

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PRIVATE MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY FATHER JANUSZ...ONE PER DAY BETWEEN ST. PHILIP AND ST. LAWRENCE. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IF YOUR MASS INTENTION HAS TO BE RESCHEDULED.

St. Philip Private Intentions this Week:

Wed	1	+Paula Wallner by Mary Skytland
Thu	2	Health of Mindy & Penny by Family
Sat	4	+Marvin Ziebell by Family
Sun	5	St. Philip/St. Lawrence Parishioners

**PRIEST ON CALL MARCH 29
FR. JANUSZ
715-456-1450**

**OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM
8:00 A.M. – NOON EVERY DAY UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

**CONFESSION TIMES BY APPOINTMENT
St. Lawrence – Call 421-5777**

**Tuesday 6:00 p.m. & Thursday 7:00 a.m.
St. Philip – Call 435-3286**

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. & Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Please call the church offices listed first so that we can schedule the confessions in order to keep the numbers in church under 10.

Go to diolc.org.live for Sunday Mass at 9:30 with Bishop Callahan and Monday-Saturday daily Mass at 8:00 from the Cathedral.



**ST. PHILIP/ST. LAWRENCE
Gun Calendar Raffle Update...**
Tickets are going fast!! St. Philip proceeds will be used for basement repairs. Contact Steve Koback if you would like to purchase a ticket...715-340-9415.

ITEMS FOR THE LENTEN DONATION DRIVE... infant and elderly and essentials and hygiene needs and new towels can be dropped off at church from 8-12 daily. Now more than ever these items are needed.



GROTTO NEWS... We will again advertise on Relevant Radio from May-October. Donations are being accepted to cover

the cost of \$215 per month...checks payable to the Grotto.

PICNIC BASKET RAFFLE... Items and cash are still being collected. Checks should be made out to St. Philip Picnic Fund.



THE PICNIC RAFFLE will be accepting donations of cash or gift cards for additional prizes. If you would like to donate, please contact Linda Hobbs 435-3267 by April 15.

SCRIP NEWS:

**IF YOU NEED TO PURCHASE SCRIP,
CONTACT JILL MORAN AT
715-435-3787.**



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS... Even though there will not be Mass on Easter Sunday, we will still decorate the sanctuary. Donations are being accepted.

PLEASE NOTE:

OFFERING ENVELOPES, PICNIC RAFFLE DONATIONS, RELEVANT RADIO AD AND EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS, AND GUN RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY CAN BE DROPPED IN THE ENVELOPE BOXES AT CHURCH FROM 8:00-12:00 EVERY DAY.

*****SCAM ALERT*****

Father Janusz does not need anything bought from the store. If you receive a phone call asking to buy him items or food, please do not respond!

If you have an emergency or an anointing that needs to be done, you may reach me at 715-456-1450 or the parish office 715-435-3286. God Bless you all. Father Janusz

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT HOMILY

Two monks lived in a monastery. They were very pious and read a lot of theological books. Their favorite place was the library. They read such an enormity of books that they seemed to have read everything in the library. One day they came across a very interesting book. It was small, with several pages and pictures. In this book, they discovered evidence that there is a point on earth where heaven meets the earth. There is also a door at that point, and if you open this door, you will meet God.

The two monks continued to search for confirmation in other books, and after researching more, it turned out to be true. And so, they set out from the monastery on a long journey. The monks wandered for a very long time; they passed mountains, lakes, forests, rivers and finally came to the place where heaven meets the earth. The two monks saw the door described in the book they had read. The door was inconspicuous, modest, and a little old. The monks went to the door and asked each other, "If we open this door and meet God, are we ready for it?" The friar replied, "Let's do it!" They opened the door and were very surprised. Behind the door they saw their own rooms back in the monastery.

We travel all over the world to find what is right next to us. Today's gospel is about the man next to Jesus. The master asks the man if he wishes to be healed. A sick man is asked if he wants healing, but did not understand what Jesus is truly asking him! Do you want to be healthy or do you want to discover what you have been searching for truly?" The sick man answers, "I can't find anyone to help me." We are often so gazed at our gaps in our lives that we do not see God's plan for us. We do not notice His presence that is always there. How said it is that we attempt to decide for ourselves what our life should be. But let's ask ourselves, where is God's path inscribed on my path?" Maybe I'm trying to put my life in God's plan - and that's the problem. I can be healed by accepting Jesus in my life. I can become his brother, sister, and member of the family.

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,
May the Lord give you peace.**

The unprecedented actions of the past weeks, though challenging for each of us, highlight our need for spiritual sustenance. Let us use this time by placing Our Lord at the center of our lives. Our Diocesan website, diolc.org, offers links and resources as we pray for help, protection, and healing. I heartily encourage you to check it out.

The Holy See's March 20 Decree explains that the current Plenary indulgence at this time of pandemic is "granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion; or, they may simply recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity toward their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions) as soon as possible."

I pray for each of you during this crisis, that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy through the intercession of our Mother Mary and our patrons, St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi. Imploring God's blessings on you in this time of need, I am +William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv, Bishop of LaCrosse.



ROYAL PARENTS ANNUAL PLANT SALE...

Order forms are due April 1. Please send to: Jennifer Moon, 4767 Cty Rd Q, Wisconsin Rapids 54495. Pickup is May 16 at St. Vincent, 9-1.

BIGO AT AHS is cancelled for April and May. It will resume on September 20.

AS WE JOURNEY through the next few weeks of school closures, we hope that all our students and their families remain in good health. We will miss your smiling faces and ask that God will guide us through this challenging time in our life.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Dale TerMaat, Janice Haupt,
Patrick Hoffmann, Mary Lou Glaza,
Dan Kelnhofer, Irene Jakusz, Jim Wiskerchen



CHURCH SUPPORT - MARCH 22


Adult Envelopes	-	\$1300.00
Offertory Collection	-	\$ -0-
Bulletin Ads	-	\$ 475.00
Relevant Radio	-	\$ 100.00
Basket Donations	-	\$ 150.00

We need \$4,650 per week to meet our expenses.

If you haven't made a pledge yet for the DAA, would you please consider helping this year. All money given now comes directly back to the parish.

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