



APRIL 26
2020



THIRD
SUNDAY OF

Easter

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

LUKE 24:35

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Today's Music

Gathering Song:

At the Lamb's High Feast

Preparation of the Gifts:

Two Were Bound for Emmaus

Communion:

Now the Green Blade Rises

Sending Forth:

Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

Today's Readings

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).



From Father Larry Adams

As we continue to navigate our way through this “stay at home” experience in which we find ourselves, a number of people have asked about the sacraments

and what it means to be temporarily separated from them. I thought I’d take a couple of minutes to talk about a few of the questions that I’ve seen people ask...

Communion & the “Easter duty”

As Catholics of the late 20th and early 21st centuries, we’re very accustomed to receiving communion each and every time we go to Mass. That’s a good thing – if we’re properly disposed, in a state of grace, then reception of the Eucharist is an awesome part of our Catholic experience! However, this dynamic might cause us to think that the *purpose* of the Mass is to *provide for the reception of the Eucharist*. That’s not the case, however. The purpose we come together to achieve is to gather as the People of God to worship God and hear His voice in the Scriptures, and – as priests in the Kingdom of Heaven (since we’re all priestly people by virtue of our baptism!) – to pray and confect the Eucharist in order to re-present Jesus’ sacrifice to God. (We don’t “re-play” Good Friday or “re-crucify Christ”, but we **do** respond to Jesus’ call to “do this as a memorial of me”, and that memorial includes re-presenting the Eucharist to the Father.). We can do all of this without receiving the Eucharist, and in the present time, that’s what we’re finding ourselves forced to do: we participate in the Mass remotely, through live-streaming, and we pray together, even if we cannot all receive the Eucharist.

But, what about the “Easter duty”? Aren’t we all required to receive the Eucharist on Easter Sunday, “or else”?!? Actually, what the Church teaches is that Catholics are required to receive the Eucharist *at least one time each year*. And, when we receive the Eucharist, we must be in a state of grace (which implies that, if we only go to confession once a year, it should be prior to that reception of the Eucharist!). And finally, *if* we only go to communion once a year, then it should be during the Easter season (not just Easter Sunday itself).

So, when we finally get a chance to gather together again for the celebration of the Mass, there will be the

opportunity to distribute communion normally. *But*, that doesn’t mean that we’re violating Church law or failing to meet the precepts of the Church in the meantime.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Especially last weekend – Divine Mercy Sunday – people were asking about the lack of availability of the sacrament of reconciliation. If we find ourselves in need of confession, what can we do?

The Church proposes two solutions for us. First, for venial sin (that is, either less-serious sin or serious sin that wasn’t chosen deliberately or in full knowledge), prayer is sufficient to obtain forgiveness. Praying at Mass meets this condition; so does praying an act of contrition or even the Lord’s Prayer (“forgive us our trespasses”, right?). Here’s the thing: it’s not ‘magic’, so it’s not like the mere repetition of words is what’s important. What’s important is the *intent* in our hearts, and the truth of what we’re saying to God. It doesn’t matter how many times we pray “Oh my God, I am heartily sorry...”; if we’re not really sorry, then repeating the prayer for the sake of repeating it doesn’t help. We have to actually *mean* what we pray!

But, what about mortal sin? The Church teaches that, when the sacrament of reconciliation is unavailable, we may pray a prayer that expresses our “perfect contrition” – that is, we pray in order to let God know that we’re sorry for our sins because they offend God. We believe that God hears and accepts that prayer. And then, when the sacrament of reconciliation is again able to be offered, we will have the opportunity to confess those sins and receive absolution.

These are difficult times, and they cause us to ask really good questions about our faith and what it really means. *That’s a good thing! It’s good to ask and learn about our faith!* And, I promise you, the Church has really good answers for each of our really good questions! Please keep those questions coming! You can always reach out to me or any of the priests of our parish with your questions!

Blessings,

Fr Larry

Our Parish Community

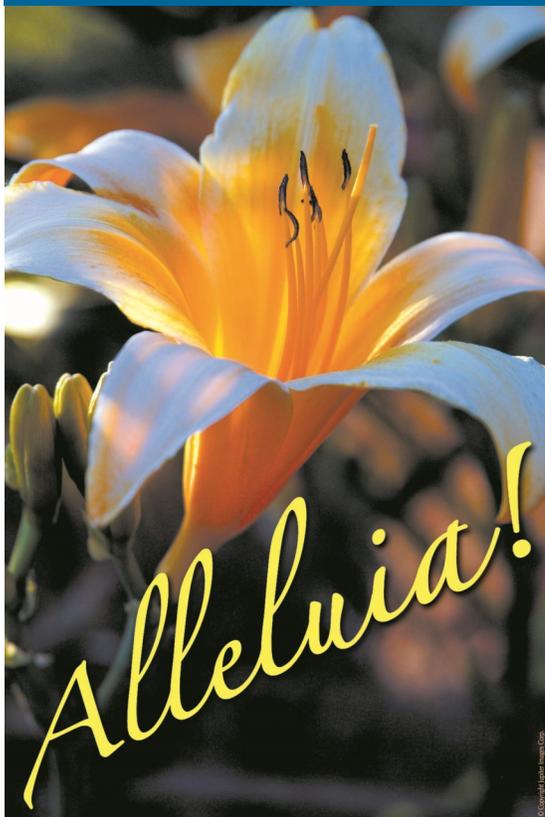
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Spiritual Communion



It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in 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.
Amen.

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Live-Stream Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 26, 2020

9:30am, (FF), For the People of our Parish

Monday, April 27, 2020

9:30am, (LA), Vince Tedesco—Mary Margaret and Debbie

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

9:30am, (AZ), Garland Family—Angel Lardo

Friday, May 1, 2020

9:30am, (TM), Rege Reinersmann Jr.—Family

Sunday, May 3, 2020

9:30am, (RT), For the People of our Parish

Legend

AZ	Fr Al Zapf
LA	Fr Larry Adams
TM	Fr Thom Miller
RT	Fr Rick Thompson
FF	Fr Faustine Furaha
B	Benedictine
TBD	To be determined
VP	Visiting Priest

Mass Intentions

With the cancelation of public Masses at the Parish due to COVID-19, many of you are probably wondering what will happen if you had a Mass intention scheduled. If you would like one of the priests to fulfill the intention in their private Masses, please email bulletin@cdsmp.org. If you would like a Mass intention rescheduled, members our parish staff will work with you when our offices reopen to schedule a new date.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

3rd Sunday of Easter



DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY

★ APRIL 2020 ★

INFORMATION & UPDATES

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

DURING THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME OUR SCHOOL CONTINUES TO OPERATE IN A VIRTUAL CAPACITY. OUR TEACHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO CONTINUE ONLINE INSTRUCTION. THEY HAVE ONLINE MEETINGS WITH STUDENTS AND ASSIGN WORK ON GOOGLE SITES AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM. THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DOING A FANTASTIC JOB ADAPTING TO THIS NEW ENVIRONMENT. WE WOULD RATHER BE IN THE BUILDING, BUT WE PRAY THAT EVERYONE IS STAYING HEALTHY AND SAFE.

REGISTRATION OPEN

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION..

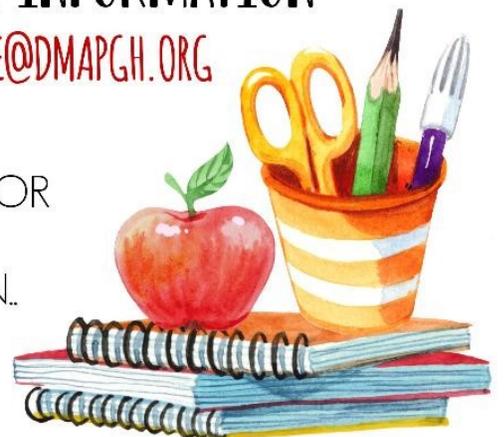
WWW.DMAPGH.ORG OR CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

DONATIONS NEEDED:

WITH THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 WE ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE SEND ANY DONATIONS TO :
DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY
245 AZALEA DRIVE
MONROEVILLE, PA 15146

CONTACT INFORMATION:

SCHOOLOFFICE@DMAPGH.ORG



DONATION CENTERS

Experience the wonder.

The blood drive scheduled on May 3, 2020 at CDS Parish has been cancelled. We have decided to cancel due to the recent CO-VID19 situation. If you have been watching the news or reading the newspaper you know the very large drop in donations and the continuing critical need for donors. If you donated at our last on-site drive on February 23rd you will be eligible to donate again on April 25th. If you are interested in donating, the community donor centers are listed here. If you plan to go YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT. Thanks so much for your dedication

Allegheny County

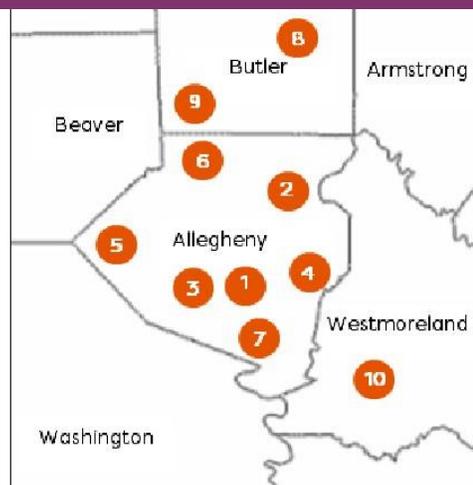
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3. Green Tree
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5. Moon Township
6. North Hills
7. South Hills

Butler County

8. Butler
9. Cranberry Township

Westmoreland County

10. Greensburg



Butler

Butler Health System - 127 Oneida Valley Road, Suite 206, Butler, PA 16001

Monday, & Thursday: noon - 7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday & Sunday: closed; Friday & Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 724.284.0038

Cranberry

Butler Centre, 2nd Floor - 20421 Route 19, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Monday to Thursday: noon - 7 p.m., Friday: closed; Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 724.776.2181

Downtown Pittsburgh

Law and Finance Building - 429 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: noon - 7 p.m.; Wed.: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Friday: closed; Saturday: closed; Sunday: closed
Park at Forbes Avenue parking garage (enter on Cherry Way) then have ticket validated at donation center. 412.467.8250

Green Tree

Five Parkway Center - 875 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Tuesday, closed; Wednesday & Thursday: noon - 7 p.m.; Friday to Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 412.208.8020

Greensburg

Greengate Commons- 6044 Route 30, Suite 300, Greensburg, PA 15601

Sunday & Monday: closed; Tuesday: noon - 7 p.m.; Wednesday: closed; Thursday: noon - 7 p.m.; Friday: closed; Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 724.838.9058

Harmar/Fox Chapel Area

2585 Freeport Road, Suite 207, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Monday: closed; Tuesday: noon - 7 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday: closed; Friday thru Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 412.828.3227

Monroeville

Building II, Corporate 1 Office Park - 4075 Monroeville Blvd, Monroeville, PA 15146

Monday to Thursday: 12 - 7 p.m.; Friday to Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 412.856.0505

Moon Township

Edgetowne Square - 1005 Beaver Grade Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Monday to Thursday: noon - 7 p.m.; Friday: closed; Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Sunday: closed 412.262.3771

North Hills

McKnight North Professional Center, Suite 600 - 9365 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Monday to Thursday: noon - 7 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Sunday: closed 412.364.2426

South Hills

The Manor Building - 4701 Baptist Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Monday & Tuesday: noon - 7 p.m.; Wednesday: closed; Thursday: noon - 7 p.m.; Friday thru Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; 412.882.3636

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Pray for the Repose of Souls

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Please visit our website (ChristTheDivineShepherd.org) for links to obituaries of those members of our parish community who have passed away.