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Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

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Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

All Masses, weekday and weekend, and all other liturgies including funerals and wake services, devotions, meetings and activities of the parish are suspended until further notice. All scheduled Confession times are also suspended.

Mass intentions that have been booked and paid for will be prayed for and fulfilled in private Masses said by the priests.

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WE HAVE DONE THIS OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR PARISHIONERS

ALL PARISH OFFICES INCLUDING THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE ARE CLOSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Divine Mercy with Father Michael Gaitley

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Register with your name and email address
Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and

custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to formed.org/signup and find your parish to register.

Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Easter

Happy Easter! This Sunday is the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, and so the Sunday we celebrate today completes the Easter Octave. Our joy-filled cries of "Alleluia!" continue as we exult in the new life and salvation we have been given through the Lord's Resurrection! Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Happy Easter!

It was a very strange, different, unusual (continue to fill in your own word!) Easter Sunday, wasn't it? I cannot begin to describe for you how weird it felt for us priests to not celebrate the Triduum liturgies in the usual way. We miss you so much! It makes me look forward to next year all the more. Nonetheless, even though we were not able to gather for Mass, **IT IS STILL EASTER! HE IS STILL RISEN! ALLELUIA!** So, even as different as it was, I hope nonetheless that your Easter Sunday was, and your 50 days of Easter time are, filled with joy, new life and hope for the future.

I hope that you have been participating virtually in our Masses, either through the Livestream or through the YouTube videos (see our website www.olphlindhurst.com for full information about this). It's fascinating to note that the Missal texts (prayers of the Mass) for this Second Sunday of Easter are filled with references to our sacramental initiation. Historically, this day was given the name *Dominica in albis* — a Sunday for the neophytes (newly-initiated) to wear their white baptismal garments (albs). We were not able to do our initiations this year, but our elect Carmen, Grace, Leonardo and William are anxiously awaiting the completion of their process of formation and greatly looking forward to receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Communion — as soon as possible. (Right now we're hoping to be able to initiate them at Pentecost at the end of May, presuming we are back to public Masses by then.) Nonetheless it is fitting for all of us to remember and to reflect on what it means for us to be united to Christ and to have new life in Him through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three sacraments of initiation,

when we "put on" the life of Christ as a new garment.

As two examples of this emphasis on initiation in today's Mass, we can look to two of the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today's Mass is brimming with the language of initiation: it reminds us that we are the people who have been made God's own through the font in which we have been washed (Baptism), by whose Spirit in whom we have been reborn (Baptism and Confirmation), and by whose Blood we have been redeemed (Eucharist). The Prayer over the Offerings asks that we may "attain unending happiness" because we have been "renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism."

Throughout all the fifty days of Easter Time, we rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life." Alleluia!

Thank you for all the Easter cards and notes and good wishes!

To all of you who sent Easter cards and notes and good wishes to the priests, we want you to know that we're having trouble finding the words to express to you the depth of our gratitude and appreciation. You have no idea how uplifting it has been for us to be acknowledged in this way, and how affirming it has been to read what you have written. You have made us feel so good! Special words of gratitude go to the children who took the time to make cards and color pictures and send us all sorts of wonderful messages. You are the best! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The Domestic Church

We've been at this for a long time now, haven't we? This time of social isolation and shutdown during the coronavirus pandemic is getting more and more difficult the longer it lasts. Don't get discouraged! Don't lose hope! We are doing a very important and loving thing — we are offering an important gift and sacrifice to our loved ones and to the country

— by doing what our officials are asking us to do. Good Christians are also good citizens. If we're starting to get a little weary, we can remember that it's still Easter Time, and we have the 50 days of Easter Time to draw strength from the Risen Christ to continue to do what we are being asked to do for the good of all.

This time of not being able to gather for public Masses has really highlighted for us the importance of what is referred to as the Domestic Church. That's what your home is, you know — a Domestic Church. Gathering to celebrate the Mass and the other sacraments is an absolutely vital and indispensable part of being Catholic; we cannot be fully Catholic without that. But, it's equally true that we cannot be fully Catholic without a faith life that is nurtured and lived outside of the public gatherings of the Church; it takes **both** aspects. I hope you have been taking this opportunity to deepen your faith life at home, through reading the Bible, through more frequent prayer, and through home rituals and customs. The faith remains alive and strong because of what all of you are continuing to do in your own life and in your home.

We don't know when we will be able to resume public celebrations, and what that will look like when we are given permission. As soon as we have information about how and when we can resume public gatherings, we will do our best to get the information out to you. Keep checking the website and watching the weekly bulletin online for updates. First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, Weddings...it will all have to be figured out. For those who have lost a loved one during this time and could not have a Funeral Mass, we will schedule a Memorial Mass for your family and friends once we are able to resume public Masses. Know that we priests pray for you and for your deceased loved ones in our private Masses.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

St. John Paul II gave the additional title of "Sunday of Divine Mercy" to this Second Sunday of Easter. This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but

rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy on this Second Sunday of Easter and throughout all of Easter Time. I know that many of you have a great connection to this devotion, and this is a great example of what I was just saying concerning the Domestic Church — devotions that are prayed at home and connect us with our faith. Blessings to all who are celebrating this Sunday of Divine Mercy!

Stay connected with OLPH

I hope you know by now that we are doing all we can to stay connected as a parish **We have not abandoned you!** Continue to check our website www.olphlindenhurst.com for information and updates. The website has: the link to Livestream our weekly Sunday Mass each Saturday night at 5:00 p.m.; the link to our YouTube page, where we post the weekly Sunday Mass, daily spiritual reflections, spiritual reflections for children; the weekly bulletin (click on the "Bulletins" tab at the top); and other videos on the YouTube page. We're doing our best to provide spiritual support for you during these days. Tell everyone you know about the website and YouTube page, and the weekly bulletin online, so we can stay connected.

I cannot wait until we can gather again as one to celebrate the Eucharist. How joyful an occasion that will be!

Please continue your monetary offerings to OLPH

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who have continued to send in or drop off your weekly financial offering. I cannot thank you enough for remembering this! You have been **ABSOLUTELY AMAZING IN YOUR GENROSITY AND FAITHFULNESS**. Please, please, please continue to do so.

I know that many of you are being negatively impacted by the slowdown and shutdown of businesses, and if you yourself are in difficult circumstances, I understand that you won't be able to offer what you have in the past. However, for those who can, please remember that the parish will continue to have bills to pay and financial obligations to employees to meet. Financial offerings can be

mailed in or dropped through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory on Wellwood Avenue. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Faith Direct

Of course, now is a great time to sign up for Faith Direct, the e-giving service we use. These circumstances provide the perfect example of why we should use this form of giving all the time. It's safe, easy, and once set up, you never have to worry about missing a week. You set up your account, you decide the amount and when it will be withdrawn from your account, and then it's done — it happens automatically! Then you have the peace of mind of knowing that when you cannot get to Mass, you are still offering your financial support to your beloved OLPH.

I use Faith Direct; that's how I make my weekly offering to the parish. Please give serious consideration to signing up for Faith Direct, and continuing to use it not just now, but permanently. It is a great help to us. Full information and directions for signing up can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



**Mass for All People With Special Needs
May 2**

The *Special Needs Ministry* hosts a monthly celebration of the Eucharist in a smaller setting designed to provide a fulfilling worship experience for all adults and children who may be uncomfortable in a larger setting.

Please join us on **Saturday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium** (if we're having public Masses by then ... but we don't know yet!). Let's all come together and worship together! After Mass we have Hospitality!

We can always use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you? Contact Jessica Becker Paolo at 631-226-7725 X 252 or email to jbecker@oloph.org

We will do our best to keep you informed and updated on the OLPH website.



**PASCHAL CANDLE
MEMORIAL**

"This Paschal Candle has been memorialized in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings given to me and my family. – L.C."



*Jesus,
I Trust in You.*

HELP KEEP OUR EASTER FLOWERS WATERED AND LOOKING GREAT!



Eventually, public Masses will resume, and our worship will return to normal. When that happens, we hope it will still be Easter Time (and not later than that!), and the church will still be decorated with beautiful flowers for Easter Time. We need offerers to help water the flowers and keep everything lovely for the entire 50 days of Easter Time. They must be watered twice a week, so we would need at least four or five people each watering time. We can use adults as well as 7th and 8th graders (you can earn Confirmation service hours each day you help water). If interested, please email

Denise Martinez at countrydee02@gmail.com to add your name to the schedule. Schedules will be emailed to all offerers, and a sign-in sheet will be in the sacristy. Thank you!

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
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 Email: religious@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
 GOVERNOR'S COVID-19
 EXECUTIVE ORDER,
 THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS UNTIL
 FURTHER NOTICE. MESSAGES MAY
 BE E-MAILED OR LEFT IN THE RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION VOICE MAILBOX.

All Levels:

At the beginning of Lent we gave out Rice Bowls to collect money for those less fortunate in third world countries. We had originally asked to bring them back on the last day of class, but classes ended before then. We are still collecting the Rice Bowls, however. If you would like to drop it off, contact the office by phone or by e-mail and we will make arrangement with you.

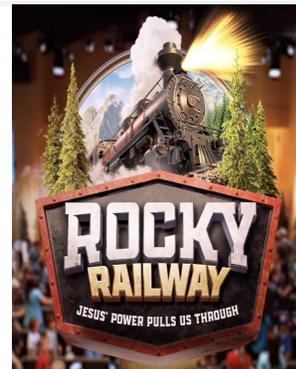
Levels 6, 7 and Service Corps:

- Write a letter to a pen pal in Haiti or draw them a picture. Mail or e-mail the letter to us for 1 hour of service.
- There are Residents at Maria Regina in Brentwood that are lonely and looking for some comfort. Write them a letter or a card for 1 hour of service and send it to us.
- Pray a Rosary at home. There is nothing stronger in our time of need than the power of prayer!

Register Now!

Vacation Bible Camp
July 13th-July 17th
 Now until 6/12/2020
 register online for a
 summer of faith and fun!
Follow the link below
to register:

<https://forms.gle/x9skup2cA8nKzJzr9>



Level 2:

As of now, we can pretty much say for sure that First Communions will not take place as originally scheduled — but they will eventually! We will e-mail you as soon as we have updated information. In the meantime, please finish your banner and we'll contact you about how to get it back to us. Make sure to have your child's first and last name written on the back and make sure the writing doesn't show through to the front.

Level 8:

We strongly suspect that Confirmation will not take place on the originally scheduled date — but it will happen! We will e-mail you immediately once we have definite information. In the meantime, please snail mail or e-mail to us any Workbook Projects or Mass Reflections that are due. You only need to complete ten (10) Mass Reflections. The Mission is no longer part of your Workbook.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864— cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon— mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED TUNA
CANNED CHICKEN
SOUP WITH MEAT
PASTA SAUCE
SMALL PACKAGES OF RICE
CANNED CARROTS
CANNED FRUIT
SHELF STABLE MILK
DESSERTS
COOKIES, SNACKS

The pantry is in great need at this time.

Please bring items to the SVdP office:

Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the School Building
Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets
631.226.7725 x. 234

During the COVID-19 closings, all donations can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul Office, Room 24 in the new school building on:

Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
and on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

† AN EXPANSION OF OUR MEMORIAL CARD PROGRAM

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is happy to announce an expansion of our Memorial Card program. In addition to updated *Living Memorial* cards, we are now able to offer *Special Occasion* cards. These are a great way to commemorate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, get well, thank you, holiday, etc.) while supporting SVDP's efforts to provide not just food, but also financial, material and spiritual aid to our neighbors.

Memorial/Special Occasion card envelopes are available on the pew ledges or in the SVDP Food Pantry (M-W-F, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. The Memorial or Special Occasion Card acknowledging your donation will be sent to the person/family indicated on the form.

Please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234 for more information.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
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Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to DeaconRobert@oloph.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vincent Boccanfuso
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Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
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Mary Leon
Rachelle Louis-Jacques
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Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Adele Venezia

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

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Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

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Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Mike Williams

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

TELEHEALTH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Fellow parishioners,
In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic I know that many are feeling the anxiety of uncertainty and even fear. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who specializes in trauma, I understand how this impacts us not only personally but as a community as well. As part of the OLPH community I would like to offer my support to anyone who is struggling with the emotional impact of what is happening to, and around, us. While my office is in Lindenhurst, and I would love to meet you face to face, I am practicing social distancing and using a Telehealth platform. This allows us to video conference in a safe, secure way. Should you want to take advantage of the support (at no charge), please feel free to contact me at 631-450-2404 or mgrafflcsw@gmail.com to schedule a 15-20 minute session. Should you feel as though you may need ongoing support I will be happy to help you navigate your behavioral health insurance benefits to link you to a clinician that is in your network.

Wishing You Peace,
Michelle Graff-Schmittberger, LCSW

*Participate virtually in Sunday Mass
online celebrated by your OLPH priests!*

Go to the website:

www.olphlindenhurst.com

*Click on the link to Livestream the Mass
and watch it live
each Saturday at 5:00 p.m.*

*You can also click the link for our
YouTube page*

OLPH Church Lindenhurst

*to watch the video of the Mass anytime.
There are also daily spiritual reflections
and more on the parish YouTube page.*

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Beatrice Stysiack</i>	<i>Teddy Zimms</i>
<i>Emily Pizzirusso</i>	<i>Cindy Van Dorn</i>
<i>Theresa Ann Henry</i>	<i>Irene Cannetelli</i>
<i>Anna Niebrzydowska</i>	<i>Karin Kienle</i>
<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Joanne & Randall Press</i>
<i>Nora McMahon</i>	<i>Florence R. Nerich</i>
<i>Patricia Kleczkowski</i>	<i>Laura Janczewski</i>
<i>Richard Kleczkowski</i>	<i>John Pius</i>
<i>Mary Hawkins</i>	<i>Ann Messina</i>
<i>Florence Shea</i>	<i>Nettie Deasy</i>
<i>Loretto Dinardo</i>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of **April 19-25:**

Altar Bread & Wine:

In Memory of

Pecoraro and Canzoneri Families

*Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725
for other options for memorials.*

WE REMEMBER

*We remember those who have died in our parish
community this week:*

Dora Mirabal

James Loesch

John Marr

James Palladino

*"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the
beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your
servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal
redemption."*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

BY DIRECTIVE OF THE BISHOP,

NO PUBLIC MASSES MAY BE CELEBRATED.

THESE MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE FULFILLED

BY PARISH PRIESTS CELEBRATING PRIVATE MASSES.

MONDAY, April 20— Easter Weekday		FRIDAY, April 24— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr)</i>	
6:30	Gerard Deifel	6:30	Arthur Doyle
12:15	Vito S. Cudia	12:15	Agostino Pecoraro
TUESDAY, April 21— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</i>		SATURDAY, April 25— Saint Mark, Evangelist	
6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family	8:00	Gary Giordino
12:15	Ernesto Baez	Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
WEDNESDAY, April 22— Easter Weekday		5:00	Dominick LoPresti
6:30	Therese M. Gigante	Sunday, April 26 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
12:15	Frank Soraceno	8:00	Margaret Mehm
THURSDAY, April 23— Easter Weekday <i>(Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr)</i>		10:00	For the People of the Parish
6:30	Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton	12:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 794
12:15	Norma Farrell	5:00	Joseph Aliano

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

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PREPARING FOR

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

*While Jesus was with them at table, he took bread,
said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him.* Luke 24:30-31a

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

We hear today part of Peter's speech to the crowds assembled in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost. This festival, also known as Weeks (or Shavuoth), comes fifty days after Passover. On the Pentecost after Jesus' crucifixion, the Holy Spirit descended on his followers and inspired them to speak in different languages. The Spirit also inspired Peter to make a speech proclaiming how the death and resurrection of Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. In particular, Peter tells how God finished his plan of salvation through a descendant of King David, as he had promised long ago. God always keeps his promises.

1 Peter 1:17-21

We hear again from Peter, this time in a letter addressed to early Christians undergoing sufferings because of their faith in Jesus as Messiah. Peter encourages them to be strong and reminds them why. It's because they (and we today) have been ransomed from our futile way of life by the precious blood of Christ. This knowledge is enough to remind us that our "faith and hope are in God," which is good news indeed.

Luke 24:13-35

By the time Luke wrote his Gospel narrative, most if not all of Jesus' original followers had died. To those early Christians who had not ever seen Jesus in the flesh yet asked how they could know him, Luke gives three answers: in the faithful testimony of the early disciples, in Scriptures, and in the Eucharist. The two disciples who were walking to the town of Emmaus were dejected by the death of Jesus and puzzled by the accounts of the women who had seen him resurrected. Jesus appears to them and explains how his life and death fulfilled the Scriptures but still the two didn't recognize him. Only when they sat at table and Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them did they realize it was him. At that point, he vanished since they no longer needed to see with their eyes of flesh in order to believe. Believing in Jesus, for the early disciples and for us today, requires only the eyes of faith.

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, April 20, 2020:

Acts 4:23-31 + John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 21, 2020:

Acts 4:32-37 + John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 22, 2020:

Acts 5:17-26 + John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 23, 2020:

Acts 5:27-33 + John 3:31-36

Friday, April 24, 2020:

Acts 5:34-42 + John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 25, 2020:

1 Peter 5:5b-14 + Mark 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26, 2020:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 + 1 Peter 1:17-21
+ Luke 24:13-35

Gospel Reflection

1. Can you relate to any of the following in the Gospel story?

- Confusion of the disciples
- Inability to recognize Jesus
- Desire to spend more time with a good friend
- Sudden realization that the Lord is present

2. In section 3 of Pope Francis' address to the Bishops of Brazil he suggests an ecclesiology rooted in the Gospel story of Emmaus. The disciples ended up with hearts burning. What makes your heart "burn" within you?

"We need a Church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a Church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a Church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a Church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning. ...

But we need to know how to interpret, with courage, the larger picture. Jesus warmed the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus."

*Address of Pope Francis
Archbishop's House,
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Saturday, 28 July 2013*



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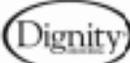
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