

ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST - JUNE 21, 2020

READING 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 GOSPEL Luke 10:21-24



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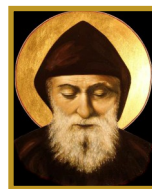
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DIVINE LITURGY
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL
HEALING PRAYERS
22nd Day of Every Month

Liturgy and Benediction 7:00 PM (Spring / Summer)

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
43888 HAYES ROAD
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48038

PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED

**LIVE STREAMED MASS
SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

- 4:00 PM— For All Living and Deceased Fathers in our Families**, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— For Deceased Fathers in our Parish**, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— Elizabeth Francis Birthday Remembrance**, by Her Children
- 4:00 PM— Alice Faye Elias Birthday Remembrance**, by Husband, Jerry Elias
- 4:00 PM— Marty Joseph**, by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Solomon
- 4:00 PM— Joseph Shaker Father's Day Remembrance**, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Louis Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

- 6:00 PM— For All Living and Deceased Fathers in our Families**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— For Deceased Fathers in our Parish**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— Samuel Roukoz Sfire Father's Day Remembrance**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— Virgil Medley Father's Day Remembrance**, by Wife, Mary and Children
- 6:00 PM— Maroun Hakim**, by Chris Herbert

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

FATHER'S DAY

- 9:30 AM— Mickey and Julie Thomas 65th Wedding Anniversary**, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Nadia Kayrouz**,
by Daughter, Joumana Kayrouz and Family
- 9:30 AM— For All Living and Deceased Fathers in our Families**, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— For Deceased Fathers in our Parish**, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Nabeeha (Peters) Edwards Anniversary Remembrance**, by Mickey & Julie Thomas
- 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Leonard Thomas Family**, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the George Sam Family**, by Pastor

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

FATHER'S DAY

- 11:30 AM— For All Living and Deceased Fathers in our Families**, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— For Deceased Fathers in our Parish**, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Gerges Neiman Sleiman Father's Day Remembrance**, by Grandchildren, Sarah, Zack and Jacob Ashkar
- 11:30 AM— Jose Farah**, by Linda Thomas

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

FATHER'S DAY

- 6:00 PM— For All Living and Deceased Fathers in our Families**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— For Deceased Fathers in our Parish**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Dr. Peggy Rahal Family**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Salim Sessine Family**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Dr. Youssef & Mrs. Carol Rizk Family**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Dr. Michel Al Khalil Family**, by Pastor
- 6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Michael and Claudia Hayek Family**, by Pastor

MONDAY, JUNE 22ND

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING MASS & BENEDICTION

OUTDOOR CELEBRATION AT ST. SHARBEL CHURCH

CELEBRANT: FR. SAMEEM BALIUS

- 7:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing of Nassar Sweidan, Nadia Kayrouz and Mariam Sisi**, by Maysoon Sweidan
- 7:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing for Dianne Abi Rachid**, by Antoinette Habbouche
- 7:00 PM— Abouna Yacoub Hajezian 3 Year Remembrance**, by Maysoon Sweidan
- 7:00 PM— Issa, Sultan, Rakan and Jamiehla Hattar, Raja and Sabha Sweidan**, by Maysoon Sweidan

MASSES CONTINUED ...**TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD****PRIVATE****6:00 PM— James Koehler Father's Day Remembrance, by Pastor****WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH****PRIVATE****6:00 PM— The Well Being of our Elderly Parishioners, by Pastor****THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH****PRIVATE****6:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Pastor****6:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Nadia Kayrouz, by Daughter, Joumana and Family****SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH****2:00 PM— Baptism Abigail Touma****SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH****4:00 PM— Emily Michael, by Paul and Lina Kanan****4:00 PM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family****4:00 PM— Judith Deeby, by Joe Deeby****4:00 PM— Tony Thomas, by Pastor****SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH****6:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Pastor****6:00 PM— Emily Hakim 5 Year Remembrance, by Daughter and Son-In-Law, Mary & Allan Brazier and Family****6:00 PM— Michael and Catherine Joseph, by Mary Medley****6:00 PM— Maroun Hakim, by Regina and David Solomon****SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH****9:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Nadia Kayrouz, by Daughter, Joumana and Family****9:30 AM— Jose Farah, by Linda Thomas****SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH****11:30 AM— Tanios Elias Michael 40 Day Remembrance, by Son and Daughter-In-Law, Elias & Rima Soyad Michael & Family****11:30 AM— Peter & Amelia Kanan, by the Kanan Family****11:30 AM— For Deceased Members of the Kanan Family, by Family****11:30 AM— Anthony Abraham, by the Shaker Family****11:30 AM— Deceased Members of the Kozhaya & Therese Sfeir Family, by Family****11:30 AM— Ghaida Haddad, by Mother, Helda Haddad and Family****SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH****6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Dr. Michel Al Khalil Family, by Pastor****6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Dr. Peggy Rahal Family, by Pastor****6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Salim Sassine Family, by Pastor****6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Dr. Youssif & Mrs. Carol Rizk Family, by Pastor****6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Michael and Claudia Hayek Family, by Pastor****SANCTUARY CANDLE****FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE BURNS FOR:**

In Loving Memory of

Emma Bochenek

by Husband, Paul

CHAPEL CANDLE**FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE BURNS FOR:**

In Loving Memory of

Margaret J. Saad

by Children

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL**FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

In Loving Memory of

George & Henriette Chalhoub

by Family

THANK YOU!**WEEKLY COLLECTION****June 13 & 14, 2020****Envelopes: \$5,416.00****Online: \$940.00**

*May God bless you for your generosity
and support of your parish
especially during these most difficult of times!*

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- June 20/21 Father's Day Masses
 June 21 Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM
 June 22 Family of Saint Sharbel Healing Mass/Devotion
 Outside at 7 PM St. Sharbel Church
 Sept. 26 / 27 2-Year Anniversary St. Sharbel Church Dedication
 October 3 First Communion Mass 10:30 AM
 December 1 Giving Tuesday

CONGRATULATIONS!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to
Mickey and Julie Thomas
 as they celebrate their
65th Wedding Anniversary!

*May our Lord bless you as you continue
 to provide witness to the love of God
 by your commitment to each other and to your family!*

TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

SO, GOD MADE A FATHER

At the dawn of time, God looked down on all He had made and said, "Now, I need a caretaker."

So, God made a father.

God said, "I need someone to teach children to fish, and to ride a bike without training wheels, and to play catch in the backyard. It must be someone who's tough enough to run a chainsaw and wield a machete and yet, gentle enough to join his little girl and her dolls for tea."

So, God made a father.

"I need someone to bring the car around when it's raining, so everyone else can stay dry. Someone who will keep jumper cables in his truck, just in case he needs to help a stranger. I need someone to notice practical things, like how the tread on the tires is wearing and if the weather stripping around the front door needs replacing, for no one else will."

"I'll create someone who's strong enough to open a tightly sealed jelly jar and tall enough to place the angel on top of the Christmas tree. Someone who will be gracious enough to let his son fish the best fishing hole or to let his daughter win at least one hand of gin rummy."

"Yes, he will struggle to find his glasses and keys," God thought. "But I'll help him find time for the important things, like tumbling with the kids in the den floor, or saying 'I'm proud of you, son,' or giving Mama a hug."

So, God made a father.

God said, "I need someone brave enough to carve the Thanksgiving turkey, for no one else seems to want the job. Someone who's not afraid to go into Grandma's dark cellar, or to check on what goes bump in the night, or to remove the dead mouse from the mousetrap."

"I need someone wise enough to know when to let his child fail. Someone who will pick her up, dry her tears and say, 'Honey, I know you can do it! Give it another try.'"

"I need someone who listens more than he talks. Who will stand by his family through laughter and tears, tornadoes and snowstorms, good times and bad. **Someone who will love his kids and love their mother even more.**"

So, God made a father.

God said, "I need someone to provide for the family. Someone who will get up early and stay up late and never complain. I need someone who's willing to make unpopular decisions and stand by them. Someone to provide authority and discipline, as well as love."

"I need someone with broad shoulders, broad enough to carry a little child around town and broad enough to pull more than his fair share. Yes, I need someone who will work the second-shift, or take second-best, or play second fiddle, so that his family can have it better than he did."

"I need someone who is *willing* . . . willing to man up and provide the love, support and strength his family will so desperately need."

So, God made a father.

"Sometimes, he will not feel worthy of the love his family gives him. There will be times when he fails to live up to my ideal standard. But when his family needs him, he will show up, or give up, or do whatever needs to be done."

"Yes, that's exactly what I need," thought God as He shook His head. "A father to love my children, and if necessary, to lay down his life for them. Someone . . . well, *someone like Me.*"

So, God made a father.

~ May Patterson

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Because of the pandemic, at the celebration of the Mass, social distancing, hand sanitizer, and masks are required. We have a limited amount of available seats up to 220 because of the policy of keeping households seated six feet apart. You must wear a mask to enter through the main entrance and the north entrance of the Church building. When you arrive, you will be greeted and led to a seat.

Please be flexible and patient as we try to make use of the early birds system and navigate through the health and safety protocol and guidelines. This may also mean that you won't be sitting in your usual spot.

The bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect. It may seem awkward, but this is a step to return to the celebration of the sacraments during a rather uncertain time. Please be patient, charitable, and prudent, and let us continue to pray for the health and well-being of our community, first responders, and healthcare workers.

On Monday, June 22nd, we will have a special outdoor Mass in honor of Saint Sharbel. It is very important to reinstate the monthly devotions to Saint Sharbel.

Again, if you are more comfortable by attending in your cars please do so. Even though we will be outdoors, masks will be required. I ask that you bring lawn or folding chairs from your home.

We will conclude with the prayers of the Chaplet of Saint Sharbel and benediction with his relics. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM. The celebrant will be Father Sameem Balius, the Pastor of Sacred Heart Chaldean Catholic Church in Warren, MI.

If the weather is inclement, we will use the Church. Please remember that social distancing is essential and enforced at all of our functions on the grounds and inside of the Church. We must work cooperatively in order to stop this COVID-19 and keep everyone safe. It is our responsibility to do so.

With the pandemic situation many people have lost their jobs and are in dire need. Some of our parishioners have already responded to the need and we have received both groceries cards and monetary donations. On behalf of those who have benefited from your generosity, thank you ever so much!

I would like to thank all of you in advance for your continued help and assistance when needed. May God continue to bless and keep you healthy and safe and sound.

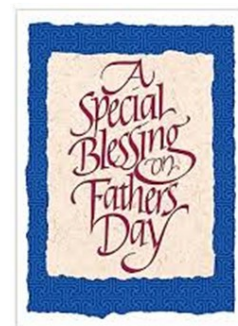
We raise our hearts and prayers to you, O Lord, for you are compassionate, merciful and loving. We glorify your divinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are blessed with such a faith-filled community. Keep it up and never lose hope.

God bless you,

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

Pastor



22nd of the Month
Healing Mass / Benediction

Family of Saint Sharbel
Healing Mass & Benediction
at St. Sharbel Church
(back parking lot)

Monday, June 22nd

7 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Sameem Balius

(Pastor of Sacred Heart Chaldean Catholic Church)

***Outdoor celebration will be held**

at St. Sharbel Church back parking lot

LET US PRAY
HEALING PRAYERS FOR ...

All infected with the Covid virus

All healthcare providers

All essential business workers

Raheel Abbawi

Dianne Abi Rachid

Nafee Aboo

David Ajbib

Claire Aouad

Salam Askar

Adeet D. Aiyer

Evelyn Begin

Baby Luke Burton

Stephanie Clark

Tim Cowper

Alma Dadoush

Haifa Dawood

Patrick Doyle

Chuck Eisenman

Zina Elias

Nancy Esho

Keri Faircloth

Stephanie Felgenauer

Dorothy Ferrara

Mary Floore

Albert Gantos

Marie Gantos

Diane George

Eric Grobbel

Phil Grobbel

John Grzadzinski

David Habib

Ellie Hadid

Feras Haisha

Dr. Sameer Hana

Anthile Hermese

Judy Hindy

Baby Sebastian Hopper

Joseph Jacob

Edward & Suham John

Baby Jayden

Dominic Joseph Juricic

Sylvia Kaltz

Lena Kanan

Leeno Kas-Mikha

Tom Kiernicki

Jackie Lael

Agnes Langschie

Donna Latouf

Teresa Logan

Matthew Lomasney

Fabiola Maduro

Michele Makhoul

Edward Moffett

Cheryl Moultrie

Raymond Nicholas

Betty Ann Peebles

Nelson Peitz

Carmen Pozzi

Owen Petrzalka

Narden Alexander Saeed

Ruby Salmen

Remone Salmen

Nadre Salmen

Anwar & Suham Seman

and Children

Eddie Sesi

Nancy Sesi

Jason Sfire

Deacon John Sfire

Alfred Shina

Saba Simon

Vivian Simon

Christian Charbel Slewah

Ashley Smith

Patricia Smith

Isabelle Thomas

Terry Thomas

Baby John Venturini

David Vermillion

Jad Yacoub

Christina Yako

Ghazi Aziz Yaldo

Nazira Yasso

Emmanuel Zaya

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

7:00 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL
Healing Mass & Benediction

Outdoor Celebration of the Family of Saint Sharbel
22nd of the Month Devotion!

Celebrant: Fr. Sameem Balius

Pastor of Sacred Heart Chaldean Catholic Church

Pray from your Car!

Communion will be distributed, IF WE ARE ABLE!

You must follow the strict direction and guidelines of the ushers!

6:15 pm Confession (Drive-Thru from your car)

قداس وزيار وتطواف
القديس شربل

الاثنين ٢٢ حزيران ٢٠٢٠
الساعة السابعة مساءً

يحتفل بالذبيحة الإلهية الأب صميم باليوس المحترم
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يُقام القداس والزيار في ساحة الكنيسة ويمكنكم المشاركة من داخل سياراتكم
• الاعتراقات مؤمنة ابتداءً من الساعة السادسة والرابعة مساءً من داخل سياراتكم
• ستوزع المناولة على الجميع إذا أمكن
• نرجو من الجميع التقيد بتعليمات منظلي الزيار

"Remember,
O most pure spouse
of the Virgin Mary,

"my beloved Patron,

"that never it has been heard
that anyone invoked your
patronage and sought your aid
without being comforted..."

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH





CONGRATULATIONS! WE PROUDLY ANNOUNCE OUR GRADUATES

DAVID ABDELNOUR graduated from Bloomfield High School. David will be attending Wayne State University to pursue Pre-Med studies. Ghassan and Ban Abdelnour are the proud parents of David.

JESSICA AKL graduated from Wayne State University Physician Assistant Studies. Sassine and Vera Akl are the proud parents of Jessica.

ZACHARY ASHKAR graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. Zachary will be attending the University of California in Los Angeles this fall to study Biochemistry. Raja and Claudia Ashkar are the proud parents of Zachary.

YOUSIF ASKAR graduated from the International Academy of Macomb High School. Yousif will be attending the University of Michigan to study Computer Animation. Maan and Rita Askar are the proud parents of Yousif.

DR. JOSEPH BRAZIER, M.D. graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine. Joseph will begin his Diagnostic Radiology Residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI on July 1, 2020. Allan and Mary Brazier are the proud parents of their twin sons, Joseph and Allan.

DR. ALLAN BRAZIER, M.D. graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine. Allan will begin his Diagnostic Radiology Residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI on July 1, 2020. Allan and Mary Brazier are the proud parents of their twin sons, Joseph and Allan.

DANNY CHANBOUR graduated from Lamphere High School. Danny will be attending Wayne State University to study Mechanical Engineering. Sam and Mirna Chanbour are the proud parents of Danny.

ANNABELLE CHIDIAC graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering. Annabelle has accepted a position with the Marathon Refinery in El Paso, Texas. George and Antoinette Habbouche are the proud parents of Annabelle.

CLOIE YOLA CHIDIAC graduated from Oakland University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. Cloie is currently in her second year of Law School at Wayne State University Law School. Naji Chidiac and Raquel Keshishian are the proud parents of Cloie.

ELASSIA ELIAS graduated from Paul K. Cousino High School. Elassia will be attending Macomb Community College and Oakland University to study Business and Marketing. Samir and Dalia Elias are the proud parents of Elassia.

ANDREW FAWAZ graduated from Oakland University with his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering. Nabil and Samar Fawas are the proud parents of Andrew.

NOUR HABIB graduated from Lamphere High School. Nour will be attending Wayne State University to pursue studies in Biological Science. Fadi and Rima are the proud parents of Nour.

COURTNEY KAUTZ graduated from Notre Dame Prep High School. Courtney will be attending Michigan State University this fall to study Communications / Public Relations. Jim and Rosemary Kautz are the proud parents of Courtney.

JACOB H. LENTZ graduated from the International Academy of Bloomfield High School. Jacob will be attending the University of Michigan this fall. He has been admitted to the school of Language, Science and Arts. Jeff and Nicole are the proud parents, and Ed and Therese O'Brien are the proud grandparents of Jacob.

NATHANIEL MALISKEY graduated from Marine City High School. Nathaniel plans on attending Oakland University this Fall to study Physical Therapy or Pre-Med. Tom and Lolita Maliskey are the proud parents of Nathaniel.

RALPH MANCINI graduated from International Academy East High School. Ralph plans to study Chemical Engineering at Kettering University. Luigi and Viviana Mancini are the proud parents of Ralph.

SYDNEY NASEEF graduated from Michigan State University Honors College with her degree in Journalism and Public Relations. Sydney graduated with high honors, Summa Cum Laude, and is the recipient of the Board of Trustees Award. She was recognized as an Outstanding Senior in the Public Relations Department. Sydney has accepted a position with the Sparks Foundry Advertising and Public Relations firm in Chicago, Illinois. Steven and Lori Naseef are the proud parents, and Naif and Gail Naseef are the proud grandparents of Sydney.

PAUL E. NASR graduated from Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. Paul will be attending the University of Michigan this fall to major in Communications and Media, and minor in Law, Justice and Social Change. Marcelle (the late Bassam) is the proud mother of Paul.

GRADUATES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE...

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PETER G. NASR graduated from Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. Peter will be attending the University of Michigan this fall to major in Economics. Marcelle (the late Bassam) is the proud mother of Peter.

ALEX NASRALLAH graduated from Oakland Christian High School. Alex will be attending Michigan State University this fall to study Psychology. Ghassan and Joyce Nasrallah are the proud parents of Alex.

MARIA NEMER graduated from Hamtramck High School. Maria will be attending Macomb Community College to study Graphic Design. Elie and Therese Nemer are the proud parents of Maria.

MARIA NICOLAS graduated from Bishop Foley High School. Maria will be attending Lawrence Tech to study Architecture. Elie and Claudette Nicolas are the proud parents of Maria.

CAROLYN MARIE PETERS graduated from Dakota High School. Carolyn graduated with honors, Summa Cum Laude. Carolyn will be attending Michigan State University's College of Nursing this fall. Anthony and Janet Peters are the proud parents of Carolyn.

PIERRE SAMIA graduated from the Utica Academy for International Studies High School. Pierre will be attending the Wayne State University to pursue Biological Studies. Fadi and Chantal Samia are the proud parents of Pierre.

MORGAN TOHME graduated from Dakota High School. Morgan will be attending the University of Detroit Mercy. She will pursue studies to become a Physician's Assistant. Elie and Marlene Tohme are the proud parents of Morgan.

STUDENT ARTICLE

My fellow Parishioners,

Hello, my name is Carolyn Peters and I am a Class of 2020 graduate from Dakota High School in Macomb, MI. I have been attending 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass with my family for as long as I can remember. I am incredibly blessed and honored to be writing this article and to share my personal experiences of my senior year during this unprecedented time. Leading up to the month of March 2020, my senior year was going as I had envisioned: I was enjoying every day, attending Mass weekly, catching a bad case of "senioritis," completing a clinical student internship at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, and even preparing to coordinate wedding ceremonies at the Italian American Cultural Center. With all of these exciting challenges and big plans for the future, I often thought to myself, "Wow, life really cannot get much better than this."

In early March, I attended a healthcare State Leadership Conference in Traverse City with over 2,000 students from Michigan. We traveled by bus and were packed in a crowded conference room with no thought of social distancing whatsoever. I would soon learn that life would never be the same again. I returned to school on March 11th and began to realize that the Coronavirus was at the forefront of everyone's mind. Little did I know then that I only had three days left of high school. During this week, Governor Whitmer announced the closure of all public schools for three weeks. Three weeks soon turned into the remainder of my senior year for my fellow classmates and me. After hearing this devastating news, I felt my heart shatter into a million pieces. In my eyes, the world was completely upside down; however, I began to find solace in the Lord and pray that this living nightmare would soon be over.

As the Coronavirus pandemic began to cause worry, fear, and uncertainty in the world, my classmates and I were absolutely heartbroken as well. Looking for ways to cope with the grief of not having a senior spring break trip, prom, graduation ceremony, honors night, official goodbye to our classmates and teachers, and walk through of our elementary schools in our caps and gowns, I learned numerous, valuable life lessons. I soon learned to cherish every moment, live life with a grateful heart, and be present in the moment with family and friends. I missed going to Mass with my family and hearing inspirational and uplifting homilies from Chorbishop Alfred and Deacon Mike. Sitting in my living room with my parents and siblings and watching Mass virtually was comforting and provided a sense of normality, but it was not the same. Looking back over these past three months, I discovered how important it is to appreciate the experiences that life brings because life can change with the blink of an eye and so much can be taken away from you so fast.

Two weeks ago, for the first time since March 7, 2020, I was finally able to return back to Mass at St. Sharbel. It was both scary and comforting at the same time. In an attempt to get some normality back into my life, I felt relieved and at peace with myself surrounded by my family and fellow parishioners. Towards the end of the Mass, Chorbishop reached out to me from the altar and recognized me as a Class of 2020 high school graduate. I wonder if he realizes that his words were a great inspiration to me and in that moment, I knew that everything would be okay. It is crucial to remain faithful and hopeful to God and that even when you feel as if the world is turning on you, God has a plan in store for you and is always there with you. I never anticipated my senior year to take the path that it did, but I am graduating with a brighter future, greater resilience, and love for all. Thank you.

May God bless you all,

Carolyn Peters

Dakota High School Class of 2020

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