Intentions for the Week

We pray for all the deceased of the parish, especially for Betty Arnold, Eileen McDonnell, John Sullivan and John Mortan, all our sick especially for Peg and Bill Bohmiller, Mary Hapenney, Marie Walsh, Carl Meyer, Mary McCormack, John Gardiner, Sarah and Anthony, and all who asked for our prayers.

Thank You for your Donations during this Time

Week of May 2: $3,120

Liturgies

Daily Liturgy of the Word on Website and Facebook (and viewable all day) - Live at 9:00 AM.

Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM in the Parking Lot (Please bring your own chair and wear a mask)

All liturgies will be live-Streamed on the parish Facebook page as well: Facebook. If the Facebook link is a problem, please try the parish website saintsusanna.org and click on the link “Click here for Sunday mass.

Voluntary Carbon Offset Donations—Engineers without Borders

In the world’s toughest places, Engineers Without Borders USA (EWB-USA) is partnering with communities to meet their basic human needs. We’re building footbridges to provide pathways to opportunities. We’re installing solar panels to bring light where it is dark. We’re digging for water so hope can spring from the ground. Each project builds the foundation for a community to thrive for years to come.

EWB-USA’s volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization. These champions volunteer their time, their energy and their expertise in pursuit of our vision of a world where every community has the capacity to sustainably meet their basic human needs.

You can visit their website for more info at: EWB

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations for Parish Council are now being accepted to begin serving on the Council in September. Council terms are for three years, and we select three new members each year.

Those submitting their names for the Council should be able to participate in nine meetings each year on the first Sunday of each month (excluding July, August and January).

This past year we have conducted our meetings via Zoom and hope to return to in person meetings in the fall if all goes well. (We will likely continue to option for Zoom for those traveling for work or vacation as well).

Council members mission is to connect with parishioners to understand the most pressing needs of parish life and determine how best to meet those needs going forward given the resources we can muster.

The focus of the Council is long range planning for the growth of the parish.

Those interested in submitting their names or nominating another please contact the rectory with the name, telephone and email of the nominee. Three names will be selected at random on June 23—Pentecost Sunday!

As we begin the process of “going back to life” on this side of the pandemic we seem to be continuing in the patterns we left behind in 2020. The photo below of the St. Susanna was taken on Good Friday and each of the 489 white flags represents a victim of a “mass shooting” which has taken place this year… since Jan. 1st. Since Good Friday there have been an additional 267 victims of mass shootings bringing the total this year to 756. A “mass shooting” is an event in which four or people are wounded or killed. This year we have a “mass shooting” approximately every 18 hours—more than one a day. This year we also have a higher number in the first three months than ever before. It would appear we are on track to returning to life as it once was—and more.

Sociologists, politicians, religious leaders, and others all seek understanding on why these continue to happen. Mental illness, anger, frustration, conflicts, acting out, folk seeking revenge; the list is endless. There are so many “issues” we have failed to address to assure the safety of all and the “common good”. Added to this mix is the chorus of voices that would rally against any attempt to regulate, license, perform background checks etc., as an infringement of their “rights”. The result is a seeming inability to pass any meaningful legislation that would prohibit high powered assault rifles from readily being available to people. It would appear as if the lives lost, wounded, forever changed is the price we are willing to pay to avoid the “inconvenience” of a day or two waiting period, or licensing requirement, or background check before putting assault style weapons in the hands of all who seek them. (Keep in mind that even our military keeps these weapons under strict lock and key until authorized for use under strict conditions.)

Additional white flags will be added each week to remember new victims. Hopefully they will also inspire us as people of an “Easter Faith” that we have a way to go before all can sing “Alleluia”.

In Need of Resurrection

Victims of Mass Shootings in 2021

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Happy Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day had its’ inception in the life and work of Julia Ward Howe in 1870 when she wrote her “Mother’s Day Proclamation” - a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting peace. It is somewhat curious that this “original intent” has turned into the holiday we now celebrate!

As we celebrate and honor our mothers this Mother’s Day, let us pause to reflect upon the impulse that started this tradition 151 years ago and commit to honoring it not only by pausing to honor our moms, but also to endeavor along the path of peace-making that started it all.

I imagine all our moms would agree! The path of peace-making invites us all!

Blessings and Peace to all the mothers of St. Susanna on your special day.

(Below are just a few photos of some of the moms of our parish.)

Fire Pit –Spring Evening Chats

What better way to enjoy the cool of a Spring evening than fire-side with parishioners and friends? Now that warmer weather has returned, and before the onslaught of those pesky mosquitos, why not enjoy an evening with friends at the fire-pit- perhaps after a round of bocce?

To schedule your night just call the rectory. Bring a chair and mask… (If everyone in your group has been vaccinated, masks will not be necessary.)

We have much catching up to do... And much planning for our future!

Come Enjoy!

Adult Faith Formation

Father Steve’s Book Group Continues
May 10 & 17

The traditional ending for each of our Adult Faith Formation seasons is Father Steve’s Book Group. This year we will conduct that experience on May 3, 10, and 17, by way of Zoom. We used Zoom in the Book Group last May with great success.

The Book for Father Steve’s May Book Group in Adult Faith Formation is:

“Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents”

by Isabel Wilkerson.

The presentation begins at 7:00 PM and are held on the Zoom platform. (Suggested sign-in time: 6:55) To participate in this ZOOM presentation you will need an invitation with the code.

If you are already on our Adult Faith Formation email list, this will be sent to you the day of the class.

If you are not on our Faith Formation email list, please contact the rectory and one will be sent to you.

If you would like your name to be added to the Adult Faith Formation email list, please let us know and you will receive all information about upcoming classes along with the necessary invite/code to enter each week.