

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### May 2, 2021

**PRAYING FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID – 19:** Dr. Susan Cornell, Kristin Crighton, Dr. Donald Dupuis, Liberty Jane Dupuis, Steven Isner, Carol LaBranche, Kristian Kurtzke, Jenn Marlin, Dr. David Meguerdichian, Dr. Nadia Huancuhuari, Dr. Michael Meguerdichian, Joy, Danielle Pensa, Meg Nemitz, Kelly Crossland, Justin Tavano, Holly Tavano, Kimberly Topping, Mike Topping, Peter Vogt

Our hearts are heavy with the weight of the Nation's spirit just now. As close a community as we are, we will probably not agree on the definition of all these problems nor the solutions to any of them, but racial inequities, equality under the law, rampant gun violence, the resurgence of mass shootings, the strain of waiting for vaccine distribution in a race against an evolving virus, all these are signs of a people under great stress. We are exhausted from living in a world we didn't expect for more than a year now and it is hard to predict when we might be able to share simple space with one another again.

There is not a single thing on the list above that we can fix by ourselves, and there is nothing on the list that will not be helped by our participating as people of God's peace. Let that be among our first thoughts and responses to any of the things that make us or others stressed and strained – breathe your will through us, O God, and make us instruments of your peace.

**REMEMBER to pick up consecrated communion wafers for Sunday Morning Worship Service. Someone will be in the CHS back lot on Mondays and Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you are physically unable to get to CHS to pick up your wafers, please contact the Parish Office or Gail Smith+.**

**JOE ROBINSON+ CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please add this to your contacts and use it for communications directly with our new Transitional Priest In Charge, Joe Robinson. Email: [joer@chsorleans.org](mailto:joer@chsorleans.org) and cell phone: #774-358-0559. You may also call the parish office and leave a message for Joe with the answering service: #508-255-0433.

**CHS WEB SITE:** To live stream or watch recorded services later, please go to our web site: [holyspirtorleans.org](http://holyspirtorleans.org) and click on "VIEW ONLINE". To download the Sunday Service Bulletin, click on "SUNDAY SERVICE BULLETIN".

**SUNDAY'S GLIMPSE OF THE GOSPEL:** The Gospel speaks to us today personally and as a community. **Join us Sundays at 8:45 am** to delve into the Gospel and pray for one another. Contact Gail+ for the Zoom link.

**SUNDAY BOOK STUDY GROUP:** Our current book is *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus Borg. Books are available through your local bookstore, Amazon and on Kindle. We meet on Sundays via Zoom from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you wish to join us, please notify Brian Skea at [brianskea@gmail.com](mailto:brianskea@gmail.com) or Brooke at [brookeskea@gmail.com](mailto:brookeskea@gmail.com).

**ALTAR FLOWER GUILD: ALTAR FLOWER GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Each week, the flower arrangements for the Sunday Worship Service are created by the dedicated Altar Flower Guild. Each member signs up for several weekends a year. If you would like to join us, please contact Marty Williams. **We also welcome donations to cover the cost of the flowers. WE ALSO NEED SMALL FLOWER VASES** - each week, we make small arrangements from the Sunday altar flowers and take them to parishioners who would appreciate a "thinking of you pick-me-up bouquet." If you have any vases to donate, contact Priscilla Isner and she will pick them up.

**TUESDAY HEALING SERVICE:** Join Gail+ **Tuesdays at 10 am** for a healing service. Zoom meeting invitations are issued on Mondays.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP:** The CHS Morning Prayer Group prays on **Wednesdays at 8:30 am** from the comfort of their own homes. **Contact Richard O'Hara and he will send you the coming month's scripture readings for Wednesdays.** His email and phone numbers are in the Parish Directory.

**CENTERING PRAYER: Mondays and Thursdays (except on holidays) at 4:30 pm at the Federated Church** - wear a mask, ring the bell and enter through the door on the East side of the building.

**GARDEN PARTIES: Please, come Join Our Garden Parties** - If you are interested in helping out, call or send Ann Pike-Paris an email and she will include you on her team updates, work day schedules and task lists. Even if you can't join us on one of our planned work days, give Ann a call and she can tell you what needs to be done and you can do it when convenient. Many hands will make our campus work light.

**IN-PERSON MEETINGS: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have suspended in-person meetings on our church campus.** If you need access, please call the office and someone will call you back. Please use the black mailbox that is outside the office door, if you need to drop something off. **To reach the clergy for emergencies or other church related business please call the church office and press 0 or email Gail+ at [gsmith@chsorleans.org](mailto:gsmith@chsorleans.org).**

**FEELING PINCHED AND STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET** because of the pandemic's impact on your life? Please contact Gail+. Funds are available through the Discretionary Fund.

**FORWARD DAY BY DAY:** Copies of the February, March and April book are now available. Contact Debbi in the Parish Office. She will mail it to you.

**SET UP ONLINE GIVING FOR 2021 NOW:** One great benefit of our online giving platform is that you can set up recurring payments for the coming year on whatever schedule works best for you (weekly, monthly, quarterly) and then sit back and relax. To set up recurring payments toward your **2021 Pledge**, simply choose "2021 General Giving & Pledges" from the drop-down menu, check the box "Make this gift recurring," and fill in the details. If you would like to pre-pay your 2021 Pledge this year, for tax purposes for example, choose the same category, "2021 General Giving & Pledges," when making your online donation this month. Any questions, please contact the church office.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Please call the office with your prayer requests at 508-255-0433 and leave a message. They will remain on the CHS Public Prayer List for 4 weeks. If you need them to be on the list for a longer period, please let us know.

**PRIVATE INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** The CHS Intercessors is a small group of CHS members who are committed to pray regularly for your concerns. If you need private prayer for any reason, please call the Parish Office. Someone will contact you. ALL requests will be held in confidence.

**PARISH DIRECTORY:** We no longer include member's personal contact information in our communications. Call the Parish Office and we will email you an electronic copy or snail-mail you a hard copy of the current Parish Directory so you can "stay in touch."

**A SHORT BOOK STUDY:** Ken Campbell+ will be leading an online zoom 3-session book study of the just published *3 Ground Breaking Jewish Feminists Pursuing Social Justice* by Dr. Sharon Leder. Dr. Leder has offered to participate in the discussions. Sundays, May 9, 16 and 23 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The group will be limited to a maximum of 15 participants. If interested in participating, please contact Ken+.

Sisters and Brothers,

We have learned that members of four of our sister parishes on or near the Cape Cod have been scammed recently with requests that arrive under the clergy's names asking for some immediate donation of money to answer an emergency.

Gail and I – WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO SEND MONEY, GIFT CARDS, OR PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE INTERNET. If you should receive such a request from the church or from an account using our names, please do not respond, but inform us so that we may alert others in our community.

Please do not share our parish directory at all, or email addresses with anyone you do not personally know. If you are sending a necessary email to several members of the parish include all but the first as "BCC" Blind Copies, which doesn't allow them to be seen by any recipients. Being safe takes many forms and our concern for your safety and well-being includes safe internet practices.

Blessings and Peace,

Joe+