

**March 29, 2020**

## **THOUGHTS FROM FR. G**

As we continue to deal with the efforts to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus, we are finding new ways to be Church. Instead of gathering in our beautiful church, we need to worship in our "home church". And I think it would be helpful if every home could have a focal point to help us. By that I mean a place where you can go and be reminded of God's presence. Perhaps a table-top or corner where you can place a crucifix, bible, statue, rosary or any other religious article that will help you be aware that God is with you. It is also helpful to set some time aside each day to concentrate on your relationship with God. Read the bible, pray the rosary, talk to God about your life and, most importantly, listen. This "sacred space" can be a wonderful aid to help get through this time of isolation from the rest of the faith community.

I also encourage you, if you have an internet connection, to make use of social media to lift your spirit. Our parish webpage contains a link to my daily video reflection on the Gospel, and a link to the Sunday Mass I celebrate. Facebook can be a very good means to stay connected. If you are not on Facebook, it is not difficult to set-up an account. You can control what you see, and can follow our parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE](http://www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE)). I have also posted a virtual recitation of the rosary with images from the stained-glass windows in our church. expect to do the same this week with the Stations of the Cross.

The restrictions during this time mean that we are not able to celebrate a Funeral Mass for those who die. We will pray the Rite of Committal at the cemetery now and we can schedule a Memorial Mass after the crisis passes and our churches reopen. This is, I know, a great sadness for the families but unfortunately, we have no choice. Our sacrifices this Lent are many!

On March 19 I sent out an email to all parishioners who have an email address in our database. If you did not receive one, that means we either do not have one for you or have an incorrect one in the database. Even if you have sent emails to the office before, that does not automatically place it in our database. If you did not receive this email letter from me, please contact the office ([parishoffice@OLLSeaford.org](mailto:parishoffice@OLLSeaford.org)) and let us know so we can put your email into the database.

Just a reminder that we are in desperate need of your continued contributions during this time. Even without a weekly collection, we still need to pay the bills and salaries. Please consider enrolling in our E-giving program (<https://abundant.co/ourladyoflourdescath/give>) or mail your envelopes to the office. Thank you so much for your faithful stewardship!

Have a safe week, everyone. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Fr. Giuliano

## **PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE GIULIANO**

A medida que continuamos lidiando con los esfuerzos para combatir la propagación del nuevo coronavirus, estamos encontrando nuevas formas de ser Iglesia. En lugar de reunirnos en nuestra hermosa iglesia, necesitamos adorar en nuestra "iglesia de hogar". Y creo que sería útil que cada hogar pudiera tener un punto focal para ayudarnos. Con eso me refiero a un lugar donde puedes ir y recordar la presencia de Dios. Tal vez una mesa o esquina donde pueda colocar un crucifijo, una biblia, una estatua, un rosario o cualquier otro artículo religioso que lo ayude a darse cuenta de que Dios está con usted. También es útil reservar un tiempo cada día para concentrarse en su relación con Dios. Lee la Biblia, reza el rosario, habla con Dios sobre tu vida y, lo más importante, escucha. Este "espacio sagrado" puede ser una ayuda maravillosa para ayudar a superar este tiempo de aislamiento del resto de la comunidad de fe.

También te recomiendo, si tienes una conexión a Internet, que utilices las redes sociales para elevar tu espíritu. Nuestra página web de la parroquia contiene un enlace a mi video diario de reflexión sobre el Evangelio, y un enlace a la misa dominical que celebro. Facebook puede ser un muy buen medio para mantenerse conectado. Si no está en Facebook, no es difícil configurar una cuenta. Puede controlar lo que ve y puede seguir nuestra página de Facebook de la parroquia ([www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE](http://www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE)). También publiqué una recitación virtual del rosario con imágenes de las vidrieras de nuestra iglesia. Esperamos hacer lo mismo esta semana con las Estaciones de la Cruz.

Las restricciones durante este tiempo significan que no podemos celebrar una misa funeral por los que mueren. Rezaremos el Rito de Compromiso en el cementerio ahora y podemos programar una Misa en memoria después de que pase la crisis y se reabran nuestras iglesias. Esto es, lo sé, una gran tristeza para las familias, pero desafortunadamente no tenemos otra opción. ¡Nuestros sacrificios en esta Cuaresma son muchos!

El 19 de marzo envié un correo electrónico a todos los feligreses que tienen una dirección de correo electrónico en nuestra base de datos. Si no recibió uno, eso significa que no tenemos uno para usted o que tenemos uno incorrecto en la base de datos. Incluso si ha enviado correos electrónicos a la oficina antes, eso no lo coloca automáticamente en nuestra base de datos. Si no recibió esta carta por correo electrónico de mi parte, comuníquese con la oficina ([parishoffice@OLLSeaford.org](mailto:parishoffice@OLLSeaford.org)) y háganos saber para que podamos poner su correo electrónico en la base de datos.

Solo un recordatorio de que necesitamos desesperadamente sus continuas contribuciones durante este tiempo. Incluso sin una recolección semanal, todavía tenemos que pagar las facturas y los salarios. Por favor, considere inscribirse en nuestro programa de donación electrónica (<https://abundant.co/ourladyoflourdescath/give>) o envíe sus sobres a la oficina. ¡Muchas gracias por su fiel mayordomía!

Que tengan una semana segura, todos. ¡Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus seres queridos!

P. Giuliano



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

# MARCH 29, 2020

## Mass Intentions for the Week



The scheduled Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Giuliano privately. Thank you for your cooperation.

Saturday	† Patricia Sebelle	William Sebelle
Sunday	<b>March 29, 2020</b> † Steven Lennon † McElhinny Family † Michael Scarano †♥ People of the Parish	Cabrera Family Joyce Adams Caccavale Family
Monday	† James Simpson † Juliana Senal	Erica Carey Edna D. Dunn
Tuesday	† Roberta Wallace	Charles & Teresa Swartout
Wednesday	† Dr. Victoria Timbayan	Nancy & Andy Weis
Thursday	† Steve Lennon	Vicki & David Basil
Saturday	† Peter Juknelis ♥ Angie Custer-Houtman	Mary & Jim Delclos Carla & Al Todd
Sunday	<b>April 5, 2020</b> † Mitchell Lagowski † Roberta Wallace † Pasqualina Chiardonna † DelCampo Hernandez Family	T. Lagowski Louise & Bob Gay Meg & Mike Mulrine Martha DelCampo
	† Person is deceased	♥ Person is Living

### ONLINE GIVING

With the suspension of Masses, we also are not receiving the weekly offertory from a majority of our parishioners. The exception is for those who are enrolled in our Online Giving Program. I urge you to consider going to our website ([www.OLLSeaford.org](http://www.OLLSeaford.org)) and clicking on the "E-Giving" link to participate in this easy and safe way to make your contributions to our parish. Naturally, our bills do not stop just because we do not have a weekly collection. Utilities, salaries, etc. all need to be paid, and we rely on your generosity to keep our parish from falling behind in any of these bills. Thank you for your consideration!

### POSITION AVAILABLE

We are currently accepting letters of interest for the position of Director of Liturgical Music. A candidate for this part-time position should be a musician who is able to accompany the singing at our weekend Masses, coordinate all other musicians and singers, and help form a working Liturgy Committee to assist in the planning of our liturgical celebrations. Please send a letter of interest with a resume to Fr. Giuliano ([giuliano@ollseaford.org](mailto:giuliano@ollseaford.org)), or 528 E. Stein Hwy, Seaford, DE 19973) if you would like to be considered.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE A SPECIAL WAY TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR AVAILABLE DATES.


### Second Collection

MAR 28/29	EASTER FLOWERS
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Offertory donations	MAR. 22, 2020
Weekly Offering	\$2075
Parish Religious Education	\$65

**Pray for our Beloved Deceased:**  
**Mike Nadeau, brother-in-law of**  
**Linda (& Tony) Massino**

*Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



**IS ANY ONE OF YOU SICK?  
HE SHOULD CALL  
THE ELDERS  
OF THE CHURCH TO PRAY  
OVER HIM AND  
ANOINT HIM WITH OIL  
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

**JAMES 5:14**

### **MINISTERS NEEDED**

We are hoping to invigorate our Hospitality Ministry, especially at weekend Masses. This ministry involves youth and adults who would be at all the entrances to greet those who come to Mass, and then again hand everyone a bulletin as they depart. It would involve arriving about 15 minutes before Mass is scheduled to begin and staying for about 10 minutes after Mass ends. This is certainly the kind of ministry in which an entire family could participate and would provide a very important service to our parish. If you are interested, please call (302-629-3591) or email ([parishoffice@ollseaford.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollseaford.org)) the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus are involved with many activities at a State and National level as well. For example, they have been instrumental in purchasing ultrasound machines for pro-life pregnancy centers. In January 2019, they hit a milestone when the 1000<sup>th</sup> machine was purchased. Supporting these initiatives is an additional reason to consider joining the Knights. If you would like more information about becoming a Knight, ask Fr. G or speak with any Knight (they usually are wearing a K of C name badge).

### **HOUSE BLESSING**

Because of the diminishing number of priests, the Church provides that a lay person may ask God to bless a new home. Since Fr. Giuliano is the only priest for our large parish and cannot possibly do everything he would want, we have printed copies of this blessing that can be used by our parishioners. If you are new to the parish and would like to receive a copy of this blessing along with a bottle of Holy Water, please contact the Parish Office.

### **BENDICIÓN DE CASA**

Debido a la disminución del número de sacerdotes, la Iglesia dispone que un laico pueda pedir a Dios que bendiga un nuevo hogar. Porque el P. Giuliano es el único sacerdote de nuestra gran parroquia y no puede hacer todo lo que quiera, hemos impreso copias de esta bendición que pueden ser utilizadas por nuestros feligreses. Si usted es nuevo en la parroquia y desea recibir una copia de esta bendición junto con una botella de Agua Bendita, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial.

### **HELP NEEDED**

We need help with our Summer Religious Ed (PREP) session, which will take place from June 22 through July 2, 9am – 12 noon. Catechists, aides and “snack assistants” all will be an important part of this effort to teach our faith to the children of the parish. The most important skill to be a Catechist is a desire to help the students understand the teachings of our Church and experience it through your words and actions. We provide everything else you need, including a teacher’s manual and support from our Director of Religious Education, Debbie Depta. Please do not let your fear or apprehension make you doubt that you can do it. Whether a college student or a retired senior, our children need you! Contact Debbie at 302-639-3591 or [depta@ollseaford.org](mailto:depta@ollseaford.org) and she will be happy to explain this wonderful ministry to you.

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

You may not be aware that our parish has a beautiful cemetery located on Alt. 13 just outside Blades. It is managed by a Cemetery Board, with a great group of people who desire to assist the parish in providing this sacred place for the dignified burial of deceased members and their loved ones. There are 4 board meetings per year, and members assist with some of the tasks as their schedule permits. Paulette Sammons is the contact person, and coordinates internments and the sale of Burial Rights. If you would like to assist in this meaningful and important ministry, please contact Paulette at the Parish Office and leave a message for her. She will be happy to explain ways you can become involved.



### *Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You

Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## **BUILDING FUND LOANS**

After consulting with a number of people and receiving feedback from parishioners, we are going to proceed with the loan program for our Building Fund. Because many of the pledges will not be paid off by the completion of the building and we need to pay the entire cost this spring, we need help to make up that difference. Additionally, the parish has to pay separately for some of the finishes, such as flooring, phones, IT and cabinetry. By means of \$1,000 interest-free loan, you can help us pay for the construction and finishing of our new Parish Office Building. We will begin repaying these loans at a minimum of one per month in July 2021. If you are interested in extending a \$1,000 interest-free loan to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, please fill out the form below and return it to us as soon as possible and we will mail you the required paperwork to return with your check. You can drop this form off at the office, mail it or drop it in the collection basket next week.

Thank you for your consideration and faithful stewardship to our parish!

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I am interested in making a \$1,000 interest-free loan to my parish. Please send me the required form.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly**

**“I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you in your own land, thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord... If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead, will give life to your mortal bodies also, through the spirit dwelling in you.”**

Jesus told us He came that we might have life, and have it in its fullness. The pending celebration of Holy Week and the Paschal Mystery are the steps He took to restore us to that life. As He brought Lazarus from death, He wishes us to be renewed. His promises never fail and He wishes to give life to our mortal bodies. What is this life? It is the life of grace, the very life of God, given as a gift, and accepted.

Is the spirit of God dwelling in you? Do you want Him to restore you to life in abundance? Perhaps the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confession, are the steps we can take to be sure that His gift is in us.

We never learned how Lazarus felt when Jesus touched him. How will you feel?



# 5º DOMINGO EN CUARESMA 29 DE MARZO 2020

## Sunday/Domingo

Ez 37: 12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45  
or/o 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Monday/Lunes

Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or/o 13:  
41c-62; Jn 8: 1-11

## Tuesday/Martes

Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 31-42

## Wednesday/Miércoles

Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

## Thursday/Jueves

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

## Friday/Viernes

Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42

## Saturday/Sábado

Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

## SU PALABRA HOY

POR EL REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

UNA FRESCA PERSPECTIVA DE LAS  
LECTURAS DOMICIALES

### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

### Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 37:12-14

Esta lectura es una amorosa promesa de que el Señor pondrá Su espíritu en su pueblo y les permitirá vivir.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

### Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:8-11

Pablo les recuerda a los romanos que ellos no son gente de la carne, sino gente del Espíritu, puesto que el Espíritu de Dios vive en ellos.

### Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

### Evangelio: San Juan 11:1-45

Con gran detalle, Juan cuenta la historia de la resurrección de Lázaro. Al enterarse de la muerte de Lázaro, su amigo amado, Jesús va a consolar a Marta y a María. Después de proclamar "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida", Jesús va a la tumba de Lázaro y le devuelve la vida.

**"Yo pondré mi espíritu en ustedes, y vivirán; los estableceré de nuevo en su propio suelo, y así sabrán que yo, el Señor, lo he dicho y lo haré –oráculo del Señor–... Y si el Espíritu de aquel que resucitó a Jesús habita en ustedes, el que resucitó a Cristo Jesús también dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales, por medio del mismo Espíritu que habita en ustedes."**

Jesús nos dijo que vino para que pudiéramos vivir, y haciéndolo plenamente. La pendiente celebración de la Semana Santa y el Misterio Pascual son los pasos que El tomó para restaurarnos a esa vida. Al levantar a Lázaro de la muerte, El desea renovarnos. Sus promesas nunca fallan y El desea dar vida a nuestros cuerpos mortales. ¿Cuál es esta vida? Es la vida de gracia, la misma vida de Dios, otorgada como un don, y que es aceptada.

¿Está el espíritu de Dios viviendo dentro de usted? ¿Desea que El lo restaure a la vida en abundancia? Quizá el sacramento de reconciliación y la confesión son los pasos que podemos tomar para asegurar que Su don está dentro de nosotros.

Nunca nos enteramos de cómo Lázaro se sintió cuando Jesús lo tocó. ¿Cómo se sentirá usted?