



October 19, 2020

THOUGHTS FROM FR. G

More than 7 months into the pandemic, and we still do not see the end in sight. As predicted, in fact, the numbers have begun to climb once again, both nationwide and in Delaware. When we see the statistics, it is clear that our seniors are especially vulnerable. 80% of all who have died in Sussex County were 65 years or older. This supports the recommendation that those who are elderly (as well as those who have underlying health conditions) should avoid going out in public as much as possible. The “rebound” is happening not just here but all over the world. For example, my friends in Italy tell me that it is now required that a mask be worn at all times except when they are in their own home. In light of all this, it is easy to abandon ourselves either to despair or cynicism. Neither of these is helpful, nor are they compatible with our faith. We believe that God always gives us the strength to bear the crosses that come into our lives, and this is a heavy one indeed. But He has given scientists and medical professionals the knowledge to educate us on ways to lessen our vulnerability. We need to accept the wisdom to listen to them and follow their guidance. Negativity and cynicism are used by the devil to destroy us, and we can see the results of this in our country today. I pray that we will be able to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord – so as to defeat the evil one who wants to sow seeds of division and cause dissension among us. Stay strong, stay safe, and stay open to the guidance God is providing. Together we will keep one another safe and come through this even stronger in our faith than before!

In order to help those who do not have access to the internet stay informed about our parish, we have begun printing and abbreviated version of the weekly bulletin. You will find the complete bulletin on our website (www.OLLSeaford.org), but a limited amount of this small print edition are available at the back of church and in the Parish Office Center Lobby each week. It contains my column and a few brief announcements in English and Spanish, as well as the Mass Intentions for the week.

This week we have also published the Annual Financial Report for the past fiscal year. I am including it in this bulletin and will also insert it into the print version. I am grateful to the members of our Finance Council for their advice, and to all of you for your acceptance of financial responsibility for our parish and its ministries.

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

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PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE GIULIANO

Más de 7 meses después de la pandemia, y todavía no vemos el final a la vista. Como se predijo, de hecho, las cifras han comenzado a subir una vez más, tanto a nivel nacional como en Delaware. Cuando vemos las estadísticas, queda claro que nuestras personas mayores son especialmente vulnerables. El 80% de todos los que han muerto en el condado de Sussex tenían 65 años o más. Esto respalda la recomendación de que las personas mayores (así como las que tienen problemas de salud subyacentes) deben evitar salir en público tanto como sea posible. El "rebote" está ocurriendo no solo aquí sino en todo el mundo. Por ejemplo, mis amigos en Italia me dicen que ahora se requiere que se use una máscara en todo momento, excepto cuando están en su propia casa. Ante todo, esto, es fácil abandonarnos a la desesperación o al cinismo. Ninguno de estos es útil ni es compatible con nuestra fe. Creemos que Dios siempre nos da la fuerza para llevar las cruces que vienen a nuestras vidas, y esta es realmente una pesada. Pero Él les ha dado a científicos y profesionales médicos el conocimiento para educarnos sobre las formas de disminuir nuestra vulnerabilidad. Necesitamos aceptar la sabiduría para escucharlos y seguir su guía. El diablo usa la negatividad y el cinismo para destruirnos, y hoy podemos ver los resultados de esto en nuestro país. Oro para que podamos usar los dones del Espíritu Santo - sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo, fortaleza, conocimiento, piedad y temor del Señor - para derrotar al maligno que quiere sembrar semillas de división y causa. disensión entre nosotros. Mantente fuerte, a salvo y abierto a la guía que Dios te está proporcionando. ¡Juntos nos mantendremos seguros unos a otros y saldremos de esto aún más fuertes en nuestra fe que antes!

Para ayudar a aquellos que no tienen acceso a Internet a mantenerse informados sobre nuestra parroquia, hemos comenzado a imprimir una versión abreviada del boletín semanal. Encontrará el boletín completo en nuestro sitio web (www.OLLSeaford.org), pero una cantidad limitada de esta edición en letra pequeña está disponible en la parte posterior de la iglesia y en el vestíbulo del centro de oficinas parroquiales cada semana. Contiene mi columna y algunos breves anuncios en inglés y español, así como las intenciones de misa de la semana.

Esta semana también hemos publicado el Informe Financiero Anual del año fiscal anterior. Lo incluyo en este boletín y también lo insertaré en la versión impresa. Agradezco a los miembros de nuestro Consejo de Finanzas por sus consejos ya todos ustedes por aceptar la responsabilidad financiera de nuestra parroquia y sus ministerios.

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

P. Giuliano



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday | † Florencio B. Domingo | Edna D. Dunn |
| Sunday | October 18, 2020 † Martin G. Sammons † Robert Conomon | Paulette Sammons Patrick Corcoran |
| Monday | † Rosemary Betts | Mariellen & Frank Leonhartt |
| Tuesday | † Louis Grasso † Egon Stahmer | Annette Jimmerson Al & Carla Todd |
| Wednesday | † Christine Depta † Don Rannish | Frank & Debbie Depta Catherine Labant |
| Thursday | † Rosemary Betts † Ursula Leslie | GeorgiAnne & Ken Lipscomo Phillip Shannon |
| Saturday | † Donald Ranish | M/M Robert Anderson |
| Sunday | October 25, 2020 † Bob Pucci † Oscar Cardona | Betty Pozsgay Marta Del Campo |
| | † <i>Person is deceased</i> | ♥ <i>Person is living</i> |

ONLINE GIVING

With the reduction in the number of people coming to Mass, we also are not receiving the weekly offertory from many of our parishioners.

Fortunately, some are mailing them in or have 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. Naturally, our bills do not stop just because we do not have a normal 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!

DANDO EN LÍNEA

Con la reducción en el número de personas asistiendo a Misa, tampoco no estamos recibiendo la ofrenda semanal de muchos de nuestros feligreses. Afortunadamente, algunos están enviando por correo o se han inscrito en nuestro Programa de Donación en Línea. Le insisto a que considere ir a nuestro sitio web (www.OLLSeaford.org) y haciendo clic en el enlace “E-Giving” para participar en esta manera fácil y seguro de hacer sus contribuciones a nuestra parroquia. Naturalmente, nuestras cuentas no se paran solo porque no tenemos una colección semanal. Los utilidades, los salarios, etc. necesitan ser pagados, y confiamos en su generosidad para evitar que nuestra parroquia se quede atrás en cualquiera de estas facturas. ¡Gracias por su consideración!



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SUSSEX PREGNANCY CARE CENTER **CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**



October is RESPECT FOR LIFE month and once again our parish will participate in the Change for Life Fundraiser for the Sussex Pregnancy Care Center. This fall, in light of all the changes we are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will use return envelopes instead of baby bottles. The envelopes will be available in the back of the church and in the Parish Office for the four-week campaign. The envelope will have SPCC's address on it and a receipt inside that you can fill out. Then you can place a check or currency in it and mail it back to SPCC. Your donation will support the many services we have available to our clients such as free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, Caring Hearts support programs and Rachel Vineyard Retreats. If you would like to make an online donation, please visit our website: www.sussexpregnancy.com. Online donations are processed through www.mightycause.com (please designate it is for Change for Life and Our Lady of Lourdes). Thank you in advance for your generous support of our ministry.

Erica Carey, Coordinator



CENTRO DE ATENCION DEL EMBARAZO DE SUSSEX **CAMPANA CAMBIO PARA LA VIDA**



Octubre es el mes Respeto por Vida y una vez más nuestra parroquia participara en la Recaudación de Fondos Cambio de Vida para el Centro de Atención de Embarazo de Sussex. Este otoño, a luz de todos los cambios que estamos experimentando debido a la pandemia COVID-19, utilizaremos sobres de retorno en lugar de biberones. Los sobres estarán disponibles atrás de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial para la campana de cuarto semanas. El sobre tendrá la dirección de SPCC y un recibo dentro que puede llenar. A continuación, puede colocar un cheque o en efectivo en él y enviarlo por correo a SPCC. Su donación apoyara los muchos servicios que tenemos disponibles para nuestros clientes, tales como pruebas de embarazo, y ultrasonidos gratuitos, programas de apoyo Caring Hearts y Retiro Rachel's Vineyard. Si desea hacer una donación en línea, por favor visite nuestro sito web: www.sussexpregnancy.com. Las donaciones en línea se procesan a través de www.mightycause.com (por favor, designe que es para Cambio para la Vida y Nuestra Señora de Lourdes). Gracias de antemano por su generoso apoyo a nuestro ministerio.

Erica Carey, Coordinadora





Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Seaford, DE 19973

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Finance Council has the responsibility to assist the pastor as he administers the material goods of the parish. Each year we are to present to the parishioners a summary of the previous year's finances. You will find the summary for last fiscal year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) attached to this letter.

The coronavirus certainly has impacted our finances. The last quarter of the fiscal year was especially difficult. Because of the pandemic, we did our best to cut costs and, thankfully, we still ended the year in the black. We have tried to adjust the new budget based on the uncertainty of returning to normal operations. In addition to the mortgage, we also owe money to the builder (we are retaining about \$10,000 for some unfinished work), to the diocese (approx. \$10,000 for last year's deficit in the Annual Catholic Appeal and \$32,000 to the government for the PPP Loan (which we hope will be forgiven).

As you can see, the largest source of income is still through the weekly offertory. We want to thank those who consistently give to our parish, especially those who have maintained their giving during the pandemic, utilizing the automatic giving option or mailing their contributions. This has helped save us and keep our bills paid.

Again, we thank you for accepting the responsibility of supporting your parish, and hope you are pleased with our stewardship of the funds entrusted to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Sincerely,

2019-20 Members Finance Council:

Rev. Steven B Giuliano
Tim Carr
Meg Mulrine
Anthony Terracciano

Annual Financial Report to Parishioners: 2019-20

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| <u>PARISH INCOME</u> | <u>\$506,796</u> | <u>RELIGIOUS ED INCOME</u> | <u>\$26,957</u> |
| Weekly Offertory | <u>389,815</u> | Fees | <u>7,546</u> |
| Holy Day collections | <u>7,404</u> | Donations (monthly envelopes) | <u>16,141</u> |
| Christmas collection | <u>15,690</u> | Miscellaneous | <u>3,270</u> |
| Easter collection | <u>9,580</u> | | |
| Special parish collections | <u>6,152</u> | | |
| Mass & Sacrament offerings | <u>9,157</u> | <u>RELIGIOUS ED EXPENSES</u> | <u>\$56,062</u> |
| Votive candles | <u>1,246</u> | Salaries | <u>32,878</u> |
| Interest | <u>8,776</u> | Maintenance & Repairs | <u>2,974</u> |
| Flowers | <u>3,838</u> | Administration | <u>2,652</u> |
| Income from ministries | <u>4,199</u> | Books & instructional | <u>17,558</u> |
| Maintenance income | <u>25,216</u> | | |
| Poor Box & Charity | <u>15,998</u> | | |
| Miscellaneous income | <u>9,725</u> | | |
| | | <u>CEMETERY INCOME</u> | <u>\$ 5,172</u> |
| <u>PARISH EXPENSES</u> | <u>\$406,540</u> | <u>CEMETERY EXPENSES</u> | <u>\$10,589</u> |
| Parish clergy | <u>38,596</u> | | |
| Other clergy | <u>1,536</u> | | |
| Clergy workshops, retreats | <u>1,096</u> | | |
| Clergy business expense | <u>6,900</u> | | |
| Clergy residence | <u>13,771</u> | TOTAL INCOME* | <u>\$538,925</u> |
| Office salaries | <u>53,423</u> | TOTAL EXPENSES** | <u>473,191</u> |
| Office expenses | <u>30,009</u> | | |
| Fixed costs & benefits | <u>37,039</u> | NET | <u>\$65,734</u> |
| Liturgy salaries | <u>14,154</u> | | |
| Liturgy supplies | <u>8,866</u> | | |
| Flowers & candles | <u>8,420</u> | | |
| Poor Box & Charity | <u>14,677</u> | | |
| Ministries | <u>3,504</u> | | |
| Custodian salary | <u>4,744</u> | | |
| Repairs, maintenance | <u>32,687</u> | | |
| Equipment purchase | <u> </u> | | |
| Utilities | <u>11,060</u> | | |
| Property insurance | <u>19,870</u> | | |
| Diocesan assessment | <u>54,500</u> | | |
| School assessment | <u>24,365</u> | | |
| Mortgage interest | <u>16,569</u> | | |
| Mortgage principal | <u>10,754</u> | | |

*This figure does not include income of \$257,858 dedicated for new construction

**This figure does not include expenses of \$247,858 for new construction

Total amount capitalized for new building: \$1,837,452



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School News

From the desk of Kathy Manns, Principal...

“Give drink to the thirsty” is our focused Corporal Work of Mercy for the month of October and in keeping with our Diocesan theme, CALLED TO SERVE, our students this week had a fall color NUT (no uniform today) Day. The money collected will be used to thank our local first responders. We also celebrated our devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary, with a school- wide Rosary devotion on October 7. The Rosary is an excellent family devotion in which children can lead in prayer. We want to thank our HSA for our grab and go lunches from Chick-fil-A last week, a delicious treat as we walked out the doors for an early dismissal.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. MBS is a STREAM school that emphasizes the intellectual, spiritual, and physical development of every child. We offer before and after care as well as bus service for our Delaware residents. Please contact Amanda Evans, Director of Admissions at 210-208-1600 or email her at aevans@mbscs.org for more information or to schedule a tour.

Have a great week, stay safe and God Bless you.



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Noticias Escolares

Del escritorio de Kathy Manns... Principal

“Dar de beber al sediento” es nuestra Obra Corporal de Misericordia para el mes de octubre y de acuerdo con nuestro tema diocesano, LLAMADO A SERVIR, nuestros estudiantes esta semana tuvieron un día de otoño NUT (Hoy sin uniforme). El dinero recaudado se utilizará para agradecer a nuestras primeros respondedores locales. También celebramos nuestra devoción a nuestra Madre Santísima, Maria, con una devoción del Rosario en toda la escuela el 7 de octubre. El Rosario es una excelente devoción familiar en la que los niños pueden dirigir la oración. Queremos agradecer a nuestra HSA por nuestros almuerzos para llevar de Chick-Fil-A la semana pasada, una comida deliciosa mientras salíamos por la puerta para una salida temprana.

Most Blessed Sacrament está aceptando solicitudes para la inscripción para el año escolar 2020-2021. MBS es una escuela de STREAM que enfatiza el desarrollo intelectual, espiritual y físico de cada niño/a. Ofrecemos cuidado antes y después, así como el servicio de autobús para nuestros residentes de Delaware. Por favor, comuníquese con Amanda Evans, Directora de Admisión al 410-208-1600 o correo electrónico a aevans@mbscs.org para más información o para programar un recorrido.

Tenga una gran semana, mantente a salvo y que Dios te bendiga.



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Pray for our beloved deceased:

Ursula Leslie,
sister of Phillip Shannon

Jane McDonald,
wife of John McDonald

Betty Coakley,
wife of Ray Coakley



Condolences may be sent to:
Mr. Ray Coakley
c/o Mountain Park Senior Living
Memory Care
4475 E. Knox Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85044

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

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

Sunday/Domingo

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes/Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Monday/Lunes

Eph/Ef 2:1-10; Lk/Lc 12:13-21

Tuesday/Martes

Eph/Ef 2:12-22; Lk/Lc 12:35-38

Wednesday/ Miércoles

Eph/Ef 3:2-12; Lk/Lc 12:39-48

Thursday/ Jueves

Eph/Ef 3:14-21; Lk/Lc 12:49-53

Friday/ Viernes

Eph/Ef 4:1-6; Lk/Lc 12:54-59

Saturday/ Sábado

Eph/Ef 4:7-16; Lk/Lc 13:1-9



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Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Just like Jesus, the greatest evangelizer, we are called to help spread the word of God. We encourage you to give generously to help others in their missionary work around the world!

Election Day is coming up! Learn more about Civilize It and our role as Catholics to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward. #CivilizeIt2020

CIVILIZE IT
★ ★
DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE
2020

Primera Lectura: Isaías 45:1, 4-6

Ciro, Rey de Persia y amigo del pueblo judío, se convierte en el consagrado del Señor, y a través de la intervención de Dios, devuelve a los judíos a su propia tierra.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 1:1-5b

Pablo se regocija de que los tesalonicenses, recién convertidos al cristianismo, demuestran admirable constancia en su nueva fe.

Evangelio: San Mateo 22:15-21

Buscando poner trampa a Jesús en su discurso, los hostiles e hipócritas fariseos le pregunta una pregunta peligrosa: “¿Está bien que pagemos impuestos al emperador romano o no?” Dándose cuenta de la mala intención que llevaba, Jesús pide una moneda romana, y señalando la inscripción de César, les responde: “Den al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios.”



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

“I have called you by your name, given you a title, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me... We give thanks to God for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love, and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ... Knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen.”

Piecing together these words of Isaiah and Paul, may we reflect upon them. Perhaps we can create an image, as we picture someone – a family member or friend, a religious sister, brother or priest, a fellow parishioner – to whom we wish to direct these words, for they seem to describe them well.

We move now to ourselves, and wonder, how well do they apply to me? I know I have been chosen and called. My baptism tells me this. The follow up is so important as we live our faith and produce our labor of love.

Think of Paul’s word that you are ‘loved by God’ and the response He wishes and expects from us.

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

“Yo te llamé por tu nombre, te di un título insigne, sin que tú me conocieras. Yo soy el Señor, y no hay otro, no hay ningún Dios fuera de mí... Damos gracias a Dios por todos ustedes, cuando los recordamos en nuestras oraciones, y sin cesar tenemos presente cómo ustedes han manifestado su fe con obras, su amor con fatigas y su esperanza en nuestro Señor Jesucristo... Sabemos, hermanos amados por Dios, que ustedes han sido elegidos.”

Al poner las palabras de Isaías y San Pablo juntas, ojalá podamos reflexionar sobre ellas. Quizá podamos crear una imagen, pensando en alguien – un familiar, una persona religiosa, un parroquiano- a quien deseamos dirigir estas palabras, ya que lo describen bien.

Ahora pensemos en nosotros mismos, y preguntémonos qué tan bien se aplican a mí. Sé que he sido escogido y llamado. Mi bautismo lo dice. El seguimiento es igual de importante al vivir nuestra fe y producir nuestra labor de amor.

Pensemos en las palabras de San Pedro, que ustedes son “amados por Dios” y en la respuesta que El desea y espera de nosotros.