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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Mon- Fri: 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm

**CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm
or by appointment.**

Register in the Parish: Please contact the parish office to register when you move into our parish.

Certificates of Eligibility: Issued to registered parishioners, 16 yrs. and older, received all of their Sacraments of Initiation, attend MASS regularly at St. John's, and receive the sacraments of Communion and Penance often.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the fourth Sunday of every month. Sacrament of Baptism



takes place immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Parents and Godparents must attend an Enrichment class prior to the Baptism. You will need to call the Parish Office to register for this class. A Godparent must be a committed, practicing Catholic, and if from another parish, must provide a *Certificate of Eligibility* from their pastor. A Christian of other denominations may serve as a Godparent along with a practicing Catholic.

MARRIAGE: A Saturday Mass for the Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated no later than



1pm. Couples planning marriage are to contact the parish office & schedule a meeting with our wedding coordinator no later than 6 months in advance of the wedding. Shorter preparation periods must be approved by our Pastor. Couples will meet several times with the Pastor throughout the preparation process. Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana program approved by our Pastor.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory at any time for the Sacrament of the Sick. Also the Holy Eucharist will be brought to the sick and shut-ins upon request to the Parish Office. We celebrate a Communal Anointing of the Sick in June, near the *Feast of St. John the Baptist*.

Mass Intentions

Week of April 19 - 25, 2021

Daily Mass: 9am Monday – Friday

Monday: Kathleen Lapsley (*John Lapsley*)

Tuesday: Maria Middleton (*tony & Janet Souza*)

Wednesday: Hank Trancredi (*SJB Priests*)

Thursday(Old Church): Ernie D'Angelo (*Mike & Mary Kosmin*)

Friday: Hank Trancredi (*Anonymous*)

Weekend Masses

Sat. 10am: Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Saturday, 5pm: Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday, 8am: John Zdanowicz (*Maryanne Comly*)

10:30am: Intentions of our First Holy Communicants

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9am – 5pm

Fri. 9am – 1pm

The wearing of a face mask is required for service.

To plan a funeral or purchase a grave in our parish cemetery, call to make an appointment.

MASS COLLECTIONS

April 11: Envelopes \$ 7,351.00/ E-Giving: \$ 3,285.00

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Monday, 7pm

Adoration & Prayers

Wednesday, 9:30am

Adoration & Prayers

3rd Sunday, 12pm

Adoration & Prayer for Vocations

1st Saturday, 10am

**Rosary, Confession, Mass
followed by Lunch**

**Call Joan Black for directions, reservations, or more info
at 215-795-2947.**

The road to Emmaus and the reality of the Eucharist

by Carl E. Olson, editor of Catholic World Report and Ignatius Insight

The story of the encounter on the road to Emmaus includes all of the essential elements of the Liturgy: Scripture, prayer, blessing, and the breaking of bread. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the “Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord’s body and blood.” These elements, it emphasizes, “constitute one single act of worship” (CCC 1408).

Every person hungers for this act of worship, for we were made to worship God in that way. God, in his goodness, responds to that hunger. In the midst of the disciples’ confusion and blindness, Jesus sought them out, offered himself to them, and opened their eyes. He did it for me, many years ago. He wishes to meet all of us on our road to Emmaus.

Today’s Gospel reading, one of my favorite passages from the Gospel of Luke, beautifully shows the relationship between the supernatural gift of faith and Holy Communion.

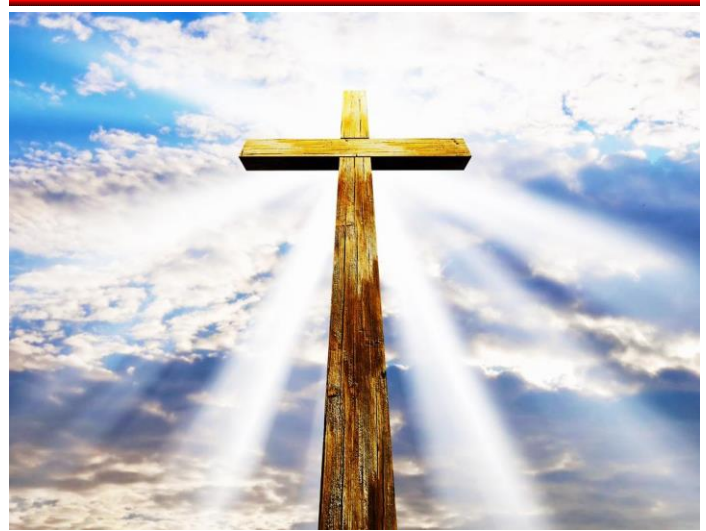
Luke, a masterful storyteller, incisively describes how the disciples had completely lost their bearings and sense of spiritual direction in the overwhelming aftermath of Jesus’ death: “They stopped, looking downcast” (Lk. 24:17). Approached by Jesus, they failed to recognize their Lord. Responding to His question about their conversation, the men explained their confusion: Jesus was “a prophet mighty in deed and word” and yet he had not fulfilled their hope for redemption (v. 21). In addition to this disappointment there was the added mystery of the empty tomb, although they apparently hadn’t reached a conclusion about what it might actually mean.

Jesus chided them and took them to the Scriptures, “beginning with Moses and with all the prophets” (v. 27), to show them the true nature of “the Christ.” There are several passages that Jesus likely showed them, including Deuteronomy 18:15, which promised “a prophet” like Moses, Psalm 2:7, a Messianic psalm, and Isaiah 53, which describes the Suffering Servant, as well as others. The disciples had to be shown that salvation and glory wouldn’t come through political might or social upheaval, but through humiliation, suffering, and apparent defeat.

Thus, on the road to Emmaus, there was a re-learning on the part of the disciples, who heard a deeper explanation of the Scriptures than they had heard

many times before. This was necessary in order for them to really grasp the significance of the Cross and its life-giving, soul-transforming meaning. This education came from the very One who sent the prophets and gave them words; who better than the Word Incarnate to illuminate the meaning of the sacred text? The narrative follows a distinct pattern of questioning, dialogue, and exposition of Scripture, leading to a sacrament, which is a pattern Luke uses again in the story of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8).

Some commentators have suggested that the disciples finally recognized Jesus simply because of a familiar gesture on his part. But this understates how Luke purposefully uses the same description of Jesus’ actions—“he took bread, said a blessing, broke it, and gave it to them”—as he does in his account of the Last Supper (Lk 22:19-20). Yes, the disciples certainly recognized that gesture, but the recognition was a gift of grace, and it was intimately linked with the reality of the Eucharist. Which is why they later told the others how Christ “was made known to them in the breaking of bread.”



The Cross is a necessary part of Divine Providence. It is not a last minute cure when all else fails, for the Cross is the one place on earth, where in a moment of time, we see the eternal love of God.

At the Cross we encounter...

the holiness of God.
the righteousness of God.
the justice of God.
the goodness of God.
the wrath of God.
the mercy of God.
the love of God.
the simplicity of God.



First Holy Communion



Rehearsal, Thurs., April 22nd at
6pm in the Church.

Bring your child's Banner &
photo Order Form with payment.

Sacrament Mass – Saturday, April 24th

10 AM in the Church

Communicants are to arrive by 9am for their pictures.



Rehearsal – Sat. May 1st
at 10 AM in the Church

Candidate & Sponsor attendance mandatory

RITE OF CONFIRMATION within the MASS

Sunday, May 2nd 10:30 AM Mass

Candidate & Sponsor to arrive by 9:45 AM



LIVING OUT OUR EASTER CALL Week 2

Gospel of Luke 24:35-48

Christ joins the disciples, walks beside them, breaks bread with them, and opens their hearts with his Word. For anyone who professes belief in the Resurrection and the teachings of Jesus, nothing has changed, except now we are the ones walking the road.

Christ walks beside us today. Christ breaks bread with us today. Christ opens our hearts with his Word today in exactly the same way he did on that road to Emmaus 2,000 years ago.

His teachings are the same: Love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. Love your neighbor, and pray for your enemies. Forgive all. Welcome the stranger. Care for the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Provide for the least among us. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. So must we allow our encounter with Christ in others, in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the Word to turn our hearts around today.



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Monday, April 19, 2021

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go forth and represent our school in this annual
competition.**

Science Fair
April 19 – 22, 2021

Mrs. Tami Koerber, Head of School
Mrs. Amy Mattle, Admissions Director
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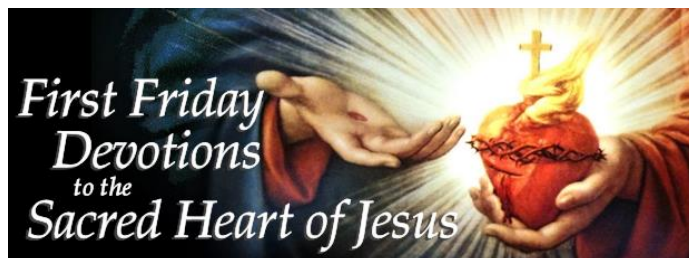


**Annual
Wedding Anniversary Mass
Saturday, May 1, 2021
5:15 PM Vigil Mass**

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds or celebrating their 5, 10, 25 or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. **Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

To Register please call The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.

Join us each month for
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
following our morning Mass



**Do you know someone who has been away
from the church for a while?**



**Invite them back!
Let them know they are
missed and we are
holding a seat just for
them!**

www.catholicscomehome.org

SJB NITTY GRITTY



OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR CLUB!

We are looking for men & women who enjoy gardening & fellowship to join our group. Please consider sharing your talent (love of gardening) as we work together to keep our parish grounds looking beautiful...all for the glory of God. You can leave a message at the parish office or contact directly Jeanne Keller or Mary Kosmin to join.

PRAY THE ROSARY EVERYDAY



**Happy are those who
recite the Holy Rosary
with understanding.
They will learn all that is
of faith, light, hope and
love in it.
Saint Clement Hofbauer**

Ministry Schedule for
April 24th & 25th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ministry Schedule:	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 5 PM	Jim Black	Kim Zampirri	Julia Byers Juliet Myers	Liz Torgerson Fred Furmaniak
SUNDAY 8AM	Renee Moyer	Jeanne Keller	Meade Grindrod	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Frank Balbirer	Sean Lynch	Sawe Logaivau Fatu Logaivau	Nio Logaivau Rob Galdo



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

* New Name Added

NEW CYCLE: March 1 – June 1, 2021

To RENEW or to ADD a name to our prayer list, please call the parish office.



OUR SICK:

Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, **Louis Belsito**, Loretta Bodisch, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Julia Ferguson, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Cathy & Mark Hancharik, Nate Leidtke, Jackie Litzenberger, Roseann McCarty, Bridget McHugh, Nancy Moreno, Ray Nalachowski, Helene Nastro, Jeff Olimpo, Gerry Pacitti, Erin Rogers Pickering, Janet Reidler, Beatrice Bohm Rogers, Barbara Sabath, Pete Shultz, Sr., **Fred Van Haute**, Ed Wismer, Christine Zdanowicz, and all those afflicted by the Coronavirus.

TROOPS:

Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Matthew Gumprecht, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, Aileen Lauer, Stephen Lindmeier, Jason Litschauer, Cory Litzenberger, Dan O'Connor, Jonathan Pucci, Dusty Rhodes, Craig Russell, Steven Salva, Kate Salva, Jack Salva, Ann Salva.