

*"To know, to love, and to serve God"*



## May 10, 2020: Fifth Sunday of Easter

### MASS SCHEDULE\*

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm;  
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (both Vietnamese)

**Monday-Friday (weekdays):** 8:30 am & 12:15 pm

**Wednesday & First Friday:** 7:30 pm

**Friday (except 1<sup>st</sup> Friday):** 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

**Saturday :** 8:30 am

### HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE\*

**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary, Benediction & Mass)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE\*

**Monday & Friday:** 11:30 am—Noon

**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

**Saturday:** 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

**First Friday:** After the 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION\*\*

**Monday:** 9:00 am—**Saturday:** 8:00 am

\* Please listen to pulpit announcements & parish office recordings, and consult current bulletin & website homepage for schedule changes.

\*\* Call Adoration Chapel Hotline for up-to-date information on Chapel schedule: 703-773-2033.

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement. Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.



**Baptisms:** We welcome your new child. Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each month, with some flexibility based on circumstances. Baptism preparation instruction is required for first-time parents or parents who have not previously attended a class. Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling the baptism.



**Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick:** God bless you. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, Dulles Health & Rehabilitation Center, Harmony at Chantilly, Arbor Terrace Fairfax in Chantilly, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.



**Parish Registration:** Welcome. To register as a parishioner of St. Veronica, please pick up a registration form in one of the church vestibules or in the parish office. Upon completion, you may drop the form in the Sunday collection basket, or mail it. If you are moving out of the parish or have a change of address, please let the parish office know.



**Initiation of Adults & Children:** The RCIA process leads adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email RCIA@stveronica.net for details.

  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 9:

- \* Blanca Clop
- \* Oliver Frakes +

### Sunday, May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter

- \* Mother's Day Novena
- \* Rosemarie Kud +
- \* The People of St. Veronica
- \* Carol Ann Anfinson +

### Monday, May 11:

- \* Mother's Day Novena
- \* James O'Day

### Tuesday, May 12: Saints Nereus and Achilleus; Saint Pancras

- \* Mary Ann Carr +
- \* Mother's Day Novena

### Wednesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

- \* In Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Fatima
- \* In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
- \* Mother's Day Novena

### Thursday, May 14: Saint Matthias, Apostle

- \* Mother's Day Novena
- \* Pat and Michele Sharon

### Friday, May 15: Saint Isidore

- \* Mother's Day Novena
- \* Reverend Dennis Kleinmann

### Saturday, May 16:

- \* Alicia Acker Damon
- \* Mother's Day Novena

### Sunday, May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- \* Joseph Patrick McMahon, Sr. +
- \* The People of St. Veronica
- \* Mother's Day Novena
- \* Eugene Leuer +

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

*By order of Bishop Burbidge, all public activities at St. Veronica parish, except Confessions, are suspended until further notice. Private Masses for the scheduled intentions will continue to be offered.*

*However, the church remains open*

*ALL hours of the night and day*

*for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in private prayer.*

*Page 5 of this bulletin explains how*

*to reserve an hour to be with Our Lord.*

*Limit of ten people in the church at a time, 6 feet apart.*

*Pray the Rosary Daily  
Pray the Rosary Every Day*

*~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~*

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# WORSHIP

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD — MAY 10, 2020

As I write to you again on this Mother's Day weekend, I want to wish all of our mothers a very special day and one filled with God's blessings. As we continue through this month of May that the Church dedicates to the mother of Our Lord and our heavenly mother, may we invoke the intercession of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for all of our mothers. This includes our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, godmothers, and the mothers of adopted or foster children as well. During these rather strange times influenced by the coronavirus crisis our mothers may easily be working overtime to maintain some kind of sanity at home. This is especially true with distance e-learning. While some mothers may have previously home schooled their children, currently most mothers with younger children, perhaps with the help of their husbands or others, are probably "homeschooling," at least to some extent. That may place an extra burden on many mothers. In addition with social distancing, isolation, difficult economic situations, and other issues our mothers may also be feeling the burden of this so-called new way of life. For that reason alone our mothers deserve our respect, our love, and our prayers. And so, this month and this weekend in particular we do pray for our mothers, whether living certainly, but also those who are deceased. We also pray for our mothers who may be directly affected by Covid-19. Under any circumstances and realizing like all of us no mother is perfect (except our Heavenly Mother), we at the very least owe our mothers this day, this Sunday. No doubt our respect and concern for our mothers is not limited to one day or one weekend. It should truly be a daily effort. We often refer to the Virgin Mary as "*Spes Nostra*," that is "Our Hope." Mary truly is our hope in these trying times, but so are our earthly mothers. So again, may God bless all of our mothers and may Mary intercede for them and draw them ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ!

We also have been praying for our two seminarians who have been with us now for over four weeks. As you may recall they are Mike Nugent and Alfredo Tuesta. Mike has been attending the seminary in Rome; Alfredo was at St. Charles in Philly. They have been a joy to have at the rectory. For the most part, because of the "stay-at-home" policy, the diocese wanted them mostly confined to the rectory. They also were continuing their seminary studies, just in a different setting and via e-learning. Due to that they were not here to work, as would be the case when we have had a seminarian during the summer. They have served Sunday Masses at the church and the daily Masses in our rectory chapel. They also have run the video equipment for those daily Masses. Additionally, they have helped in the rectory kitchen, primarily since Elsa, our parish housekeeper, has been out. As an aside and as some of you may have heard, one of Elsa's sons died unexpectedly last weekend. May we keep the repose of his soul in our prayers. May we also pray for Elsa and her family. Alfredo completed his semester on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, and will be moving this weekend to Christ the Redeemer Parish in Sterling. Mike will remain with us. May we pray for both of them and all of our diocesan seminarians.

We also want to continue to pray for the situation in which we find ourselves. Our governor held a press conference Friday afternoon and restated his hope that some restrictions could be lifted starting next Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. He included churches in that and said that they could reopen at 50 percent of capacity. Our church capacity is nearly 700 people. Based on the governor's statements, presuming this really comes to fruition, and of course with our bishop's approval, this **may** mean we **could** resume Masses next weekend. Right now that is a big "**if**." Let's pray it is true! I don't want to build up any expectation here, but I am hopeful and with our Blessed Mother's intercession, perhaps under her title of Our Lady of Fatima, that feast day being the 13<sup>th</sup>, this will happen. Again that is my prayer and my hope. I ask that we pray for that and for everyone still affected by the Covid virus. That includes those struggling physically, psychologically, financially, and spiritually as well as all those who are assisting those suffering. On a similar then and closing note and a much lighter one, Fr. Dyer is seriously hoping to rid himself of his beard which he started growing after the all of this virus stuff began here. He has called it his "solidarity beard," referring to all of those who have been suffering these past eight weeks. He wants to use it as a kind of fundraiser, so more details to follow! ~ *In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann*



## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### LINK REPORTS 585% INCREASE IN DELIVERIES—DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED

LINK Against Hunger is a volunteer run Christian organization comprised of churches and some businesses in Western Fairfax and Eastern Loudoun County providing emergency food to families in need. St. Veronica, as many parishioners know, is one of the member churches, and many of you have contributed non-perishable food items in the brown bins in the vestibules for the LINK food pantry. Still others of you have volunteered your time to make deliveries of groceries for our brothers and sisters in need.



During this pandemic as many people are out of work, the number of people calling in for assistance has increased significantly. During a normal week LINK serves about 20 families. In the last few weeks deliveries have been made to between 110 and 140 families per week. The volunteers who run LINK, instead of turning people away as the calls keep coming in, have decided to try and serve all who come and are in need. They put this in action and the response has been great. More packers are needed and more have signed up to help. More drivers need, and they, too, have come forward! Procedures are in place to deliver and keep the drivers and the clients safe. It has truly been a heroic effort on the part of everyone.

So far, they have been able fill this need, but now resources at the pantry and larger storage pantry are being depleted. Here's how you can help:

1. Please consider dropping off donations of non-perishable food items in the St. Veronica south vestibule. We will get them to the LINK Pantry.
2. You may, instead, send items through the Amazon Wish List, "LINK Pantry List." The items will be delivered right to the pantry. Go to LINK's home page, [linkagainsthunger.org](http://linkagainsthunger.org), to access the list.
3. There is also a need for grocery store gift cards. LINK usually provides each family a gift card for perishable produce or meat. Their funds for purchasing the gift cards are also running very low. If you feel called to make a monetary donation to LINK for this purpose please send a check to LINK, P.O Box 443, Sterling, VA 20167, or through the website [linkagainsthunger.org/donate-money](http://linkagainsthunger.org/donate-money).

Above all, we ask you keep everyone in prayer—those who are trying to feed their families and those who are going the extra mile to make that happen. Thank you, so much! ~ *Patty Bartnick*, St. Veronica LINK Coordinator, 703-426-0442, [patty.b.bartnick@gmail.com](mailto:patty.b.bartnick@gmail.com).

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS RECOGNIZED WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful arrangements on either side of the altar of repose **this weekend, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**, were donated by Janina Cikotas in memory of her mother, Brone Zvinakis, and grandmother, Karolina Endriuska. The flowers in front of the Blessed Mother statue were donated this week "In Thanksgiving," and last week "In memory of Gerald Otto Martin by his family." Please keep these intentions and our donors in your prayers.

### CONTRIBUTING TO ST. VERONICA

Your generosity helps Father Kleinmann and Father Dyer continue the mission of St. Veronica. Parishioners who currently give with envelopes can mail their donations to the parish office or place them in the Poor Box in the north vestibule. Place larger envelopes in the votive candle box.

#### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

**Grace Dental of Virginia**

*"All insurances accepted"*

703-870-7784 \* [www.DentistChantillyVA.com](http://www.DentistChantillyVA.com)

Please see their ad in this bulletin and support all those who make it possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish.

(Be certain that your name and the designation for your contribution is on the envelope.) Alternatively, Faith Direct is available for one-time or ongoing contributions to the parish. Go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), and use church code VA92. If you have any questions, please email Michele Sharon at [msharon@stveronica.net](mailto:msharon@stveronica.net).

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2020

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Parish Special Needs; May 17<sup>th</sup>, Diocesan Retired Priests; May 24<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Communications Campaign; and May 31<sup>st</sup>, Monthly Mortgage. Make sure to specify how you would like your donation designated if you use your own envelope.

#### CORNERSTONE

##### Sunday Offertory

Weekend of 5/3/2020

Faith Direct 1 of 5 Weeks/May\*

\$ 6,235.03

unavailable

##### Monthly Mortgage

Weekend of 5/3/2020

Faith Direct 1 of 5 Weeks/May\*

\$ 1,382.50

unavailable

##### Special Collections

Mother Teresa/Poor Box 5/3/2020

Faith Direct/May

\$ 280.00

unavailable

401 Families Donating through Faith Direct

*Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.*

\*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in the parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Sunday Offertory and Monthly Mortgage has been divided by the number of Sundays for that month and added to the weekly totals.

# EDUCATION, CATECHESIS, AND EVANGELIZATION

## MEN OF THE PARISH: JOIN TMIY'S VIRTUAL SUMMER SESSION, STARTING SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 7:00 AM

In *The Bible and the Church Fathers*, you'll learn who the Early Church Fathers were, how they shaped the way we read Scripture, powerful tools for reading Scripture, and its relationship to Tradition and, in particular, the sacraments. To join or for more information, email Kelly Dobson, TMIY@stveronica.net or kelly.george.dobson@gmail.com.

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FAITH

**Although the public celebration of Mass is suspended, divine law to honor the Lord's Day remains. It is up to you to lead your family in worship and pray to the Triune God. To help your domestic Church, St. Veronica suggests either individually or as a family you:**

1. Tune in to a televised, live-streamed, or recorded Sunday Mass;
2. Spend an hour with Our Lord in adoration in the church; **OR**
3. Read the Readings of the Day (see this page) and then pray the Holy Rosary; **AND in any case;**
4. Make a Spiritual Communion.

### Eucharistic Adoration

At a time when you are deprived of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, this provides an opportunity to be closer to Our Lord than even watching Mass online. Please help to ensure that we have at least one committed adorer to be with Our Lord every hour. Go to our Sign Up Genius through the home page on the website, stveronica.net, or <https://tinyurl.com/rreele9>.

### Some Mass Viewing Opportunities

- \* St. Veronica's 9:00 and 10:45 am Masses for the Fifth Sunday of Easter will be live-streamed and recorded on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, view **daily Mass** at 8:00 am during the week and 8:15 am on Saturday, on our YouTube channel, which can be accessed from the home page of our website. (Please be sure to subscribe to the channel.)
- \* Go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/covid19resources/> for a list of Arlington Diocese live-stream Masses (plus prayer guides and other resources).
- \* The Arlington Diocese co-sponsors a televised Sunday Mass with the Archdiocese of Washington at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, available at 10:30 am on Sundays on two local TV stations as well as online. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/sdln7bn> for more information or to view the Mass.
- \* Eternal Word Television Network broadcasts Mass on Sunday (and every other day of the week) at 8:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm, and midnight. Go to [ewtn.com/tv/weekly-grid](http://ewtn.com/tv/weekly-grid) for the complete schedule. The "Channel Finder" tab will help you find your local station.

### Summary of Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading: Acts 6:1-7:** During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9:** Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones . . . an edifice of spirit."

**Gospel: John 14:1-12:** In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Fifth Sunday Easter

#### Sunday

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

#### Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

#### Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

#### Thursday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

#### Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

#### Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18;  
Jn 14:15-21

## THE HOLY FATHER'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION

### Evangelization: For Deacons

*We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an*

## BALTIMORE CATECHISM

### From the Second to the Fourth Commandment

#### Q. What is the Second Commandment?

A. The Second Commandment is: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

#### Q. What are we commanded by the Second Commandment?

A. We are commanded by the Second Commandment to speak with reverence of God and of the Saints, and of all holy things, and to keep our lawful oaths and vows.



## A Message from St. Veronica School



St. Veronica Catholic School at the conclusion of Teacher Appreciation Week is spotlighting Mrs. Jean Narbonne. In honor of her 8 years as a Master Teacher at St. Veronica, we, the faculty and staff, salute our wonderful colleague, Jean Narbonne, and thank her for her tireless and amazing service she provided to this strong community. Whether you have known her well, or had wished to have known her more, or are just hearing about her for the first time, please enjoy a look back to her beginnings as an educator and to the time she spent with us. Thank you, Mrs. Narbonne, for setting the bar high here at St. Veronica, high enough for all of us to reach! You will be sorely missed.

*Canadian born and bred in the city of Toronto in Ontario Canada, I received my Undergraduate degree at York University, and my Permanent Teaching Credential from the Province of Ontario from Toronto Teachers' College, which is now part of York University.*

*My teaching career began in 1972, at Roywood School in the borough of North York in Toronto, in Grade 3. At Roywood, I taught Grade 3, Grade 1 and Kindergarten. We moved with our two daughters to California in 1983, and I resumed my teaching career in the United States, teaching in two different private schools. At Valley School, I taught Kindergarten and Second Grade. After that, I taught Kindergarten and Second Grade at Pinecrest School until 1998 when I was asked to become the new Principal. I remained at Pinecrest as the Principal until 2006.*



*In the meantime, my daughters married and moved to the East Coast for work. My older daughter went to New York, and then to Maryland, and my younger daughter moved to Virginia. So, it was good-bye to Pinecrest School, and off to Virginia for me. Here, we have been blessed with three beautiful grandchildren.*

*I started to teach here in DC, at a Charter School. There, I was the Literacy Specialist, and taught some Kindergarten, as well as ESL. Although this work was interesting and challenging, it was very prescribed, and was data and assessment driven. In other words, it was not my "cup of tea". So I went looking for something better.*

*And then, God sent me to St. Veronica, which has been more than just a school for me. It has been my home away from home. I knew the minute I came into the building that I belonged here. Our Blessed Sacrament is in the middle of our school, and you feel His presence right away.*

*As a Second Grade teacher at St. Veronica, I have had the privilege of working with families to bring their children to the Eucharist in First Holy Communion. It is the very best*



*thing that I have ever done as a teacher, and God has blessed me to know a faith community of parents, teachers, administrators, and most especially children for the last seven years. I am more than grateful for the guidance and support of everyone at St. Veronica, but most especially, I am grateful for our wonderful and holy Priests, and our Deacon.*

*I am looking forward to new adventures in education, to support Religious Education in the CCD program at St. Veronica, and in doing whatever Our Good and Gracious God has planned for me to support the mission of our school.*

# APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP

**youthapostolate@stveronica.net: Young Hearts on Fire with the Love of Christ**  
**A dynamic youth ministry for young people in grades 6-12**



**How do I find out more information about youth ministry at St. Veronica?**

We send out regular email updates to parents. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please let us know. We are also posting up to date information on our webpage on the parish website.

**Are youth activities cancelled during the COVID-19 situation?**

At this point in time, all in-person youth activities have been cancelled until further notice. However, we are so excited to share that we are still holding many gatherings online! We invite all youth in grades 6-12 to join us! We are using Zoom video conferencing as our platform and do so with the permission of Fr. Kleinmann and within the safe environment guidelines of the Arlington Diocese. Zoom can be used on a computer, laptop, tablet, phone, or other smart device. Our current schedule of events includes a weekly family rosary, devotionals for high school and middle school youth, IGNITE Middle School Ministry, and more! Contact us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net if you have any questions about how to join our Zoom ministry meetings. You will need to email us to receive the meeting link and password for the gatherings.

**Youth Apostolate Schedule :** We hope to "see" you on Zoom during these events.

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm:** Family Rosary

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm:** Middle School Devotional

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00:** College-age Rosary

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm:** High School Boys' Discipleship Group with Fr. Dyer

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm:** Mother/Daughter Bible Study

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:15 pm:** ENDOW for Middle School Girls

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm:** Middle School Devotional

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm:** IGNITE Middle School Ministry

## ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are in need of assistance, please email the parish office, info@stveronica.net, so that we can help or direct you to other resources.

## LIGHT A CANDLE, HAVE A MASS OFFERED

If you are unable to come to the church at this time to light a candle, the parish office can do it for you. Mail a check for the number of candles you would like to have lit (suggested donation \$3 each). The lighted candle symbolizes your prayer intentions and desire to remain in God's presence.

Father Kleinmann and Father Dyer continue to celebrate private Masses for scheduled intentions. If you would like a Mass offered, please call the parish office, 703-773-2000, to discuss available dates and the reservation procedure.

## FATHER DYER HAS PODCASTS!

Go to Surprised by Grace Fr. Dyer for his ongoing spiritual reflections and homilies.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH FREE

FORMED.org has a Faith at Home section with a plethora of Catholic resources including books, podcasts, studies, movies. The Institute of Catholic Culture also has a vast collection of in-depth courses, Gospel reflections, and live webinars. Browse at [instituteofcatholicculture.org](http://instituteofcatholicculture.org).

## 2MINUTES2VIRTUE

Get closer to Jesus through Sunday reflections given by the

priests of the Diocese of Arlington. Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue) or text "2m2v" to 84576 to sign up.

## DIVINE MERCY CORNER

"And I understood that the greatest attribute [of God] is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator. This immense love and abyss of mercy are made known in the Incarnation of the Word and in the Redemption [of humanity], and it is here that I saw this as the greatest of all God's attributes." St. Faustina, *Diary* 180. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

## WORDS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

*"I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended. The sins of the world are too great. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

## PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

We continue our daily prayers for priests by praying each day this week for:

May 10	Rev. John Trong
May 11	Rev. Charles Trullois
May 12	Rev. Thomas Tunney, C.S.Sp.
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April 24, 2020

Dear St. Veronica Parish family and St. Veronica Knights of Columbus,

Thank you all for coordinating the many drives to get desperately needed donations for our rural poor. Your generous hearts have supported us for so many years. The current drives providing diapers, depends, donations toward food and the incredibly beautiful Easter gifts for children have been greatly needed and perhaps even more greatly appreciated.

In this era of "instant" information, computer shopping, and everything at our "finger tips," it is difficult to get one's head wrapped around the plight of the rural poor. The once "working poor" have lost many, if not most, of their jobs to technology. When technology is so commonplace in the urban and suburban areas of our country, it can be hard to believe that people live without access to internet, computers or landline phone service.

This pandemic has highlighted "down to earth realities." All schools are closed but classes are still being taught via computer. That sounds great, unless you don't have internet access because you live too far up in the mountains, or too far back in a holler, or if your family does not own a computer. And with public libraries and the Literacy Center closed that further handicaps those in our community who rely on the free public computers. While we cannot relieve the stress caused by lack of technology, we have been able to assist these families with their critical needs for food, hygiene and cleaning needs.

Also, through your generous support we are able to assist the high-risk elderly poor. This group is often under-served, mainly because they are not seen very often. Many don't drive anymore; they generally live away from social areas because the rent is cheaper. We are now working with the Senior Center Director to assist in getting needed food and personal hygiene products to these seniors. The needs of the homebound elderly have become even more prominent during this pandemic, and your donations have allowed us to provide more support.

The overwhelming financial support you have provided has empowered us to assist MESA, other local rural outreach groups, and at-risk seniors. Thank you.

God bless you; God bless all of your families; and thank you all very, very much.

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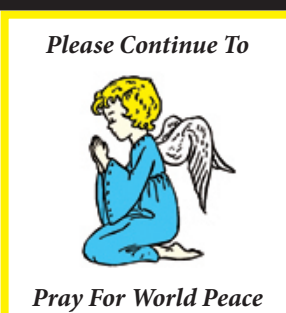
  
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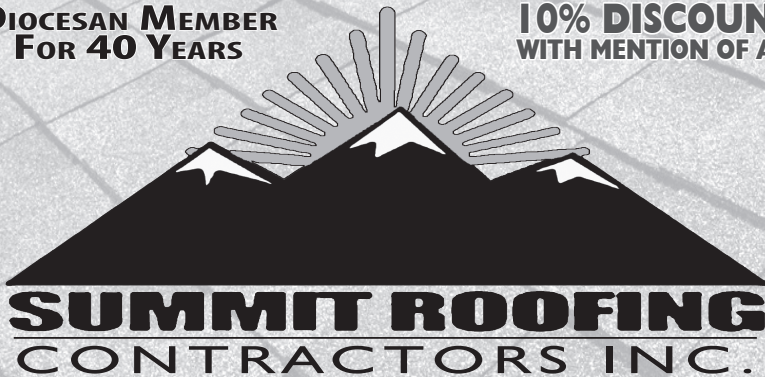
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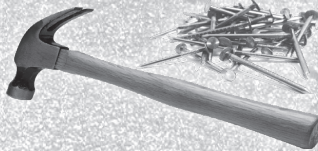
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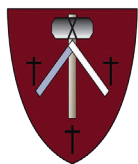
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