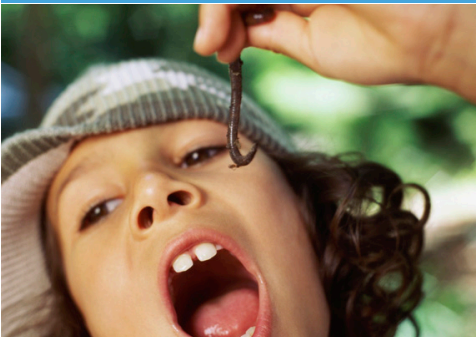


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Good News

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Hello from Deacon Michael

Welcome to first ever joint Youth Group Newsletter for Christ The King and Pope John XXIII.

What a crazy year so far! 2020 has not turned out like anyone would have guess. We are even talking in a new language; flatten the curve, social distancing, stay in place orders, pandemic. We can't go to school, church or even visit or families and friends.

But all is not lost! We can use Zoom, Face Time, Skype, Face Book and other Internet tools to stay in touch and share with those we love.

I am old school. I like to read printed things on paper; books, letters, newsletters. We are inviting you to join us by sending in via email pictures, stories, poems, jokes, puzzles etc. Please send them to mruf@syrdio.org for our next newsletter that will I send to you by email.

Be Safe and God Bless You and Your Families





Driveway Art

by Isabella

Send us pictures
of your artwork
for our next issue

Did You Know That: St. Camillus is the saint for the sick and Health Care Workers?

St. Camillus de Lellis was born at Bocchianico, Italy. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be monk because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. Dedicated to the care of the sick he attended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome. He was canonized in 1746, was declared patron of the sick, with St. John of God, by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI. His feast day is July 18th.

A FAMILY PRAYER to St. Camillus

Glorious St Camillus, turn your merciful eyes upon those who suffer and those who care for them. Grant to the sick Christian resignation and trust in the goodness and power of God. Make those who take care of the sick be generous and lovingly dedicated.

I ask You, Lord: Help doctors and nurses take care of the sick with the same dedication and love that St Camillus had.

And may the good God grant peace and hope to all.

AMEN



Jasper's Trivia Questions in Honor of Mary

1. Who is the mother of Jesus? _____
2. What months of the year are devoted to Mary?

3. Who said the greeting to Mary that we use to start the Hail Mary? _____
4. Who were the only two people conceived without Original Sin?

5. What are the names of the Feast Days (Holy Days) for Mary?

6. How was Joseph chosen, in oral tradition, to be Mary's husband?

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Mr. Finn Covid 19 Experience

As Deacon Michael said it is certainly a different time for all of us. For me, work was going along as normal and I was traveling in California a couple hours outside of Los Angeles the week of March 9th to support an important test event. During that week our testing was going well; however, most of us who traveled for the test our discussions focused on the new pandemic and the increasing number of cases around the country. As we got closer to the end of the week our discussions shifted focus to if we would be able to travel home before shutdowns started occurring. That Thursday they had their first confirmed cases of airport workers at Los Angeles' Airport which built on our anxiety and if they were going to limit flights. That day San Francisco also issued a shelter order limiting business and travel to the city. We started discussing contingency plans to drive home, cross country if needed, to be sure we could get home. We fully expected New York was going to start limitations and we wanted to be home before they started. Luckily for us we were able to fly home however, the threat of people on the flights carrying the virus was still a major concern. The following week of March 16th we saw New York started shutting down and closing all schools, most businesses and our churches. During the week of travel I was certainly praying a lot for not only people impacted by the virus but for the limiting of the virus for those not yet impacted and that I would be able to get home safely. I continue to pray for an end to the virus and for God to care for all of us since we are all impacted by this virus.

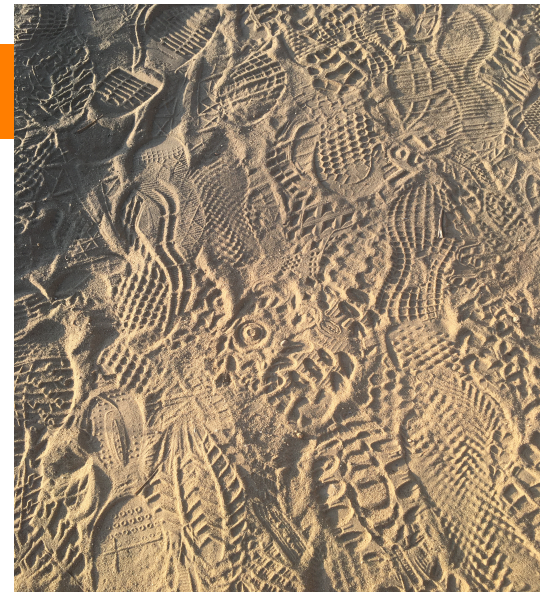
We are certainly in a once in a lifetime event. It is important to remember that we need to keep our faith and trust in God. It is also important to look at all the positive signs we see of all the people helping each other. From the great increase in volunteerism for donating all types of items and food, packing and delivering these items to those in need, and all the retired medical professionals who volunteered to come out of retirement to help in this pandemic. There are many signs that show us the true nature of people when needed. As we keep all those battling through this pandemic including ourselves in our prayers let us also remember to notice the true signs of God at work in our world through all those stepping up. Their living example of Christ they are showing the world. Maybe we all can do one small act in our neighborhoods. Maybe everyone can do a sidewalk chalk thank you note to all who are still working in this pandemic or you can make and put a sign of gratitude up in a house window. Maybe you have another idea. Whatever it is hopefully you can share a picture or a story about what you did that we could add to our next newsletter. But God bless all of you, keep safe, and remember this will end and we will be seeing each other again.



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Your Stories



One night I had a dream...
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and
Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, There was only one set of footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in my life
This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
You would walk with me all the way;
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life,
There is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why in times when I
needed you the most, you should leave me.
The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.



Answers to Jasper's Triva: Mary, October and May, Angel Gabriel, Jesus & Mary, Assumption, solemnity of Mary and the Immaculate Conception, his walking staff sprouted lilies,