

Greetings, Mary, Queen of Heaven family,

I hope everyone is enjoying this absolutely beautiful day!! (while still being safe, of course ☺)
There's nothing like a beautiful spring day in April to raise our spirits. ☺

I just want to catch you-all up on a few things. First of all some great news - one of our native sons of our parish, Joe Rielage, will be ordained a Deacon by our Bishop this Saturday morning at 10am at our Cathedral!! So please keep Joe in prayer and, if you'd like to watch the ordination (because of the Covid 19 restrictions, the ordination won't be open to the public), it will be live-streamed from our Cathedral. Just go to our Diocesan web-page, www.covdio.org and click on 'Watch Mass'. If you'd like to send Joe a card, he's staying at St. Henry parish (3813 Dixie Hwy, Elsmere, KY 41018) because his seminary has been closed for the rest of this semester - he'll be doing on-line learning.

It's a BIG DEAL to be ordained a Deacon - and, God willing, a year from now Joe will be ordained to the priesthood and we'll have a BIG party to celebrate!! ☺ Please keep Joe in your prayers on Saturday and throughout the coming year.

Now for some sad news. Those of you who've been parishioners since the 1990's might remember Fr. Jim Gerrety - Fr. Jim passed away on March 29. When Fr. Jim retired from active ministry in the 90's, I believe he lived in the rectory at MQH with Fr. McGuire. His funeral Mass was this morning at Sts. Boniface and James Church in Ludlow and it wasn't open to the public. 'Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.'

Our Bishop has directed that all parish offices remain closed until at least Monday, April 13 - which is the day after Easter.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and our Mass will be live-streamed at 10am. ☺ Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCM0Ha5Yn32u_1HnG6R8xUw. Because of the on-going situation and the limitations of live-streaming, it'll be a little different from past Palm Sunday Masses - first and foremost, there will be no distribution of palms (obviously, since you-all won't be at Mass.) Our Bishop has directed that no palms are to be distributed in any way right now. When the Covid 19 situation changes, we might be able to distribute palms to those who would like them - that direction will come from our Bishop.

Here is our schedule for the coming week (there are a couple minor changes):

Mass every day, Sunday thru Saturday - 10am (use the link above).

Church is open from 8am - 4pm, Monday thru Friday. Church is open from 8am - noon, Saturday and Sunday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Monday - Friday (no exposition on Saturday or Sunday)

Well, I think that about covers it. May our Lord bless you and keep you safe!! ☺

Peace & grace,

Fr. Kevin