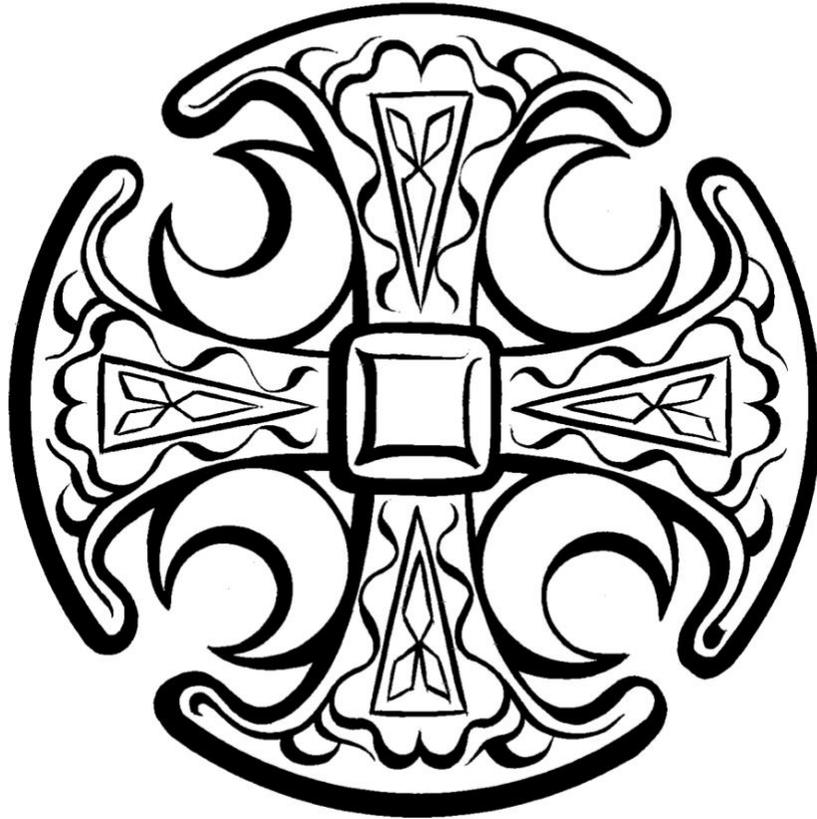


# St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 E. Bagley Road    †    Berea, OH 44017

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
September 13, 2020

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*It is customary to make the **Sign of the Cross** here. Subsequent places where making the Sign of the Cross is appropriate will be marked with a ✝*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*People*      **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

#### **Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat;

for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God

*Celebrant:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

### **Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13**

#### ***Benedic, anima mea***

- 1 [Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same

slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*People*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
                      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
**the Father, the Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**  
**eternally begotten of the Father,**  
**God from God, Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made,**  
**of one Being with the Father.**  
**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: *by the power of the* Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
✝ We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air. For those in missionary service, especially Michelle for those in military service, especially **David, Ryan, Robby, Stephanie, Annmarie, Eli, Lou, John, Blake, and Bud**, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those celebrating a birthday, **Marlene Carlson, Larry Robinette, Drew Braford, Jery Zambounis, David Zambounis, and Bill Kerbusch.**

Bless those celebrating an anniversary, and those traveling, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the suffering, and for the sick, especially **Rick Zisk, Ruth Ihde, Jackie Guerra, Rudy Capece, Lorraine, Carole Pozek, Linda Gulla, Clint Hist, Sally Ebersole, Frank Abbott, Bill and Pat Hacker, Nellie Cooper, Tommy Weese, The McKinney Family, Tommy, Dennis Depp, Helen Depp, Tina Mrozek, Claudie D'Arras, Erin, Tony, David Miller, Clint Anderson (is back home now), Russ Hill, Scott Pochatek, Christina, Sue Zindar, and Martha Kareff;** homebound members and those we serve at Berea Healthcare. *Is there anyone you would like to remember? (pause);* For the recovering, **Joanne Lisi (Jojo), Anita Cooper, John Staub, Chris, Holly Vincent, Kira Seaton, and George;** and those who are care givers, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

✙ For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Almighty God, who gave to your servant Cyprian boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may

always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Priest, places the bread on the paten (plate), raises, and says:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the Bread of Life.

People: **Blessed be God forever.**

*The Priest then pours wine and a little water into the chalice. Raising the chalice, he says:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands: it will become our spiritual Drink.

People: **Blessed be God forever**

*The Celebrant then washes his hands, saying silently:*

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, and so will I go to your altar; that I may show the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your wondrous works.”

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you

People	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this  
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon  
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of  
Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your  
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,  
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to  
that heavenly country where, with the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Thomas,  
and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our  
salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and  
for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold  
to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, **who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Spiritual Communion**

*All, in person or at home, are invited to make a Spiritual Communion at this time.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FINAL HYMN

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church



## **IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

To add or remove a name from this list, please call the office or email [ChurchOffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org)

**Birthdays: Marlene Carlson, Larry Robinette, Drew Braford, Jery Zambounis, David Zambounis, and Bill Kerbusch**

**Sick: Rick Zisk, Ruth Ihde, Jackie Guerra, Rudy Capece, Lorraine, Carole Pozek, Linda Gulla, Clint Hist, Sally Ebersole, Frank Abbott, Bill and Pat Hacker, Nellie Cooper, Tommy Weese, The McKinney Family, Tommy, Dennis Depp, Helen Depp, Tina Mrozek, Claudie D'Arras, Erin, Tony, David Miller, Clint Anderson (is back home now), Russ Hill, Scott Pochatek, Christina, Sue Zindar, and Martha Kareff**

**Anniversaries:**

**Other: Betsy Toolis and her pregnancy, Chris Reinhart, Liz, Karen, and Mary**

**Caregivers: Terri Depp and George D'Arras**

**Sick Pets: Tobias (Bobby Long), Big Papi (Nancy Braford)**

**Recovering: Joanne Lisi (Jojo), Anita Cooper, John Staub, Chris, Holly Vincent, Kira Seaton, and George**

**For the repose of the soul of John Heaney and Dorothy Cibula**

**Missionary Service: Michelle Wood**

**Military Service:**

**Please pray for all those serving our country at home and abroad, especially**

**David Brabson, Ryan Dawson, Robby Hartman, LTJG Stephanie Lasch, Annmarie Miller, Eli Modesitt, Lou Styles, LT John Toolis, Blake Schwartz, and Bud Styles**

**UPDATES**

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**We will be returning to in-person worship on Sunday, September 13th at 10:30**

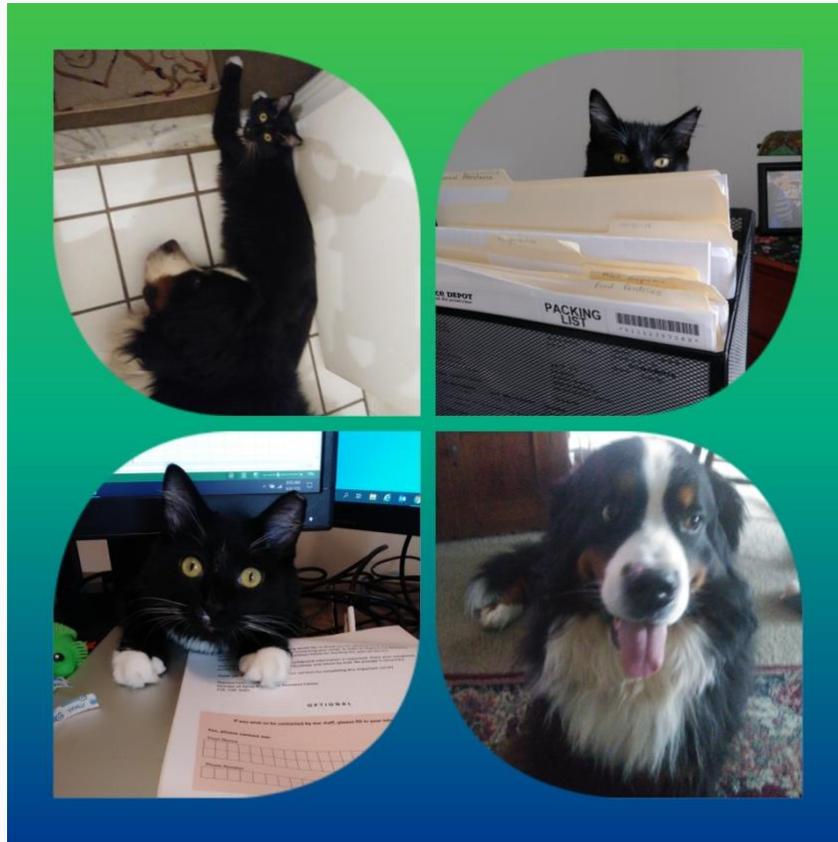
**AM.**

**Bishop Hollingsworth is permitting the reception of Holy Communion so that will be part of our Sunday morning worship going forward. I, for one am looking forward to receiving the Blessed Sacrament with my community at St. Thomas. Our services will continue to be available for viewing online.**

**We have decided to limit ourselves to a single weekend service held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM at this time in order to better facilitate the extensive cleaning that is required under our Diocesan guidelines. We are asking all those planning to attend to register at the attached link [Worship Registration](#) or to call the office (440-234-5241) in order to enable contact tracing.**

**These social distancing guidelines will be followed by all, including lay-leaders and clergy until further notice:**

- Service attendance will be capped at 34
- Please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before the service
- Please follow the directions of the ushers when entering the building
- We ask you to pay attention to all notices posted in the church
- Wearing masks will be required
- A six-foot distance between people must be maintained
- Seating will be marked in order to facilitate six-foot distancing
- There will be specific instructions for entering and exiting the building
- Temperatures will be taken at the door
- Those who are feeling ill are asked to stay home
- Coffee hour and/or gathering in the church following the service will be suspended
- The Exchange of Peace is suspended for the time being
- Singing is suspended for the time being.
- A limited # of bulletins will be printed. We ask that you access the bulletin online.



Submitted by Sue Griffith  
LIFE AT HOME WITH THE PANDEMIC

My little family and I have been working at home surviving this challenging time since March 23, 2020. History books could not capture the true impact of how the pandemic has effected millions of lives throughout the world. I thank our dear Lord every day for my 2 fur babies, Winston – a 5 year old Bernese Mountain Dog, and Mason – an 11 month old Tuxedo kitten. They are the entertainment and devotion that keeps me going everyday as I sit in the dining room, at my make shift office.

As March kept looking more stressful, with the COVID numbers climbing daily, the staff at WRAAA, Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, knew we were going to be moved home. On March 19<sup>th</sup> the CEO of WRAAA walked into the Resource Center to announce the future for those presently working at the office. As of 3:00 pm the next day we would need to have everything packed and loaded in our cars to set-up our new home offices for an undetermined time. For someone not tech savvy I was surprised that getting everything plugged in properly went quite well. As a member of the Resource Center we take calls stemming from an array of topics and concerns for the aged and disabled. Since I had been handling food related calls and concerns my role intensified greatly. Establishing a relationship with the Cleveland Food Bank was the most beneficial accomplishment for the middle of March.

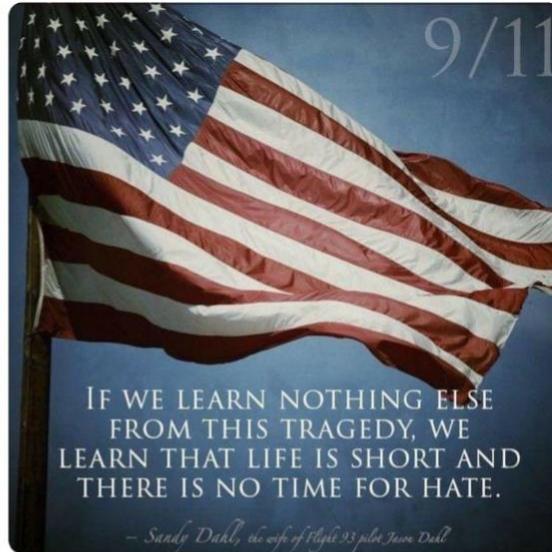
We all have said at one time or another we have never experienced anything like this before. The number of people calling Western Reserve with food issues as a priority were numerous.

The pandemic made it extremely frightening for elderly individuals with challenging medical issues to handle the stress of the restrictions put upon them. How were they going to get their food? Who were they able to call to ask to do their shopping? What are they going to do now that they are out of food and money? Where do they turn? Some people were so fearful of the virus they wouldn't even step out of their home or apartment. This experience has brought me working daily with a co-worker I never knew before, yet now trust and enjoy daily contact. The team work developed between WRAAA and the Cleveland Food Bank has flourished to meet the needs of individuals throughout the Cleveland area and suburbs, with the assistance of the National Guard. Daily the Guard was able to deliver shelf food to those in need, often being the survival boxes of food people depended upon.

Each morning as I prepare for the day of challenging calls and requests, I settle at the dining room table with my two monitors, lap top, phone, files, and Mason. Remember, he was only five months old when I was moved home to work. He would plant himself on top of the lap top like clockwork for about two hours, then he would often go lay with Winston. Winston would often plant himself in the kitchen so he could watch my activity. Around 2 pm it would be time to take a break and take Winston for a short walk. Both "kids" loved the department Zoom meetings because they heard other voices. Mason couldn't figure out where the voices were coming from, but enjoyed seeing everyone's faces on the monitor. Winston would bark because these people weren't coming to love on him, yet they knew his name. This meant there were new members of the Resource Center team enjoying our comradery. This is the only time our close knit department has a chance to visit. We live for Wednesdays at 1 PM.

As time moves on in the Resource Center the fear of going to grocery stores or food distribution sites took a different course for our consumers. The course changed to receiving calls requesting food and resources for those trapped in their homes due to at least one person in the home having COVID, with everyone else in quarantine. Boxes would be left on the front porch or at the apartment without being able to make contact. By now it was getting much more difficult to locate organizations that could help those in need. Presently, people are starting to relax and be able to venture out, making it easier for them to secure food. This has been a refreshing change just recently taking place.

This is not an easy time for anyone, yet the most valuable gift we can take from this experience is the gift of friendship and family. Communicating without seeing each other, no hugging, is a necessity that needs to continue to take place. For me it has definitely brought me closer to people I work with, plus friends that I would often see at meetings and various functions. It has also renewed some friendships that have been given the opportunity to blossom, via electronic communication. The time we spend with others, be it via Zoom, the phone, email or visiting is a precious resource for survival. Being there for others, no matter the circumstances, is the most valuable tool we can give ourselves through this pandemic.



*Loving God, You know that I believe in you. You know that I trust in you. You know that I love you. But sometimes life is so painful, your ways impossible to understand, and your world so confusing. Sometimes I am overwhelmed with pain. Sometimes I feel tempted to despair. Sometimes I give way to hatred. Sometimes I doubt even you. In times of pain, give me comfort. In times of despair, give me hope. In times of hatred, give me love. In times of doubt, give me trust. And even when I feel far from you, be close to me, Loving God.*

**Fr. James Martin, S.J.**



**Homesteading Retreat at Bellwether Farm**  
Bellwether Farm is holding a homestead

retreat <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bellwether-farms-homesteading-retreat-tickets-117686360071> on **September 26**. As a participant, you will choose four workshop offerings, including topics such as regenerative gardening, farm-to-table cooking, pickling, sewing and mending, and more. A farm-fresh lunch and dinner will be provided, and participants have the option to stay for an Evening Compline service upon the completion of dinner. All workshops and meals will be observing strict social distancing guidelines and masks will be required for the duration of the retreat. The design of these programs is intended for participants 16+. Please contact [Amy Melena](https://bellwetherfarm.com/about/staff/amy-melena), Camp and Program Director <https://bellwetherfarm.com/about/staff/amy-melena>, with any questions. There are only 20 spots available. For more information, visit the <https://bellwetherfarm.com/our-programs/homesteading-retreat>



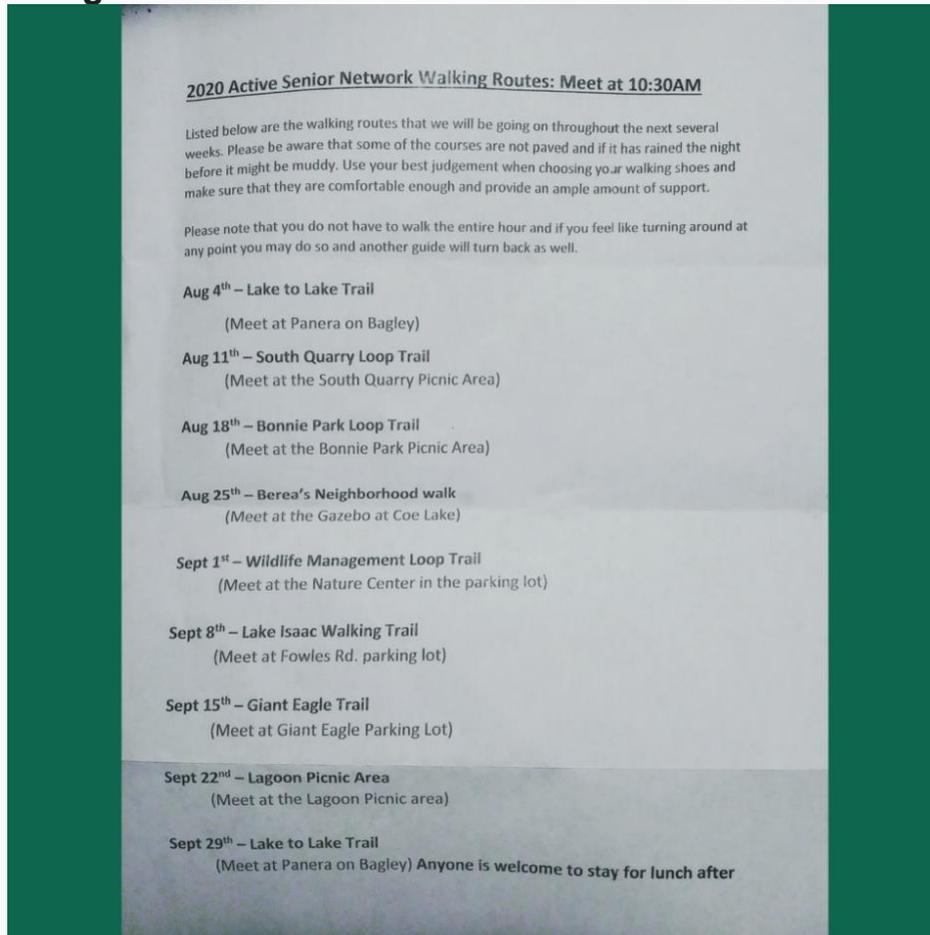
**Looking ahead to our Christmas Duffel Bag Project...**

**We will be greatly modifying our bags this year and I will have a list out to you soon as to what we will be including. Due to the limited finances of most these days we will only aim to donate 70 bags this year, even though the need is greater than ever. Thank you for all you do for the poor and homeless. Jan Bell**

## Message from the Parish Administrator

If you know of a parishioner that does not have email and is not receiving our weekly updates, please notify the office. I am more than happy to print them off and mail them home.

## Senior Networking



The Church office is open "VIRTUALLY" Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 12pm the phone will be directly routed to my cell phone. Please stay connected by calling, emailing, and checking out our links. Please remember to update the office with any Prayer Requests.

God Bless, Michelle Killin-Keith

