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Invitation to Pray with the Holy Father *TODAY*—1:00 pm

Faithful across the world are invited to join Pope Francis spiritually in prayer on Friday, 27 March. This event will be ***streamed*** on the website of Vatican News (WWW.VATICANNEWS.VA) at 6:00 P.M. in Rome, **1:00 P.M. (EDT)**. The initiative was announced by Pope Francis on Sunday during the Angelus when he said ***“I invite everyone to participate spiritually through the means of communication”***. It follows Wednesday’s live-streamed ceremony during which Christians of all denominations were able to join the Holy Father in praying the “Our Father” in this time of global crisis and fear due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Pope Francis will pray before an empty Square from the sagrato of St. Peter’s Basilica, the platform at the top of the steps immediately in front of the façade of the Church. “We will listen to the Word of God, we will raise our supplication, we will adore the Blessed Sacrament, at the end I will impart the ***Urbi et Orbi*** Blessing, and you will have the possibility of receiving a plenary indulgence.” From 6pm Rome time, the ceremony will be broadcast live to the world by Vatican Media and can be followed in several languages on our website, on our Facebook page via Facebook Live and on our YouTube channel.

It will consist in readings from the Scriptures, prayers of supplication, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; and will conclude with Pope Francis giving the Urbi et orbi Blessing, with the possibility of gaining a plenary indulgence for all those who listen to it live through the various forms of communication. This plenary indulgence will also be extended to those who may not be able to participate in the prayer through the media due to illness but who unite themselves in spiritual communion with the prayer.

The blessing “to the City [of Rome] and to the World” ***Urbi et Orbi*** is normally only given on Christmas and Easter. The extraordinary moment of prayer in time of pandemic will last about an hour. The “Salus Populi Romani” icon and the crucifix of St. Marcellus, will be placed in front of the central door of St. Peter’s Basilica.

Live-Streamed Eastern Catholic Liturgical Services

The metropolitancantorinstitute.org identifies the following as the best collection of live-streamed *Eastern Catholic liturgical services*, so that you can participate in worship from home: <http://liveliturgy.com/>.

This site includes the one previously identified in the bulletin, and in addition a comprehensive listing of site throughout the United States and the entire world.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Katie Czapp; Ella Hoffman; Marian Simala; Jennifer Crum Bailey; Michael Barelick; Kennady Grace Spaid; Joseph Lysic; Rose Single; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel & Mary Zaliznock; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Patty Haschak; Shawn Crum; Dennis Ratosky, Sr.; Dorothy, Phil and Cathy Walters; Alina Rusnak; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Father Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; Sarah Kelt; Mary Beth Blackburn*; all the ill & homebound. Also, for the repose of the soul of *Father Stephen Casmus* of the Eparchy of Phoenix who fell asleep in on March 24. Also, continue to pray for those suffering from the Coronavirus, or who have died; from this disease; and for those working to halt its spread.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher;
St. Mary (Beaverdale): Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough;

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown,** Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo];
- **Maple Winds:** Rita Thornton;
- **Autumn View:** June Nezeski;
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael:** Anna Garanich
- **Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson:** Dorothy Resconich

Prayer Partners

Parishioners are encouraged to continue to remember *Prayer Partner* daily:

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” [Philippians 1:9-11]