A Message From Father Tony

Exciting news! Because of the wonderful response we have seen to our online celebration of the Mass (with between 3,000 and 4,000 families participating each week), the Saint Therese Finance Council has approved the purchase of the technology that will enable us to continue our online ministry, even after all of our parishes have fully re-opened. It was determined that Saint Therese would be the "trial run" parish in which to launch this ministry, because of its physical layout, acoustics, and existing Internet connection.

We have ordered high-definition cameras that will be permanently mounted, as well as "live switching" technology that will enable us to alternate between camera angles while the liturgy is taking place (to eliminate the need for post-production/video editing), at an estimated total cost of $14,000.00. Our intent is to Live-stream one Mass each weekend on Facebook and on a soon-to-launch Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown YouTube channel; we also intend to explore the possibility of broadcasting the Mass on Fayette Chamber TV (Atlantic Broadband Channel 77). We are hopeful that this ministry will allow the homebound, and others who may be curious about the Catholic faith or seeking a church home, to connect with our church family and ultimately experience God's love and Christ's presence.

Parishioners of Saint Therese: Would you be willing to consider a contribution of any amount to help continue to bring Jesus into the homes of Uniontown and beyond? Donations will be gratefully accepted in your name, in the name of your business, or in honor/in memory of a loved one. To show our gratitude for your assistance in defraying the cost of this technology, we will list the names of our donors in the bulletin, and on-screen during the "credits" following the stream of each Mass. The impact of your gift will be felt for years to come, as it enables us to live the Gospel call to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19).

After the initial run with this ministry at Saint Therese, if parishioners of Saint John, Saint Joseph and Saint Mary are interested in investing in the expansion of this ministry into your respective parishes, that possibility is certainly worth consideration and can be discussed.

For questions or to arrange your donation, please contact Brenda or Karen at the parishes' office: 724-437-4441

God Bless,
Fr. Tony

Regular Office Hours Have Resumed: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Parish Office Will Be Closed
Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day)

Keep informed by viewing the main page of our website for up-to-date information: www.faysouth.org
Or visit our Facebook Page: The Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown
Recommencing In-Person Worship: Masses Permitted To Begin On June 1st

The following guidelines are subject to change pending updates from the Diocese of Greensburg. To keep current on the most recent parish news and updates, visit our Facebook Page (The Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown), Parish Website (www.faysouth.org) or feel free to call the Parish Office (724)437-4441.

- For the foreseeable future, all people will remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. **Those who feel vulnerable because of age or health are encouraged to stay home, while those who are sick should not attend public worship.** Masses will continue to be streamed online and broadcast on WMBS radio.

- The Uniontown churches will open doors 1/2 hour prior to the beginning of Mass. No admittance before that time.

- To ensure adherence to social distancing guidelines of six feet, which equates to approximately 25% of capacity inside the church, pews will be marked accordingly and Ministers of Hospitality will guide attendees to appropriate seating (first-come, first-served basis). Seating will begin at the front of the church so we may easily keep track of the number of people in attendance and allow for maximum seating capacity.

- Attendees will be seated in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Members of the same household may sit together; therefore, we recommend that households attend Mass as a family in order to allow more seating to be available.

- Attendees must wear a mask, as the Presider will not begin Mass unless everyone is in compliance (children 2 years and younger are exempt). Those with medical conditions that prohibit wearing a mask are to call the Parish Office by Friday so arrangements can be made to seat you in the first pew.

- Due to capacity restrictions, some attendees may be directed to another Mass location or invited to view Mass online once the church has reached its maximum capacity. We ask for your patience and understanding as we strive to return to worship in a safe manner.

- No attendees will be permitted to stand in the vestibule or in the church, or remain in the sacristy or choir areas.

- All communicants are strongly encouraged to receive the Sacred Host in the hand. The chalice of the Precious Blood will not be offered to the congregation.

- The Sign of Peace at this time will not include a handshake, instead we will turn to the person next to us and offer a reverential bow.

- Collection baskets will be set in stationary and suitable locations in the church for placement of your offertory envelopes. We encourage the continuation of On-line Giving or mailing of envelopes to the Parish Office.

- Holy water and baptismal fonts will be drained.

- Hymnals and missalettes will be removed. Attendees are welcome to bring their own resources to follow the readings for the day. Suggestions: **The Word Among Us**, 1-800-775-9673 (complementary digital access @ https://wau.org); **Magnificat**, 1-866-273-5215 (trial subscription currently available @ https://us.magnificat.net/free).

- In accordance with CDC guidelines, the churches will be cleaned with soap and water once a week, and all high-contact areas will be sanitized after all liturgies. We ask for your help in two ways:
  1) Do your best to limit touching surfaces — allow the Hospitality Ministers to open the door for you, etc.
  2) Volunteer to help sanitize the church after weekday and weekend liturgies. Call the Rita Rae at the Parish Office if you are able to assist with this endeavor and we will give you guidance on how to proceed. Gloves and sanitizing products will be provided. Parish Office: (724)437-4441.

- After Mass, those not helping with sanitizing the church are asked to promptly leave (adhering to social distancing guidelines) so the work may quickly commence and we can safely be ready for the next liturgy.
**STAYING CONNECTED!**

- View Sunday Mass streamed live on our Facebook Page, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
- Recorded viewing available Sundays after 11:00 a.m.

Facebook Address:
The Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown

- Listen to Sunday Mass with Fr. Tony on WMBS Radio at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays
- Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org to view Mass with Bishop Malesic
- Visit TheAccentOnline.org for the latest news
- Sign-up for text alerts by texting the word FAITH to 724-305-3057

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**Faith Formation News!**

**First Eucharist**

Marlene Bandzuch, our Director of Faith Formation, will be contacting families with information as soon as details have been worked out.

**RCIA**

At long last, we look forward to welcoming into our Catholic Community of Faith, those who have participated in RCIA. Our Director of Faith Formation, Marlene Bandzuch, will be making all necessary contacts to arrange for this celebration very soon!

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Parents: Informational letters concerning Confirmation were sent to the families of current 7th grade youth. If you did not receive a letter, contact the Parish Office and ask for Marlene Bandzuch, Director of Faith Formation (724)437-4441. Parents are asked to return the Initial Information Form to Marlene as soon as possible.

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**Parish Life**

**Parish Organizations Getting Back to “Normal”**

As we begin the process of re-opening our parishes to public worship, we know many of you have questions and are eager to resume your involvement in the life of the parish - we are eager for that as well - we have missed you and your parish needs you! Moving forward, a little patience and caution is still required. In the next week or two, our Office Personnel will be reaching out to the leaders of our various parish groups to relay information about the necessary guidelines that must be in place to resume meetings and other parish activities.

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**Pastoral Care**

If you are in serious need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please make an appointment by contacting one of our priests by email or by calling the parish office at 724-437-4441 and leave a voice mail.

**Pastor:** Fr. Anthony J. Klimko
aklimko@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Parochial Vicar/Hospital Chaplain:**
Fr. Vincent Concepcion
vconcepcion@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Anthony Cortado
dcortado@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Confessions will be heard outdoors at St. Joseph Church between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays. All CDC Guidelines will be observed.

While observing all CDC Guidelines, the Uniontown Parishes will be open for Private Prayer, Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration as follows from 2:00 to 6:00 PM:

- Mondays at St. Therese Church (St. Therese Church will be closed Memorial Day)
- Tuesdays at St. Mary Nativity Church
- Wednesdays at St. Joseph Church
- Thursdays at St. John the Evangelist Church

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Psalm 27:4
To participate in Online Giving, visit our website: www.faysouth.org

Diocesan Lenten Appeal
St. John the Evangelist Parish: $57,151.00 - 107.4%
St. Joseph Parish: $56,413.00 - 126.4%
St. Mary Nativity Parish: $48,075.00 - 102.8%
St. Therese Parish: $76,295.00 - 98.1%
We are still accepting gifts/pledges!

Candle Memorials

St. John the Evangelist Church:
Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Frank & Anna Oravets by Chuck & Diane Newell.

St. Joseph Church:
Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Michael Nicol & Agnes Nicol by The Robert Nicol Family.

St. Mary Nativity Church:
Pieta Candle burns in memory of The Deceased Members of Kopacko & Stiner Families by George & Helen Stiner.
Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Edward & Helen Guman, Joseph & John by Judy Hanzes.
Blessed Mother Candle burns in memory of Angelina Di Cenzo by Mr. & Mrs. Rich De Cenzo.
Sacred Heart Candle burns in memory of Andrew & Susan Zorichak by Kay Zorichak & Family.

Please Note: We now have two additional candles available for intentions at St. Mary Nativity Parish: The Pieta and St. Dominic Candles.

St. Therese Church:
Blessed Mother Candle burns in memory of George & Bessie Meadows by Sons, Daughter & Families.
Padre Pio Candle burns In Honor of The St. Therese Parish Family.
Pieta Candle burns in memory of Marge Mazurek by Jim & Josie Filiaggi.
Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Tony Carolla by Jim & Martha Huhn.
St. Joseph Candle burns In Thanksgiving of Family Blessings.
St. Therese Candle burns in memory of Frank Puleo by Richard Bradjic.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day)
Fr. Klimko Our Deceased Veterans

Tuesday, May 26
Fr. Klimko Stanley & Nellie Zebro Family by Family
Fr. Concepcion Rev. Thomas Lukac by Mary Ann Mrowca

Wednesday, May 27
Fr. Concepcion John & Steve Mizerak by Joseph Mizerak
Fr. Cortado Andrew & Susan Zorichak by Arlene Zorichak

Thursday, May 28
Fr. Concepcion Rose Marie Lopick by Lopick & Dutkewycz Family
Fr. Klimko Andrew & Anna Pollak by Daughter, Virginia & Family

Friday, May 29
Fr. Cortado Helen Stefancin by Patti Parisse & Richard Homistek
Fr. Klimko Jim Murtha, Sr. by Joe & Patty Semans

Saturday, May 30
Fr. Cortado John & Ruth Kraynak by M/M Sam Nemal, Jr.
Fr. Concepcion Ronald Pisano by Family
Fr. Klimko Maxine & Anthony Novak by Novak Family

Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost)
Fr. Klimko Joseph N. Kauchuk by Family
Fr. Cortado Peter Canistra by Harry Fee Family
Fr. Klimko Charlene Rhodes Erjavek by Daughter, Linda Figas
Fr. Concepcion Living & Deceased Members & Mothers of St. John the Evangelist Jefferson Club
Fr. Cortado John R. Nypaver by Stephanie & Marques Nypaver

Stewardship of Giving

St. John: $1,045.00; Online $885.00; Total $1,930.00
St. Joseph: $1,581.00; Online $1,155.00; Total $2,736.00
St. Mary Nativity: $2,103.00; Online $731.00; Total $2,834.00
St. Therese: $4,797.00; Online $1,406.00; Total $6,203.00

We are still accepting gifts/pledges!
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