



### LEAN on ME!

As we approach the celebration of our risen Lord on Easter, it seems that finally the world is united! We are united in fear of what tomorrow will bring, of not knowing if our societies will withstand the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and if we and our family members will survive this terrible moment in history. In the midst of loss, uncertainty and suffering, something incredible is happening: we are noticing the bonds which form our human family. Bonds that we previously took for granted or ignored. As we live in isolation and we all become marginalized and vulnerable, the global suffering we are seeing has made it apparent to us that we need other people and other people need us too.

FROM: *An Easter Sunday Homily*

### PATIENCE & NEW LIFE

Everyone has a special prayer book that brings them comfort and peace. I enjoy *“Living Faith”* and found this daily reading; how appropriate as we struggle each day through this time of uncertainty.

*Life presents us with endless opportunities to practice waiting. How we wait for small inconveniences like a stoplight to change or our turn in the checkout line reveals something about ourselves. When I am able to go through the day with a sense of trust, I stop trying to control the things I cannot change. The circumstances don't change, but my attitude does, and that makes all the difference.*

*The passion of Jesus vividly reminds us that waiting sometimes stretches us to the limits of our faith, hope and love. Whether it is a trying personal situation or angst over the state of the world, we often come up against situations over which we have no power. In those moments, the image of Jesus on the cross is a powerful reminder that no matter how bleak things may appear, new life can come out of what looks like a hopeless situation.*

### HE HAS RISEN!



At this time of renewal and rebirth, we have the promise of better things to come. Instead of disappointment, let us HOPE!

### WHEN THIS IS OVER MAY WE NEVER AGAIN TAKE FOR GRANTED...

- A handshake with a stranger
- Full shelves at the store
- Conversations with neighbors
- A crowded theatre
- A Friday night out
- The taste of communion
- A routine checkup
- The school rush each morning
- Coffee with a friend
- The stadium roaring
- Each deep breath
- A boring Tuesday
- LIFE ITSELF!

When this is over, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be and may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

*Wait for the Lord with courage be stouthearted,  
and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14*

### FAITH, FAMILY & FRIENDS

During these “stay at home” days, everyone has a role. What is YOUR ROLE?

- Even though masses have been cancelled, keep your FAITH alive through daily readings, a visit to church or check the website for the *National Catholic Register*, to find messages from Pope Francis.
- Take this opportunity to eat and pray with your FAMILY. We may have gotten away from our prayer before meals, saying the rosary together or listening to the Mass on television in the comfort of our family room.
- Check on a FRIEND not able to make a trip to the grocery store or pharmacy. Add their items to your list when you make a trip or have them contact our parish helpers, who are providing this service.

### SEND YOUR ANGEL TO HOLY MASS

“Oh holy angel at my side,  
Go to church for me.  
Kneel in my place at Holy Mass,  
Where I desire to be.

At Offertory, in my stead,  
Take all I am and own,  
And place it as a sacrifice  
Upon the Altar Throne.

At Holy Consecration's bell,  
Adore with Seraphim's love,  
My Jesus, hidden in the Host,  
Come down from heaven above.

And when the priest, communion takes,  
Oh bring my Lord to me,  
That His sweet heart may rest on mine,  
And I His temple be.”

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

The power of our 75 Adorers in prayer, will bring us comfort and peace until we can pray once again together in our Chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. PEACE!