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## Administrator's Perspective

# THANK YOU!

Well, we made it through Lent, Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum, and Easter and we are now **almost halfway through the Easter Season**. It is comforting for us to know that **our churches are still here, intact, clean, and patiently waiting for our joyful return**.

Until that happens, we are working hard to maintain the status quo, **keeping the staff on board** (as most of them are working from their homes) and still **gearing up for our July 1 merger** as well as a couple big projects, including the **elevator at Saint Teresa church** and the conversion of the **Saint Teresa school building into office space**.

This was all **carefully budgeted** months ago. However, we now have a whole new ball game and there is considerable drain on our financial resources. But it must be noted how gratifying it is that so many members of our parishes have realized this and acknowledged their obligation to support their parish.

For this reason, **many of you have maintained your usual level of giving**, and some have even come forward with extra contributions—*a few of them quite substantial*—to help us out in our time of need. Speaking for our staff members and employees to whom we are able to continue to provide a paycheck: **Thank you!**

Meanwhile, we are painfully aware that **some of you may be out of work** because your workplace has been closed and perhaps you are not able to continue your usual level of giving. We understand your predicament and know you will be contributing again as soon as you are able. If our **Food Pantry** or **Saint Vincent de Paul** organizations are able to help you out, please let us know. We're all in this together.

We also appreciate the many **cards and thoughtful notes** some of you have written to us. These mean far more to us than you probably realize. **Thank you again!**

**IN OTHER NEWS:** We have finally **sold the house on Chalfonte Avenue** in West View, right next to Saint Athanasius Church, which has owned the house for a number of years. It has been **vacant for almost two years**, and it was time to free ourselves of a building we don't need, along with taxes, insurance, utilities, and liability. The income from the sale, of course, will remain with Saint Athanasius....stay tuned for more news....

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** "It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth. I put up my thumb and shut one eye, and my thumb blotted out the planet Earth. I didn't feel like a giant. I felt very, very small. - *Neil Armstrong*



# Liturgy & Music Ministry

## Virtual Hymnal for Neighbors North Livestream Mass THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 26 April 2020



Ted Rybka

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### Gathering Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
He has washed us in the tide flowing from his open side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine, Gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
Give his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Easter triumph, Easter joy, sin alone can this destroy;  
From sin's pow'r do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

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### Responsorial Psalm: Center of My Life

Refrain: O Lord, you are the center of my life; I will always praise you,  
I will always serve you, I will always keep you in my sight.

1. Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord, "You are my God.  
My happiness lies in you alone; my happiness lies in you alone." (Refrain)
2. I will bless the Lord who give me counsel, who even at night direct my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (Refrain)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even in safety shall my body rest.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead nor let your beloved know decay. (Refrain)

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### Parish Prayer for Easter

Heavenly Father, we are about to embark on new beginnings as we face an end.  
May our eyes be fixed on the prize of your everlasting love. We ask that You lead and direct us  
as we go through new challenges of unification as one parish.

Father stay close to us so that we do not stray from You.

May we truly believe that we are better together.

You are the Good Shepherd and we are your sheep,  
so help us to keep our eyes fixed on You as we trust You in all things.

Grant us the provision for all that we need to be a new creation,  
as we journey into new beginnings as sisters and brothers in Christ.

May our hearts be open to hear and listen to the whispers of your directing Holy Spirit.

We do not stand alone in faith.

We know that we are truly better together! Amen.

## Presentation of the Altar: In Christ Alone

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can every pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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## Communion Hymn: Song of the Body of Christ

Refrain: We come to share our story, we come to break the bread,  
We come to know our rising from the dead.

1. You will lead and we shall follow, you will be the breath of life;  
Living water, we are thirsting for your light. (Refrain)
2. We will live and sing your praises, "Alleluia" is our song.  
May we live in love and peace our whole life long. (Refrain)

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## Sending Forth: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,  
Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn;  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise,  
We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

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MaryJo Robbins

## Parish Social Ministry



### Dear Bereaved.....

During this time of coronavirus, you do not have the usual opportunities to be supported by your family, friends, and faith community. Of that, we are so sorry. There is a purpose to our funeral home visits and rituals. These are the moments to give and receive support, and to talk about your loved one, sharing stories and reminiscing. This is so important to our grieving, aiding in the healing of our hearts and acceptance of the loss of a loved one.

If you have had a loved one die during this difficult time, please let us know. Without contact with the funeral homes (to schedule a Mass), we are concerned that we will not find out about the death of a parishioner. That would only add to the heartache for the family.

After we are done with this crisis, you may schedule a Memorial Mass for your loved one. We will, in the future, be able to come together and support each other. In the interim, please email me any information about a death in our faith community. We send bereavement notes to the next of kin and they receive an invitation to the November 2 All Souls Mass of Remembrance. The deceased are remembered in the prayers of the faithful at Sunday Mass. *In order to do this we need the name of the deceased and the name and address of the next of kin.* Many times the next of kin is a family member who is not a parishioner here at Neighbors North.

Should you have information concerning the death of a parishioner, please email me at [mrobbins@saintsebastianparish.org](mailto:mrobbins@saintsebastianparish.org). Thank you.

**We Are Here For You:** Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists those in our community with financial needs and our food pantry. During this challenging time of coronavirus, many have been laid off and are waiting to receive unemployment. Recent legislation should protect the unemployed from eviction or from having utilities shut off. Should you find yourself in need, please contact the Social Ministry office at 412-364-8999, ext 8637. *If we are still working remotely due to stay at home orders, please leave a message and I will return your call.*

**Food Pantry Needs:** Juice, tea, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce, corn, canned pasta sauce, jar pasta sauce, Progresso soup, hamburger helper, Uncle Ben's rice, condiments, jelly, cereal, Chef Boyardee, dishwashing soap, paper products and detergent. We have set out a food collection bin outside of Haber Hall at the St. Sebastian site. Please drop off your donations there when you are already out to take care of necessary tasks. Thank You!

**Census 2020:** Now is the time to be completing your **2020 Census**. Our input affects our representation in government and the distribution of funds for everything from highways to school lunch programs to low income housing. We all need to be counted: it is your civic duty to participate in this process. You should have received a census form in the mail but you can easily complete online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).



# The Third Sunday of Easter



Victor Boerio

A possible hazard of being involved in education as long as Aristotle and having taught many young people is that you become somewhat recognizable. In the mall, gas station, at a ball game and even in a restaurant inevitably, someone will approach me and ask if I once taught at Lawrenceville Catholic or North Catholic or even Vincentian Academy. I humbly confess that I do not always recognize them at first, but as we talk and I have time to look into their eyes it starts coming back. A while ago, a young man who had returned from the Peace Corps showed up in the pew behind my family at Sunday Mass. It took a while, but I began remembering him in a class at La Roche.

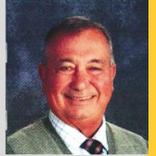
At the end of Luke's gospel, the disciples were trying to understand what happened to Jesus. Jesus was still trying to help them figure it out. Following his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples again. They still had a hard time recognizing him and figuring out if he was a ghost. To help them know he was really there with them, Jesus ate a piece of fish and asked the disciples to go out into the world to tell others the Good News. The early Church of Luke's community had the same problem, and much of Luke's writing was intended to help these new Christians see that the resurrection was indeed real. As he did at the Last Supper Jesus once again broke bread with the disciples and offered them his body.

Changes take place in all of us that prevent people who have not seen us for some time from recognizing us. When friends and relatives see our children after a long absence, they almost always comment on the changes in size, height, hair color, voice, and mannerisms. While Jesus appeared changed to the disciples and we have never even seen him at all, we still know he is with us. Each week at Eucharist, Jesus appears to us.

*Sometimes it is we who have to change in order to recognize Jesus and receive the joy he brings us in the Eucharist.*



*When we share meals, Christ is among us.*



Deacon Robert Koslosky

## Breaking Open the Word:

**Luke 24:13-35**

*"Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke?" In today's Gospel, a stranger joins the disciples as they journey to Emmaus. It was not unusual for a person living in the region at the time to invite a stranger to be their guest and share a meal. The 'stranger guest' in today's Gospel suddenly becomes the host, and the disciples receive from him the Bread of Life.*



**Listen to the Word:** This Gospel is a very familiar Resurrection story, what image touches your heart? Do you notice anything interesting about the disciples in this story?

## Look into Your Life:

**Children:** What is your favorite meal to share with your family?

**Youth:** The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

**Adults:** Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you and why.

**Just Do It:** Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings: Talk to your family about the disciples' journey to Emmaus. Discuss reasons why the disciples did not recognize Jesus. As a family, discuss ways that you can make an effort to be more aware of Jesus' presence in your lives... In the Emmaus story, the disciples did not fully recognize Jesus until they shared a meal with him. Why is mealtime an important time for your family? When have you experienced Jesus' presence at a family meal?... Discuss with your family how you recognize Jesus in your daily life.



## Third Sunday of Easter Readings



### 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 Gospel of St. 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 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. 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.

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# Youth Ministry



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**Youth Group News:**  
All events postponed until further notice.  
Keep an eye on your email for updates and new information!

Our high school Seniors lost a lot this year, so here is a ‘Senior Appreciation’ page to celebrate them! If you see any of them shown on this page or last weeks bulletin, (after all of this is over, of course) wish them congratulations on their senior year of high school!



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