of this corner is how we face our fears. When we look back on occasions when we might have been afraid but found the courage to do what is right, let’s think about how good that felt. On the flip side, can you recall anytime you may have felt weak and embarrassed, when you let fear prevail? I know for myself, I always feel better about having tried and failed than I do about times when I was afraid to try.

These are scary and uncertain times. We need courage and strength to do the difficult but the right things to keep ourselves and those around us as safe as we possibly can. I don’t have answers for why this is all happening, but I feel I can say, in faith, that one thing we can learn is HOPE AND COURAGE are the will of God for us during these challenging days. Friends, often when things are darkest and most tumultuous, when the sudden unexpected gale threatens to sink our boat, let’s not forget that Jesus is in the boat with us. It was just four short months ago we celebrated Emmanuel, GOD WITH US. Maybe this is a good time to look back and sing some Christmas carols!

Thank you to all who continue to support the parish through financial donations, those filling our bins with food for our neighbors in need, and to all who have tied the many heartfelt prayer ribbons on the trees in our courtyard. God bless!

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

Parish Donation Options available through GiveCentral

Again, a heartfelt thank you to all who use GiveCentral or have mailed in or dropped off their Sunday Offertory and Easter donations. During these challenging times, we still need and count on your support. For others, now may be the time to consider using GiveCentral, our online giving option. Sign-up is easy; visit www.stgilesparish.org and click on the blue “givecentral online giving” box on our home page. Then simply follow the detailed, but easy, instructions and link. Or you are now able to text a donation to St. Giles! GiveCentral has set-up a text-to-give number 708-258-1063. Simply text, Donate, to make or set-up Sunday Offertory giving. Text, Easter, to make a special Easter gift. It’s a great way to ensure your donation is received even when you cannot attend Mass, allowing St. Giles consistent cash flow to pay bills and plan for the future. For questions or assistance, contact Sharon in the Parish Office at 708-383-3430, ext. 420 or sbresnahan@stgilesparish.org.

2020 Saint Giles Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

OPEN MEETING DATES: 5/11, 6/8, and 8/18

START TIME & LOCATION: 7:30 p.m., 3rd floor Parish Center, 1025 Columbian

PPC HOME PAGE URL: http://www.stgilesparish.org/pastoral-council/

CHAIR: Jim Gates CONTACT: jgates939@gmail.com VICE CHAIR: Maudette Carr

MEMBERS: Pat Carew, Marci Madary, Kathleen Mullaney, Margaret Murphy, Alex Ryan, Maria Samatas, and Ed Siderewicz
We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Mary Pat Baubly, Marty Blake, Tim Bock, Jan Brent, Erva Bruno, Deirdre Buckingham, Luciana Butera, David Campbell, Angela Cary, Paul Chan, Drew Christien, Tony Cocco, Thomas Coleman, Anthony Costa, Ann Cyr, Daniel DeMart, Donna DiGilio, Andrea Dickson, Nancy Abram Donaldson, Paul Frauenfelder, Baby Colette Funke, Mary Jane Gage, Vicky Gallermo, Jim Gibson, Laura Gruber, Mary Frances Hegarty, Deacon John Henricks, Paul Hoffman, Annette Hulefeld, Frank Hulefeld, Karl Humowiecki, Tim Kenny, Helen Kiefer, Jason Kuntz, Dorothy Lane, Ann Mackin, Angela Madden, Mary Mamolella, Giuliana Mason, Patricia McDonald, Kathy Nardi, Sister Louise Noesen, Mary Kay Olson, Anne O’Neill, Colin O’Shea, Amelia Patterson, Owen Petzelka, Bob Quane, Joanne Quane, William Rios, Jr., Fr. Ed Salmon, Charles Serpe, Catherine Shilaga, Pat Sikorski, Marianne Tagler, Frank Trankina, Mary Ann Trankina, Kathy Varner, Wendell and Shirley Venerable, Nancy Wesclitz, Deacon Gerry Zych, Norman Zych.

(Some names have been removed from our listing in the Arrow but are continuing to be prayed for through the Prayer Circle. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Erva Bruno, sister of Ozzie Bruno; John Comparini, brother of Marilyn Fitzmaurice; Dolores Lombardo; and James McNamara, father of John McNamara.

PRAYING FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Lord, bless ALL the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Keep them safe, especially those in harm’s way.

Thank you for your service to our country:

CPO. Christopher Angarita – U.S. Navy Seal
COL. Jason Brown – U.S. Air Force
CWO3 Michael Camacho - U.S. Marine Corps.
CPT. Alicia T. Delia – U.S. Air Force
2LT. Dylan James Fischer—U.S. Marine Corps.
1LT. Brian Greischar – U.S. Coast Guard
1LT Jeremy Gruszka – U.S. Air Force
3rd Class Cadet Kyle Gruszka – U.S. Air Force
Airman 1st Class Jennifer Ann Healy - U.S. Air Force
CPL. Andrew Lofgren - U.S. Marine Corps.
TSGT. Tabatha Lugo - U.S. Air Force
TSGT. Alfredo Lugo - U.S. Air Force
MAJ. Michael Manning - U.S. Marine Corps.
SSGT. Sean Murphy – U.S. Marine Corps.
1LT Caroline O’Brien Lorenzini - U.S. Army
CPL. Maximilian Pentell - U.S. Marine Corps.
2LT. Gino Riccardo Pintore - U.S. Army
Spec 4 Thomas Treslo, U.S. Army
4th Class Cadet George Valaika - U.S. Air Force
LTJG. Devon D. Zych – U.S. Coast Guard

If you have a relative or friend stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan or at one of our military bases in the United States, please send the name and rank of the military person, and the branch of service, to the attention of the Parish Center.
Social Justice

Creation Care Corner

Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis’ transformational encyclical, Laudato Si’.

“Care for Creation” and Laudato Si’ (Part I)

■ The Pope’s encyclical, Laudato Si’, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching.
■ Francis, like his thirteenth-century namesake, calls the earth our “common home”, which is like our sister.
■ But we are damaging this familial relationship as we seriously degrade the environment. In so doing, we are damaging our relationship with other humans, particularly those least equipped to adjust to the changing environment: the poor and future generations.
■ The Pope encourages people to examine and change their lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, greater simplicity and less focus on material things.
■ Francis extends an “urgent challenge to protect our common home ... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.”
■ By taking personal action and reducing excessive consumption and waste in our lives, we can meet our obligation to reduce our impact on the environment while creating a sustainable future for generations to follow.

We are grateful to those who responded to Fr. Carl’s message last week calling us to continue to provide for our local food pantries. Over the first four days of our new way of collecting donations, we gathered enough to make a much-needed delivery to St. Martin DePorres Food Pantry. One of our new volunteer drivers, Terry Grady, collected the food from the Parish Center and made the delivery to St. Martin DePorres.

Thank you for all your support!

The need for donations continues! Three of the five food pantries that we have regularly contributed to are still accepting donations: St. Martin DePorres, Vital Bridges, and Santa Maria Addolorata. In addition, the Catholic Charities food pantry in Cicero has also reached out to us requesting help.

Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable dry goods and paper products to the covered bins located at the back door on the north side of the Parish Center at 1025 Columbian. St. Giles staff members are regularly emptying the bins and bringing the donations inside to prepare them for pick-up, contacting the willing and able volunteer drivers when a delivery is ready.

Items that are needed:
Canned fruits and vegetables,
Canned or dried beans,
Mac-n-cheese, Rice, or Pasta,
Oatmeal and breakfast cereals,
Canned tuna, chicken or other meats/fish,
Canned soups, stews or chili,
Toilet paper and paper towels,
Peanut butter,
Powdered milk,
Personal care products such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant or shampoo.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

— 1 Peter 2:24a