

Greetings from First UCC!
**We pray that Easter blessings continue to fill your home
and touch your life!**

During this time, while worship services are suspended at First Church, Rev. Mike would like to share a Sunday Gospel message of hope with you. Even in the midst of this world-wide health emergency, Jesus love is still with us.

You may view the video of Rev. Mike sharing this message by clicking this link or copying & pasting it in your browser...

[April 19th Service](#)

Please use this 'mini-bulletin' to follow along with the service, reading responses along with Kathleen in the video. Our 'mini-bulletin' also includes other information & announcements to keep you informed. Please feel free to share the bulletin & the video with others.



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Sunday, April 19th, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m. worship
~ The Second Sunday of Easter ~



Call to Worship:

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.
Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!
Walk in the light of his love.
Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.
Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.
Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

—Nancy C. Townley

Call to Confession:

Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

Confession of Sin:

Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our prayers are anemic, and our faith is shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious God forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

All: Through the power of the resurrected Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Our Epistle Lesson for Sunday, April 19th is: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (NIV)

Verse 2:14a

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

Verses 2:22-32

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,^[a] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.^[b]

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died

and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet

and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of

his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of

the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of

the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to

life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Our Gospel Lesson for Sunday, April 19th is: John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them

and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Meditation ~ Thomas "The Truther" (John 20:19-31)

Who really shot JFK? Were the moon landings real or staged? Did Elvis really die in 1977, or did he fake his death in order to get some privacy? Was Paul McCartney actually replaced by a look-alike when he allegedly died in 1966? Was 9/11 staged by the U.S. government?

Are all these questions crazy?

Some might say maybe it depends on the thickness of your tinfoil hat.

Americans love a good conspiracy theory, and it goes to the very beginning of our nation's history.

For example, there are some historians who speculate that the Founding Fathers were moved to write the Declaration of Independence because they believed that Britain was about to enslave American colonists. Whether it's "black helicopters," "Illuminati," "Pan Am Flight 103" or "Roswell," many people are willing to believe that there's something rotten in Denmark ... or Des Moines, or Dallas or wherever.

Conspiracy theories often gel around events of historical significance or the deaths of famous people. Remember the speculation around the assassination of JFK, we saw it earlier this year around Jeffrey Epstein.

While we may look askance at some Conspiracy Theories, but the truth is that we always need people who are looking for the truth. We need The Truthers, we need people who question.

When it comes to the most famous death in history, the death of Jesus Christ, conspiracy theories abound, but in the center of the story we see someone

who is really trying to get at the truth. And this figure is no outsider but one of Jesus' own disciples: Thomas, the original "truther."

The death and resurrection of Jesus have long been the target of conspiracy theorists trying to explain it away. The general theme of these theories is that the disciples acted together to claim that Jesus was alive when he really wasn't; that he died and the disciples "helped" him become "alive" again.

Why they would do this, however, seems to be a more elusive question; particularly in light of the pain and suffering they all endured as they witnessed to their faith in the risen Christ.

Some theorists, for example, speculate that Jesus didn't actually die but just "swooned" on the cross and eventually staggered out of the tomb. There are just a few problems with that theory — namely that the Romans were pretty good at the industrial application of death, and John tells us that Jesus was speared in the side (19:31-37).

Others suggest that the disciples took the body of Jesus and hid it (a genuine concern of the chief priests, according to Matthew 28:62-66), and then claimed that he was alive.

Some speculate that the disciples had a mass hallucination of Jesus after his death caused by grief, or that they actually saw a ghost.

Despite 2,000 years of conspiracy theories, however, disproving the reality of the resurrection has proven elusive. Indeed, it seems as though the Gospel of John provides an answer to the conspiracy theorists.

After the death of Jesus, the disciples are hiding behind locked doors in fear of the Jewish leaders. They have just heard from Mary Magdalene that morning that she had "seen the Lord," but they could have easily dismissed her words as fake news. Women were not considered reliable witnesses in a court of law in the first century, thus they may have chalked up her claim to hysteria.

But then, suddenly, Jesus appeared among them with the greeting, "Peace be with you". And then he shows them the evidence of the wounds in his hands and side. It's a strange combination: Jesus is risen in a physical body and yet can also appear through locked doors. It's clear that this is a different kind of body, but a body nonetheless. The disciples "rejoiced" after seeing the evidence. Mary's testimony had been vindicated.

All of this happens without the disciple Thomas present, however.

When the others tell him, "We have seen the Lord" (the same words used by Mary Magdalene), Thomas is rightly skeptical. He's not taking their wild speculation for gospel truth just yet. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his

hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe". After all, they had the benefit of seeing the nail marks. Why shouldn't he?

Thomas may have thought his friends were engaging in their own fantasy or hallucination, and he was out to bust it. We know Thomas was a thinker, a questioner. In 14:5, he pressed Jesus on his statement about where he was going. It wasn't that Thomas was afraid — after all, in chapter 11, he was prepared to go with Jesus to a dangerous place, even if it meant his own death. It's just that he wasn't going to buy into any kind of fake news. He wouldn't sell his own life cheaply based on false information or wild speculation.

We often call Thomas a "doubter," but the truth is that we all need a Thomas in our community, someone who is willing to push back on what, at times, seems to be craziness. Thomas isn't a doubter so much as a legitimate "truther." He simply wants the truth, which is something all of us should be seeking. Thomas doesn't reject the idea of resurrection outright; he simply wants more evidence — *the same evidence the other disciples had apparently received*. He wants to experience the risen Christ for himself.

And then, suddenly, he has the opportunity. The pattern repeats: a locked door, an appearance by Jesus. Jesus seems to know that Thomas had expressed some skepticism and offers the evidence that Thomas was looking for. "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe".

Please note that Jesus never refers to Thomas as a doubter. First, keep in mind that the other disciples had the benefit of evidence which they saw with their own eyes — evidence that was not available to Thomas.

When he saw Jesus, he had no doubt that Jesus was alive. Then, although Jesus says to Thomas, "Do not doubt but believe," he is not saying that Thomas has a problem with belief. He's really saying, "Thomas, it's me, in the flesh. Don't doubt. Believe. It's okay." And finally, what Jesus says to Thomas in verse 29 applied equally to all of the disciples, not just Thomas. He said, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." *All of the disciples* believed that Jesus was alive *only* because they saw Jesus in the flesh. So, you have to ask: *How are the disciples any different than Thomas?* Thomas didn't believe the report of the disciples, and the disciples did not believe the report of the women. They were all doubters, and their doubt was only suspended when they saw Jesus alive with their own eyes.

Thomas responds to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!". It's a confession of faith. Note that John doesn't tell us that Thomas takes Jesus up on his offer and

actually touches his wounds. It seems that the presence of Jesus is finally enough for Thomas.

And what John implies, powerfully, is that the presence of Jesus should be enough for us, too. “Have you believed because you have seen me?” says Jesus. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe”. John is speaking to his audience and to future generations like us about the truth of the gospel. He is giving us the evidence and asking us to believe it, but not just on the basis of the evidence itself. He wants us to believe also because the Holy Spirit continues to act as a witness to the resurrection and ongoing presence of Jesus with us.

It’s not that the evidence is unimportant and that this is just a leap of faith. Quite the contrary. The evidence for the resurrection of Jesus is quite compelling from a historical perspective.

If you were going to make up a story to impress others in the first century, for example, you wouldn’t have a woman as your primary witness.

You wouldn’t proclaim that a body had risen from the dead in a Greco-Roman world that devalued the body. The pagans already believed in the immortality of the soul; *that* theory they would’ve easily bought. But to claim that a dead body was alive again? Tinfoil hat time!

And Jews would say that anyone who was crucified was cursed and that resurrection was a distant hope. This message would have been virtually unintelligible, ludicrous and historically untenable in the first-century world, the equivalent of claiming you’d seen a UFO.

And yet there was a large body of people who claimed that the impossible had become possible and despite all kinds of efforts to quiet them, they wouldn’t shut up about it.

Charles Colson, who was special counsel and “hatchet man” for President Richard Nixon, was indicted in the Watergate scandal (an actual conspiracy) and went to prison for seven months. While in prison, Colson became a Christian and remarked that it was his own criminal conviction that proved the resurrection to him. He put it like this:

“I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Everyone was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren’t true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world — and they couldn’t keep a lie for three weeks. You’re telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”

We have the eyewitness testimony of the gospels, the evidence of the early church's growth despite all the factors arrayed against it, and the witness of subsequent generations of Christians and martyrs. All attest to the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

If it's a conspiracy theory, it's one that has actually stood the test of time and the scrutiny of generations of debunkers.

John wrote his gospel not only to give us evidence *for* Christ, but also to bring us to faith *in* Christ. As he puts it later in the text: "But these things are written so that you might come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name" (v. 31).

Ultimately, our belief in the resurrection of Jesus is a matter of faith, backed by evidence. When we believe, we begin to see all that God has done, all that God has made possible through the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

And when we live out that belief, it's then that we become living examples, proving that the gospel is more than a theory. It's a way of life and the way to life!



Affirmation of Faith:

As Easter people, we believe God is Lord of both life and death.

We believe that in an astounding act of grace, Jesus suffered and died on the cross to save us from our sins.

We believe, three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead, promising us salvation, not because we deserve it, but out of love, through grace.

We believe we are called to respond to that gift of grace, not out of duty, but in gratitude, to seek peace, care for the ill, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, empower the oppressed and welcome the outcast; to carry on Christ's work until he comes again.

Because, as Easter people, we are confident Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer:

God of glory, we gather to celebrate your victory over death and the power of sin. The empty cross and the promise of the resurrection are tangible signs of hope in our broken world. We pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who aren't free to sing their alleluias out loud. We give thanks for those who glorify you this day in places where hope is in short

supply — in countries recovering from natural disasters or torn by war. We pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, who lack the strength to sing alleluia. We offer alleluias on their behalf, praying for healing so their voices can join in the joyful songs of praise. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us, singing in your heavenly choir, grateful for their lives of faith. We lift up those in our extended church family in need of your love, comfort and care...

Dawn Trimble – her husband Bob Trimble passed away, Gregg D, Hannah and her new daughter Rheia, and Sarah, Tom Bougher and Bev Lambert's great granddaughter. We raise those in our congregation sharing their witness as they serve those in need of healing, David Skillenge, Jill West, Helen Corona, and Donna who serves youngsters in NYC. We think of those who must work in essential jobs including David Wandersee and Ross Forsythe.

Help us live as Easter people throughout the year; let our lives be signs of your unending love. We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction:

With renewed hope, we walk and live and breathe. God is not dead; he's alive! Let us carry this hope to the world. Our God is not dead; He's alive! Amen.



As we navigate our way through this difficult and unpredictable time please share your personal, family and neighbor prayer requests. You can send them by email for our church office: firstucc2@verizon.net or you may call the office & leave a message. Also please share our First UCC Worship program with your friends and family.



Announcements for April 19th, 2020 ~



PLEASE NOTE: Hospitals no longer notify the church or the pastor unless you SPECIFICALLY REQUEST IT. So please, if you or a family member is hospitalized, let us know by calling the office at 610-258-3361!



Please see our prayer list below.

OR by calling or texting Rev. Mike directly on his cell phone at 610-216-5471.



IMPORTANT FIRST CHURCH NOTES...

Rev. Dowd & our First Church leadership will continue to monitor the ongoing Corona virus situation. We will be especially mindful of the most vulnerable members of our First Church Family & make decisions accordingly.

We will be meeting on an ongoing basis to discuss upcoming events, projects & etc. We will share information on these decisions as they are made.

Please keep watching your **e-mail**, our **website** at www.firstucceaston.org, or our **Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUCCEaston> or call our **Church Office at 610-258-3361** for updates & information.



FIRST LADIES & FUNDRAISER NOTES: The **First Ladies Fund Raisers** that were in progress ("Shoo Fly Cake Sale" & Barbeque Sale) **have been CANCELED. Any orders that were already placed will be refunded once we begin gathering for worship again.**

CHOIR APPRECIATION POSTPONED! We are postponing our Choir Appreciation Sunday & reception until we can re-group (hopefully) in the coming weeks. Please contact Sheila with any questions or ideas.

"SUNSHINE FUND" - We are also most grateful for continued donations to our "Sunshine Fund", which goes to assist any of our First Church Family members who are in need. **THIS FUND IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW, with many people being out of work due to this health emergency.** Though we have published our Easter dedications today, we are still accepting donations to our "Sunshine Fund". **A REMINDER – If you are experiencing an emergency need, please contact the Church Office or Rev. Mike directly. All requests will be kept confidential.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS for 4/19/2020 ~ 10 a.m. ~

No matter who you are, or where you are on your life's journey,
you're welcome here. Join us in celebrating First UCC's
respect for the past and faith in the future.



SUNDAY DEDICATIONS 4/19/20 ~

The **Hilsenbeck Family** dedicate the bulletin in loving memory of Janice's father, Sid Fowler, in remembrance of his April 12th birthday.

Ray, Sue, Dann and Tyler Roseberry dedicate flowers in loving memory of Ray's father, Raymond T. Roseberry, Jr., in commemoration of his April 25th birthday.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE ~

- With the outbreak of the Coronavirus, church services and other activities at First UCC have been suspended for the foreseeable future. Even though our church services are suspended, our church expenses (gas bill, electric bill, etc.) must still be paid each month. With this in mind, we ask that you continue to contribute during this health crisis. You can...
 - **MAIL your contributions** to the church at 229 Church Street, Easton, PA 18042.
 - **DROP your envelope through the MAIL SLOT in the Church St. door of the SCHOOLHOUSE** (formerly the Office). Please make sure your name or envelope number is on it.
 - **Online Giving**, which allows you to make your contributions online from either your bank checking or bank savings account. If you are interested in this online option, please contact Rich Phifer at 610-217-9244 or email Rich at raphifer@rcn.com to get further information about this payment option.



First Church Prayer Requests ~

Prayer is a powerful thing! God invites us to pray with words of praise, thanksgiving & petitions for others & for ourselves. We gladly receive & share prayer concerns so that we may 'Bear one another's burdens' (Galatians 6:2) and 'Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.' (Romans 12:15). 

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE, please call our church office at 610-258-3361 or Rev. Mike at 610-216-5471.

We all ask for Your blessing, Lord, on all of those who are essential employees & remain in high risk positions, unable to isolate, in order to serve & protect us during this national health emergency & their families. Father bless those in Health Care, First Responders, those who care for others, all those who wait on us in stores, restaurants, those who drive us on public transit & take care of us at other places that we frequent, all those who will be cleaning public places & all those around us who must deal with the public in other ways. Including those in our own families & church family who are 'essential' in their work places (**David S., David W., Helen C., Jill W., Keith B., Keith C., Mark C., Ross F.**) We pray for those who reside in group facilities (nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, group homes, etc.) we pray for Your protection over them Father.

We pray for Your healing for all those afflicted with this Corona virus or who may be ~ Bev Lamberts 14 yr. old great-granddaughter, **Alexis**, living in China, **Beth** (Linda W. relative), **Doug D.** & others ~ we pray that Your healing love will wash over them, strengthen them & bring them to full & complete recovery.

Father, we lift up those who struggle with mental & emotional health & substance abuse issues, seen & unseen. For many, the amplified uncertainty of what is happening, fear, income/job loss, family stress, loss of support contacts, etc., is more than they can bear. Lord, speak Your Peace into the spirits of those who are gripped by these struggles that may be spiraling out of control. Help them to see You at the center of their storm & let them know You will be their strength.

*Lord, we pray for Your wisdom for those who are making decisions about how to keep us all safer. **Help us all to remain calm but cautious.***

We pray for those whose incomes will be affected due to closures, cancelations & cautions. This is a MAJOR problem for many. Help us to help each other through this time. Bless those who we are in debt to, (utility companies, credit card companies, loan holders, medical facilities, insurance companies, etc.) with understanding & compassion. We pray that we will be kind, compassionate & considerate with each other. Help us to see need in our neighbors & in our own families & help us to reach out, to share & to shine the light of hope on those around us.

Please keep these folks in your prayers... *Baby Rheia, sister Hazel, Hannah & Ross, Baby Cree & Trevor & Taylor C., Bob G., Bob L., Chauncy H., Chris, Chris H., Debbie S. & Family, Deacon Anthony Koury, David D., Denise, Beverly F., Doris S., Edward, Eleanor, The Elliot Family, Evelyn R., Fawn B., Ferne, Greg D., Helena, James R., Jeanette O. & Family, Jill R., Joe R., John M., John & Laura O., Kai & Kathy, Kathleen D., Kim Kelty, Lila, Lloyd S. Jr, Marjorie H., Mark, Marlene M., Michael R., Nancy M., Nancy & Ken A., Naomi, Nicole A., The Newhard Family, Phil & Mary Ellen C., Phyllis K., Ray U., Rebecca Price-Janney's Father, Robert G., Robert S., Ruth F., Sarah, Shelly D., Stewart W., Tom B., Tom V., William C., Will P., Jr. & all those affected by the recent storms, fires & other natural disasters, and now disease, Lord, protect them, keep them strong & help them to recover their lives.*

We pray for Ashley, Barbara, Bonnie, Brittany, Claritza, Davonna, Davon, Dawn, Delila, Katie, Kimberly, Skyler, Susan, Charlene, Amy, Jailien, Jessica, Rose, Twanda, Wendy, Nancy, Natasha & all officers & prisoners at NC Prison.

ALSO, we lift up the family of Robert Trimble, Ross Forsythe & their family, the Rush Family, the Flad/Orso Family & All whose broken hearts endlessly grieve. LORD, send Your sweet, tender & restorative love to cover them all.

Jesus, we pray for our Nation, that we can come together for each other, for this whole world Lord.

We pray for You to watch over parents & families & all of our young people. Especially now, while schools are closed. Lord keep Your hand on them & guide their choices & decisions. Help families to meet the extra needs they have during this time.

We lift up ALL victims of hatred, violence, abuse & their families & all people of faith as we pray for healing for them all, for our nation & an end to hate.

We lift up all of our military and all of our first responders, LORD, we ask for your protection over them all as they serve us all.

We pray for your mercy, grace for all those killed & healing for those wounded & for the families of the victims of the latest acts of gun violence. LORD, HELP US!!! Please take hold of those who are so rage filled or unstable that they unleash horrible evil into this world. Give our leaders the courage & compassion to help prevent any more of these tragedies.

We pray for our very planet. It seems to be groaning with earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, germs & all sorts of natural responses to our treatment of our host planet, our home here in the Universe. Lord help us to find better ways to live so we do not endanger ALL life that shares this planet with us.

Jesus, thank You for coming to save us! Without You, we would all be lost. AMEN.



Additional 2020 Easter Sunshine Fund Dedication:

Mae Rapp in memory of All those Lost to the Covid-19 & Corona Virus.



**We all need to be “Corona Warriors”
We need to protect our loved ones, ourselves
& those around us!**

- One way to do that is to **LIMIT CONTACT IN PUBLIC PLACES** to only **NECESSARY** activities. In other words... **STAY HOME!!!**
- If you are sick **STAY HOME & CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR.**
- If you do go out to the store, check with neighbors & friends to see if you can pick up items for them (the fewer folks out there, the better!)
- Use grocery/pharmacy pick up services & delivery services.
- If you go out, make sure to wash your hands, sanitize your carts, car, bag handles, doors knobs, & all high touch areas.
- Katie & Larry Miner have volunteered to run **NECESSARY** errands for folks who are at high risk or cannot get out. You can contact Katie by calling 610-258-4426.

**Please keep watching your e-mail for updates & information!
Say your prayers, wash your hands & stay well!**



The Church Office will be open on a limited basis during this time.
Please call the office at 610-258-3361 if you need something or before you come,
to make sure someone is there.
(But we hope you are all practicing “Social Distancing” &
only go out if it is absolutely necessary.)

***Say your prayers, wash your hands &
may God’s blessings cover you & those you love!***