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Sunday, April 22, 2018 | Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 8:30am | 12:00pm (Both English)

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass - English)

Sunday: 8:30am (English) | 9:30am (Spanish)

11:00am (Italian) | 12:15pm (English)

1:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday: 8:30am / 12:00pm / 6:30pm (All English)

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm or any time by calling the Parish Office.

RITE OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of every month in Spanish at 2:30pm 3rd Sunday every other month in English at 2:30pm Attendance at Pre - Baptism Class is required. Please stop by the Parish Center to register or call for more information.

RITE OF MATRIMONY

Wedding dates may be scheduled after initial meeting with a priest.

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would be served by a pastoral visit by a Priest, Religious Sister or a lay Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Center.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite new parishioners to register at the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For information please call Sr. Edna at the Parish Office at (718) 295-3770.

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL 2465 Bathgate Avenue

Please contact the School Office at (718) 295-6080.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sunday, April 22nd | Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Rita & Victoria Ippolito

9:30am Accion de gracias a San Judas

11:00am Giuseppe, Nicola e Maria Civita Marricco

12:15pm Edward A. Forte **1:30pm** Pro Populo

Monday, April 23rd | Easter Weekday; St. George;

St. Adalbert

8:30am Deceased of the Boiano Family

12:00pm Stephen Di Salvo **6:30pm** Anna Russo

Tuesday, April 24th | Easter Weekday;

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30am Richard Pizzonia **12:00pm** Egidio Apuzzo

6:30pm Frances & Nicholas Longo, Christine & Thomas

Covino, Jennie Salce, Frank Pappas

Wednesday, April 25th | St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30am For a special intention12:00pm Maryann Santirocco6:30pm Peter Di Chiara

Thursday, April 26th | Easter Weekday

8:30am Pasqua Edoardo 12:00pm Padre Vincenzo Ida'

6:30pm Deceased Parents & Benefactors of the

Missionary Sisters of the Catechism

Friday, April 27th | Easter Weekday

8:30am Luigi D'Angelo 12:00pm Edith Nazzaro 6:30pm Matthew Spataro

Saturday, April 28th | Easter Weekday; St. Peter Chanel;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:30am Rosa Leone 12:00pm Lillian & Dan Zinzi 5:00pm Angela Lospoto

Sunday, April 29th | Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Salvatore & Giuseppina Florio

9:30am Noelia Polanco

11:00am Nicola, Silvia e Giuliana Marricco

12:15pm Edward A. Forte **1:30pm** Pro Populo

+ REST IN PEACE +

Please pray for Kathleen Lospoto & all the departed

WEEKEND MASSES - 4/15/18

Collection	\$4,509.54
Last year's collection	\$8,647.88

WEEKEND ATTENDANCE - 4/15/18

Adults: 749 Children: 242 Total: 991

From the Desk of Father Jonathan

Last week I included several paragraphs of Pope Francis' most recent apostolic exhortation (a pastoral letter) to all Catholics and people of good will. It is called "Rejoice and be Glad" and is a treatise on God's call to each of us to be holy. This week I would like to include two more paragraphs for our continued meditation. Before doing so, I wish to share with you what two of our school children told me when I asked them what it means to be holy. The first told me that it means to be like the saints. The second told me it means to be best friends with God. Both of them were right. We can look to the saints (the canonized but those around us who live holy lives) as examples to follow, while at the same time we pursue holiness as unique individuals who are simply called to be best friends with God, each in our own way.

Here are two more paragraphs from "Rejoice and be Glad":

10.".....Yet with this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy" (*Lev* 11:44; cf. 1 *Pet* 1:16). The <u>Second Vatican Council</u> stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect".[10]

11. "Each in his or her own way" the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy. for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness.[11] Indeed, when the great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his Spiritual Canticle, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them "in his or her own way".[12] For God's life is communicated "to some in one way and to others in another". , we are all called to be holy as God himself is holy, and each in our own way, because he made us like no other!

> God bless, Father Jonathan

St. Anthony's Bread - April 24th

Per le mie intenzioni

da Margherita Cuomo

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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THIS WEEK'S MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp



In Loving Memory of Theresa & Joseph Miele

Love, RoseMarie & Antoinette Sia

SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God.

-St. Vincent Pallotti

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: Pasqua in Italian, Pâques in French, Paach in Dutch, Pascha in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (Pascha Domini) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

-Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SALVATI DA QUELLO CHE FU RIGETTATO

Gesù è il dono del Padre. Chi è veramente Gesù? Niente come l'antitesi tra il Buon Pastore e il mercenario ce lo fa capire. In cosa si differenziano radicalmente le due figure? Non certo per il ruolo che, all'apparenza, sembra il medesimo. Li oppone e li divide la natura intima del rapporto con le pecore: la non appartenenza per il mercenario e l'appartenenza per il pastore. Se le pecore non ti appartengono te ne vai quando arriva il lupo e le lasci alla sua mercé.

Se sei un mercenario non t'importa delle pecore e non ti importa perché non le conosci. Non le conosci "per esperienza", non le conosci per amore: esse non sono tue. E da che cosa si vede se sono tue? Che dai la vita per loro. Gesù dà la vita per noi. È lui che ce la dà, tiene a precisare, nessuno gliela toglie. Lui, solo lui, ha il potere di offrire la sua vita e di riprenderla di nuovo. In questo sta la sua autorevolezza, nel potere dell'impotenza, a cui Dio nella morte si è volontariamente esposto.

Gli uomini possono seguire Gesù solo in forza di questa sua autorevolezza. Per essa ne conoscono la voce, subiscono il fascino della sua Presenza, si dispongono alla sequela. Solo nel vivere questa appartenenza il cristiano diventa a sua volta autorevole, cioè capace di incontrare l'altro, di amarlo e di dar la sua vita per lui. L'appartenenza fa essere eco fragile e tenace della sua Presenza e suscita la nostalgia di poterlo incontrare.

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BE A MISSIONARY!

We invite all parishioners to Church at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays to come to invite our brothers and sisters back to their Father's House!

WEDDING BANNS

III. Brian O'Rourke & Lily Cao

OLMC YOUTH GROUP - "ROOTED"

Our Youth Group meets every Saturday in the Parish Center from 2pm to 4pm. We invite all youth in 9th to 12th grades to attend. For more information please contact Jesus Vargas - *rootedyouth12@gmail.com*.

GRUPO JUVENIL "ROOTED"

Invitamos a todos los Jóvenes de 9 a 12 grado a participar del Grupo Juvenil todos los Sábado de 2pm a 4pm en el centro parroquial. ¡Te esperamos!

SALVADOS POR AQUEL QUE FUE RECHAZADO

Algunos adolescentes de la ciudad suelen menospreciar y rechazar a los chicos del campo. Sin embargo, no sería una exageración decir que la humanidad les debe la vida a los agricultores que cuidan los cultivos y el ganado por todo el mundo. La Sagrada Escritura para esta semana nos recuerda que Jesús fue rechazado como pastor, como chico del campo, sin embargo, a él le debemos la vida.

En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles de este domingo, Pedro les dice a las personas que la salvación viene por Jesucristo, que fue rechazado y crucificado. En la carta del apóstol san Juan escuchamos que nos hemos convertido en los hijos amados de Dios por Jesús, a quien el mundo no conoció. Por último, en el Evangelio Jesús se describe como el buen Pastor: "yo doy la vida por las ovejas" (Juan 10:11). ¿Te unirás a Jesús para dar tu vida por el rebaño amado de Dios?

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To soy el buen pastor

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Lectors for April 28th & 29th

5:00pm V. Vera & A. Zervos

8:30am M. Mongiovi & C. Vera

9:30am M. Gonzalez & C. Gutierrez

11:00am R. Bizzarro & C. Bizzarro

12:15pm M. Gerbasi & S. Hernandez

1:30pm L. & D. Almiron

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<u>* Peace *</u>

A world at prayer is a world at peace

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;

Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25: Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;

Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;

1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

HOST THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We invite all parishioners to consider hosting the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the month of May for the recitiation of the Holy Rosary. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Edna.

Many graces will come to you! ~ Holy Rosary in English, Italian & Spanish ~



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