

Collection Total for March 15, 2020

Envelopes: \$1746.00
Loose: \$161.00
Total: \$1907.00

Weekly Amount Needed: \$1,400.00

Building Fund Donations: \$137.00 (5)
Easter Flower Donations: \$65.00 (3)

March Bulletins: Bartley A. Zuber Attorney at Law

March Missalettes: Rita Damm

To stay connected to our masses and prayer...here are some resources for you to use:

Televised Masses

CatholicTV:

<http://catholicTV.org/masses/notre-dame-mass>
Live Mass from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame's campus in South Bend,
10:00 AM ET every Sunday

9:30 AM ET Monday-Friday

St. Patrick's Cathedral:

<https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>

Live Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

10:15 AM ET every Sunday

CatholicTV:

<http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass>
8:00 AM, 5:30 PM, 10:00 PM ET every Sunday

San Fernando Cathedral:

<http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass>
Live from San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, Texas.

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM every Sunday

- Prayer Resources -

Liturgy of the Hours:

<http://www.universalis.com/-700/today.htm>

Find morning, daytime, evening and night prayers online.

Pray the Rosary:

<http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass>

Pray along with videos for all of the mysteries of the Rosary.

AROUND OUR PARISHES

ALL PARISH MEETINGS, RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*Contributions to the Parish

If you are attending Sunday Mass in any of our Four Partnership Churches: St. Joseph-Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, Holy Cross-Wendelin, or St. Lawrence, please use your contribution envelopes. Your contribution will be credited to the parish stated on the envelope.

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting **stjoeholycross to 84576** to get connected.

PARISH NEWS:

Bulletin News: Deadline Wednesday 3:00PM

Parish Office Hours: Hours for public are limited to necessity only. Please call first.

Due to cold and flu season, distribution of the Blood of Christ will be suspended.

2020 Stringtown Picnic Info

The picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, July 19th, 2020.**

Noodle Day is scheduled for 8 AM on **Saturday, April 25th, 2020** at the Stringtown Parish Center. A signup sheet will be in the back of church for eggs, flour, and noodle machines.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact one of the picnic committee members. Austin Zwilling: 618-562-1994, Kenzie Zwilling: 618-843-8846, Anthony Sager: 618-838-3450, Emma Boehl: 618-843-8764, Nick Foerster: 618-843-6478, Rachel Foerster: 618-843-8619

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners +JOYS+

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Our days are unprecedented and filled with many emotions. The numerous news stories, and constant updates might leave one unsettled. Our Gracious God gave us the anecdote long ago, we sadly, miss it, excuse it, or might even think it doesn't apply to me directly. The light of the world is HERE, and as long as we follow that Light of LOVE, there is no room for fear! Let us truly be and live what we profess, and claim to do with every Our Father we utter, Hail Mary, and Act of Contrition. Say you're sorry, forgive, extend compassion, share and embrace one another (spiritually) in brotherly and sisterly love! Let us FIGHT this battle with peace

and love! May the Light of the World radiate brighter from each and every one of us! Be Kind - Be Loving - Be Not Afraid! Pray- Pray - Pray! God Bless you and Mama keep us all wrapped tightly in her mantle of Love. Keep to the J.O.Y.S

From Fr. Mark:

Jesus Christ never promised it would be easy to follow him. In fact, just the opposite. He said the path would be narrow, that he was sending us out like sheep among wolves.

The first Christians took this teaching to heart. "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they would say.

As we are facing uncertainties, threats and a change of lifestyle being forced upon us by Covid 19, let us turn to the virtue of fortitude. This moral virtue that strengthens our souls so that we are capable of meeting our fears, overcoming our weariness, and making the sacrifices that must be made for us to carry out our Christian duties in the face of hardships and opposition.

Having fortitude does not mean that we have no fear. It is natural to be afraid when we are threatened with injury or evil, or "lesser" fears like the fear of being embarrassed or humiliated or losing our livelihoods or professional standing. Fortitude does not take away these fears, but fortitude helps us not to be ruled by fear — not to allow fear to cause us to do something wrong or to prevent us from doing what is right.

Through fortitude we can resist temptations and overcome our fears, and we can have the courage to seek God's will before all else.

We exercise fortitude by an act of the will. We may not think we have the strength. And that is absolutely true, we do not. To practice fortitude means we need humility, knowing that our strength lies in the Lord. Without him we can do nothing. But through his grace, he will empower us with the strength for everything.

Jesus is our model in fortitude as he is in every other virtue. In his humanity he suffered agonizing fear in the Garden of Gethsemane, but he offered himself to God: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; but not my will, but yours be done."

Following our Lord's example of fortitude means that when we face struggles and trials, we need to ask God for his grace and we need to make up our minds to do what is right, despite our fears.

To grow in this virtue, the spiritual masters encourage us to reflect often on Jesus' passion and on the sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These give us concrete examples and inspiration to draw from as we try to stay firm and resolved in seeking God's will.

We grow in fortitude through practicing self-denial and learning to accept the little irritations, inconveniences, and sufferings we are experiencing these days, from aches and pains, to sickness and discomforts, to not finding those items in the store that we are expecting to purchase.

God wants to purify and strengthen us through these experiences, so we need to pray for the grace to receive these little trials without complaining or bitterness.

We need to pray every day that God will increase our courage and help us to be courageous in his service, especially when things are hard. If we do, in time, we can know what the saints know: that God's grace is sufficient for us in our weakness, and that we can conquer through Jesus who loves us.



Remember in our prayers . . .

Kim Dallmier, Marcia (Hahn) Zanellato, Bob Dallmier, Rita Damm, Harold Zuber, Lori Wehrheim

SUNDAY MARCH 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 22

**THE AVAILABILITY OF MASSES TO
THE PUBLIC IS CONSTANTLY
CHANGING. WE WILL DO OUR BEST
TO GET THE WORD OUT**

Saturday, 03/21 at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, 03/22 at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For
Brenda Kocher"**

at Holy Cross-Wendelin

at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

at St. Joseph-Olney

Monday, 03/23 at St. Joseph-Olney

**Tuesday 03/24 at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For
Fr. Gerald Heckenberger"**

Wednesday 03/25 St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, 03/26 at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, 03/27 8:00am at St. Lawrence-
Lawrenceville

8:00am at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, 03/28 at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

5:00pm at St. Joseph-Olney

**Sunday, 03/29 at St. Joseph-Stringtown "For
John Ochs"**

at Holy Cross-Wendelin

at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

at St. Joseph-Olney

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