

April 8, 2020

Dear Seton Lake Ridge Parishioners,

During this time of quarantine we are finding ourselves at home and serving in all the roles we are used to having others do for us: chefs, teachers, gym instructors, coaches, cleaning and lawn care professionals, to name a few... and yes, even faith sharing. The mission of the Church is in large part now occurring in the home - the “domestic Church”. Therefore, as we are all well aware, this Easter will be very different to say the least. It seems as if overnight so much has changed and the challenges seem overwhelming... but the opportunities can also be enormous! An unplanned but great missionary opportunity has fallen upon us and prompted us to bring our faith even more so into the home. I would like to think that **our Church is not empty, “but it is deployed”**. This is what you have been trained for and I want you to know that you are equipped to do this mission!

As your Pastor I am here to inspire you, to motivate you and to remind you of the peace and perspective that our incredible faith has to offer. We are all being prompted to invite God into our lives and into our homes and neighborhoods in new and creative ways. Actually, through your own Baptism, yes YOU were created to do this! So, I am “passing the torch” or rather “sharing the flame” in unique ways with you this year. I wish to encourage and ask you to lead your household, your family – your “domestic Church” in new ways this Easter and beyond! For example, **set up sacred spaces** to help reflect on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus; **bless your family members** on the forehead with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith; **watch and participate in our livestreamed Triduum and Easter liturgies** (*See revised schedule below with additional 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass; Holy Thursday 10:30 a.m. Holy Hour; and Divine Mercy Celebration, April 19th*); **read and meditate** on sacred scripture, **talk about and reflect** on the resurrected new life and rebirth we have in Christ; **do acts** of kindness and patient sacrifice; and of course, **pray, pray, and pray some more!**

As Easter approaches, let’s not focus on what we aren’t going to have. We are united in a unique way this year with our early Christian brothers and sisters, who under great challenges and persecution, didn’t have churches with flowers and music and decor. Let’s remember what we do have - “The Greatest Story Ever Told” - the **Story of Salvation and Jesus’ great love for each one of us!** I am so proud of you and of the privileged opportunity our Good Lord has given me to shepherd you as your Pastor.

Let us pray for one another, our first responders, medical personnel, civil and church leaders, and especially the most vulnerable and sick at this time. On behalf of Fr. Dort, Deacon Rob and all our Seton Lake Ridge Staff, we miss you and are so grateful for your prayers and support. Please know that we are remembering you and all your loved ones, in our daily prayers as well.

May God bless and protect us all!

Fr. Brian Bashista, Pastor

***REVISED* HOLY WEEK – TRIDUUM – EASTER “LIVE-STREAMING” SCHEDULE**

*Please Note: The entire Church Building will be closed during the Triduum and Easter Sunday livestreaming. **Due to increased Sunday morning internet use, we've added a 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Livestream Mass.** Everyone is encouraged to remain at home and prayerfully join us for any of the liturgies listed here by simply clicking the **blue links** below or visiting our website www.setonlakeridge.org*

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9th

[HOLY HOUR of ADORATION in Union w/Bishop Burbidge at 10:30 a.m.](#) (Rectory Chapel via livestream)

[MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER at 7:30 p.m.](#)(Main Church via livestream)

Private Prayer in our Lord's Eucharistic Presence 8:30 p.m.-12a.m. (Chapel via livestream)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10th

[STATIONS Of The CROSS at 3:00 p.m.](#) (Main Church via livestream)

[Click Here for Stations of the Cross Booklet of Prayers and Responses](#)

[LITURGY of the PASSION at 7:30 p.m.](#)(Main Church via livestream)

[Click Here for Good Friday Gospel Booklet for Prayers and Responses](#)

[DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: 9 Days Ideally at 3 p.m. beginning Good Friday – Divine Mercy Sun.](#) (In private)

Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Sunday, April 19th 3-4 p.m. - See details below (Main Church via livestream)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11th

[EASTER VIGIL at 8:30 p.m.](#)(Main Church via livestream)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12th

[MASS at 7:30 a.m.](#) *(Main Church via livestream)*

[MASS at 9:00 a.m.](#) *(Main Church via livestream)*

[MASS at 10:45 a.m.](#) *(Main Church via livestream)*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (2nd Sunday of Easter), April 19th

[DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR and CELEBRATION](#) at 3:00 p.m. *(Main Church via livestream)*

[Click here for Divine Mercy Celebration Booklet for Prayers and Responses](#)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES St. Lucy Project is in GREAT NEED OF FOOD!

As we are all aware, unfortunately there can be no parish food drives until regular public Masses resume. However, in his "shelter-in-place" order, our Governor has declared that food banks are an essential service; and the need for food to feed families in our communities is even greater now than ever. After Easter, **SETON LAKE RIDGE** will be participating in a new and creative St. Lucy Food Drive Project - **“NO CROWD - DROP AND GO - NO CONTACT - Drive-Thru Food Drive”**. Here is how it will work: A St. Lucy Food truck will be parked on our parish parking lot to receive food donations. Parishioners will line up in their cars (NO CROWD), drive up to the truck, roll down their driver-side windows, DROP the plastic bag (no cloth bags please) in a large box without leaving their car, and then GO (drive off). Catholic Charities staff will stay with the truck (NO CONTACT) and drive the truck back to their warehouse for safe distribution to those in need. *There will be no physical contact between the driver and the St. Lucy staff and no one will need to leave their car.* We are in the process of finalizing a date so that we can participate in this collection to address this critical need. Watch for an email and our parish website posting for more details to come!

PRAYER TO ST. CORONA IN A TIME OF EPIDEMIC

Once again, I offer this prayer to **Our Lord** seeking the intercession of **St. Corona, Patroness of Epidemic Victims**. (Hard copies of this prayer are now available in the Church Narthex.)

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation.

Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.