Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter (A)
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35

I'll Walk You Home

It was a very simple encounter. Two people, probably husband and wife, on their way home from Jerusalem to a neighboring village, are joined by a lone traveler walking on the same path. The couple was downcast for some reason, and the lone traveler showed interest and concern. It was nothing out of the ordinary, just simple human interest. However, it's often just such an unexpected situation that becomes a profound event of God.

Jesus was talking beside them, explaining their sacred writings, and they did not recognize him. What would it take for them to realize the identity of their companion? As he appeared to continue his journey, they offered him hospitality: "Stay with us" (Luke 24:29). Though they didn't understand who he was or everything he had said to them, their hearts were open to him and so he stayed. "At table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). That did it! Now they knew. "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

This is another moving story about the past and the present. How often we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. He is with us in the very ordinary events of life, like walking home or preparing a meal. He is there even in our misunderstandings and disappointments. When we realize this, our hearts burn within us. We begin to see that the entire world is a place of encounter. Every human action holds the possibility of revelation.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FOR *Reflection*

- *Where in your life do you meet Jesus?*
- *Where do you bring Jesus to others?*

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Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond
St. Andrew's Church

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Masses: **Saturday:** St. Andrew's~ 4:00pm
Sunday: Church of the Visitation~ 10:30am
Confessions: **Saturday:** St. Andrew's Church from 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Private Mass Intentions offered by Fathers Giroux and Amyot this week

Saturday, April 25 – The People of the Parishes

Sunday, April 26 – Robert & Jane Crump by Their Children
James Grady by his wife, Jean & Family

Monday, April 27 – Hugh Miller by Beverly Barcome
Clayton LaRose (8th Ann.) by Pat LaRose & Family

Tuesday, April 28 – Green & White Families by Jim Peets, Chad & Cathy Green
Leon Fraser by John & Gerry Richards

Wednesday, April 29 – Rosemarie Bombard by Anita Fraser
Dominic Germano by John & Sharon Cotey

Thursday, April 30 – Chet Ashley by Natalie Todd LaBarge
All Souls by Parishioners

Friday, May 1 – Thanksgiving for the Vocation of Ordained Priesthood
Duane Miller by Ron LaRue

Saturday, May 2 – Sebastian "Popeye" Fiacco by John & Jai Fiacco

Sunday, May 3 – Sharon Gauthier by Blue Spruce Friends
The People of the Parishes

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SANCTUARY LAMP

You can memorialize the sanctuary candle for an offering of $10.00.
Please contact the parish office.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

April 18 - 19, 2020 - *No Count Available*
(Will be included next week)

St. Andrew's Church

April 18 - 19, 2020 *- $1,730.00*
Adult Env. $1470.00
Maintenance $45.00, Fuel Plate $10.00
Easter $80.00, Easter Flowers $5.00
Holy Fathers $15.00, Holy Land $50.00
Votive Candles $35.00, Respect Life $10.00
Solemnity of Mary $10.00

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."

St. Andrew's of Norwood St. Patrick's of Brasher Falls
Parish of the Visitation-St. Raymond's of Norfolk

April 24, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

This is now my 6th communication with you since the celebration of public Mass was suspended on March 18th due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This week, I am going to reflect with you on the Gospel reading for this coming Sunday, *Luke 24, 13-35*.

Discouragement powerfully colors the scene at the beginning of this Sunday's Gospel reading; we can all certainly identify with that emotion. The two disciples were walking *away* from Jerusalem and appear to be *returning* to what and who they were before they met Jesus of Nazareth. We can hear their pain in what they tell the Stranger who joins them on their journey, "*We had hoped . . .*"

We have heard people start sentences that way---- "We had hoped when our son returned from deployment, but...." "We had hoped our parents would not ever have to go to a nursing home, but...." "We had hoped we would be able to meet the mortgage payments on our house, but...." "We had hoped the experimental drug would help our mother conquer her cancer, but...." We can all fill in the blanks---"We had hoped...."

Our hopes and dreams do not always get dashed like the disciples on the road to Emmaus; more often, we experience our hopes shrinking and fading, a little at a time.

Hope needs to be nourished and supported. Where do we find this support, this nourishment? Where did the two disciples on the road to Emmaus find their hope renewed and nourished?

Our hope is renewed, strengthened, nourished, and supported by the Lord and the Church—the community whose center is the Word of God and the Eucharist. Notice how Jesus brought the disciples' hope back to life—he opened the Scriptures for them on their journey, and he gathered them at Table to Break Bread. Like them, we constantly need our eyes opened to see Jesus alive and with us—in the Word and the Eucharist.

Currently, with the suspension of public Mass, we are experiencing a spiritual drought; our mandatory absence from Mass should heighten our awareness of the crucial need each one of us has for the Sunday Eucharist, it should develop in all of us a longing to gather again, as God's family, around the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist. May that day come soon!

You are always in my heart and in my prayer.

Father Gary Gerow

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER:
Did you know? ...

Did you know…**National Blue Sunday** will be held on **April 26, 2020.** It is a day churches of all faiths join together in prayer to support children and families who have been touched by abuse, and to demonstrate appreciation to those who help abuse or neglected children. Please join others across the nation in praying for children who have been abused, and for the prevention of future abuse.
A prayer for healing can be found at
https://www.rcdony.org/safeenv.html

SUMMER SOCIAL

As we sit home during this time of isolation, let's all turn our thoughts to Summer, being outdoors and being around family and friends! Let's start planning for the Annual Summer Social!

This year we will have a new appreciation for being outside in the nice weather and socializing (though it may still be from a distance!). We are in the early planning stages of this event, so we are currently looking for parishioners to donate prizes for our raffle. The donation can be a cash prize, gift card or item. We do not need to have the actual donated item until mid-August. So, right now all you have to do is call the Parish Office (315.384.4242) and let Terri know what you would like to donate. You will be hearing more about the upcoming Social in future issues of the bulletin.

Let's make this our BEST Summer Social ever!

Due to the Coronavirus local food pantries and CLPK are dealing with unprecedented increases in the numbers we serve. This month the Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry has seen its numbers double. CLPK has added six new families in just three days. (CLPK now serves over 80 families with well over 200 children!) The Norwood Food Pantry is also seeing increases!

Here are some different ways you can assist us in helping our neighbors:

Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry
Non perishable food items can be dropped off on the Parish Office **Porch** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:00-12:00
Checks can be made out to: ***Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry***
Checks can be mailed to: Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry
9 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 452
Norfolk, New York. 13667
*Note- Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry serves families from Norwood, as well as Norfolk and Raymondville

Community Lunch Program for Kids
Non-perishable Food items can be dropped off on the Parish Office **Porch** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:00-12:00.
Checks can be made out to: ***CLPK***
Checks can be mailed to: CLPK
42 S. Main Street
P.O. Box 225
Norwood, New York 13668
*Note- CLPK provides food to children in the tri-town area of Norwood, Norfolk, and Raymondville.

Norwood Food Pantry
Non-perishable food can be dropped off at John & Marcia Murray's house at 50 Spring Street, Norwood.
Checks can be made out to: ***Norwood Norfolk Raymondville Outreach***
with a note on memo line: Food Pantry
Checks can be sent to: Norwood Norfolk Raymondville Outreach
10 Maple Street
Norfolk, New York. 13668
Attn: Kelly Lustyk
Please note - this is a new address for Norwood Norfolk Raymondville Outreach donations.

PVSR PRAYER LINE – LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically especially for; *Cathy Rodger, Leo Bond, and Azlynne Williams.* If you wish to have someone listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

*Anyone from **Our Catholic Parishes** may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.*

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

ATTENTION SEWERS

Got a lot of free time on your hands? Have extra fabric just laying around? Please consider making masks for people who cannot make or purchase one. The Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry and the Community Lunch Program For Kids has been giving out masks at our distributions and the guests have been most appreciative! If you choose to make masks, they can be dropped off at the Parish Office porch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and we will pick them up and get them to people who need them!

Thanks so much for sharing your time, treasure and talents with those in need!

CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE TO SAINT JOSEPH

On May 1st, the Feast of Saint Joseph, Bishop Terry R. LaValley will consecrate the Diocese of Ogdensburg to Saint Joseph, our spiritual father, for the sake of our families, our marriages, our Church and our sick. You can read Bishop LaValley's letter by clicking here. The Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown will host the Consecration on May 1st at 11:00am. Due to the current health crisis, the Consecration will not be open to the public. You can participate and join us in prayer via livestream by clicking here.
To prepare for the Consecration to St. Joseph of our Diocese, the Office of Worship has prepared a Novena. All the prayers and video links will be available at https://www.rcdony.org/covid-19.

Dear Padre,

Why couldn't the disciples recognize Jesus after the resurrection? Do you think we would recognize Jesus if he came back today?

Before the resurrection, Jesus likely would have suffered the ravages of illness and lack of proper nutrition that all the people of his time were subject to. After the resurrection, Jesus showed he was exalted with the very power of God. Even his physical appearance had changed.

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In the poor, Jesus is with us. Here, volunteers work at a food pantry in Nashville.

In view of his glorified appearance, the disciples were able to recognize Jesus with the aid of his marks of the passion (John 20:20). No one would go to the extreme of putting nails through his own hands and feet and thrust a spear into his side to pretend he was Jesus! He bore those marks, so he *had* to be the Lord.

Another purpose of showing his disciples his glorified body was to assure them we would undergo a similar glorification. In the resurrection we shall be completely changed and perfected in our humanity (1 Corinthians 15:52).

We are sometimes slow to recognize our Lord in the ways he indicated he would be with us today: in the Eucharist (John 6:53); in the poor (Matthew 25:40); in his body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12). Coming to recognize him among us in these ways today will ensure we are more like him in our resurrection.

—Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR
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WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead."

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 24, 2017

Calendar

Monday
APRIL 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday
APRIL 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1a
Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday
APRIL 29
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 8:1b–8
Jn 6:35–40

Thursday
APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51

Friday
MAY 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1–20
Jn 6:52–59

Saturday
MAY 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 9:31–42
Jn 6:60–69

Sunday
MAY 3
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36–41
1 Pt 2:20b–25
Jn 10:1–10

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