

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 ~ Third Week of Easter



Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Dear Parishioners:



April 29th, a bitter-sweet day for me. Please allow me this indulgence of personal memory. On this date in 1976 my classmates and I were ordained deacons in the chapel of the North American College in Rome. Since about 5:30 this morning the “ding” of a new text message has been ringing as many of us contact one another with congratulations. Who would ever have thought that 44 years ago when we were ordained we’d be dealing with parish ministry as we are now in the chaos of the COVID-19 pandemic? However, a replica of an ancient statue of the Good Shepherd which was at the entrance to the seminary library, and a copy of which is in the rectory chapel garden, (and if I can do this right I’ll put a photo of it on this message) was an inspiration to all of us, reminding us what we were called to be and do. Please offer a prayer for my classmates who are still involved in ministry. Today also marks the 14th anniversary of my father’s death. Hence a “bittersweet” day of memory – which we all have in our lives. However, God’s love and grace strengthens and inspires us to continue to be His faithful disciples and messengers of the Good News!

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 10th. We can’t forget Mom and all she’s done for us. The livestreamed Mass on May 10th and the daily Masses the following week will be honored for all of our mother’s, living and deceased. Mother’s Day cards and envelopes are available on the center table in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to come by and pick one up. When you do, stop in and make a brief visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Votive Candles in the church can still be lit for your intentions. We found a new distributor for the candles and we were able to reduce the cost of them from \$10 to \$7. If you would like a candle lit for your intentions you may send \$7.00 to the office and we will be sure to light the candle you requested.

State Issued Mandatory wearing of face masks when outside of home that will bring you into contact with people begins May 1st. Please be aware of this whenever you venture out of the house. If you need face masks CVS sells them at the checkout counter for \$2.00 apiece, limit two per customer. Many of our parishioners have been making face masks to give to the hospitals and primary care workers of our neighborhood. God bless them! In our efforts to keep everyone safe the church is cleaned and sanitized every three days. Sometimes the church smells like the laundry room, all clean and sparkly, but I prefer the smell of incense the sign of our devotion to God and our prayers rising to heaven! (Some of you don’t like incense but)

A Little Humor:

Cleaning the house with everyone home is like brushing your teeth while eating Oreos.

One person talking to his neighbor was truly distressed. “Home every day and not going out; drinking too much coffee all day long; eating along with the coffee; watching too much TV; drinking too much at night. Then the pandemic struck!”

Vagaries of the English Language: Why does the word “Funeral” start with FUN? Why isn’t a fireman called a waterman? How come Lipstick doesn’t do what it says?

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