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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus questions the disciples: "Why are you troubled and why do questions arise in your hearts?" Sometimes, or perhaps often, these could be our feelings too! Fortunately, the readings give an answer to these questions, or rather a way forward when we find that we struggle. This is because the readings direct us to rejoice in the gifts God gives to us through Jesus' death and resurrection, most especially the gift of forgiveness. Indeed, these gifts will help us in our struggles. The readings also remind us that we are called to be bearers of these gifts to others.

In our First Reading (Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19) we backtrack from the reading last week, as we hear part of St. Peter's homily after a crippled man has been healed. It is rather like a history of the world in a few minutes. St. Peter recalls all the ways that God has shown his love and forgiveness over the centuries, culminating in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Peter is direct and blunt as he confronts those who called for Jesus' execution; but then he offers hope and forgiveness. The invitation is also clear and direct: "Repent... be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

The Psalm (Psalm 4) uses many beautiful and hope-filled images to sing of all that God does for us. The Lord lets His face shine upon us, He hears us when we call to Him; He fills our hearts with gladness, and He is our peace and our security. These are true and much needed gifts indeed, and ones that we celebrate especially during the season of Easter.

In the Second Reading, we once again hear a passage from what we have called St. John's *letter of love* (1 John 2: 1-5a). Last week, he reminded us of our vocation to be people who both accept and then reflect God's love. This is what it means to be a "child" of God. However, John is also a realist and offers hope and promise for the times when we fail to live up to this calling. If we fall, then we have an Advocate in Jesus Christ, for he is the one who has come to take away our sins. Of course, we celebrate and use this gift when we make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In the Gospel passage (Luke 24: 35-48), we come in just after the two disciples have returned to Jerusalem after the encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. We can imagine their breathless excitement and then their surprise as Jesus appears again, even as

they are speaking. In this further resurrection appearance, we can note that Jesus does several fundamental things.

First of all, he offers again that gift that he gave on Easter morning: the gift of peace. For Christians, peace is a tranquility of heart that gives strength, courage and focus. However, the disciples felt anything but peace; in fact, they were terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Perhaps with this in mind, Jesus shows them his wounds and invites them to touch his body. He is real and in the flesh; he is not some sort of resurrected spirit. To bring home this point, he asks for something to eat. Once again, we are taught about the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection and that it was not, for example, just some sort of mind-change among the disciples. No, the Lord is truly risen...alleluia!

Jesus then does something vital: He opens their minds to understand the Scriptures. The two words used in the original language of the Scriptures in this passage for *open* and *understand* are strong and mean an all-encompassing, complete change. What is more, this new gift of understanding is not just for the disciples' own benefit. Now the disciples will go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all the world. We too have received this gift when we were baptized: It is called the gift of enlightenment. Hopefully, as we develop and mature, we also grow in that gift of understanding the Scriptures by reading them and reflecting upon them. We know, too, that this gift is not meant to be kept to ourselves. We are commanded to share this gift with others: to be disciples *and* to be disciple-makers.

As we prepare for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress later in the year and we think of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel Project in Hudson, we can also make a strong connection between our readings this week and the Eucharist. The Eucharist also brings about the forgiveness of sins, as the words over the cup clearly state in the Eucharistic Prayers. It is the sacrament of hope and a sign of how God's face shines upon us. The Scriptures are read at Mass so as to lead us into a deeper understanding and reception of the Eucharist. The Eucharist gives us strength; so that we too may "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."



Father Anthony

THE WEEK AHEAD

■ SUNDAY, April 15

PRAY THE ROSARY

Sunday at

1:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church - Hud-

son

TUESDAY, April 17

- St. Anthony Novena Prayer - following morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, April 18

- Friendly Kitchen - 3 p.m. St. Mary's Academy
- The Gathering - 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

THURSDAY, April 19

- Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group - 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
- Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy

Catholic Jewelry Sale!

**Weekends of April 14-15
and April 21-22**

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is an outward sign of faith and hope.**

**An assortment of First Holy Communion,
Confirmation and RCIA gift items
will be included.**

The following **Eucharistic Moment** has been shared by the Perpetual Adoration Committee to promote Eucharistic adoration:

Sunday, April 15

"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light." St. Ambrose

Would you spend one hour in adoration for the poor?

You're Invited: A Divine Mercy Mission

Fr. Chris Alar from the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, will present a **3 night Parish Mission on Sunday, April 15, Monday, April 16, and Tuesday, April 17,** from 7-9 p.m. each evening at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hudson.

Fr. Chris will speak on the Eucharist, Mary, and the Divine Mercy message. A free-will offering will be taken. Confessions and light refreshments will be available.

TRAINING SEMINAR

On **Tuesday, May 1, at 6:00 PM**, Holy Trinity Parish will host a training seminar to help the churches of Columbia and Greene Counties prepare and respond in the event of an active shooter scenario. The seminar/training program will be presented by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. There will be a question and answer session following.

All are welcome to attend.

This event will be held at St. Mary's Church in Hudson.



Please keep Father Anthony in your prayers as he is in Rome, Italy for a course to prepare him for a ministry which the Bishop has asked him to undertake. He will return late Sunday, April 22.



The 64th Annual Bishop's Appeal will begin on the weekend of May 5/6.

Through the Bishop's Appeal all parishes unite and become one family to support and sustain the programs and services which educate the young, care for the elderly, feed the hungry, house the homeless and strengthen our Catholic faith in our homes, parishes and communities. Additionally, your support of the Appeal ensures that individual parishes are provided with essential diocesan support services, thereby assisting in the growth and vitality of our parish communities.

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OF THE GOSPEL***

IT STARTS WITH YOU

Spring Enrichment 2018

Spring Enrichment 2018 will be held at Albany's College of Saint Rose from Wednesday, May 16 – Friday, May 18, 2018. The theme of this year's program is "Companions along the journey" and during its three days we will be remembering the past with gratitude, living the present with enthusiasm and looking forward to the future with confidence as the diocese gathers for its 45th Spring Enrichment.

For further information please email spring.enrichment@rcda.org or contact the Catholic School Office at 518-453-6602.

The John Rutter "Requiem"

(2 performances)

Choirs from Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glenville, First Presbyterian Church, Glens Falls, and members of the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society are joining together for a presentation of the "Requiem" by John Rutter. Presented with a chamber ensemble and soprano soloist Edda Roemelt, the program will also feature Jane Marshall's "My Eternal King," Stainer's "God So Loved the World," the instrumental selection "Gabriel's Oboe," and local composer Al Fedak's "Spring Bursts Today."

\$10 Suggested Donation – Derek Stannard @ [518-399-9168](tel:518-399-9168) or music.icglenville@gmail.com

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 7:30 pm
Church of the Immaculate Conception
[400 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY 12302](http://400SaratogaRoad.com)

AND

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 4 pm
First Presbyterian Church
[400 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801](http://400GlenSt.com)

**God made you to be the answer
to someone else's prayers.
Keep your eyes open.**

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Regular Offertory (April 8).....	\$ 5,727.00
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Easter.....	\$ 480.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 1,971.00
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Seminarian Support.....	\$ 293.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory (April 8).....	\$ 1,302.00
Utilities.....	\$ 104.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 64.00



SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.

BAPTISM: Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

VOCATIONS: If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 173 Opening Hymn: # 271 Closing: # 269

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Easter Weekday (April 16)

7:15 AM John Meacher - Dominick Kappel
Lindsay White - Dick & Frieda Van Deusen
Lena Keyser - Bob & Janice Pendergast

TUESDAY: Easter Weekday (April 17)

7:15 AM Joseph A. Finn - Wife
Robert Shumsky - Joanne Walker
Lena Keyser - Elaine Erickson

WEDNESDAY: Easter Weekday (April 18)

7:15 AM Richard & Michael Erickson - Elaine Erickson
Lewis Rubino - Ira & Beverly Ginsberg

THURSDAY: Easter Weekday (April 19)

7:15 AM Kathryn McDonald - Ann Skibo & Linda Colwell
Louis Conte - Chic Loomis
Paul Wais - Jack & Mary Ann Nytrasky

FRIDAY: Easter Weekday (April 20)

7:15 AM Richard & Alice Cummings - Richard & Roberta Cummings
Louis Conte - Eva O'Leary
Alice Frank - Dolly VanDeCarr
9:00 AM For our Seminarians
(G'TWN)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (April 21)

4:00 PM Frank J. Drew - Anne Drew
(HUD) Edward J. Ziemba- Ed & Nancy Ziemba
Mary Bell - (Niece) Marlene & Charles Polisky
5:30 PM For the Living and Deceased of our Parish
(G'TWN)

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (April 22)

9:00 AM In Memory of Nolan & Martin Families - Jane & Bill Martin
(HUD) Marie Conte - Kathy & Jim Curcio
Lia Murca & Louis Murca - Family
11:00 AM Alice Stefenelli - Ilda Pancheri
(G'TWN) Palmeria Ponzini - Maria Barbini

Readings for the Week of April 15

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and
21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]
/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
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