

LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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President's Corner

Dear Sisters,

I would like to start by saying what an honor it is to be your Division President once again.

We are in the process (hopefully) of working out a way to start having our meetings in person again. I am talking to a few divisions to see if we can meet at their clubs, until our home is ready. Please stay tuned.

Even though the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day parade is cancelled, AOH 87 and LAOH 87 are planning a celebration of our own. We will be marching through the streets of Port Richmond, starting with Mass at St. George's. We will have the fire truck, some motorcycles and have even heard whisper of the possibility of some bagpipers!! Information about the parade is attached in this newsletter, and we will send out more info before the big day!!

By the time you receive this letter, we will be into the Lenten Season. Please continue to pray for everyone's needs and that the pandemic will be under control soon.

Please stay safe and healthy for a better 2021!!!

In our motto,
Eileen

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BEFORE WE STROLL:

**MASS AT 8:30 AM SAINT GEORGE'S.
WEAR A MASK SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

AOH  LAOH

Division 87 Port Richmond

**WILL BE CELEBRATING SAINT
PATRICK'S DAY STROLLING
THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
SUNDAY MARCH 14TH 9:15 AM**

FEATURING OUR MOTORCYCLE ESCORT:

** MUSIC   FIRE ENGINE 81
AND SAINT PATRICK HIMSELF**

WE WILL BE GIVING OUT GOODIES AND SWAG

TO PAY HOMAGE TO OUR IRISH HERITAGE

WE REMEMBER THE HUNGRY

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON PERISHABLE FOOD
AND MONETARY DONATIONS FOR
SAINT JOAN OF ARC FOOD BANK**

PLEASE HAVE YOUR DONATIONS READY

START @ ST.GEORGE'S-VENANGO-BELGRADE

WE PASS CABELL SQ. PARK*GREAT PLACE TO SEE US

CLEARFIELD-ALMOND-*PASS PARK AGAIN

-TIOGA-THOMPSON-BACK TO ST.GEORGE'S

SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK

WEARING

WILL BE IN EFFECT ALL ALONG THE ROUTE

A message from Chaplin Sr. Lisa:

So here we are still in the throes of a pandemic with its challenges and blessings. It feels like we've already had Lent since last year! The comparison is obvious. Even the word "quarantine" means about 40 in French, and its Latin root "quadraginta" is the root of Latin words for Lent. Both involve an awareness of suffering and the fullness of God's grace. The health crisis has its own penitential qualities of suffering, sacrifice and solitude. We can bemoan the fact and complain or we can look into this darkness and find light. After all, Easter Sunday always follows Good Friday. So what opportunities does this double whammy of Lent in a pandemic offer us?

Think of these days as spending time in the desert with Jesus, where he was tempted to rebel and despair, to give up and deny God. Jesus did not want to suffer and neither do we. It is our nature as human beings. Our will to live and be free of suffering is innate and very powerful.

Both tell us something about love, whether through watching someone suffer with Covid or isolation and helplessness. Christ has been ubiquitous during this pandemic. We see him in every masked

With the halt to normal routines for many, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Connecticut, pointed out that "at a minimum, we now have extra time to spend in prayer each day — prayer that is sorely needed to seek eternal repose for the dead, to remember those who are sick and living in great fear, our health care workers who remain on the front lines of this disease, and for one another."

"We may never again have a Lenten season that affords us so much time to give to the Lord. Let us use this time wisely and well," he posted on Facebook March 17.

Along with extra time to pray, the current pandemic also offers a heightened perspective.

Sister Constance Veit, a Little Sister of the Poor, who is director of communications for her order, wrote: "We began Lent with the imposition of ashes and the reminder, 'Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return,' a phrase borrowed from the Catholic funeral liturgy. None of us could have predicted how quickly we would become so focused on the finiteness and fragility of human life — this is one of the spiritual lessons of the coronavirus."

The challenge imposed by the spreading virus also contains a built-in penance that no one asked for and has caused some people to ask on Twitter if they still have to give up what they were going to for Lent.

These initial sacrifices were made prior to the country's complete shift to the point where everyone is giving something up from mundane items to time with friends

Yes there are many blessings, though most are interior...in the house and in our hearts. I would like to propose that Saint Joseph can give us some pointers as to how to be healthy in our seeming helplessness. Pope Francis, as I'm sure you know, has declared this year the *Year of Saint Joseph* and since I am a Sister of Saint Joseph, it seems apropos. What has Joseph taught me during this time?

We know Joseph's story. Like us he made plans. He was engaged to Mary in the usual form of the day, would marry her, and live happily after. Then the bomb dropped, and his plan changed dramatically.

Mary was pregnant and the baby was not his. Ouch! So he planned again. He would "divorce her quietly." In other words, he would break the engagement. In the scripture, Joseph is portrayed as a man of few words but a man of definitive action. In our society, we would text and post and talk ad nauseam until we came to a decision. Joseph spoke and listened to God, then acted. In fact, God replied in Joseph's dreams. God sent an angel to Joseph and told him to marry Mary. The amazing thing is that Joseph obeyed. Hence, the origin of some of Joseph's titles: Joseph the Dreamer, Joseph the Just, and Joseph the Obedient One.

I'm a planner. I plan my day and then I re-plan if a wrench is thrown in. I make lists and frequently change them. The pandemic has certainly changed my plan in my ministry at St. Mary's and in my personal life. To be brutally honest, I don't like it one bit.

A message from Irish Historian Ann Foody:

The Birth of Sophie Bryant, Woman's Rights Advocate – February 15, 1850

So many adjectives can be used to describe Sophie ~suffragist, educationalist, mathematician, psychologist, theorist, and "one of the most sophisticated and perceptive of the revivalist thinker."

Born in Dublin, her father was a mathematician fellow at Trinity College Dublin. When she turned 13 years old, her family moved to London. She married at the age of 19 in 1869, but her husband died the following year.

She became a mathematics teacher in Northern London and became the first woman to be awarded a DSc (psychology). In 1881, she was the first woman to obtain First Class Honors, in Mental and Moral Sciences, together with a degree in mathematics, and three years later, she earned her Doctoral degree.

In 1884, she was the first woman to have a paper published in the London Mathematical Society Proceedings. In 1895, she earned the position of the headmistress of the North London Collegiate School, which she held in 1918. She worked to secure more girls in education with a Catholic convent-school nun's support.

Sophie published books and papers on Irish History, religion, education, women's rights, and philosophy. Sophie worked hard to educate others on the women's suffrage movement. However, she was adamant that the process should take proper time as women needed to be adequately educated to handle their newfound opportunities and responsibilities.

An avid lover of physical activity, she was one of the first women to own a bicycle. On a walking holiday in Chamonix in France in 1922, she went missing; her body was found a fortnight later, she was 72 years old.

IRISH POTATOES COVID STYLE -

Yes ladies, we are doing Irish Potatoes this year however, a bit different from the previous 25 years because of COVID and not being able to all be together like usual. The officers made a decision and we are hoping that you all enjoy it. We will be selling DIY Irish Potato kits this year. The price for a kit is \$7 due to added costs for certain items. You will receive a container of dough, along with a small container of cinnamon and a small container of confectioners sugar. Also there will be instructions on rolling (not like any of you need them) and a little history about the Philadelphia delicacy. This will be all wrapped in a St Patrick themed bag. NOTE: We are only doing 500 containers and our division members are the first ones to be able to purchase the maximum number of 5 containers. After all of our members get the opportunity to purchase their first orders, we will then put this out to the public, and you would be able to purchase more if we have any left. The officers are going to be doing this project the weekend of February 26, 27, 28. Now, the ordering process. You will need to call, text or email Donna Donnelly Kearney with your orders, phone 215-915-3205 - email kddfam@aol.com and you will get a confirmation from Donna, and pick up will be at Donna's house, per availability, 4540 Almond Street, Philadelphia PA 19137. You will pay at time of pick up. The officers decided that we wanted to continue our tradition as best as we could along with adding money to our coffers for the opportunity to help those in need as we have always done. We hope this "different" way of making Irish Potatoes is for only this year. Thank you for all you do for our division to make us great. WE ARE LAOH 87!!!!

Family News

Birthday Blessings to Our Sisters



January

Edith Wenzell	8
Ann Marie Parkinson	19
Colleen Sutor (Kolb)	23
Susan Sabbi	30

February

Kathleen Deacy	9
Christi Riley-Hensler	11
Nancy Jones	12
Debbie Bednarz	15
Janice Jakubiec	15
Grace McDowell	17
Colleen Wister	21
Eleanor Zimmerman	22

Special Intentions

Rich Hrapzynski
Greg Riley
Nicholas Jones

The intentions of our Division 87 members

**To have information add email
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leave me a message at 267-241-4677**



Congratulations to Kathryn Searles on her recent engagement to Joe Fassel.

Help us keep this section full. As we are not together monthly share you family news. Email to Nancyssimplefood@gmail.com or leave me a voice message 267-241-4677



Memorials



Puzzle

No prizes, no pressure, a little puzzle just for fun.

Lent

Find these words having to do with the liturgical season of Lent in the puzzle below. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all directions.

H K Y G N I T S A F L F P W Z Z Y L G Y
F L T T Y P L N Y G Z R R C D F G Z X T
T R W W R R H H Q N Q Q T R Y N L N K N
A S H E S A M T L P M M R A G K C K J O
Y V D H Y Y C K D J E D D Z E H X P S I
W Z L J J E P K K D R S H E P X R N A T
M P Z W P R R T I K E X W R K E W O C A
M L E K T M T T D N X Y M T P O D I R I
M M Q N L N A Z D X L J F A R C R X I L
G M Y G A T F E H O R M R R T P Q I F I
Z N K C I N W Z H W X E O K P Q C F I C
H B I O R H C P V P L S Z Q B N F I C N
T Y N V S M Q E L X K Y F T W F X C E O
N K C A I H D T K T T O K B N V C U Q C
T K S T P G W B S T W T L P M L Z R L E
W B T P L K S L W S W C Z W B C F C X R
R T N V R T L M Z N O C R N N T G P D N
G N E K Y I R W L F O R G I V E N E S S
Y N L K H N N C T A G T C R Q R B T M V
D N K J K L D G R E T S A E Z N X C V G

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alms giving	lent
ashes	meditation
Ash Wednesday	penance
cross	prayer
crucifixion	prepare
Easter	reconciliation
fasting	sacrifice
forgiveness	sorrow
Holy Week	spring

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Street address:
City, State, & Zip Code:
Telephone:
E-Mail :
Purpose (please check box below): <input type="checkbox"/> New mailing address <input type="checkbox"/> Dues Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> New e-mail address <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> New telephone number
Please complete the information above and return to: Donna Kearney, Financial Secretary, LAOH Division 87 4540 Almond St. Philadelphia, PA 19137



Our Lenten Journey

Dear Lord,

As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself, help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray, so I may know You and serve You better. Let me be renewed through my journey to share Your grace with the world.

Amen

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