

SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough, MA 01772

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A April 23, 2023

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m. Sunday ~ 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. First Fridays: 9:00 a.m.

Healing Mass: First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday $\sim 4:15$ p.m., between Sunday morning Masses, weekdays at 9:30 a.m., First Wednesday of each month ~ 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage Arrangements with a priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick Fr. Albert is pleased to bring **Holy Communion to** parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"

(Luke 24:32)

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life?

Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you?

If so, that's a one-sided relationship.

Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus.

Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out.

Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

Office Hours:

Monday ~ Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday ~ 9:30 a.m. to noon Telephone 508-485-0141

Fax 508-460-0181

E-mail: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

Web: www.stannesouthborough.org

Pastor: Fr. Albert Irudayasamy fralbert@stannesouthborough.org

Parish Council: Nancy Denardo ~ Chair

Finance Committee: Rich Flathers ~ Chair

Director of Religious Education: Rachelle Carmony rachelle@stannesouthborough.org

Office hours available, by appointment

Parish Office Manager: George Stagno stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

Bookkeeper: Nancy Denardo nancy@stannesouthborough.org

Music Ministry

Choir Director: Paul Crivello 508-366-0821 pcrivello04@gmail.com

Saturday 5:00: John Arnold Sunday 8:30 and 10:30: Paul Crivello

Sunday 5:30: Kathy & Matt Bernier

Maintenance: Matt Bernier mbern@stannesouthborough.org

Webmaster: Amy Buttiglieri webmaster@stannesouthborough.org

Would you like to receive a copy of the bulletin via email every week? Please send an email to: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org with "St. Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.



We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish. If you would like to join our faith community, please call

PARISH

CONTACT

INFORMATION

the Parish Office to register: 508-485-0141

PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

Livestreamed St. Anne Masses

ALL St. Anne Mass offerings will now be livestreamed: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through website!

- Go to parish webpage: www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down and click on "Watch Live!" box.
- Scroll down to "eCatholic Live" box.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday and first Fridays.





WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE with MASS INTENTIONS (April 22 through April 30)

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SATURDAY 22	5:00 pm	For Michael Pelland (Healing) by MaryBeth Philbin
SUNDAY 23	8:30 am	For Paulette Eori by Pat Richard
	10:30 am	For Pauline Pelland (Healing) by MaryBeth Philbin
	5:30 pm	For St. Anne parishioners
MONDAY 24	9:00 am	For Jim Garden (Healing) by Lyda Livingstone
TUESDAY 25	9:00 am	For Anne Livingstone (Healing) by Lyda Livingstone
WEDNESDAY 26	9:00 am	For parishioners of St. Anne
THURSDAY 27	9:00 am	For Arturo Cisneros by Maria Martin
SATURDAY 29	5:00 pm	For George Stagno (Healing)
SUNDAY 30	8:30 am	For Julie Deciero (35th Anniversary)

<u>April 15 & 16, 2023</u>		
Saturday - 7:30 p.m.	43	Mass
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	48	SSE
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	63	\triangleright
Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	32	Attendance
Saturday - 7:30 p.m. Streamed	7	nd
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Streamed	4	lar
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Streamed	13	<u> </u>
Sunday - 5:30 p.m. Streamed	3	• • •

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children

10:30 am For parishioners of St. Anne5:30 pm For First Holy Communion

by her grandparents Pat and Nick

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	April	22 & 23 - Third Sund	ay of Easter, A
Sat	5:00 pm	Lector	Debbie Simon
		Communion Minister	Laura Schroeder MaryBeth P-H (cup) Debbie Simon (cup)
Sun	8:30 am	Lector	Elaine Yetman
		Communion Minister	Nancy Denardo Doris Campero (cup) Elaine Yetman (cup)
Sun	10:30 am	Lector	Joe Cruciani
		Communion Minister	Joanne Flathers Pat Draper (cup) Steve Buttiglieri (cup)
Sun	5:30 am	Lector	MaryBeth P-H
		Communion Minister	Beth McGonagle MaryBeth P-H (cup)
		Collection Counting	Raymond/Draper/ Garden/Flathers
	April 2	29 & 30 - Fourth Sund	lay of Easter, A
Sat	5:00 pm	Lector	Laura Schroeder
		Communion Minister	MaryBeth P-H Debbie Simon (cup) Laura Schroeder (cup)
Sun	8:30 am	Lector	Ellen Kluge
		Communion Minister	Fran Schiebe Elaine Yetman (cup) Nancy Denardo (cup)
Sun	10:30 am	Lector	Janice Brown
		Communion Minister	Steve Buttiglieri Nancy Denardo (cup) TBD (cup)
Sun	5:30 am	Lector	RE Students
		Communion Minister	Beth McGonagle (cup)
		Collection Counting	Raymond/Draper/

Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts

Garden/Flathers

Maysoon Khair will be here on **Saturday**, **April 22 and Sunday**, **April 23** representing over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved religious items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, and many other beautiful statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are

available and help support this self-help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

www.starofbethlehemhandicrafts.com

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

St. Anne Parish Pre-K through Grade 10+ **Religious Education Classes**



April/May RE Classes

Pre-K - 1, Grade 3 through Grade 5 Sunday, April 30, May 7 & May 21 in the Parish Hall 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Grade 2+ (FC Prep)

- Rehearsals: Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 27, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- FC Masses: Saturday, April 29, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 30, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Going Forth Class: Sunday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.
- Going Forth Mass: Sunday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. Mass
- RE Wrap-up led by DRE: Sunday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.

Grades 6 through Confirmation (Grades 9-10) Sunday, April 30, May 7 & May 21 in the Parish Hall 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.



First Communion Rehearsals

There will be rehearsals for those families whose children will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time at the end of this month.

- Those receiving on Saturday, April 29 will rehearse in the church on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- Those receiving on Sunday, April 30 will rehearse in the church on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Please arrive on time and at least one parent must attend for each child/sibling grouping.



Prayers for First Communion Children

24 St. Anne children will be receiving First Holy Communion on April 29 and April 30.

Please pray for them and their families.

Raffle Ticket Sales to Support the 2023 St. Anne Parish High School Graduate Scholarship

St. Anne Parish will be selling raffle tickets to support our new annual scholarship program.

Tickets will be sold after all regular Masses the weekend of April 29/30 and the following weekend May 6/7.

Tickets are \$20 each and only a limited number are available.

Five \$100 prizes will be awarded along with two \$750 scholarships. Cash or a check made out to "St. Anne Parish" is acceptable.

Please buy a ticket and support our graduating high school seniors and this important program!



Robert Allen Myers



(husband of Deanna)

May his soul rest in peace. We also pray for his family as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

The funeral Mass was on Friday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Capital Campaign Update

Phase One



Total Goal: \$2,000,000.00 Total Pledges to Date: \$2,045,601.95 Payments Received to Date: \$ 994,495.81 Number of Families Pledging: 162 families (35%)

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR

Through April 16, 2023

Regular Weekly Offering:	. \$2	,986.00
Easter Offering:	\$	500.00
Holy Lands (Good Friday):	\$	125.00
Haiti Sister Parish:		
Blue Pay: Regular thru 4/16:	\$	205.00
Easter Collection thru 4/16:	\$	200.00
WeShare: Regular thru 4/16:	\$	75.00

Online Giving: WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne's Website: We have an additional resource for online giving and online CE registration. St. Anne Parish partners with eCatholic and BluePay for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

Thank you for your generous support!



Partners in Charity Appeal 2023-2024

2023-24 Parish Goal: \$76,000.00

Amount Raised As of 4/14/23: \$28,150.00 (37.04% of amount goal - 46 donors)

Can we reach the goal of 100 donors? No gift too big or too small...



Collection Counting Ministry

Collection Counting follows the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

If interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 508-485-0141.

Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment training for all staff and volunteers.

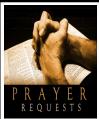
PARISH RELIGIOUS NEWS AND EVENTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CL) will be offered at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses.

At the beginning of Mass, children (and parents, too!) are called forward and invited to process from the church to the Parish Hall to listen and discuss the Gospel with CL leader Charlotte Zakarian.

Younger children (Pre-K and younger) are invited to participate with a parent/older sibling.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Fr. Thirburse F. Millot, Bob Seariac, Thomas Chemmanur, Janet Mattioli, Tim and Diane Higgins, Dave Lemoine, Laval "Val" Provencher; Father Conrad Pecevich, Stephen Gelman, Michael Philbin-Pelland, Jamie Farley, Jim

Garden, Brookie Sullivan, Beth Stephens, Susane Crioppa, Peter Bradstreet, Rob Germeroth, Michael, George Stagno, Steve Buttiglieri, Kevin Sanford, Cecilia Lynch, Catherine, Joy

To have a name placed on or removed from the prayer list, contact the Parish Office.



Altar Servers Need

Both students (Grade 4 and higher) and adults are welcome to serve.

If you are interested in being an altar server, please call the Parish Office.

Training is provided and scheduling of service is determined by server based on their availability.

Electronic Recycling Day

Please bring your small/large electronics and bicycles to the St, Anne parking lot on **Saturday, May 27** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for recycling/reuse.

<u>\$5 Fee items</u>: computer towers, scanners, VCRs, printers, copiers, DVD, stereo equipment, lighting, vacuums, speakers, modems, fans, video equipment, etc.

<u>\$10 Fee Items:</u> lawn mowers, exercise equipment, small microwave, empty propane tanks, weight sets

\$20 Fee items: dishwasher, dryer, stove, large microwave, AC, dehumidifiers, dorm fridges, grills, lawn mower, TV, flat panel monitors

<u>\$40 fee Items:</u> large refrigerators, large projection TVs, snow blower

No Charge Items: keyboards, car batteries, golf equipment, cables, wires, cell phones, bicycles (all types)



United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry c/o Pilgrim Church P.O. Box 281, 15 Common Street

Southborough, MA 01772 southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com 508-485-4847



Food Items

- Coffee (regular unflavored)
- White tuna
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- · Capri Sun juice pouches

Health and Household Items

- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent (especially skin sensitive)

A big THANK YOU for all Food Pantry donations.

As most food items are date sensitive, <u>please be sure that your donation is not out of date</u>. Donations may be left in the foyer of the parish hall. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to come. Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) are Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Weekly Adult Discussion Group

A weekly Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays from 6:05 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Discussion is on

The Catechism in a Year (with Father Mike Schmitz) available on familiar podcast apps.

Attend any Wednesday you are available.

The discussion group will be facilitated by *Three Hearts Apostolate* members who are available to answer questions:

- * Gerry Levins, gerard@levinstaxlaw.com
- * MaryBeth Philbin-Hannigan, mbphilbin@gmail.com
- * Debbie Simon, dsimoninc@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Prayer Shawl meets Mondays from 10:00 to noon to knit/crochet/weave for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed prayer shawl.

Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? Stop by the Parish Office during office hours to select a shawl. Free will donations collected for shawls are sent to our sister parish in Haiti to aid their rebuilding.



The Rosary portion of the Prayer Shawl meetings is live streamed via the parish website starting at 10:30 a.m. Password: shawls

Rosary Breakfast

The May Rosary Breakfast being held at Parish Hall on **Saturday, May 20**, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Registration donation is \$25.00. Please call or email Marge Oliveri @ The Angel Connection 508-320-3498 or Email Faithful1111@aol.com to register.





Building Committee Reminder

Please take caution while traveling on Walker Street and the church's campus while water service upgrade and underground electrical facilities prep work is being completed.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

2023-24 Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team Sign-ups

The application period for the 2023-2024 Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team is now OPEN!

This program is open to all 9-12th grade youth (as of August 2023). If you are a high schooler or know of one in your parish or school who is interested in diving deeper into the Catholic Faith, looking to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, and interested in Christian leadership and evangelization opportunities, then this is the perfect opportunity for you!

Complete details as well as the online application can be found at www.neworcester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team

DISCIPLESHIPTEAM

Diocesan Youth Retreat

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **May 19-21** at Anna Maria College!

The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, ample free time, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass!

The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. **Cost is \$125/person.**

Deadline to register is Tuesday, April 25th. To sign up or to get more information, go to neworcester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat.

If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org.



Learn about Becoming a Deacon

The Office of the Diaconate is accepting applications from married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 for this fall's beginning formation process.

Applications will be accepted through May 1, with classes to begin in September. Inquiry sessions will be held on request with those who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate.

To schedule a session, email your request to <u>diaconate@worcesterdiocese.org</u>, or submit an inquiry form at <u>worcesterdiocese.org/diaconate-inquiry</u>.

More information is available at <u>worcesterdiocese.org/</u> diaconate-information.



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions

April 2023

For a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

Volunteers Needed—Birthright of Hudson-Marlboro

Volunteer Opportunity! Birthright of Hudson Marlborough, serving pregnant women and babies in our community for almost 50 years, needs volunteer friendship councilors. We especially need volunteers who speak Spanish and/or Portuguese in addition to English, to meet with our many non-English speaking mothers. The commitment is 2-4 hours per month and training is provided.



Please join us in this mission of love. Contact Birthright: 508-481-2055, or birthrightofhm@gmail.com

Vianney Dinner

The final Vianney dinner before summer break is **Thursday**, **May 4** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois Street, Worcester.

The evening includes 6:05 p.m. Mass, 6:30 p.m. dinner, and 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. social.

These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation.

Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows.



An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.

Email:director@worcestervocations.com.

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3,000, to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall.

Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester.

Applicants may be in any year of law school studies.

Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications



Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated.

Application Form for the ST. ANNE PARISH OF SOUTHBOROUGH, MA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARD 2023

Awarded to high school seniors (or equivalent) who are members of St. Anne Parish graduating Spring of 2023. Please include this form with your submission.

Name:	Phone #:	
Address:		
Email:		

Two scholarships awarded each worth: \$750

Choose and answer at least one of the following questions in a **one page double spaced** response. Please note which question(s) you chose at the top of your essay.

- 1. How has your involvement with the Catholic Church changed the lives of yourself and others?
- 2. Who in your life inspires you to put your Catholic faith into practice and what examples can you provide?
- 3. How do you plan to serve God and the Catholic Church beyond school?

In addition to the application form and essay, please also submit the following:

- REQUIRED: One letter of recommendation from an adult regarding the applicant's character.
- OPTIONAL: Provide a summary of any volunteer activities you are or have been involved with, especially Church related activities.

To receive this award the applicant must:

- Be a registered member of St. Anne Parish in Southborough, MA.
- Plan to graduate high school or equivalent program in the Spring of 2023.
- Submit completed application by the deadline below.

Completed application must be received by Sunday, April 30th 2023.

Please mail to: St. Anne Parish Scholarship Committee

20 Boston Rd. Southborough, MA 01772

Or email a scanned copy to: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

READING I Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:

"You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.

Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

You who are Israelites, hear these words.

Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by

God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,

which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God,

you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.

But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,

because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him:

I saw the Lord ever before me,

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted:

my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,

because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,

nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day.

But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him

that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,

he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,

that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption.

God raised this Jesus;

of this we are all witnesses.

Exalted at the right hand of God,

he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me;

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;

because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,

nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

READING II 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works,

conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning,

realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,

handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Luke 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

THE PATH OF LIFE

GOSPEL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going

to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus.

and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,

Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

He asked them,

"What are you discussing as you walk along?"

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things

that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him,

"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over

to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;

and besides all this.

it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:

they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body;

they came back and reported

that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things

and enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going,

he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

But they urged him, "Stay with us,

for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he 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,

but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together

the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Burning Heart Moments

Third Sunday of Easter, A April 23, 2023

Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The chosen readings continue to follow a pattern through this Easter season. The first reading is a speech given by Peter in the Acts of the Apostles soon after the

Resurrection. He is speaking to a crowd of Jews, connecting the dots for them between King David and Jesus. He explains that David's statement of faith - "you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption" - was a prophecy of Jesus' resurrection. The Gospel tells the story of another appearance of the risen Jesus to his friends.

Luke gives us a beautiful story of a common Christian shared experience: having Jesus present with us in a time sadness or distress but not recognizing him at the moment. We might wonder why "their eyes were kept from recognizing him." We have probably also had experiences where Jesus' presence was clear to us even if it wasn't clear to others. For example, we might know someone whose spouse has died. In her grief she might feel entirely abandoned by God. From the outside, though, we can see how lovingly God is still caring for her. We can recognize how she is surrounded by the compassionate and kind acts of her friends and other family members. For some reason, she simply can't experience that as God's presence at the moment. Hopefully, with time, she will be able to look back on that "journey to Emmaus" and realize how Jesus was present with her.

The experience of not recognizing Jesus at the moment happens in good times too. Unfortunately, we don't always associate our "burning heart moments" with Jesus. St. Ignatius taught that the more we can pay attention to the movements of our hearts, the more we can discern how God is present to us and what God is inviting us to in the moment. For example, when considering a job change, or deepening a relationship, or taking up some new endeavor, if we feel "our hearts burning within us" that is a sign of Jesus' presence. Ignatius taught that, as in Luke's story, it helps to share these burning heart moments with someone else rather than keep them to ourselves. Another person can strengthen and validate our experience, share in our joy, and accompany us on the road back toward the Resurrection, not away from it.

Questions of the Week

- 1. Share about a time when you realized Jesus' presence with you after the fact, even though you didn't "catch" it at the time.
- 2. When have you had a burning heart moment that clued you in to something important in your life?

Afterward, they found the disciples and said, "It is true! The Lord has risen and the men when they met the disciples? has appeared to Simon." Where were

the definition. Then, write the one letter unscramble 5 of the 6 letters to answer that remains on the line below. First, in each line,



the Holy Book

the Son of God

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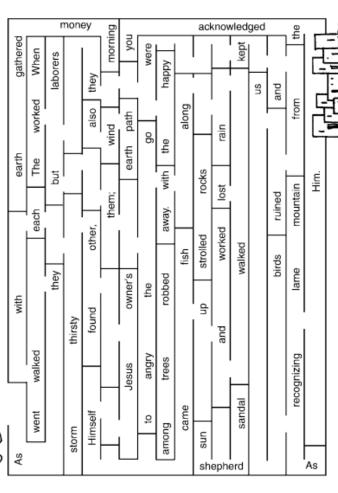
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2 of His followers were going to a village called Emmaus. What happened along the way? After Jesus rose from the dead,

Lead the followers through the maze to Emmaus and read the words along the correct path.

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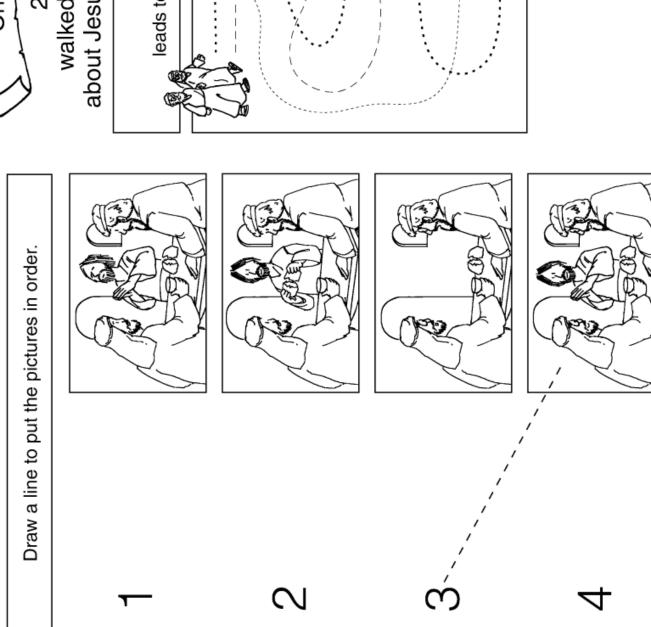
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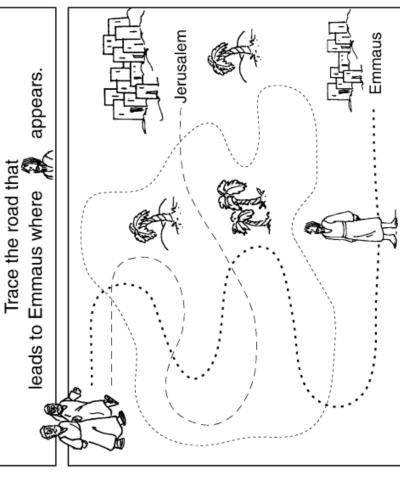
Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. Then they knew it was Jesus.



Ages 3+

On the Road to Emmaus

2 of Jesus' followers
walked to Emmaus. They talked
about Jesus' death. Jesus joined them.



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The 2 men did not recognize Jesus. They told Him about all that had happened.

