

January 31, 2021 - The Fourth Sunday of 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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish and Religious Education offices have reopened. Hours are Monday through Friday 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 covering the mouth and nose 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

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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.saintaloysiusonline.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@saintaloysiusonline.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-

Covid-19 fatigue is definitely on the rise in our society. It will be nearly 14 months since we began this nightmare of a pandemic and folks are becoming weary. Weary as we may be it is not the time to drop our guards. The virus is mutating into many variants and more potent strains. Already we are seeing in the UK, Brazil and South African mutated strains. Here in Ocean County the UK variant, which is more virulent, has been found in several individuals and the Brazilian strain is already here as well. While the current vaccines will work against the UK variant, health officials are concerned about the Brazilian and the South African variant which is not covered by the vaccines and is not only more contagious but also deadly. Some health experts are predicting the South African stain could reach the United States by March, our government has put in place a travel ban to slow it's arrival.

The Parish is NOT operating under normal conditions and will NOT be for some time. Current data suggests we may be riding this for another 12 months. We are operating on a limited capacity and under many restrictions during the Pandemic. I know fatigue is setting in because we keep getting asked questions as to why things are the way they are! Let me answer it simply, because we are in a DEADLY pandemic! Dead is a pretty serious condition you don't recover from it! So let us all remain vigilant, wear our masks, wash our hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, avoid public bathrooms, keep at minimum 6 feet of distance and not gather in any size groups. If you are coming to Mass you MUST be seated. No standing along the wall, they can hold themselves up quite fine, the roof is another matter. Avoid, as much as possible, touching things. Wear your Mask over the nose and mouth. Bathrooms are for emergency use only, go before you come or after you leave at home!

Please recall Ash Wednesday is <u>NOT</u> a holy day, <u>NOT</u> a day of Obligation. No one is obligated to receive ashes. Consider staying home and beginning Lent by participating via live stream. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17 and there will be a Mass at the regular Covid time of 9am, ashes will be distributed after Mass. There will only be two other times; a short service of the Word at 12 noon and again at 4pm. Ashes will be distributed after the service. The Priest will only say the formula once and will use one q-tip per person using a slurry of ash and holy water. Please wear a mask, observe social distance and do not touch the priest.

Please DO NOT bring anything you do not want to Church, no matter how precious it is to you even though you want to get rid of it. We are NOT accepting anything during the Pandemic. NOTHING! If you are coming for a funeral, wedding, baptism or some other reason we cannot allow booklets, pamphlets etc. Please note that capacity limits will be enforced to keep everyone safe, even those who don't want to be safe and even those who don't believe there is a pandemic. For those who don't believe me, let me say that having been with people dying from Covid-19, it is real. Knowing people who contracted it and hearing their stories of not being able to breath, it is real. You need not believe in it but it will still kill you. Please don't take the rest of us with you by your cavalier attitude.

Peace and Good- Fr. Bambrick

- ➤ The Obligation to attend Mass is suspended <u>Until Further Notice</u>. You are not obligated to attend Mass at this time due to Pandemic. **Bishop O'Connell encourages Catholics to attend an in-person Mass** or participate in Mass via Live Stream until the dispensation ceases in order to "Keep Holy, the Lord's Day". Please note each week 2 Masses are archived for viewing later in the day.
- ➤ Live Streaming of all Masses is continuing. ***Those in high risk categories and those with preexisting conditions are asked to stay home and participate through Live Stream.***

In person Mass attendance requires:

- ✓ Mask must cover both the nose and the mouth
- √ 6 feet of social distancing
- ✓ Sit only in pews marked with green tape
- ✓ Red tape areas off limits. Remember green equals 'go' and red equals 'stop'!
- ✓ Bathrooms are for *emergency use only*, please go before leaving your home.
- ✓ Church opens 15 minutes before Mass.
- ✓ Communion is distributed <u>after</u> Mass ends and you must depart immediately.
- ✓ If you watch via Live Stream, you can come to Church for Communion.
- ✓ No gathering in any size group anywhere on our property.
- ✓ It is requested you take Communion in the hand but can be taken on the tongue.

The State currently permits 25% of capacity which is 286 people per Mass in our building. To assist you in assessing the risk the following numbers are the averages during Covid-19 Pandemic:

- Sat. 5pm 130 people
- Sun. 7am 70 people
- Sun 8:30am 110 people
- Sun 10:30am 190 people
- Total for all Masses = 500
 - ❖ These numbers are averages over a 8 month period and fluctuate +/- 20 people per Mass
- Weekday Mass is 9am M- F attendance average about 40 people +/-.
- Confession by appointment only, masks, 6 feet and outside
- Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other Celebrations limited to 50 people this number includes family, clergy, outside attendants, anyone breathing and all the restrictions found above for weekend Masses.

^{*}Have great weekend, stay safe and remember to wear a mask to help stop Covid-19!

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. ALOYSIUS LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE (VIA WWW.SAINTALOYSIUSONLINE.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, January 31, 2021

7:00 a.m. Parishioners

8:30 a.m. **Amanda Popacoda**, r/o Mother

10:30 a.m. In Honor of Divinia Lozada, r/o Philip Lozada

Paula Ricciardi r/o Her Husband, Richard

Monday, February 1, 2021

9:00 a.m. Smerecki Family, r/o Ed Smerecki

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. Tom Gonter,

r/o Rona and Georgeen Anderson

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. Stefania Dezeevw-Anton,

r/o Emanuel and Eblin Anton

Thursday, February 4, 2021

9:00 a.m. - Alfonso Banquero,

r/o Emanuel and Eblin Anton

Friday, February 5, 2021

9:00am - Annual Enrollment

Saturday, February 6, 2021

5:00 p.m. **Joseph LaScala**, r/o Fanny LaScala

Sunday, February 7, 2021

7:00 a.m. Parishioners

8:30 a.m. Bernard and Anna Polatschek,

r/o Clare and Bernie Polatschek

10:30 a.m. **Dominick Fidilio,** r/o His Wife

lim Brown r/o Volz Family

Weekly Readings

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



Weekly offering numbers for week of January 23rd and 24th 2020:

Offering: \$8,927.00, Online Givers: 968, Online Giving: \$5,081.00

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

OS2 David W. Beem GYSGT Chris O'Shea LC Sean Ippolito PVT Donald C. Cleaves SPC John E. Daly LCPL Matthew Tracy AIC Ryan Johnson **CPT Patrick Horan** 1st LT. Ross Trampler **CPL Alex Raney** SGT Craig Bauerlein SPC Daniel Beagan SFC Matthew Brickley PFC Adam Felibrico PVT Kyle Haren TSgt Anthony Capasso Lt. Marco Jon Barral LT2 Air Force Cameron Lindsey **CPT Eric Dixon** Sgt. Evan Myhren

Capt. Robert F. Farrell

CLpL Eric Streiter USMC **CPT Thomas Dirienz** LT2 George Wolchko **CPT Chris Mision** MIR Daniel Murphy CPL Keith Arway SSGT William Jansen SGT Daniel Sanchez, Jr. CPL Robert P. Kocsis USMC SSGT Philip Raimondo PFC Timothy Rodman Sheeran SPC Martin M. Kabba PVT Angel Louis Merced, Jr **SN Robert Titus** HTFA Kevin Thompson EM3 John Questel CPT Jason DiDomenico

SSGT Conor Neil

WO1 Michael Lynch SGT Nicole Marchitto LCPL Nicholas Clemente USMC SSGT Andrew Monigan LCPL William Nelson Sgt Christopher Roitzsch USMC PVT John Jad DeStefano SGT Michael R. Collins USMC **PVT Sean Brenner** LCPL Matthew Ribera SGT Thomas J. Crennan, Jr CPT Laura A. Newman CPT Patricia McDonald H.M. James S. Cooney, USN CDR Matthew James Bowen USN **CPO Christopher McCormack** SGT Johanna Lovallo Medero LT2 Air Force Nicholas James Accardi SGT Justin Silk Sr. Airman Patrick Robert McCloskey

MSGT Darryl Guppy LCPL Ryan Barbato 1C2 Christy Rabell MJR Daniel P. Brady SGT Michael Perez OS3 Steven Chennells LCDR Matthew W. Smith CPT Michael Loconsolo **CPT Robert Murphy** CPL Brandon A Densmore MJR Scott Davis SFC Raymond Ostrowsk LT2 Robert F. Farrell SPC Joe Lovallo MSGT Leo VanMiert LT Karen Sclasani SGT Leonard Medero Lt2 Scott Maraldo MIR Kenneth Brady

In Memoriam

William Campbell, James Brandes, Richard Lordi, Harold Theobald

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.

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. lames 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 Ghnouly, 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, Ryan Nodine, Kristen Sotack, Aunt Mary, Marvin Bernstein, Lydia Gonzalez, Nicholas Lacitignola, Nicholas DeVito, 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 Ghnouly, 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, Jacquiline 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, John Salvatore, Bob Horrigan, Angela Hardie, Melissa Banard, Diane Fitzgerald and Samuel Catalino, Dana Baker, Barbara Scarpetti, Michele Fletcher, Owen McCabe, Lance Hilkene. Pat Tancredi, Kristi Grassi, DeeDee, Barbara O'Reilly, Frederick McGrathan, Mary Galante, Frank Hubit, Frank Jelley, , Richard LoPresti, Gemma Sellitto, Meriel Held, Sharon Knipper, Jodi Fletcher, Catherine Ryan, Vincent Maione, Emil Milano, Zak and Jill, Toni Martorano, Ray Perez, Brian Cassidy, Michael McGranthan, MaryAnn Pucilowski, Susan Miluk, Charlotte Barnard, Uku Mannikus, Bozena Lukaszewicz, Melissa Couto, Barbara Sullivan, Robin Costa, Jack Collins, Judith Weaver, Theresa McGranthan, Pat Scimica, Lawrence Fitzimmons, Carol Meltzer, Patricia Atkins, Karen Foerschl, Audrey Campbell, Heather Burr and baby Lola.

> 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 Olivieira, Tom Ferullo and the Ferullo Family, Richard Iacono, Arlene Hassler, 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, Amildo Petroceli, Elizabeth Walters, Anna Marrapodi, Victoria Rissi, Roberta Rosen, Michael Polidori, Iack Bollentin, Helen Ludowig, 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, Tom Fitzsimmons, Antoinette Cerullo, Stephen Flickinger, Anthony Lanni, Elayne Smith, Jose Flores, John Fedor, Margaret Sommer, George Dormandski, RoseMarie Ward, Mario Spina, Agnes Oleniak, Julius Witczak, Anthony Witczak, Nely and John Olenski, Tony Galante, Edward Holowienka, Donald Sweeney, Ivan Sriwardena, Harry and Phyllis Gunasekara, Alyce Hering, Peter Miluk, III, Patricia Graf, Edward Kennedy, MaryAnn DeFalco, Joseph Sacina, Mary Vadala, Anthony Giammona, Catherine Watkins, Frances Grieco, Uku and Christal Mannikus, Michael Barone, Barbara and Alice Henriques, Edward Sweeney, Bozena Lukaszewicz, Thomas Cetnar, Ameial Marie Havrilla and the Clifford and Havrilla Families, Msgr John McCarthy, Deceased Members of the Limberti Family, David Murray, Warren Leidenheimer, Teresa Brown, Richard Galati, Bob Uhlman, Virginia Onagura, William McCarthy and Family, Boryschuk Family, Louise Jones, Alton J. Bennett, Sr., Bergen Mesko and Family, Religious Education Volunteers, Bless our Family through His love and guidance, Manny Oliveira (10 year Anniversary), Boscarino Family, Johnson Family, Joseph Simpson, Jr., Philip Yasso, Elizabeth McGovern, Kuhl, Pitkethley, Quillane and Walters Families, Jim Kraeutler, Lorraine Patanella, Heather Ann Wollack, Cunningham, Jacobs, Thezan, Theodore, Jourdan, Cabrol, Duplan and Butler Families, Sophie, Anthony and Ted Wojton, Rosemary Hunter, Jean and Michael Zisa, William Campbell and Merced Loterena.

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).



We welcome Christopher and Cassie Elbaum, Vincent and Pamela Santoli, Evan and Dawn Cirelli, Judith Gaciofano and Jamie Gaciofano as new parishioners to Saint Aloysius Church.



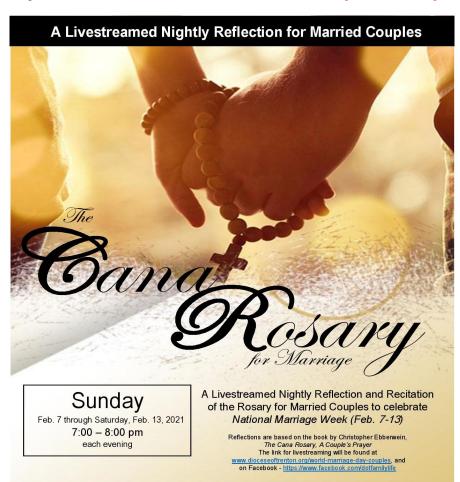
2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the cafeteria. You can pick up your set after weekend Masses or during the week by calling the parish office for an appointment. If you have registered for online giving during the pandemic, collection envelopes would not have been printed for you. If you request 2021 envelopes as an online giver, you will receive a starter set and must come to the parish office to pick them up.



To commemorate World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 14) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14), the Diocese of Trenton will host a special livestreamed event for all Catholic families—*The Cana Rosary for Marriage*—from 7:00pm to 8:00pm each evening, Sunday February 7-Saturday, February 14, 2021. This recitation of the rosary and reflection on marriage will be led by a different couple each evening; it will help all couples

rely on our Most Holy Mother Mary to assist with their greatest needs and bring them closer to the Lord.

The Diocese has also launched an exciting new web resource for Catholic married couples to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*, 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better, and* 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage*. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples.





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