



SAINT ALOYSIUS
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

July 5, 2020 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Emergency Information: In the event that the Church and Parish Offices are closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, please check our parish phone number, visit our website and check our Facebook page for updates and information. Please use your judgment when coming to Mass and remember that safety is the primary factor.

PARISH ADDRESS:

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish and Religious Education offices have re-opened. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30am until 3:30pm. All visitors must wear a mask and we will limit the amount of visitors at one time.

Mass Schedule - Mass Schedule - Live stream Masses will continue to be available through our website. Masks MUST be worn inside the Church.

The Church will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am through 2:00pm for Private Prayer.

Monday through Friday: 9:00am
Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 7:00 am, 8:30 am and 10:30am

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline: 732-370-0098

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Protecting God's Children - Making the Church a safe environment for all, particularly children and at-risk adults, is a major priority of the administration and staff of Saint Aloysius Church. Please take a look at the posters and "Safe Environment & Standards of Conduct Policy" that are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space of the Church and on our website at <http://www.saintalloysiusonline.org/protecting-children>. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how to make our church, homes and community safer, please contact Jen Petrillo at 732-370-1515 ext. 311 or jpetrillo@saintalloysiusonline.org.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. *Please note:* The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Dear Parish Family-

The Obligation to attend Mass is still suspended and will be for the rest of summer; you are under no obligation to come to Mass in person. Live Streaming is now part of our "normal" during this pandemic and beyond.

For the Months of July and August we will be suspending the in person and Live Stream 12:30pm Sunday Mass. Attendance at this Mass has been very low. This is not a bad thing we all need to stay safe and make informed decisions. We will continue with the other Masses both in person and Live Stream Saturday 5pm and Sunday 7am, 8:30am and 10:30am. Two of which will be archived for viewing later in the day.

Masks and six feet of distance is required to attend an in person Mass or come into the building. Bring your own hands sanitizer. Bathrooms are open for emergencies only, please plan to go before you come or after you leave.

We ask that you comply with NJ Law and Diocesan Directives and do not come together in any size group for socialization. The virus spreads rapidly both by people coming together and the length of time they spend together. For this reason Mass is purposely short while remaining reverent, no singing is permitted as this is the same as a sneeze or cough.

Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms are taking place with restrictions, masks, distancing etc. Confessions remain by appointment only and outside with masks and distance.

There is one scheduled time for Funerals during Pandemic, 10:30am and only one per day. This allows for sanitizing the Church.

So you can make an informed decision about attending an in person Mass; we had a total of 236 people the first weekend and last weekend had 323 people, an increase of 87 people, recall last weekend was Father's Day which may account for the slight bump.

Weekday Masses are between 30-40 people depending on the day, Mass time will remain at 9am for the months of July and August with Live Streaming.

Parish Offices are now open for in person visits Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm requiring a mask and distance. If you are only dropping something off we ask you to use the Black Mailbox. Parish Offices will be closed on Fridays during the Months of July and August.

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Mother Seton Academy will have their first graduating class at an in person commencement ceremony with parents and graduate only in July. It will meet both NJ and Diocesan Regulations and will be Live Streamed for everyone who cannot come in person due to restrictions in place.

Mother Seton Academy will open in September following guidance of both the State Department of Education and the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. We are prepared for whatever outcomes may arise. Registration is open for 2020-2021. Our Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and K are extremely affordable programs, among the most economical in the region. Our School Board has been meeting monthly to make suggestions and due diligence in their oversight of the Academy.

We welcome our New Co-Director of the Academy Fr. Peter James Alindogan, aka "Fr. PJ" who arrives on July 1. Fr. PJ. and myself have already had dozens of meetings in person, on the phone and video conferencing plus text and e-mails. He has thrown his complete attention and enthusiasm into our Academy, and will be a great asset to the Academy and a superb pastor for St. Veronica in Howell.

Peace and Good – Fr. Bambrick



Let each one of us make a promise to ourselves
that as long as we live,
we will help America grow
into a better nation with each passing day.

Happy 4th of July to you

May God Bless America

MASS INTENTIONS

**ST. ALOYSIUS LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE
(VIA WWW.SAIN TALOYSIUSONLINE.ORG)**

Daily Mass Monday through Friday - 9:00am
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30am and 10:30am

An Act of Spiritual Communion is proposed for the faithful who are temporarily unable to receive the Eucharist:
*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I Love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 5, 2020

7:00 a.m. Parishioners
8:30 a.m. **Clifford A. Knesel, Sr.,**
r/o Susan and Tom Kenny
10:30 a.m. **Joseph Greco,** r/o Catherine Greco
12:30 p.m. **Clifford A. Knesel, Sr.,** r/o Ruben Cardona

Monday, July 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. **Alice Lazewski,** r/o Capasso Family

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. **Joseph Carrasco,**
r/o Danny, Danielle and Kate Zarillo

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

9:00 a.m. **Marie Field,**
r/o Brad, Cathy and Brandon Horwin

Thursday, July 9, 2020

9:00 a.m. **Maria Bangarzone,**
r/o Toni Frulio and Lillian Gibbon

Friday, July 10, 2020

9:00 a.m. **Antonia Zarra,** r/o Susan Messina and Family

Saturday, July 11, 2020

5:00 p.m. **Hank Andreski,** r/o Ceil Andreski

Sunday, July 12, 2020

7:00 a.m. **Parishioners**
Linda Levatino, r/o Michele Faughnan
8:30 a.m. **Fred Strina,**
r/o Stephen and Susan Faughnan
10:30 a.m. **Gorini Family,**
r/o Deacon Joseph and Veronica Gorini
John Lombardi, r/o MaryAnn Lombardi



Wedding Banns:
Matthew Hegedus and Julianne Dizenzo (1)
Kelly Santoriello and Joseph Kellett (1)
Anthony Riso and Sydney Parker (1)



Weekly Collection Offering for weekend of June 27/28:
Offering: \$11,399 Online Givers: 934 Online Giving: \$4,964

Weekly Readings

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:

OS2 David W. Beem	CLpL Eric Streiter USMC	WO1 Michael Lynch	MSGT Darryl Guppy
GYSGT Chris O'Shea	CPT Thomas Dirienz	SGT Nicole Marchitto	LCPL Ryan Barbato
LC Sean Ippolito	LT2 George Wolchko	LCPL Nicholas Clemente USMC	IC2 Christy Rabell
PVT Donald C. Cleaves	CPT Chris Mision	SSGT Andrew Monigan	MJR Daniel P. Brady
SPC John E. Daly	MJR Daniel Murphy	LCPL William Nelson	SGT Michael Perez
LCPL Matthew Tracy	CPL Keith Arway	Sgt Christopher Roitzsch USMC	OS3 Steven Chennells
AIC Ryan Johnson	SSGT William Jansen	PVT John Jad DeStefano	LCDR Matthew W. Smith
CPT Patrick Horan	SGT Daniel Sanchez, Jr.	SGT Michael R. Collins USMC	CPT Michael Loconsolo
1st LT. Ross Trampler	CPL Robert P. Kocsis USMC	PVT Sean Brenner	CPT Robert Murphy
CPL Alex Raney	SSGT Philip Raimondo	LCPL Matthew Ribera	CPL Brandon A Densmore
SGT Craig Bauerlein	PFC Timothy Rodman Sheeran	SGT Thomas J. Crennan, Jr	MJR Scott Davis
SPC Daniel Beagan	SPC Martin M. Kabba	CPT Laura A. Newman	SFC Raymond Ostrowsk
SFC Matthew Brickley	PVT Angel Louis Merced, Jr	CPT Patricia McDonald	LT2 Robert F. Farrell
PFC Adam Felibrico	SN Robert Titus	H.M. James S. Cooney, USN	SPC Joe Lovallo
PVT Kyle Haren	HTFA Kevin Thompson	CDR Matthew James Bowen USN	MSGT Leo VanMiert
TSgt Anthony Capasso	EM3 John Questel	CPO Christopher McCormack	LT Karen Sclasani
Lt. Marco Jon Barral	CPT Jason DiDomenico	SGT Johanna Lovallo Medero	SGT Leonard Medero
LT2 Air Force Cameron Lindsey		LT2 Air Force Nicholas James Accardi	
CPT Eric Dixon	SSGT Conor Neil	SGT Justin Silk	Lt2 Scott Maraldo
Sgt. Evan Myhren	Sr. Airman Patrick Robert McCloskey		MJR Kenneth Brady
Capt. Robert F. Farrell			

In Memoriam**Baryt Schone and William Brown**

Please remember in your prayers these friends of our Parish who have recently died. Please also pray for all the deceased members of our Parish, the Souls in Purgatory, and those who died in the Service of our Country. May they enjoy peace in new life with Christ Jesus.

Devotional Lamps - week of July 5 - 11, 2020

The Holy Family Lamp will burn In Memory of Anna and Salvatore Carnemolla, r/o Ronald and Maria Brancaccio

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS *Lord of Life, you desire wholeness for your people. Be with those who ask for help.*

Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who ask for our prayers. Amen. Timothy Dolan, James McMahon, Kathleen McMahon, Diane Carriero, Susan Gardner, Christine Church, Maria Petrocelli, Ercolina Petrocelli, Caryn Cohen, Tony Rosselli, Cathie Lovuola, Curtis Hart, Vinnie Gagliardi, Jen Arico, Margaret Yousses, Vocation Awareness, Janis Bell, Christopher Hunt, Brian Venables, Joyce Dempsey, Andrea Virella, Harriet & Robert Milne, Logan Martucci, Cyril Weaver and Baby Nicholas, Kimmie Luke, Paige Luke, Stephen Maraldo, Christine Vivona, Karen Cassidy, Owen Leccese, Signe Koval, Hank Lilienkamp, Walter Heublein, Kelly Pierfy, Jimmy, Sammy, Melissa Whitehead, Carlos Ascevido, Noreen Harold Fell, Lois Roby, Mary Stewart, Richard Reba, Dan Licknack, Rachel Lynn Franek, Frederick McGrathan, Sr., Kevin Barone, Kathryn Ghnoully, Carol Joseph, Ed Long, Michael Willie, Ricky De Blois, Anastasia Aserdziez, Pat Gallagher, Louis Tanini, Sophia, Mike DiS., Michael Murawski, Donna Maglio, A Special Intention, Joey Rubino, Chase Joseph Ruggiero, Bonnie Ruggiero, Ray Perez, Elmire Buannic, Jerry Cohen, Ann Cramer, Annamarie DeLeonardis, Linda Leccese, Ryan Nodine, Kristen Sotack, Aunt Mary, Marvin Bernstein, Lydia Gonzalez, Nicholas Lacitignola, Nicholas DeVito, Irene Cohen, Chris Bligh, Tara Gaffney, Ed Skok, Koren Dubbs, Judy Saal, Ayesha Hordugoda, Susan Scalzo, Barbara McCoy, Talia Nielsen, Sonny Panattieri, Family & Friends, Peace on Earth, Raymond Mamazza, Sr., Baby Benso, Ronnie Perry, John Ghnoully, Deirdre Sriwardena, Bernadette Malter Reed, Charles Sharo, Peggy Murphy, Colleen Owens, Brian Camera, Judy Weaver, Roger Kliemisch, Karen Shines, Jaclyn Mooney, Greg Rinaldi, Andrew Harsanyi, John Harsanyi, Marge Sabo, Jacqueline Krutulis, Bertha Vihonsky, Maggie Wright, Anthony DiPaolo, Luka & Amanda Zrno, Richard Pancredi, Peter Rodriguez, Baby Adam Mastrianni Sorge, Paula Ricciardi, Trevor Finamore, William Raimondi, Lauren Brescia, Steve Blecki, Theresa Chowdhury, David Buckley, John Longo, Dana Baker, Denis Campbell, Bernadette Clifford, Jody Fletcher, John Salvatore, Bob Horrigan, Angela Hardie, Melissa Banard, Diane Fitzgerald and Samuel Catalino, Dana Baker, Barbara Scarpetti, Michele Fletcher, Owen McCabe, Lance Hilken. Pat Tancredi, Kristi Grassi, Gae Maurer, DeeDee, Bob Trapp, Barbara O'Reilly, Frederick McGrathan.

Thank you for your prayers for all those on our intercessory and armed forces prayer list.

To add or change information please contact the Parish Office.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT: Rose Hubit, James and Natalie McMahon, Francesco Oliveira, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Jeanette Iacono, Edith Lane & John Wilkins, Andrea Runk, Jesus Castaneta, Sophie Johnson, Agness Rottkamp, Susan Cuocolo, Antonio Esposito, Gina Maria Nelson, Joseph A. Pizzuto, Mrs. Kathleen Lampman, Sal Amatuzzo, Cathy Lindner, Troise, Marino & Emery Families, Flavin & Ottendorf Families, Mark N. Kelly, Michael Kelly, Edward Brown, Edward Brown, Jr., Bob Paneque, Rose Frank, Anne Rotonda, Lorraine & Wally Gojdzis, Andrew Kuminski, Stephen Pirniak, Vivian Owen, Rosemary Marzano, Ivan Sriwardena, Phyllis & Harry Gunasekara, Peter Miluk, Fred Strina, Victoria Rizzi, Susan Whiting, Timothy Ryan, Mary Glennon, Douglas Schultz, MaryAnn Russo, Eric Laviscount, Richard Iacono, Marie McIntire, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Mary Monetti Lordi & the Monetti Family, Alfred Malangone, Theodore Monetti, Jr., Rose & Sam Malangone, Baber & Kammel Family, Thomas Cetnar, Carol Markulin, Anthony Giammona, Larry Houlihan, Bob Chojnacki, Jr., Kathleen M. Kelley, Marion Scaramuzzo, Peter Kennedy, Ely D'AGrosa, Terrance Bazlewicz, Armando Sablo, Coach Jack Nagy, Pitkethley & Kuhl Families, Quillinan & Walters Families, John Ariozzi, Mrs. Bobbie Bowie Smith Soldano, Adele Soldano, Members of the Knights of Columbus, Thomas Sweeney, Chad Saner, John Lombardi, Marjorie Gordon, Joseph DeMasi. Armando Sablo, Coach Jack Nagy, Pitkethley & Kuhl Families, Quillinan & Walters Families, Angel M. Ramos, Dennis Pacyna, Arlene Hassler, Richard Iacona, Josephine Libratore, Michael Syglinski, Kate Elizabeth Spillane, Rosemary Donnelly, Stanzione Family, Neil Sullivan, Charles Panattieri, Adolfo Arias, Sophie Popieniek, Agnes Kale, Infant son, Sean Diver Callaghan, McCarthy Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Cecilia Araba Nyamekye, Frank Yackinous, Helen Dubog, Andrew Hudson and Family, Mazie Bostinto, Denise Mullin, Cheryl Lee Bonocore, Joseph C. Romaszka, John Prigaro, Joseph LaScala, Larry Heller and Family, David C. McPolin, David K. McPolin, James Newell, Vincenzo Scotto DiCesare, Margaret Werner, George A. Sudol, John R. Demspey, Thomas Ventriglio, John and Barbara Caramelli, Jennifer Schaming, Anthony Garamella, Sr., Anna Christian, Fredrick Morina, Rudolf Augustin, Sr., Nellie Yeager, Jean DelDuca, Gerard Duwe, Maryann Smith, Veronica Margiotta, Amilido Petroceli, Elizabeth Walters, Anna Marrapodi, Victoria Rissi, Roberta Rosen, Michael Polidori, Jack Bollentin, Helen Ludwig, Thomas O'Brien, Mary Suchan, Elaine Smith, Daniel Stolz, Pauline Murphy, Veronica Margiotta, Robert Rosen, Robert Chojnacki, Sr., John Joseph Weber, John LaGuardia, Jennifer Curley, John Edwards, Raymond Pavelka, Harriet Milne, Betty Mastrelli, Merced Loterna, Josephine Cerreta, Barbara Yannich, Frank Farrar, Ann Alberta, Alex Stoddard, Campbell Steve Neft, John Genuard, Jr., Rose Petroczelli, Danielle E. Louis, Edna Palumbo, Nicole McGoldrick, Amanda Popacoda, Aida Dierking, Thurston Andrews, Sr., Patricia O'Connor, Carmela Vicidomini, Marie Pompa, Pete Albany, Charles Serreino, John Stasny, Robert Johnson, Amanda Popacoda, Aida Dierking, Patricia Senn, Edith Lane. John Wilkins, John Lombardi, Brendan Maguire, Teddy Domanski, Talph DeJulia, Francis Campbell, Anthony and Joseph Lotito, MaryAnn Lipari, Stephen Caruso, Diane Lotito, Connie Russo-Riley, Juliana Perez, Lorraine Campbell, Albert Holl, Sr. Valerie Paccone, Christopher Benz, Troise, Marino, Flavin and Zisko Families, Pam Esposito, Chris Oliveira, Rev. Michael Carrano, Diane Oderio, Eileen and George Graziano, John Owens, Robert Johnson, John Barnheimer, Dave Blasiak, Adelaide Vitello, Martin Heron, John Riso, Donna Sullivan, John Tachon, Sr., Anthony Riccio, James Castagana, Rose & John Basiak, Linda Alm, Francis J. Brauner.

We have many options for a long term remembrance of a loved one. Please call the Parish Secretary, Pat Mulholland, at the Parish Office for additional information.

Annual Enrollment – 12 Masses celebrated the 1st Friday of each month at 8:00am (\$25.00 donation for 12 Masses).

The Gift of Bread and Wine – Can be offered for one week (Sunday through Saturday) for a donation of \$50.00.

Devotional Lamps are silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord even when we cannot be physically present in the church. You can honor or remember a loved one with one of the Devotional or Shrine Candles in the Church.

Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and Holy Family Devotional Candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one (\$25.00 donation for one week)

Shrine Candles – Located at the entrance of the Church, these candles will be lit in honor or memory of your loved one and includes a label listing your loved one's name for a period of **one year** (\$250.00 donation per year)

Stars of St. Aloysius – Honor or remember someone who may have been a light in your life with a light pendant in the church. There are a limited number of lights available in several areas of the church (\$500.00 donation).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
MOTHER SETON ACADEMY'S
OUTSTANDING INAUGURAL
CLASS OF 2020**



*You make us proud. Our hearts and hopes
go with you as you continue your journey.*

Jayden Berry
Rafaella Beshay
Dallas Blair
Amanda Brown
John DeLuca
Gianna DeSanctis

Christina Ferrara
Erin Fox
Logan Graham
Liliana Hindy
Michael Koshney
Angel Lopez

Christina Medina
Christopher Monti
Isabella Novera
Andre Paras
Jillian Pelano
Bryson Petrina

Shawn Porter
Brianna Stypula
Andrew Vaccaro
Cathrine Volk
Adam Westrich

*Abigail Braile, Jackson Liberty HS
Daniel Braile, Jackson Liberty HS
John Carenza, Alpha School, Jackson
Kirsten Carenza, Goetz Middle School
Colette Costello, Jackson Liberty HS
Anthony Albert Demateis, Jackson Liberty HS
Veronica Flesher, The College of NJ, BS Journalism
Taylor Furbish, Northeastern University, BS Environmental Engineering
Zachary Johnson, Colts Neck HS, Jr. ROTC
Dominic Lambusta, St. Benedict's School
Claire Francis Lawrence, New York University, BS Nursing
Cassidy K. Letcher, Brick Memorial HS
Paige M. Luke, Pacific Sands Academy
Brianna Madej, Kean University, BS Criminal Justice/Psychology
Luke Mannikus, Jackson Liberty HS
Tyler Misyak, Howell HS
Natalie Misyak, Notre Dame HS
Christopher Mulholland, Georgian Court University, BS Nursing
Amber Ogno, Jackson Memorial HS
Nathan Peters, Colts Neck HS
Lauren Raimondi, Ocean County College, Fine Arts
Christopher Raimondi, Ocean County College, BS Communications
Amanda Riso, Jackson Memorial HS
Reina Robles, Montclair State, BS Business Administration
Jamie Sheeran, Jackson Memorial HS
Shannon Stroud, Jackson Memorial HS*

*God bless all our graduates and their families. Keep them safe and
true to their faith as they begin the next chapters of their lives.*



Prayer to Our Lady Health of the Sick

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, Salvation of the Roman People, 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 we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.

May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together
and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a
disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Prayer composed by Kerry Weber, Executive Editor, America Magazine