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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24TH, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE

ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO ST. PAUL'S ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK (St. Paul RC Church) INSTAGRAM (stpaulrcchurchnj) AND YOUTUBE (stpaulrcchurchnj) MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 12:00pm (ENGLISH) AND 7:00pm (SPANISH)

OUR WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE ON SATURDAYS AND 5:30pm (ENGLISH) AND 7:00PM (SPANISH) SUNDAYS AT 9:00am (ENGLISH) AND AT 1:00pm (SPANISH)

Nuestra Misa diaria será celebrada en vivo en Facebook (St. Paul RC Church) INSTAGRAM (stpaulrcchurchnj) AND YOUTUBE (stpaulrcchurchnj) todos los días de Lunes a Viernes a las 5:30pm en Inglés y a las 7:00pm en Español. Las Misas de fin de semana serán: Sábados: 5:30pm en Inglés y a la 7:00pm en Español Domingos: 9:00am en Inglés y 1:00pm en Español

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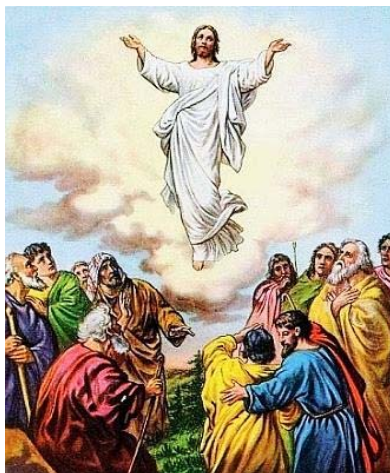
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TODAY'S GOSPEL

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



Matthew 28:16-20

EL EVANGELIO DE HOY

En aquel tiempo, los once discípulos se fueron a Galilea y subieron al monte en el que Jesús los había citado. Al ver a Jesús, se postraron, aunque algunos titubeaban. Entonces, Jesús se acercó a ellos y les dijo: "Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándolas a cumplir todo cuanto yo les he mandado; y sepan que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo".

MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Memorials This Weekend 23rd, 24th

- ✠ The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit in Memory of... St. Paul Parishioners
- ✠ Host and Wine is offered in Memory of... St. Paul Parishioners
- ✠ The Candles on the Main Altar are in Memory of... St. Paul Parishioners
- ✠ The Flowers on the Main Altar are in Memory of ... St. Paul Parishioners
- ✠ The Blue Candle on Mary's Altar will be lit in Memory of ... St. Paul Parishioners
- ✠ The flowers on Mary's Altar are in Memory of ... St. Paul Parishioners

Remembrance
Memorials



SATURDAY, May 23, 2020 *The Ascension of the Lord*
5:30pm: ✠ Evelyn Hensgen, ✠ Vera Schneiderman, ✠ Helen Pounds, ✠ Nancy Weaver, In Thanksgiving for the 62nd Wedding Anniversary of Frank and Elizabeth Robinson; In Thanksgiving for the 85th Birthday of Frank Robinson; In Thanksgiving for the 20th Birthday of Christina Cramer
7:00pm: ✠ Mercedes Barrios Parra (2° Aniversario), ✠ Maria Elena Ramirez, ✠ Francisco Correa, ✠ Alicia Arroyo de Gomez (5° Aniversario), ✠ Yolanda Ajen de Zarak (1° Mes)

SUNDAY, May 24, 2020 *The Ascension of the Lord*
Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:00am: ✠ Maria Van Dorn, ✠ Margaret Darragh, ✠ Nancy Weaver
1:00pm: ✠ Rita Elena Sanchez, ✠ Carlos Rodas, ✠ Julian Moya, ✠ Héctor Castaño, ✠ Ruth Vargas *En Acción de Gracias por Ernesto Pacheco en su cumpleaños, *Por la salud de Cecilia Vargas

MONDAY, May 25, 2020 *Memorial Day*
Saint Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin
12:00pm: ✠ Henry Alborn, ✠ Margaret Darragh
7:00 pm: ✠ Bartolon Garcia Hernandez, ✠ Francisco Correa

TUESDAY, May 26, 2020 (In Chapel)
Saint Philip Neri, Priest
12:00pm: ✠ Maria Van Dorn, ✠ Nancy Weaver
7:00pm: ✠ Telesforo Guardia Salcedo, Sr., ✠ Yolanda Ajende Zarak, *Por la salud de Liz Pacheco, *Por la Salud de Cecilia Vargas

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2020 (In Chapel)
Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
12:00pm: ✠ Henry Ahlborn, ✠ Eleanor Jewel Fitzgerald
7:00pm: ✠ Laura Pacheco, ✠ Huascar Collado

THURSDAY, May 28, 2020 (In Chapel)
12:00pm: ✠ Vera Scheiderman
7:00pm: ✠ George Chinchay, ✠ Mario Salonga, ✠ Josefina Perez, ✠ Ruth Vargas, *Por la salud de Cecilia Vargas

FRIDAY, May 29, 2020 (In Chapel)
12:00pm: ✠ Evelyn Hensgen
7:00pm: ✠ Kathy Kornhause, ✠ Maria Van Dorn

SATURDAY, May 30, 2020
5:30pm: ✠ Joseph Juliano, ✠ Ramon Cabactulan, ✠ Araceli Santos Danilewica
7:00pm: Por la salud de Liz Pacheco, ✠ Silvia Suarez

SUNDAY, May 31, 2020 *Pentecost Sunday*
9:00am: ✠ Ramon Cabactulan, ✠ Ann Katwinkel, ✠ Marie Kennedy, ✠ Margaret Darragh, ✠ Maria Van Dorn
1:00pm: ✠ Herman Ortiz, ✠ Telesforo Guardia Salcedo, Sr., ✠ Yolanda Ajende Zarak, ✠ Ruth Vargas, *Por la salud de Cecilia Vargas

Please notify an usher if the Mass you are attending is in memory of a friend or family member, and you will like to bring the Gifts to the Altar in the Offertory Procession.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday:** Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING: COLLECTION FOR MAY 17th, 2020

Regular Collection	\$4,894.00
Total	\$4,894.00

May/June Envelope Schedule



- Remember Your Offerings
- 5/24 Weekly
 - 5/31 Weekly
 - 6/07 Weekly
 - 6/07 Catholic Services Relief
 - 6/14 Weekly

Thank you for your loving kindness and generosity to our home, St. Paul Church. May God Bless you always.

Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo

Gracias por su generosidad con nuestro hogar, nuestra parroquia de San Pablo. Que Dios los bendiga siempre.

Padre Leonardo Jaramillo

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR FIREFIGHTERS, POLICEMEN, AND THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

may they be strengthened by knowing that Jesus Christ is with them always especially; Yousses Kallini, Douglas Aquino, Kevin Aquino, Laura Montana, Matthew Mulick, Andrew Mulick, Jeremy Brubaker, Matthew Valderama, Joseph Puskas II, Samantha Eromenok, Brian Eromenok, Erin Kidd, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Joseph Belfi, Fernando Rodriguez, Juan Perdomo, Anais Calderon, Christopher Calderon, Stephen Prandy, Lorenzo Urbano, Joseph Domicolo, Jake Castro, Marci Mann, Christopher & Matthew Molino, Carlos & Patricio Archila, Steven Green, Jose Carrero, Javier Cruz, William Fernandez, Rudy Ruiz, Wesley Delgado, Michael Genchi, Christopher Ashy, Andy Cuba, Stewart Frias Garcia, Frank "Ben" Robinson, Darren Orta and William Fernandez. May they be comforted by our continual prayers for their safety. **Let us pray to the Lord.**



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

For those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, may the healing power of Jesus come upon them and bring them comfort and peace. We pray for the sick of our parish community: **Our Pastor, Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo, Raymond Cramer, Ed Schweighardt, Ida Marotta, Henry Murphy Arlene Murphy, Betty Lyons, Mary McCullum, Fouad Khoury, Nick Genchi, Jill Homcey, John Carnemolla, Emma Bracigliano, April Stearns, Elizabeth Robinson, Frank Robinson, Anthony Cinderella John Wines, Noelia Marin, Patricia Muñoz, Gloria Linares, Josephine Perez, Diego Alejandro Posada Mira, Giovanny Lopez, Maria Isabel y Gustavo Gonzalez, Ramiro Toro, Christian Hernandez, Juan Morales, Doctors and Nurses, Supermarket employees and pharmacists, Ramon Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Jinneth Galarza, Julio Cesar Melo, Angela Angulo, Edith Tuesta, Ruben Diaz, Aracelly Tapia, Nelly Pricila Soliz, Marco Rosa, Walter Acosta, Lucia Ruiz, Ruben Leal & Rosa Leal, Fr. Jude Salas and the Monks of St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, NJ, Mary Jean Vargas, Frank Collier, Juan Guillermo Montoya, Nico Nicololoia, Julio Roman, Charles Roberts, Eva Santos, Doris Casillas, Roman Mañalec.**

For those who have died, may they, through the mercy of God, rest in the fullness of peace. We pray for: **Gregoria Josefina Rosas, Santos Cesar Neyra Gutiérrez, Luisa Chavez Mendez, Fernando Antonio Parra, Dolores Hernandez Garcia, Rodrigo Cardona, Héctor Castaño, Pedro Hernandez Diaz, Raymond Sauers. Sr., Orlando Parra Posada, Israel Tolentino, Rene Rodriguez, Josefina Perez, Maria de Zubiria, Victor Daniel Cardona, Richard High, Margaret Darragh, Laura Enderica, Filomena Fermin, Fr. Aloyisus Schwartz, Laura Pacheco, Kathy Kornhause, Evelyn Hensgen, Vera Schneiderman, Joaquin Nunez, Paul Evicci, Rose DeSouza, Nancy Weaver, Sara Bravo Segway, Rose Bagueenzo, Franklyn Scorpo, Angelica Archilla Rivera, Philip N. Grisanto, Hank Ahlborn, Maria Van Dorn, Araceli Santos Danilewicz, George Chinchay, Carlos Fonseca, Ruth Vargas**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus left his beloved apostles forty days after his resurrection. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promise land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was

both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. He assured them of his power—a power which overcame sin and death. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to give them the power of his Holy Spirit, which we see fulfilled ten days later on the Feast of Pentecost (Luke 24:49 and Acts 2:1-4). When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left alone or powerless. Jesus assured them of his presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the good news of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a nation, but it is for the whole world—for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power of God, the power to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver from evil and oppression, and to restore life.

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task—to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide.

For Reflection: Do you believe in the power of the gospel? Do you witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the gospel and the reality of your resurrection."

CATHOLIC HUMOR

There was an earthquake recently that frightened the inhabitants of a certain town. One couple sent their little boy to stay with an uncle in another district, explaining the reason for the nephew's sudden visit. A day later the parents received this telegram, "Am returning your boy. Send the earthquake."



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May 14, 2020
Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Announcement of Ordination and Installation of the Eighth Bishop of Paterson The Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On April 15, 2020, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, made a provision for the pastoral care of the Diocese of Paterson, through his appointment of **Rev. Kevin J. Sweeney, Priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn as Bishop of Paterson**. Following consultation with the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, I joyfully announce the Ordination and Installation of the Eighth Bishop of Paterson, and I also announce a Mass of Welcome to be celebrated with Bishop Sweeney at a later date. The details for the celebration of Ordination and Installation are as follows:

At seven o'clock in the evening, on **Tuesday, June 30, 2020, Solemn Vespers** will be celebrated in preparation for the ordination of the Bishop-Elect the following day.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, the Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest, His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Metropolitan Archbishop of Newark will ordain The Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, to the Order of Bishops and Install Bishop Sweeney as the Eighth Bishop of Paterson with The Most Reverend Nicholas A. DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, and myself serving as Co-Consecrating Bishops.

Both celebrations will be take place in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Paterson and will be in accord with social distancing norms and will strictly require limited admission by ticket only. Both events will be live streamed on the website of the Diocese of Paterson with further instructions regarding access to the live stream to follow.

When social distancing norms can be relaxed and a greater number of the faithful are able to gather, a Mass of Thanksgiving and Welcome will be celebrated by Bishop Sweeney in the late autumn, so that the local church of Paterson can pray together with the shepherd who will guide us in the name of the Lord.

During these days of preparation for the Ordination and Installation of the Bishop-Elect, we join in prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our new shepherd and upon all of the clergy, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Paterson. We ask for God's healing power to dispel all fear and illness from among us and to give us the grace of the Light of Christ which never fails.

Commending the Bishop-Elect, and all of the clergy, religious, and faithful of the Diocese of Paterson to care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the intercession of Saint John the Baptist, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Apostolic Administrator

“DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING BUT BELIEVING.” *John 20:27*

FATHER LEONARDO JARAMILLO’S TESTIMONY, “I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES”

May the Lord and our Blessed Mother bless you, your families, and those who are sick.

I am praying for our Heroes: the hospitals and health-care workers, doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists, ambulance drivers, pharmacists, and those who work in pharmacies, police officers, firefighter, supermarket and restaurants employees, and those who are dedicating their live to save others as they battle the coronavirus and bring care to the desperately ill patients.

I am so grateful and blessed to announce that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, along with the Head of the Catholic Church, our Holy Father Pope Francis, are working in their mysterious ways toward my healing process. After terrible and painful days, on Holy Thursday, April 9th, 2020, and also on Good Friday, April 10th, 2020, I believe our Lord blessed me with some of His passion. I carried His cross for a short time, I could not imagine how our Lord suffered when He carried His own Cross for us, it was so painful, and I felt abandoned as tears rolled down my cheeks. I believe that Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, His Mother, and through the ministry of the Catholic Church and the Holy Father, Pope Francis, a miracle in my life was performed. They are continuing to make me stronger. I am indeed a witness of their love, mercy, compassion and healing. I was diagnosed positive with COVID-19 on Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2020.

As the disciples said to each other: *“Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us to the way and opened the Scriptures to us”* Luke 24: 13-35. I know what it now means when I hear the disciples in this Gospel: *“our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us...”* I could experience it in my own life. Everything began on Holy Thursday but on Good Friday I got worse! I was watching the Stations of the Cross in Saint Peters Square, Rome; I felt like I was dying, my fever went up to 103° F. I think I was unconscious for a little while; my body was shaking and I thought my head would explode; I couldn’t breathe and I had severe back pain. Previously, my Doctor advised me that I must go to the emergency room but I didn’t go because, to be honest, I was afraid since I heard that most of the hospitals were contaminated with the coronavirus and so many people were dying. Good Friday really was my day to understand what our Lord had to go through before He died for us. How vulnerable the human being can be. I just prayed and prayed that night. I thought that this would be my last day. I knelt down and begged our Lord for forgiveness of my sins and to heal me both physically and spiritually. I wished to have a priest for confession, but under the circumstances nobody should come to see me.

In my previous testimony I forgot to mention important details of what actually happened before I heard a soft voice. Why, I don’t know, but perhaps it was because I wrote down my first testimony the following four days after all that had happened in this healing process. In any event, looking for some relief while I was watching the Stations of the Cross, I remember screaming at the television set and asking Pope Francis to pray for me, to do something for me. He did bring up those who were suffering with this virus and those who were dying. I asked him, *“Through your ministry, your*



testimony of life and as Pope, Head of the Church, please help me; please ask our Lord help me.” I believe that He did as I requested. This is truly a miracle.

It was the darkest night of my life. I was sad, anguished and in pain without losing my faith. I was looking for the Anointing of the Sick; I said to myself: *“As a Priest I can anoint myself”* but, unfortunately, I couldn’t find the Oil of the Sick in my room. Immediately I said: *“Holy Water”*, I am not sure why I couldn’t find anything that could help me. Then it came to my mind the piece of wood that my sister Maria del Carmen found in the deep waters of the Jordan River when we renewed our Baptismal Promises when we went to the Holy Land in August 2019. I couldn’t believe that after nine months that piece of wood would still have some water on it. I saw a few raindrops that gave me comfort, hope and happiness; at least I have water from the Jordan River. I was so happy, and at that moment, I observed the presence of our Lord. I blessed my forehead, chest and hands and said: *“Here I am Lord Jesus, do with me what you want.”* And after I blessed myself, I was ready to die. This reminds me of Good Friday when Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified and died on the wood, the Holy Cross. I also blessed myself with this water on Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday night, I asked our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, to please give me a sign; I needed to know what should I do? Then I heard a soft voice tell me: *“Rest, trust in me, I am with you.”* I was so afraid, I was in tears and I did not want to go to sleep, thinking I would die. Our Lord had me lie down in bed and I fell asleep for three hours. When I woke up, the fever left me, the breathing was somewhat normal, the heart palpitations began to get better, and my back pain was subsiding. My heart was *“burning within me while He spoke to me.”* I am indeed a witness of the love, mercy and healing power that our Lord has. I know our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, our Blessed Virgin Mary and the ministry of our Pope Francis and our Church are going to keep all of us safe. As they blessed me, they will do the same to each one of you and your families. I believe in miracles and I know this is one of them which, through the intercession and prayers of Pope Francis, God performed this miracle. I am so blessed. To God: I trust you, I love you, honor you, all glory and victory is yours. I took the COVID-19 test again on April 27th, 2020 and on April 29th, 2020 I received the results which came back negative.

Thank you very much to all of you, my brothers and sisters, who are praying for me and for those who are suffering because of this pandemic. Thank you to all the priests who celebrated the Masses here at Saint Paul R.C Church. Thank you to those families who provided food, they are taking good care of me, and a special thank you to Jairo Andres, my oldest nephew, who is in the Seminary and serves in the Diocese of Paterson New Jersey, he is a hero, he is taking care of me, the Parish, and the set up and live streaming of all the Masses.

God bless you and your families,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo" in a cursive script.

Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D.
St. Paul R.C. Church
Pastor

“NO SEAS INCREDULO, SINO CREYENTE.” Juan 20,27
TESTIMONIO DEL PADRE LEONARDO JARAMILLO, “YO CREO EN MILAGROS”



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Sea el Señor Jesús, el Espíritu Santo y María Santísima, quienes los bendigan a ustedes, sus familias y a todos aquellos que están sufriendo por esta pandemia. Todos los días elevo mis oraciones al cielo por nuestros héroes: doctores, enfermeras, farmacéuticos, quienes trabajan en las farmacias, supermercados, restaurantes, los hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes que trabajan la tierra haciendo posible que tengamos el pan diario en nuestras mesas, policías, bomberos, paramédicos, conductores de las ambulancias, y por todos aquellos que arriesgan sus vidas por salvar la nuestra.

He sido bendecido y quisiera darles a conocer que el Señor Jesús y el Espíritu Santo, María Santísima y el ministerio de la Iglesia, en cabeza de su Santidad el Papa Francisco, han estado trabajando en sus caminos misteriosos para concederme la sanación en este proceso tan doloroso como ha sido el diagnóstico de mi contagiado con el Covid-19. Después de unos días terribles de dolor, angustia y soledad, especialmente el Viernes Santo, el 9 de Abril, 2020 y el Viernes Santo, el 10 de Abril, 2020 en los que pensé que iría a morir, creo que el Señor Jesús me dio a probar de su pasión y dolorosa Cruz. El Viernes Santo, fue mi día en que entendí por el dolor que tuvo que pasar el Señor Jesús antes de morir y a la vez, comprendí que frágil es nuestra condición humana. Fueron momentos muy dolorosos y de muchas lágrimas. Creo firmemente que el Señor Jesús y la acción del Espíritu Santo, su Santísima Madre, la Virgen María y atreves del ministerio de la Iglesia Católica en cabeza del Santo Padre, Papa Francisco y su ministerio, han realizado su obra milagrosa en mi vida y a la vez me han dado la fortaleza para ser un testimonio de su amor, misericordia, compasión y sanación. El Domingo de Resurrección, fui diagnosticado positivo con COVID-19.

Así como los discípulos se decían unos a otros en el Evangelio: *“Con razón nuestro corazón ardía, mientras nos hablaba por el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras!”* Lucas 24: 13-35. Ahora entiendo mejor que quiere decir este texto del Evangelio: *“Nuestros corazones ardían mientras Él nos hablaba.”* lo pude experimentar en mi propia vida el Viernes Santo, aunque ya el Jueves Santo comenzó a deteriorarse mi salud. Estaba mirando en la televisión el Viacrucis que el Papa Francisco presidía en la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma; comencé a sentirme como si fuera a morir. La fiebre comenzó a subir llegando a 39.4C, creo que estuve inconsciente por un momento, mi cuerpo temblaba, un dolor de cabeza insoportable parecía que mi cabeza explotaría, no podía respirar, sentía un peso en mi pecho que me ahogaba y un fuerte dolor de espalda que no podía resistir. Ya mi doctor me ha dicho, el día anterior, que si me si mi salud desmejorada debía ir de inmediato a una sala emergencias o a uno de los hospitales del

área, debo ser honesto con ustedes, tenía temor porque ya había escuchado que muchos de los hospitales estaban contagiados con el Coronavirus y muchas personas estaban muriendo allí, no fui!. Sólo me dediqué a orar y en verdad, esa noche de Viernes Santo pensé que moriría. El Viernes Santo fue realmente cuando entendí la agonía que el Señor Jesús había tenido que pasar antes de morir por nosotros y cómo nuestra condición humana es frágil y vulnerable. Oré y oré sin dejar de pensar que este día sería el último de mi vida. Me arrodillé y le supliqué al Señor Jesús perdón por mis pecados y le pedí que me sanara espiritual y físicamente. Anhelaba tener un sacerdote que escuchara mi confesión, pero en estas circunstancias del Coronavirus nadie debía visitar a una persona portadora de este virus mortal.

En mi primer testimonio que escribí, olvidé mencionar detalles importantes, seguramente porque lo escribí sólo cuatro días después de mi sanación. Quiera hablar de lo que pasó antes de escuchar una voz suave en mis oídos. Estaba celebrando el Viacrucis que presidía el Santo Padre, Papa Francisco, en la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma, recuerdo que en medio del dolor, angustia y desesperación le gritaba al televisor y suplicándole al Papa Francisco le pedía que orara por mí, que hiciera algo por mí. Le supliqué: *“Atreves de su ministerio, su testimonio de vida y como Cabeza de la Iglesia, por favor pídele a mi Señor Jesús que me ayude.”* En ese mismo momento el Santo Padre oraba por todos los enfermos y quienes estaban muriendo en el mundo a causa de esta pandemia. Creo y estoy plenamente seguro que El hizo lo que le pedí. Este es un verdadero milagro.

Esta noche de Viernes Santo fue la noche más oscura de mi vida, estaba angustiado, triste pero sin perder la fe, aunque el dolor no lo podía soportar. Estuve buscando el Óleo Santo para ungir a los enfermos y pedir la sanación, yo pensé *“si yo soy sacerdote por qué no puedo ungerme a mí mismo?”*. Infortunadamente no encontré el Óleo Santo de los enfermos, inmediatamente me dije: *“Agua bendita,”* no estaba seguro que estaba pasando porque tampoco puede encontrar agua bendita en mi cuarto. Vino a mi mente un pedazo de madera, como un pedazo de brazo de un árbol, que mi hermana María del Carmen había encontrado cuando se zambulló en las aguas del Río Jordán, y vio este pedazo de árbol en las profundidades del agua, allí mismo renovamos las promesas bautismales cuando estuvimos en la última peregrinación en Tierra Santa, en el mes de Agosto del 2019. Yo no podía creer cómo después de nueve meses este pedazo de árbol tenía agua, observé pequeñas gotas de agua, me consoló, me dio esperanza y me sentí feliz por lo menos tenía agua del Río Jordán, tomé las gotas de agua me santigué, me bendije en la frente, pecho y las manos y le dije al Señor Jesús: *“aquí estoy, haz conmigo lo que quieras”*, después de bendecirme con estas gotas de agua, me dispuse prácticamente a morir. Esto me recuerda como el Señor Jesús, en el Viernes Santo, fue crucificado en un madero, en la Santa Cruz. Me bendije con esta agua el Viernes Santo, Sábado Santo y el Domingo de Resurrección.

En este Viernes Santo le supliqué al Señor Jesús y al Espíritu Santo que me dieran una señal, lo que El me dijera eso haría! Escuché una voz suave que me dijo: *“descansa, confía en mí, Yo estoy contigo.”* Lo que menos quería era cerrar mis ojos y dormir. Estuve llorando, no quería morir ni tampoco dormir. El Señor hizo que me acostara en mi cama y durmiera por tres horas. Cuando desperté, la fiebre había bajado, podía respirar un poco mejor, las palpitaciones del corazón comenzaron a normalizarse y el terrible dolor de espalda y cabeza comenzaron a bajar. *“Mi corazón ardía cuando el Señor me habló.”* Ahora, soy un testigo del amor, la misericordia y el poder de sanación que tiene el Señor Jesús. He sido bendecido con la presencia del Señor Jesús, el Espíritu Santo, con la protección de la Virgen María y el ministerio del Santo Papa Francisco, su testimonio de vida y nuestra Iglesia Católica. Sé que Ellos nos van a cuidar a cada uno de nosotros y a nuestras familias, así como lo han hecho conmigo. Yo creo en los milagros y estoy convencido y seguro que este es uno del que tengo que dar testimonio. Soy una bendición, a Dios el honor, la victoria y la gloria. Por segunda vez, tomé el examen del COVID-19 el 27 de Abril, 2020 y el día 29 de Abril, 2020 recibí los resultados de éste, saliendo negativo.

Agradezco a todos aquellos hermanos y hermanas que han orado por mí y por todos aquellos que hemos sufrido a consecuencias de esta pandemia. Quiero agradecer sinceramente a todos los sacerdotes que nos han ayudado celebrando la Eucaristía aquí en la Parroquia de San Pablo, a todas las familias que no me han abandonado trayéndome alimentos todos los días, gracias por su bondad, generosidad y sus cuidados. También quiero agradecer desde lo más profundo de mi corazón a mi sobrino mayor, Jairo Andrés, quien está en el Seminario y sirve en nuestra Diócesis de Paterson, New Jersey. Él es mi héroe, quien ha hecho un excelente trabajo con la transmisión de la Santa Misa diaria, cuidando nuestra Parroquia y por cuidarme durante mi enfermedad, gracias por su testimonio de vida.

Dios los bendiga a todos ustedes y sus familias,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Padre Leonardo Jaramillo, Ph.D.
St. Paul R.C. Church
Párroco

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR PROTECTION AND HELP

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You...know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of those of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin! Amen.

ORACIÓN DEL PAPA FRANCISCO PARA PROTECCIÓN Y AYUDA

Oh María, tu resplandeces siempre en nuestro camino como signo de salvación y de esperanza. Confiamos en ti, Salud de los enfermos, que junto a la cruz te asociaste al dolor de Jesús, manteniendo firme tu fe. Tú...sabes lo que necesitamos y estamos seguros de que proveerás para que, como en Caná de Galilea pueda volver la alegría y la fiesta después de este momento de prueba. Ayúdanos, Madre del Divino Amor, a conformarnos a la voluntad del Padre y hacer lo que nos diga Jesús, que ha tomado sobre sí nuestros sufrimientos y se ha cargado con nuestros dolores para llevarnos, a través de la cruz a la alegría de la resurrección. Amén. Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, Santa Madre de Dios; no deseches las oraciones que te dirigimos en nuestras necesidades, antes bien líbranos de todo peligro, ¡oh Virgen gloriosa y bendita! Amén!



Annual Diocese of Paterson Corpus Christi Food Drive

Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th, 2020

Sábado, 13 de Junio y Domingo, 14 de Junio, 2020

(Weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi—Fin de semana de la Fiesta del Corpus Christi)

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those living in poverty the most and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson's 3 Food Pantries (Father English Center, Paterson; Hope House, Dover; and Partnership for Social Services, Franklin) are giving out more food than ever before.

Most months, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson gives out food to 5,000 - 7,000 people at their 3 food pantries. In April of 2020, this number practically doubled, as they helped over 11,000 individuals who are feeling the direct economic impact of COVID-19.

Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes. This year, the drive has gone virtual, and you can shop online and have items directly shipped to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus for more information and visit www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020 to find our parish, and shop for our pantries in need.

You may also email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call (973) 737-2077 ext.403 with any questions or to donate food directly to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

La pandemia del COVID-19 ha impactado a quienes viven en la pobreza. Las Caridades Católicas están repartiendo más alimentos que nunca. Por lo regular, Caridades Católicas en nuestra Diócesis de Paterson, en sus 3 despensas de alimentos dan comida de 5,000 a 7,000 personas. El mes pasado, este número prácticamente se duplicó, ya que ayudaron a más de 11,000 personas que están sintiendo el impacto económico directo de COVID-19. Nuestro Obispo Arthur J. Serratelli ha autorizado una colecta de alimentos en toda la comisión de Caridades Católicas en todas las parroquias. Este año, la unidad se ha vuelto virtual y se puede comprar en línea y tener artículos enviados directamente a las despensas de las Caridades Católicas.

Visite al sitio web www.ccpaterson.org/corpus para más información y visite www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020 para encontrar nuestra parroquia y podrá comprar lo necesario para nuestras despensas.

También puede mandar un correo electrónico: Info@ccpaterson.org o llamar al (973) 737-2077 ext.403 si tiene cualquier pregunta o para donar alimentos directamente a las despensas de las Caridades Católicas.