

April 5, 2020

THOUGHTS FROM FR. G

Well, this will be a Holy Week unlike any other for us and definitely not the way I imagined I would spend my first Holy Week with you! The fact that we cannot gather to celebrate the beautiful liturgies together is a great hardship, but when we consider the suffering that so many others are undergoing, our sacrifices are indeed small. We all hear about the terrible number of deaths in Italy, for example. As of last Friday, 79 priests are among the dead there – 24 from the Diocese of Bergamo alone! We lift all the sick up in our prayers and ask God to bring those who die to eternal glory.

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, as of this writing (Monday, March 30) our office employees are still able to work, although not with the public. We are still able to meet payroll obligations and pay our other bills, at least for the short term. Naturally, we need your support, and I am grateful to those who have enrolled in the automatic donation program that can be found on our webpage or are mailing in their contributions. Thank you so much for assisting us in these trying times!

I have come up with a plan for the liturgies during this Holy Week, but it is all depending upon the successful installation of a wireless connection in the church. I am hopeful that this will be completed before this weekend, so I anticipate that I will be able to celebrate and live-stream this weekend's Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion from our church at 10:00 am. Unfortunately, due to increased restrictions and to insure the safety of all, Bishop Malooly has determined that we may not distribute blessed palm at this time. We will keep it in a cool, dark place to try and preserve it so we can distribute it after we reopen church.

I plan on celebrating the Mass of the Lord's Supper this Holy Thursday at 7 pm, also live-streamed. Our Good Friday celebration of the Passion will be livestreamed at 3 pm. The Easter Vigil will take place in our Church on Saturday at 8 pm. Unfortunately, since no one can gather, we will not be able to initiate our new members, but will have to celebrate their Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at a later date. I hope that you will, however, follow the livestreaming of this most holy liturgy.

Next Sunday our Easter Mass will be streamed at 10 am. While it will be a very different celebration, it is still the Resurrection of the Lord, and I hope you will join me in our virtual gathering. Naturally, for those who are not able to follow these liturgies live, I will post a link to them on our parish webpage so you can view them later. I know that it is not ideal, but please God we will come through this stronger in our faith.

I continue to post a daily video with a short reflection on the day's readings, and I also encourage you to pray the virtual Stations of the Cross and Rosary that are both available on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE) and parish webpage (www.OLLSeaford.org).

Please note that we have closed the Stein Highway entrance to the parking lot to eliminate the many "drive-throughs" that occur during the week. So many people were cutting through our parking lot to get to the neighborhood behind the church that it was becoming a hazard. We will open the entrance on weekends for Masses once we are permitted to reopen the church. Everyone should use the back entrance to the lot during the week.

Please know that I am praying for all of you in a very intense way during this Holy Week. May God keep you safe and fill you with His Presence!

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

Fr. Giuliano

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them....The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

May the Word of God stir us to begin this Holy Week with a deep desire to grow closer to the Lord. The events we recall are not to be seen as a story of how great was Jesus' love for us then, but to seek and find Him and discover His unending love for us today.

The saving work of Jesus is taking place right now. As I begin this week, I look for His saving grace in my life, my home, our world. We enter into this saving work as He entered the holy city. We unite ourselves to Him, as we sit at the last supper, weep in Gethsemane, walk to Calvary, and await the good news of the resurrection.

Holy Week does not just happen; it calls me to live the drama of the paschal mystery with Him.

5 de abril de 2020

PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE GIULIANO

¡Bueno, esta será una Semana Santa como ninguna otra para nosotros y definitivamente no de la forma que imaginé que pasaría mi primera Semana Santa con ustedes! El hecho de que no podamos reunirnos para celebrar juntos las hermosas liturgias es una gran dificultad, pero cuando consideramos el sufrimiento que tantos otros están experimentando, nuestros sacrificios son realmente pequeños. Todos escuchamos sobre el terrible número de muertes en Italia, por ejemplo. Hasta el viernes pasado, 79 sacerdotes estaban entre los muertos allí, ¡24 de la Diócesis de Bérgamo solo! Levantamos a todos los enfermos en nuestras oraciones y le pedimos a Dios que traiga a los que mueren a la gloria eterna.

Aquí, en Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, a partir de este escrito (lunes 30 de marzo), nuestros empleados de la oficina todavía pueden trabajar, aunque no con el público. Aún podemos cumplir con las obligaciones de nómina y pagar nuestras otras facturas, al menos a corto plazo. Naturalmente, necesitamos su apoyo, y agradezco a aquellos que se han inscrito en el programa de donación automática que se puede encontrar en nuestra página web o están enviando sus contribuciones por correo. ¡Muchas gracias por ayudarnos en estos tiempos difíciles!

Se me ocurrió un plan para las liturgias durante esta Semana Santa, pero todo depende de la instalación exitosa de una conexión inalámbrica en la iglesia. Tengo la esperanza de que esto se complete antes de este fin de semana, así que anticipo que podré celebrar y transmitir en vivo la Misa de este fin de semana para el Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor desde nuestra iglesia a las 10:00 am. Desafortunadamente, debido al aumento de las restricciones y para garantizar la seguridad de todos, Obispo Malooly ha determinado que no podemos distribuir palma bendita en este momento. Lo guardaremos en un lugar fresco y oscuro para tratar de preservarlo y poder distribuirlo después de que volvamos a abrir la iglesia.

Planeo celebrar la Misa de la Cena del Señor este Jueves Santo a las 7 pm, también en vivo. Nuestra celebración de la Pasión del Viernes Santo se transmitirá en vivo a las 3 pm. La Vigilia Pascual se llevará a cabo en nuestra Iglesia el sábado a las 8 pm. Desafortunadamente, dado que nadie puede reunirse, no podremos iniciar a nuestros nuevos miembros, pero tendremos que celebrar su Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión en una fecha posterior. Sin embargo, espero que sigas la transmisión en vivo de esta santísima liturgia.

El próximo domingo nuestra misa de Pascua se transmitirá a las 10 am. Si bien será una celebración muy diferente, sigue siendo la Resurrección del Señor, y espero que te unas a mí en nuestra reunión virtual. Naturalmente, para aquellos que no puedan seguir estas liturgias en vivo, publicaré un enlace en nuestra página web de la parroquia para que puedan verlas más tarde. Sé que no es lo ideal, pero, por favor, Dios, venceremos más fuerte en nuestra fe.

Continúo publicando un video diario con una breve reflexión sobre las lecturas del día, y también les animo a rezar las Estaciones de la Cruz y el Rosario virtuales que están disponibles en nuestra página de Facebook (www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE) y en la parroquia. página web (www.OLLSeaford.org).

Tenga en cuenta que hemos cerrado la entrada de Stein Highway al estacionamiento para eliminar los muchos "pasajes" que ocurren durante la semana. Tantas personas estaban atravesando nuestro estacionamiento para llegar al vecindario detrás de la iglesia que se estaba convirtiendo en un peligro. Abriremos la entrada los fines de semana para misas una vez que se nos permita reabrir la iglesia. Todos deberían usar la entrada trasera del lote durante la semana.

Por favor sepan que estoy orando por todos ustedes de una manera muy intensa durante esta Semana Santa. ¡Que Dios te mantenga a salvo y te llene de Su Presencia!

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

P. Giuliano

UNA FRESCA PERSPECTIVA DE LAS LECTURAS DOMINICALES SU PALABRA HOY *por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*

“El mismo Señor me ha dado una lengua de discípulo, para que yo sepa reconfortar al fatigado con una palabra de aliento... el Señor viene en mi ayuda: por eso, no quedé desalentado; endurecí mi rostro como el pedernal, y sé muy bien que no seré defraudado.”

Que la Palabra de Dios nos motive a empezar esta Semana Santa con un deseo profundo de crecer junto al Señor. Los eventos que recordamos no deben verse como una historia de qué grande era el amor de Jesús por nosotros entonces, sino para que lo busquemos y lo encontremos, y descubramos su infinito amor por nosotros hoy.

El trabajo salvador de Jesús se lleva a cabo ahora. Al comenzar esta semana, busco Su gracia salvadora en mi vida, mi hogar, nuestro mundo. Entramos a este trabajo salvador como Él entró a la ciudad. Nos unimos a Él al sentarnos en la última cena, cuando lloramos en Getsemaní, caminamos al Calvario y esperamos las buenas nuevas de la resurrección.

La Semana Santa no sólo pasa: me llama a vivir el drama del misterio pascual con Él.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Table with 3 columns: Day, Priest, and Intention. Rows include Saturday, Sunday (April 5, 2020), Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday (April 12, 2020 - EASTER SUNDAY), and a final row for deceased and living persons.

Special Collection:

Table with 2 columns: APR 4/5 and RICE BOWL

Table with 2 columns: Offertory donation (Weekly Offering) and MAR. 29, 2020 (\$2982)

We are very thankful to those who continue to make contributions to the Church, whether through the mail or using E-Giving! God bless!



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.

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) and clicking on the "E-Giving" link to participate in this easy and safe way to make your contributions to our parish.

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.

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.

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.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Sociedad de San Vicente de San Paúl

Hoy es el Domingo de Ramos y el comienzo de las semanas más sagradas para los cristianos. Oremos por la gracia de tomar nuestra propia cruz y seguir a Jesús a través de la muerte a la vida nueva

Por favor, apoyen a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl para que juntos podamos ayudar a los pobres mientras llevan su cruz de sufrimiento y dolor

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!

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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PHONE: _____

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Primera Lectura: Isaías 50:4-7

En un tono de calmada tristeza, Isaías describe los golpes e insultos dados al Siervo que Sufre. Este pasaje termina con un rayo de esperanza.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2:6-11

Con gran gozo Pablo les dice a los filipenses que se regocijen pues Cristo se convirtió en hombre, murió en la cruz, se levantó de entre los muertos y está triunfalmente sentado a la derecha del Padre.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

Evangelio: San Mateo 26:14—27:66

Esta es la solemne narrativa de la pasión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Mateo cuenta de la traición de Judas y luego describe los eventos de la Última Cena, culminando con la institución de la Eucaristía. Jesús soporta la agonía en el Jardín, luego es llevado frente a Caifás y Pilatos, y condenado a muerte. Luego de su resurrección, los centuriones gritaron: "¡En verdad este era el Hijo de Dios!"

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 302-629-3591 or depta@ollseaford.org and she will be happy to explain this wonderful ministry to you.

Sunday/ Domingo

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil/Flp 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday/Lunes

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday/Martes

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday/Miércoles

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday/Jueves

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday/Viernes

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16,
5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday/Sábado

Easter Vigil/Vigilia de Pascua: Gn 1:1—2:2 or
1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or/o 22:1-2, 9a, 10-
13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;
Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a,
18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

SE NECESITA AYUDA

Necesitamos ayuda con nuestra sesión de Educación Religiosa de Verano (PREP), que tendrá lugar del 22 de junio al 2 de julio de 9 am a 12 del mediodía. Los catequistas, ayudantes y "asistentes de comida" serán una parte importante de este esfuerzo para enseñar nuestra fe a los niños de la parroquia. La habilidad más importante de ser un Catequista es un deseo de ayudar a los estudiantes a entender las enseñanzas de nuestra iglesia y experimentarla a través de sus palabras y acciones. Le proporcionamos todo lo que necesita, incluyendo un manual del maestro y el apoyo de nuestro Director de Educación Religiosa, Debbie Depta. Por favor, no deje que su miedo o aprensión le haga dudar de que pueda hacerlo. Ya sea un estudiante universitario o un jubilado, ¡nuestros niños lo necesitan! Comuníquese con Debbie al 302-629-3591 o depta@ollseaford.org y ella estará encantada de explicarle este maravilloso ministerio.



COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

Who We Are & What We Do!

WHO ARE THE SQUIRES?

The Squires is a Catholic group for young men ages 10 to 18 associated with the Knights of Columbus. It was founded in 1925 and created to offer teenage boys leadership training and moral guidance that would serve them for a lifetime.

WHEN AND WHERE DO WE MEET?

The group, otherwise known as a Circle, meets on **the 4th Sunday** of every month from **6:30pm to 7:30pm** in the Our Lady of Lourdes @ 532 East Stein Highway in Seaford.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

In the Squires, our young men will not only participate in a variety of activities, but also help plan them and learn to be leaders. Programs encompass four different directions.

- Service** Volunteer programs around the Parish and the local community to give back to those less fortunate.
- Spiritual** Programs and activities that strengthen faith and further develop strong Christian character.
- Social** Group trips to sporting events like the Shorebirds & Ravens, kickball games, and group life skill sessions

QUESTIONS?

Call or text Greg Washburn @ 443-690-2332 or via email @ gregw@novatec.com for info!

Knights of Columbus



St. Molua Council, in line with all the current recommendations, has ceased face to face activities during the current crisis. That means the Lenten fish dinners had to be cancelled as well. Those dinners support our annual Josephine Grace Gay scholarship program. The good news is that we did have two dinners. Those were greatly supported by our community. Because of that, we were able to earn enough to support this year's scholarship. Thanks to all of you for that.

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) the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

< KID'S KORNER >

Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Matthew 26:14–27:66

The Gospel of Matthew gives us a detailed account of the events of Holy Week. From the Lord's Supper, the Agony in the Garden, Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest to His Trial and the Way of the Cross.

Cycle A

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While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Take and eat; this is my body."

Matthew 26:26

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Holy Week	M	K	N	I	R	D	F	Y	P	R	A	T	E	G	T	B
Jesus Last Supper	E	U	O	E	T	H	O	L	P	P	S	S	O	R	C	G
Twelve Disciples	S	T	K	S	L	S	R	O	I	A	U	A	F	E	D	N
Thanks	E	F	S	A	L	U	G	H	L	R	P	C	A	S	O	I
Eat Bread	R	M	O	D	G	N	I	K	A	B	P	K	T	H	I	P
Body Cup	T	H	N	U	C	K	V	O	T	P	E	L	H	D	V	E
Drink Blood	H	S	E	J	O	E	E	H	E	E	R	B	E	E	F	E
Forgiveness	O	I	C	R	O	W	N	T	W	D	A	E	R	B	O	L
Sins	E	N	Y	A	R	T	E	B	E	V	U	W	S	I	N	S
Fathers Kingdom	V	D	R	E	A	T	S	T	I	E	L	M	S	E	L	R
Night Gethsemane	L	O	G	E	T	H	S	E	M	A	N	E	U	E	E	E
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Cross Son	W	E	E	N	O	C	E	P	R	S	K	N	A	H	T	O
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