Dear Friends in Christ,

The last verse from our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah says: “For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.”

This verse brings us down to our knees before God for our disrespect to the House of the Lord, for we often do not realize the “House of God” is holy and for prayer/worship. We do not respect or believe or remember the “Real Presence” of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist preserved in the Tabernacle.

Our dress (revealing too much skin!) that we wear to Church to encounter our Almighty God and to partake of the Holy Banquet of the Lamb of God does not show our belief or our respect to God and to our brothers and sisters causing distraction or temptation. Particularly, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will distribute the Body and the Precious Blood of the Son of God should be and must be the good examples for others to follow in their manner of dress for Church and for their privileged ministry.

Friends, remember where you will come: The House of Prayer of the Lord and what you will attend: The Holy Banquet of the Lord/the Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God, and whom you will encounter and receive: The Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The bottom line for all that I just said is that your FAITH is in God. Faith was what Jesus wanted to see and He did see in a Canaanite woman who came to Him and asked for “pity.” You know faith is very important in following Jesus Christ; you’ve experienced the times your faith had been challenged and shaken; you realized your faith might not be as strong as of this Canaanite woman in today’s Gospel; you acknowledged that your humility has not been as great as hers.

Let us come to the “House of Prayer” of the Lord with the true and sincere spirit of faith and humility just as the Canaanite woman.

May God who looks into our hearts and spirit bless us, give us what we need, and keep us in His love all the time. Amen.

Peace,
Fr. Tien

Former parishioner, Betty Annulis, passed away last week. May her soul, along with all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in God’s loving peace.

We invite you to try electronic contributions and we hope you find it very convenient. You can use any computer or mobile device to donate electronically. As always, we thank you for your generous sharing of treasure in the spirit and practice of stewardship.

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You can livestream our daily and Sunday Masses!
Go to facebook.com/maplestreet299
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**DAILY MASS**
Monday thru Friday at 9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass is in our Chapel - Call the Parish Office to reserve a spot or Live Stream from your home.

**SUNDAY MASS**
Outside Mass in our upper parking lot (bring a chair) or Live Stream from your home or your car in our parking lot.

Our Sunday Mass is at 8:00 a.m. in English
(For those viewing Mass in your car, our ushers will give you our password if you need it)

There are still many boxes of offertory envelopes in the foyer of the church. You can pick them up after Mass on Sunday or in the church during the week from 10 am until 3 pm.

This Wednesday, August 19th, our Food Pantry will reopen for our present clients. Prepared boxes of items (no choices) are packaged for pick up in our upper parking lot. Donations of food or money are always appreciated.

Our Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

There is information posted on our bulletin board in the foyer from the General Assembly of North Carolina which details an act to provide limited immunity from liability for claims based on transmission of coronavirus disease 2019.

Our Parish Library has many great books, videos and CD’s!

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**
Father Tien will offer daily Masses in the Chapel and Sunday Mass in the upper parking lot.

**Saturday, August 15**
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 A.M. Josette Roisin and family by Charlene Galbrecht

**Sunday, August 16**
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. †William Gohring, Sr. by Diane Argenti

**Monday, August 17**
9:00 A.M. †The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

**Tuesday, August 18**
9:00 A.M. Megan and Kristen by Charlene Galbrect

**Wednesday, August 19**
Saint John Eudes, Priest
9:00 A.M. †The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

**Thursday, August 20**
Saints Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
9:00 A.M. Sheila Enyeart by Stella Burns

**Friday, August 21**
Saint Pius X, Pope
9:00 A.M. Julie Boyle by Stella Burns

**Saturday, August 22**
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO MASS

**Sunday, August 23**
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. †Deborah J. Swanson-Busby by Charlene Swanson Galbrecht

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. or by appointment

**The Rosary**
The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before Mass.

*A nation always gets the kind of politicians it deserves. If a time ever comes when the religious Jews, Protestants and Catholics ever have to suffer under a totalitarian state, which would deny to them the rite to worship God according to the light of their conscience, it will be because for years they thought it made no difference what kind of people represented them in Congress, and because they abandoned the spiritual in the realm of the temporal.” ~Fulton J. Sheen~