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May 17, 2020

THOUGHTS FROM FR. G

Next Saturday we will honor all those who are graduating from school – elementary, middle, high, tech, trade, college or university – at a live-streamed 4 pm Mass. I have already received some pictures of these graduates, and there is still time for you to get them in to me. Please include the name and school of the graduate. I will also attempt to put together a short “slide show” of their pictures, so that the entire community can see them and offer prayers for them. It is a small gesture, but these grads certainly are being challenged to celebrate in new ways, due to the restriction that the pandemic has forced on us. I hope you will join me at this Mass (it will be the vigil Mass for the Ascension, so it is the same as Sunday Mass) and pray for and with the members of this historic “COVID Class of 2020”!

Today, as I celebrate the 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, I remember all who helped me answer the Lord’s call to serve as a priest. My parents first and foremost, other family members, teachers and priest-mentors all have a special place in my prayers. This beautiful vocation has given me so much, and I give thanks to God for calling me. I have had the privilege of serving Him in so many wonderful and unexpected ways. Over the course of the 40 years I have ministered for months or years in Philadelphia, Puerto Rico, Delaware, Maryland, Italy, and been able to serve and visit priests throughout the world through my involvement with the Focolare Movement. Most importantly, I have been so blessed to serve as a pastor in our diocese, hopefully following the example of the Good Shepherd. I know I have not always been the smartest, kindest, holiest or wisest pastor, but I can honestly say that I have loved the people in my parishes and tried to serve them in my own imperfect way. I humbly ask you to beg God to give other men the courage to answer His call, so that our Church will continue to have enough priests to serve and pastor His people. And please know that I pray for all of you daily and ask God to give you the grace to do His will!

Please do not forget to check out my daily message on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE) and also our webpage (www.OLLSeaford.org). Follow us, like us and share us so that others can participate as well.

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

Fr. Giuliano

17 de mayo de 2020

PENSAMIENTOS DE PADRE GIULIANO

El próximo sábado honraremos a todos los que se gradúen de la escuela: primaria, secundaria, preparatorio, tecnología, comercio, colegio o universidad, en una misa de 4 pm transmitida en vivo. Ya he recibido algunas fotos de estos graduados, y todavía hay hora de que me los traigas. Por favor incluya el nombre y la escuela del graduado. También intentaré hacer una breve "presentación de diapositivas" de sus imágenes, para que toda la comunidad pueda verlas y ofrecer oraciones por ellas. Es un gesto pequeño, pero estos graduados ciertamente están siendo retados a celebrar de nuevas maneras, debido a la restricción que la pandemia nos ha impuesto. ¡Espero que me acompañen en esta Misa (será la Misa de vigilia por la Ascensión, por lo que es lo mismo que la Misa dominical) y rezarán por y con los miembros de esta histórica "Clase COVID de 2020"!

Hoy, cuando celebro el 40 aniversario de la ordenación al sacerdocio, recuerdo a todos los que me ayudaron a responder el llamado del Señor para servir como sacerdote. Mis padres, ante todo, otros miembros de la familia, maestros y mentores sacerdotales tienen un lugar especial en mis oraciones. Esta hermosa vocación me ha dado mucho, y le doy gracias a Dios por llamarme. He tenido el privilegio de servirle de muchas maneras maravillosas e inesperadas. En el transcurso de los 40 años, he ministrado durante meses o años en Filadelfia, Puerto Rico, Delaware, Maryland, Italia, y he podido servir y visitar sacerdotes en todo el mundo a través de mi participación en el Movimiento de los Focolares. Lo más importante, he sido muy bendecido de servir como pastor en nuestra diócesis, con suerte siguiendo el ejemplo del Buen Pastor. Sé que no siempre he sido el pastor más inteligente, amable, sagrado o sabio, pero honestamente puedo decir que he amado a las personas en mis parroquias y he tratado de servirles de mi propia manera imperfecta. Humildemente le pido que le ruegue a Dios que les dé el valor a otros hombres para responder a su llamado, para que nuestra Iglesia continúe teniendo suficientes sacerdotes para servir y pastorear a su pueblo. ¡Y por favor sepa que oro por todos ustedes diariamente, y pido a Dios que le dé la gracia de hacer su voluntad!

No olvide consultar mi mensaje diario en nuestra página de Facebook (www.facebook.com/OLLSeafordDE) y también en nuestra página web (www.OLLSeaford.org). Síguenos, dale me gusta y compártanos para que otros también puedan participar.

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

P. Giuliano



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	†♥Mother's Day Intentions †Fr. Pasquale Tremonte, CSSR	Jim & Jean Wesselholff
Sunday	May 17, 2020 † Frances Gralka † Jack Devine †♥Mother's Day Intentions †♥People of the Parish	Gerry Mitchell Kurt Winkler
Monday	† Ignatius DiNardo	Erica & Steven Carey
Tuesday	† Carl Riska	Judi Riska
Wednesday	† Howard Shannon	Pat Mensonides
Thursday	†Peter Juknelis	Erica & Steven Carey
Saturday	† John Hughes † Patricia Sebele	Pat Bonniwell William Sebele
Sunday	May 24, 2020 ♥ Priscilla Cox †Regis Maher †Eileen Heisey	Jean Edwards Barbara Newell Carla & Al Todd
	† <i>Person is deceased</i>	♥ <i>Person is Living</i>

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, or 528 E. Stein Hwy, Seaford, DE 19973) if you would like to be considered.

**May is the month of Mary,
Oh Mother of God, Pray for us!**

**Mayo es el mes de María,
Oh Madre de Dios, ¡ruega por
nosotros!**



Offertory Donations May 10, 2020

Weekly Offering

Thank you to all who continue to make contributions to the Church, whether through the mail or using E-Giving. God bless!

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. 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!

DANDO EN LÍNEA

Con la suspensión de misas, tampoco estamos recibiendo la oferta semanal de la mayoría de nuestros feligreses. La excepción es para aquellos que están inscritos en nuestro Programa de Donación en Línea. Le insisto a que considere ir a nuestro sitio web (www.OLLSeaford.org) y vayan en el enlace "E-Giving" para participar de esta manera fácil y segura 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!

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Dear Friends:

Our SVdP conference at Our Lady of Lourdes (in Western Sussex Co, DE) has been tremendously impacted by the inability of parishioners to attend Mass. Our on-the-ground Poor Box warriors can't get to the Poor Boxes to donate. At this time, we need to reach out to the greater community so that we can continue to help those who are truly in need. Your generous support will enable us to continue to put your treasure to work where it is most needed. Checks can be made out to "Society of St. Vincent De Paul, OLL" and it can be mailed to SVdP, c/o 28 N. Pine St. Ext. Seaford, DE 19973.

Please know that your charitable donations are tax deductible under our IRS 501 (c) (3) status. May our healing God bless you and keep you,
Miss Lynne, Member SVdP

PREP INFORMATION

Because of the ongoing crisis, and the impossibility to gather catechists and organize registration, we will not be able to offer a Summer Session this year. We will be getting out information regarding next year's PREP and are grateful for your patience and understanding.



INFORMACIÓN DE PREP

Debido a la crisis en curso, y la imposibilidad de reunir a los catequistas y organizar el registro, no podremos ofrecer una Sesión de Verano este año. Vamos a obtener información sobre el PREP del próximo año, y estamos agradecidos por su paciencia y comprensión.

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:

EMAIL:

PHONE:



SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA 17 DE MAYO DE 2020

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs. Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

Primera Lectura: Hechos 8:5-8, 14-17

Felipe predica a la gente de Samaria, quienes aceptan su palabra luego de haber presenciado los milagros que hace. Pedro y Juan oran para que puedan recibir el Espíritu Santo.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

Segunda Lectura: 1 San Pedro 3:15-18

Se les incita a los cristianos a mantenerse fuertes en su alianza con Cristo, siempre dando evidencia de gentileza y esperanza.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

Evangelio: San Juan 14:15-21

De acuerdo a sus palabras a los apóstoles durante la Última Cena, Jesús promete enviarles otro defensor, un paracleto: el Espíritu de la verdad, quien estará con ellos siempre.

Sunday/ Domingo	Acts/Hech 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt/Pe 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
Monday/ Lunes	Acts/Hech 16: 11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday/ Martes	Acts/Hech 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday/ Miércoles	Acts/Hech 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday/ Jueves	Acts/Hech 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
La Ascensión Del Señor/The Ascension of the Lord: Acts/Hech 1:1-11; Eph/Ef 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20	
Friday/ Viernes	Acts/Hech 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday/ Sábado	Acts/Hech 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

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

“Amados hermanos: glorifiquen en sus corazones a Cristo, el Señor. Estén siempre dispuestos a defenderse delante de cualquiera que les pida razón de la esperanza que ustedes tienen. Pero háganlo con suavidad y respeto, y con tranquilidad de conciencia... Es preferible sufrir haciendo el bien, si es la voluntad de Dios, que haciendo el mal... Cristo padeció para llevarnos a Dios.”

Sería maravilloso que se tomara el tiempo o tuviera la oportunidad de leer completa la carta de San Pedro. Dedicó su tiempo a ayudar a los primeros y perseguidos cristianos a permanecer firmes en su fe.

¿Está listo a responder a las preguntas de la gente por ser usted creyente? Hay tanta gente hambrienta de la verdad y del Señor, y usted puede ser el instrumento que El utilice para hacerlos regresar, o hacer que lo conozcan por primera vez.

La razón por la cual otros se aproximan a usted es porque tiene una cualidad especial, quieren tener lo que usted tiene. Si no está seguro de cómo responder, sugiera un estudio de biblia o grupo de fe – y únase usted a alguno también. De esta forma creceremos todos en fe al andar la jornada. Alguien me dijo hoy que escuchó una voz decir ‘Estoy esperando por tí.’

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

“Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear... For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is the will of God, than for doing evil...for Christ suffered that he might lead you to God.”

How wonderful if you would take the time or make the opportunity to read the entire letter of Saint Peter. He spent his time, helping the first and persecuted Christians to remain strong in their faith.

Are you ready to answer questions people might pose, because you are a believer? There are so many people hungry for the truth and for the Lord, and you might be the instrument He uses to bring them back, or even to meet Him for the first time.

The reason others approach you is because they find something special in you, they want what you have. If you are not sure how to respond, suggest a bible study or faith sharing group – and join one yourself. In this way all can grow together in faith as we walk the journey together. As someone told me today, they heard a voice saying ‘I am waiting for you.’

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you receive a message asking you to buy gift cards for someone in need, **DO NOT RESPOND!** This is a scam where bad people pretend to be me, another priest or even the bishop and try to get unsuspecting targets to buy gift cards and give them the information to redeem them. **I WILL NEVER CONTACT ANYONE AND ASK THEM TO DO THIS!!!** Be careful and protect yourself. The only safe way to help those in need here at the parish is to contribute to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



NOTICIA IMPORTANTE

Si recibe un mensaje pidiéndole que comprare tarjetas de regalo para alguien que lo necesite, ¡**NO RESPONDA!** Esta es una estafa donde la gente mala pretende ser yo, otro sacerdote o incluso el obispo y tratar de conseguir objetivos desprevenidos para comprar tarjetas de regalo y darles la información para redimirlos. ¡¡¡**NUNCA ME PONDRÉ EN CONTACTO CON NADIE Y PEDIRÉ QUE ELLOS HAGAN ESTO!!!** Ten cuidado y protéjense. La única manera seguro de ayudar a los necesitados aquí en la parroquia es contribuir a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Since the schools will remain closed for the rest of the academic year, many of our parish youth will miss-out on the traditions associated with graduation. While nothing can compensate for this loss, I would like to at least offer a parish “virtual celebration” to honor their achievements. On Saturday, May 23, I will offer Mass at 4 pm for the intentions of all our graduates. I invite any student who is graduating this year from any school – elementary school, middle school, high school, trade school, college, grad school, etc. to send in a “graduation portrait” (either professional or amateur) that I can place in the pews of our church to remind us of our virtual congregation. I will also try to figure out a way to display them on the video, so that we can all pray for teach of them as they prepare for a new chapter in their life. You can email their picture to me at (giuliano@OLLSeaford.org) and please include their name and the name of the school from which they are graduating. It is a small thing but at least we will be able to acknowledge the achievements of these young parishioners.

ATENCIÓN A TODOS LOS GRADUADOS

Dado que las escuelas permanecerán cerradas por el resto del año académico, muchos de nuestros jóvenes parroquiales se perderán las tradiciones asociadas con la graduación. Mientras nada puede compensar esta pérdida, me gustaría ofrecer al menos una "celebración virtual" parroquial para honrar sus logros. El sábado 23 de mayo, ofreceré la Misa a las 4 pm para las intenciones de todos nuestros graduados. Invito a cualquier estudiante que se gradué este año de cualquier escuela (primaria, secundaria, preparatoria, escuela de comercio, universidad, escuela de posgrado, etc.) a enviar un "retrato de graduación" (ya sea profesional o aficionado) que puedo colocar en las bancas de nuestra iglesia para recordarnos de nuestra congregación virtual. También, trataré de encontrar una manera de mostrarlos en el video, para que todos podamos orar por cada uno de ellos mientras se preparan para un nuevo capítulo en su vida. Puede enviarme su foto por correo electrónico a giuliano@OLLSeaford.org y por favor incluya su nombre y el nombre de la escuela de cual se están graduando. Es una cosa pequeña, pero al menos podremos reconocer los logros de estos jóvenes feligreses.