

Dear Parishioners,

We gather today, as we do each Sunday, as the Body of Christ. Together we pray, we worship God, and we are nourished with the Word and the Eucharist to strengthen us on our journey to the kingdom. In today's first reading, the Lord says, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Let us make this home of our faith community, this holy place, a home in which all peoples are welcome to join us in worship and prayer.

For those attending our weekend masses, please remember to RSVP using Sign Up Genius, or call the office to reserve your place. Each person who attends mass must be listed by name. We also need contact information - either phone number or e-mail address. Unfortunately, those who are not willing to release their contact information **will be refused entry to the mass**. This is for everyone's protection. In the case of suspected illness, we must have a way to contact you.

Fr. Stan

HOUSING FORWARD

For personal health reasons I have not been active working with Housing Forward for the last five months, but am now once again deemed healthy and again willing to assist in helping our parishioners assist those in need. Through great effort Housing Forward staff has been managing to get those homeless they have cared for during the pandemic to set up in his or her own home. There have been concerted efforts by many people this summer to gather all the things needed to set up an apartment from bedding, pots and pans and cleaning supplies for each person. Marie Richie

PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

O God of compassion,
your people are anxious
in this time of pandemic.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel our fears.
We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.
Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us.
Strengthen and sustain those who are
ill, and be with those who care
for them.
Help us to travel this road
in solidarity with our neighbors,
with our eyes fixed on the
salvation promised us through
the death and resurrection
of your Son, who is Lord
forever and ever. Amen.
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