THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

APRIL 24, 2022 | SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Welcome!

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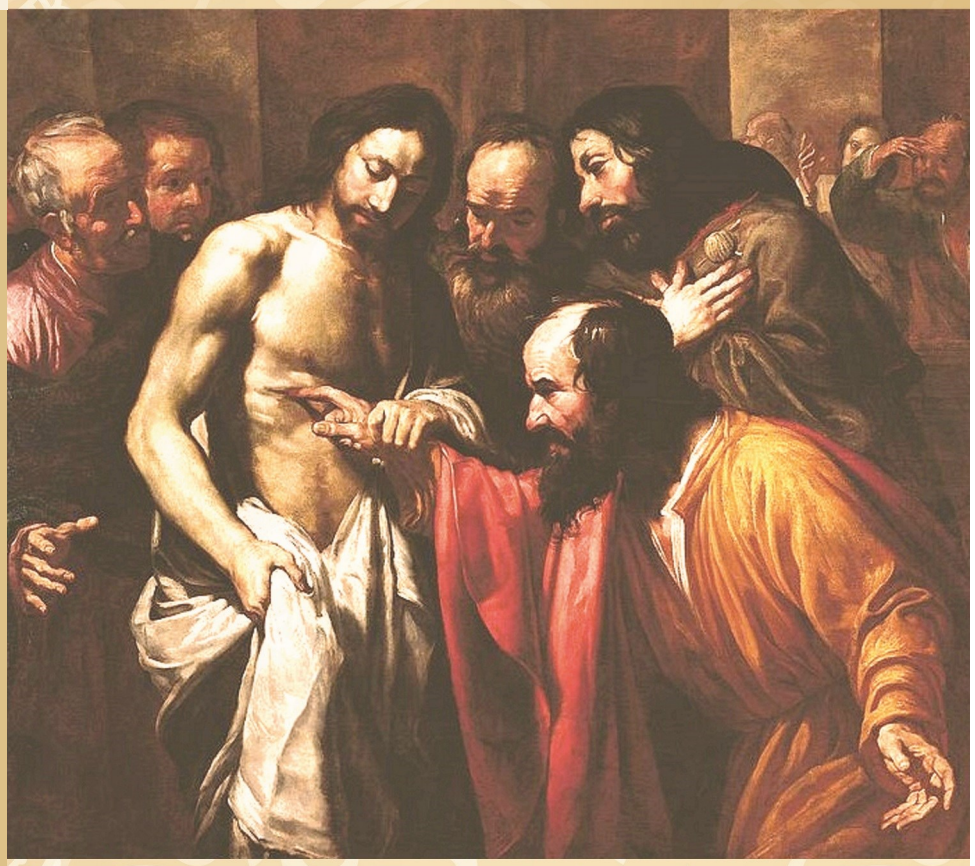
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:	4:00 p.m. at SSJ
	4:30 p.m. at SEAS
SUNDAY:	7:30 a.m. at SMOS
	8:00 a.m. at SEAS
	9:00 a.m. at SSJ
	10:00 a.m. at SMOS
	10:30 a.m. at SEAS
	11:30 a.m. at SSJ
MONDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SSJ
	12:00 p.m. at SEAS
TUESDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SMOS
	12:00 p.m. at SSJ
WEDNESDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SSJ
	12:00 p.m. at SEAS
THURSDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SSJ
	12:00 p.m. at SEAS
FRIDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SMOS
	12:00 p.m. at SSJ

Note: The schedule above does not list Holy Day or Holiday Mass Schedules.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

For arrangements call
Dcn. Jim Mackin: 412-857-5356

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death. If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for that facility.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

PENANCE:

Saturdays, except Holy Saturday

- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  at St. Margaret of Scotland Church
- Noon to 1:00 p.m.
  at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

APRIL 24		**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**
4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Agnes King by Nancy and Robert Gustine
4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Patricia Baxter by Mom and Dad
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	James Pajak by John Pajak
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Diana Groll by Traci and Mark Groll
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Kevin Heberling by Nancy and Robert Gustine
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Rose and James Harkins by Family
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	First Communion Class
APRIL 25		**FEAST OF ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Gerald Matthews by Wife and Family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Sharon and Jeff Harshman 35th Wedding Anniversary
APRIL 26		**TUESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER**
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Harry Yurchak by Pat and Chuck Bettine
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Bernadette “Bernie” Bobiak by Card Party Friends
APRIL 27		**WEDNESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Donald Pritchard by the Pritchard Family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Catherine Kyle by Chris and Ed Mundie
APRIL 28		**THURSDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Richard Deitrick by Linda and Family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Ellen Sekel by the Downey Siblings
APRIL 29		**MEMORIAL OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Frances P. McGuire by Blanche McGuire
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Larry Spezialetti by John Falbo
MAY 1		**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Michael Wurdarsky by Family
4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Catherine Kyle by Judy Yurchak
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	Fiore Osso by Angela and Saverio Verbene
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Harry Yurchak by Kay Downey Clarke
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Joseph Price III by the Joseph Price Family
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	59th Wedding Anniversary of Mary Anne and Bob Kinzler
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	Walter Bielecki by the Wasielewski Family

**anticipated Mass on Saturday evening,*

FROM THE PASTOR

Faith cannot be lived and practiced on a whim. If by whim, we will fail to know him; we will fail to understand him; we will fail the journey. The false idea that we can choose to recognize God, or not, to worship God, or not, foolishly ignores that there are consequences for the "nots".

Congratulations to the children of the parish who are this weekend receiving the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist for the first time! May their parents make every effort to be sure that their children receive the Eucharist regularly!

My most sincere thanks to all who provided their time and talent to make the Easter celebrations so joyous and beautiful: Sanctuary ministers and altar servers, choir and musicians, decorators, church cleaners, and parish staff. May God bless you well and abundantly for your selfless service!

Fr. Alek and I enjoyed numerous sacramental visits with shut-ins throughout the parish during the season of Lent. We are continuing them during this new season of Easter.

If you have family members or friends who have expressed interest in becoming members of the Catholic Church, please encourage them to contact Deacon Paul, as the RCIA process will begin again in September. The summer months afford an "inquirer" time to read and reflect prior to the beginning of formal instructions.

We would like to list in upcoming bulletins the names of the teens of the parish who are graduating from local high schools. Please email information, including a picture if you wish, to Mary Kay Smith at mksmith@straphaelcgs.org.

NEWS ABOUT THE 4:00 P.M. MASS

AT SS. SIMON AND JUDE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, May 7 at Ss. Simon and Jude Church**. While all parishioners are welcome to attend, we expect a larger turnout at that Mass which means more traffic, and the need to park in the lower lots on the campus. Please note that this Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation will take more time than the typical Saturday evening Mass.

If you are not a family member of one of the Confirmation Candidates, you may wish to consider attending the 4:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on May 7, or any other Mass on Sunday, May 8.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Susan Jason
Mary Frances Legin
Margaret Roth
Frederick Steinkirchner
Betty Jean Vogliano

Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:

Anthony Anderson
Kathy Aspinall
Clara Bielecki
Brian Bishop
Kelly Bittner
Jim Boerio
Gina Burton
Donald Campbell
Dorothy Campbell
Elisa Carsia
Helen Cassidy
Kenneth Chase
John Chraska
Rosemarie Cyprowski
Gina Dangelico
Katie Denke
Antoinette DePofi
Patty Drury
Kathi Dvorak
Jo-Ann Eller
Lena Enrietti
Patti Eurich
Helen Fallon
Vicky Feeney
Lois Ferrie
Ron Ferrie
Rosemary Ferruzza
Suzanne T. Finnegan
Gabriel Fontana
Deborah Ford
Michelle Frego
May Frye
William Gabella
Dan Gardner
Mike Gieselman
Brandon Gross
Mark Hagelauer
Margaret Harkins
Wayne Hayes
Michael Heastings
Eileen Henefeld
Mary V. Hester
Patti Howcroft
Brent Jones
Noreen Joslyn
Bob Karausky
Joanne Keating
Eleanor Kitt
Gregory M. Klemmer
Don Krally
Gloria Krally
Lori Krally
Ann Kramer
Darlene Kura
Helen Kurek
Jackie Kushner
Al LaBella
Mark Laird
Larry LaSota
John Linn
Eugene Loniero
Mary Ann Macino
Arch MacLennan
Penny Mahoney
Laura Martin
Sam Martin
Carl Masciola
Gina Massengill
Kathy McGann
Paul McIsaac
Mary Jane Mericli
Virginia Miller
John Mostowy
Joyce Mostowy
Robin Munko
Pat Murdzak
Judi Novak
Theodore Novak
Mario Oliverio
Linda Perris
Charles Perry
Diane Perry
Elizabeth Pfender
Nancy Pistella
Carol Poecking
Lou Pofi
Robert Prevost
Diane Pritchard
Michele Rea
Bucky Recaldini
Dave Redman
Paxton Renk
Florinda Rosemeyer
Helen Salamon
Andrew Patrick Schade
John Schenk
Ann Scheuble
Mary Socci
Genevieve Sonson
Teresa Stacy
Jaime St. Ledger
Judye Suhy
Bob Super
Rob Super
Ed Sutilla
Rose Talmonti
Jerry Tokar
Rosemarie Toth
Allen Turske
Stephanie Vail
Mary Kay Walsh
James Walther
Joan Wrona
John Zajicek
Kathy Zajicek

and all who are sick and in need of our prayers.

TABERNACLE CANDLE Dedications

There are tabernacle dedications available now at all three churches.

There are also daily Mass intentions available at all three churches.

Please call the office to inquire.
412-857-5356

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

4/6/2022 Through 4/12/2022	$28,799

2022 Parish Share

2022 Goal	$259,095
Monthly Due to the Diocese	$25,910
4/6/2022 thru 4/12/2022	$107,225
Received to date	$238,755
Balance Due to Goal	$20,340

The second collection this weekend is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please give generously so that we may continue to be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in need.

If you would like to contribute to the parish, consider using our online giving tool. You can set up recurrent payments, or make a one-time gift!

Scan the code to learn more and/or get started now. OR visit our **website:** straphaelcgs.org

Note:
Churches are listed alphabetically in this bulletin and online.

Unless otherwise noted, the bulletin deadline is
Monday at Noon.
Email: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- This weekend is the last weekend of the month so we will have a special blessing for those who celebrate the Anniversary of their Sacrament of Matrimony. After all Masses this weekend, couples with an April anniversary may come forward after the Mass for a special blessing.
- **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated at Ss. Simon and Jude Church at the 11:30 a.m. Mass today. See page 13 for more information.
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church on May 7. Read more about it on page 13.
- The Spring Bereavement Support Group begins this Thursday. See page 14.
- On Friday, May 6, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, join us for a Candle Lighting Service and Rosary for Mothers. See page 14 for details and learn how you can request a candle to be lit for your mother.
- Ramble along with us. The Raphael's Ramblers (our walking group) will be meeting soon. See page 12.
- Save the date! Guardian Angel Academy's Kennywood Picnic Day is Wednesday, June 22. See page 17 for the latest news
- The Golden Agers are back in action! Come to our luncheon-meeting on May 4. Learn more about the meeting *and* see what we have planned for a little get-away! It's all on page 17.
- The Christian Mothers and Women's Guild will hold their End of Year Dinner at Gaetano's on Banksville Road on Thursday, May 12. Members who have questions or forgot to register should call Lori Dedola: 412-302-9143

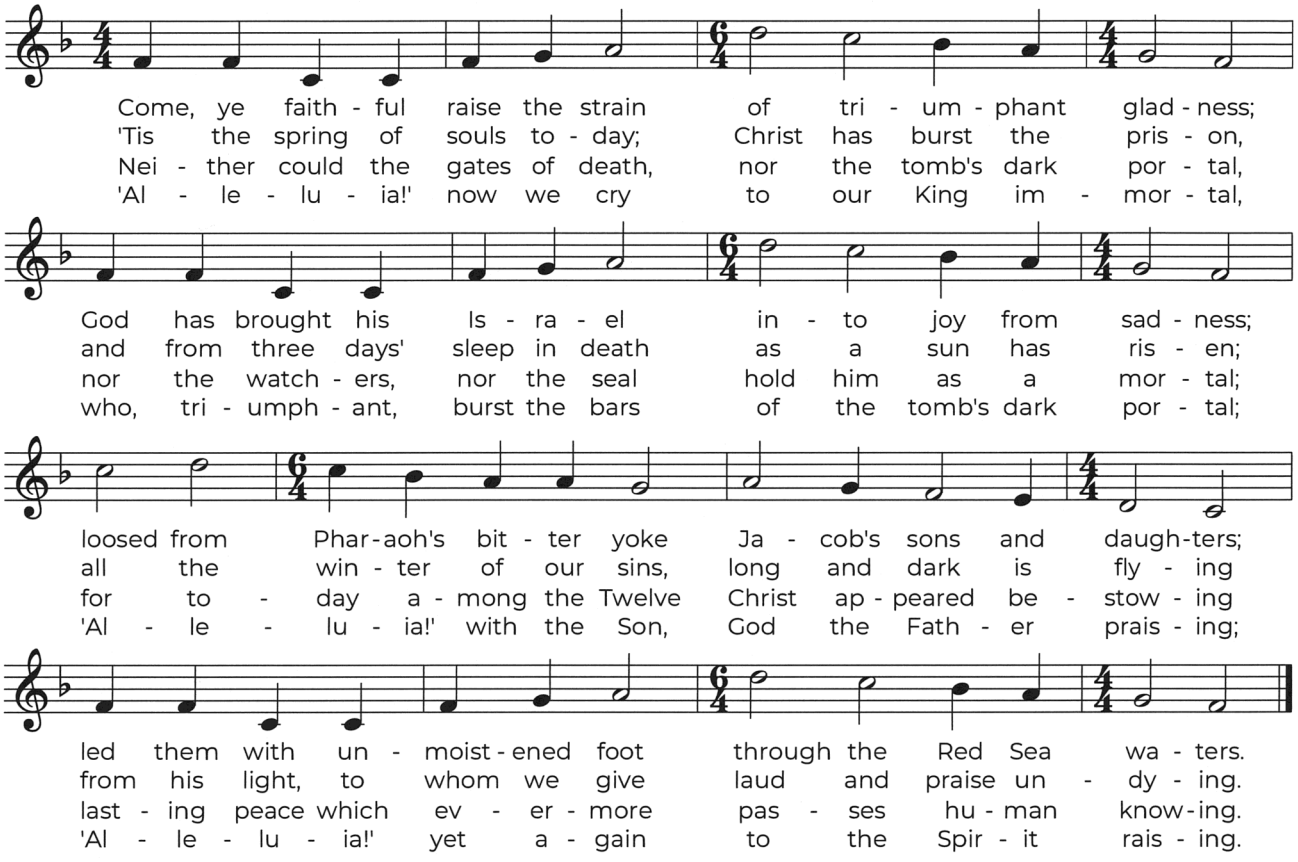
THIS & THAT

- Obligation to attend Mass in person was revived in August, 2021. The live-streamed Masses do not fulfill your Sunday obligation if you are healthy and able to attend Mass in person.
- Beginning this weekend, we will no longer offer the Mass from the radio with outdoor Holy Communion distribution. Please join us inside for the Mass.
- We are looking for a generous soul to be the chairperson for our giant Flea Market which is held at our Parish Festival in July. Call Peg Sembrat if you are interested, or would like more information: 412-276-3102.

The Palm Sunday Cross Workshop was a big success with participants spanning four generations! Many thanks to those who organized this family event, and to Fr. Grecco for blessing the crosses that were made.

See more pictures on page 16.

ENTRANCE HYMN | COME YE FAITHFUL RAISE THE STRAIN



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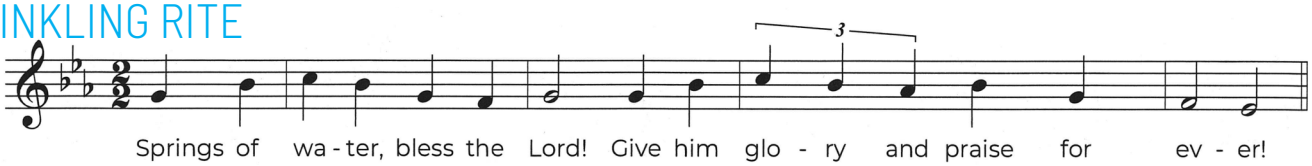
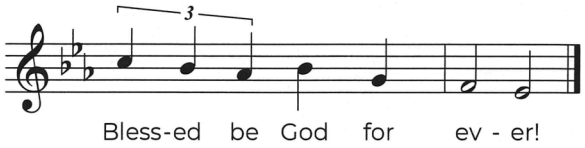
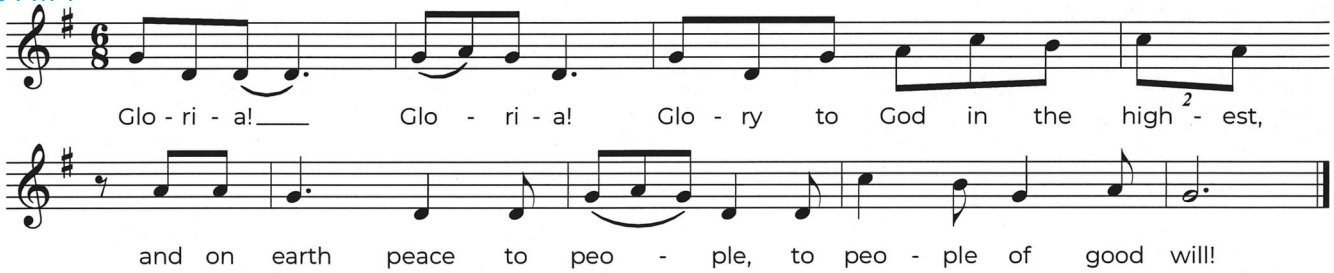
SPRINKLING RITE



Oceans of earth, sing glory to God! Praise to ..... O blessed be God for ever!
Rivers and lakes, sing glory to God! Praise, all. ..... O blessed be God for ever!
Brooks of the hills, sing glory to God! Praise to ..... O blessed be God for ever!
Showers and springs, sing glory to God! Praise, all ..... O blessed be God for ever!



GLORIA



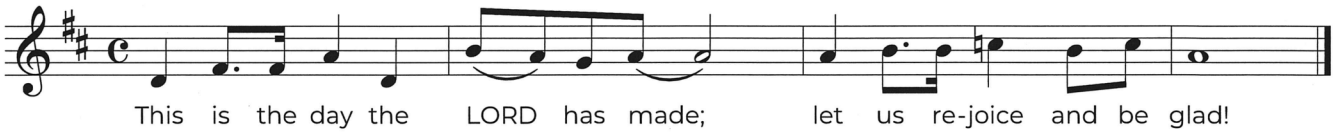
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks [thanks] for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us [have mercy on us]. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father [of God the Father]. *after final refrain, add:* Amen. [Amen.]

FIRST READING | ACTS 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people
at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in
Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them,
but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever,
believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women,
were added to them.
Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid
them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by,
at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.
A large number of people from the towns
in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered,
bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits,
and they were all cured.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118:1-2,16-17, 22-23



1. Give praise to the LORD, for he is
good; his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

2. The LORD's right hand has done
mighty deeds; his right hand is
exalted. I shall not die, I shall live and
recount the deeds of the Lord.

3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

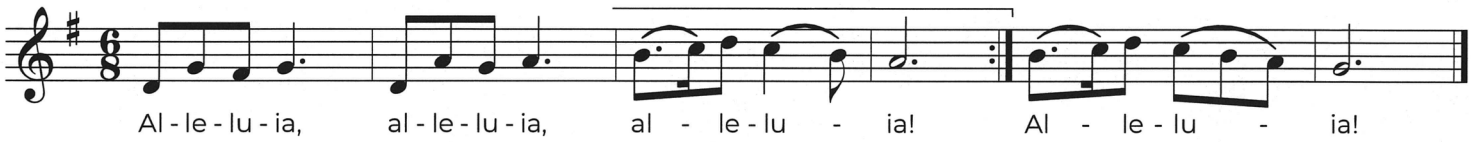
Text: Psalm 118: The Revised Grail, Conception Abbey © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: Fr. James C. Chepponis, ©1994, 2011

SECOND READING | REVELATION 1:9-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother, who share with you
the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in
Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos
because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to
Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day
and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which
said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see
whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I
saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the
lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length
robe, with a gold sash around his chest.
When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as
though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said,
"Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who
lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.
I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down,
therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and
what will happen afterwards."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | JOHN 20:29



You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

GOSPEL | JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his
side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
And when he had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."
Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.
So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."
But he said to them,
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands
and put my finger into the nailmarks
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
Now a week later his disciples were again inside
and Thomas was with them.
Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.
But these are written that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

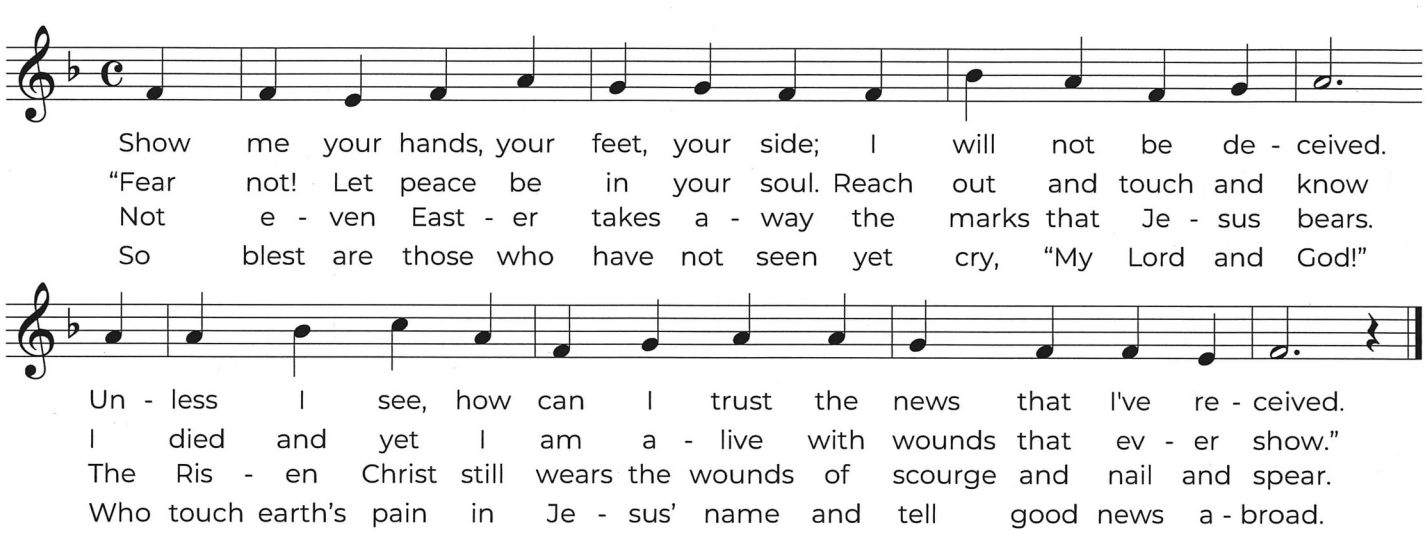
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(bow at the following bolder words)
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the
Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through
the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN | SHOW ME YOUR HANDS, YOUR FEET, YOUR SIDE



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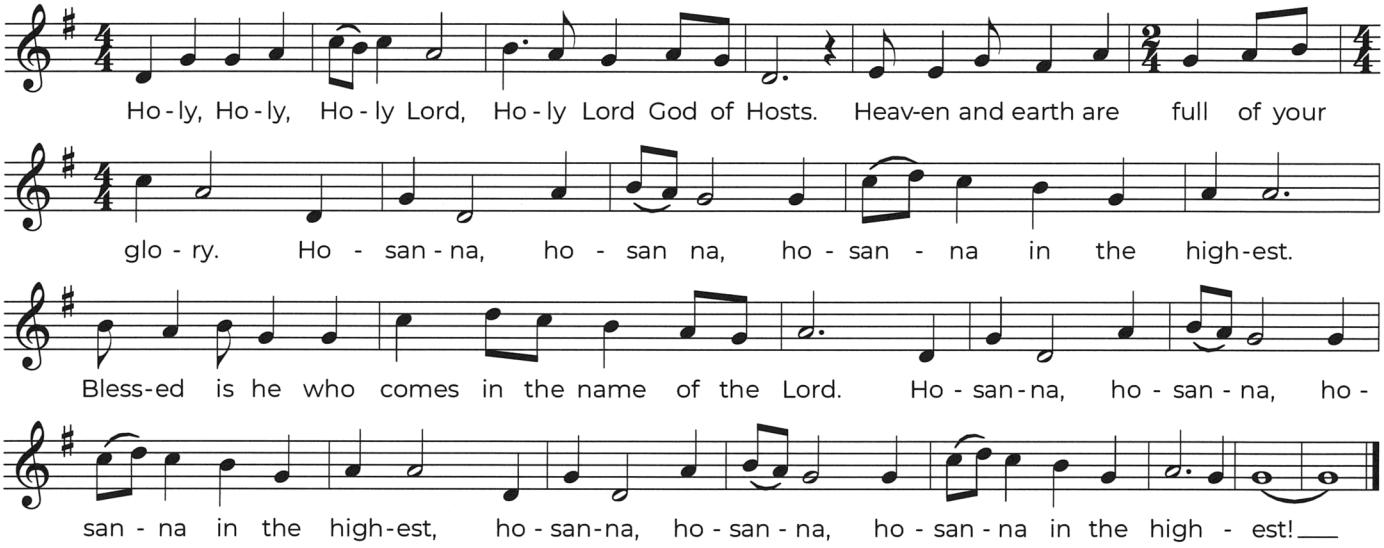

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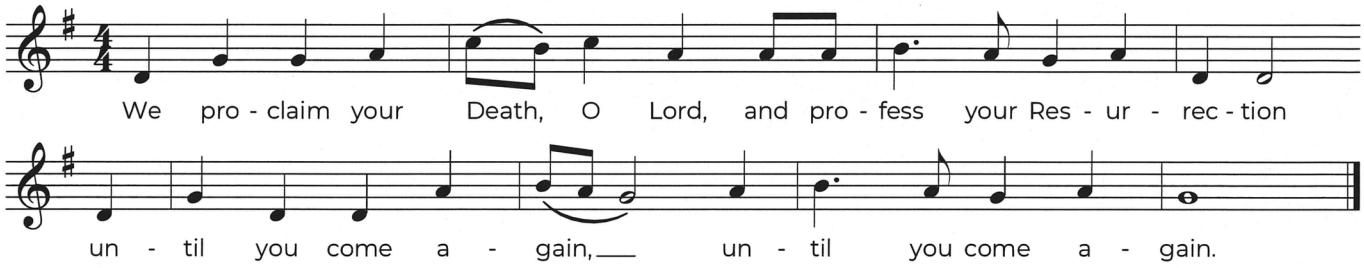
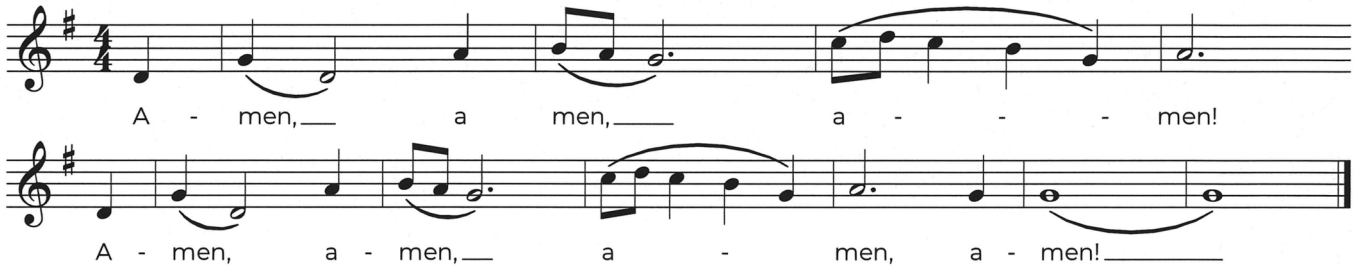
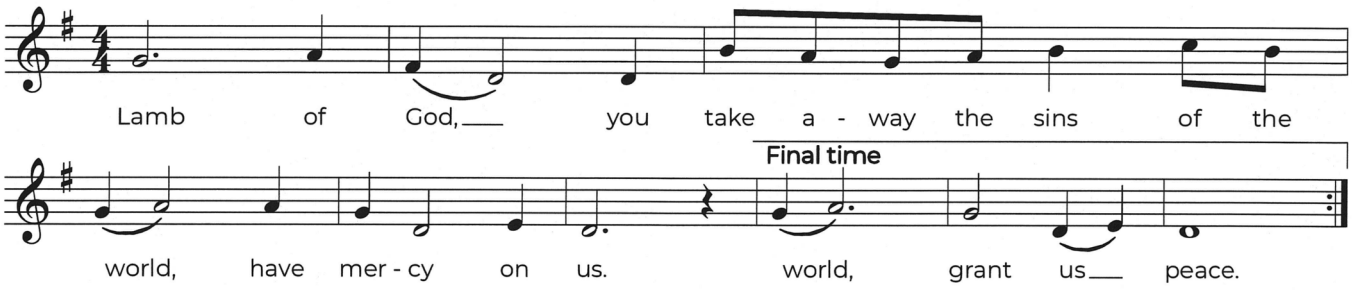


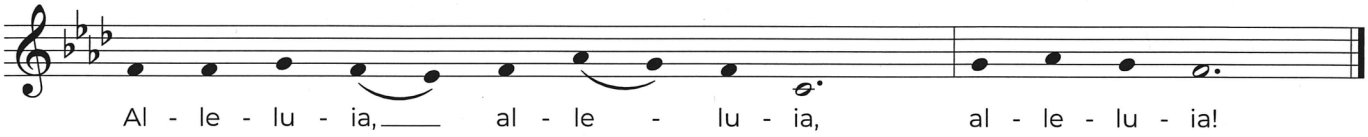
GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN | O SONS AND DAUGHTERS



1. O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n the glorious King, O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!
2. That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
3. An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spoke unto the three, "Your Lord has gone to Galilee." Alleluia!
4. That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear, and said, "my peace be on all here." Alleluia!
5. When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
6. "My wounded side, O Thomas, see; behold my hands, my feet," said he, "Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
7. No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
8. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise, in laud, and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, Mode II, French Carol, 15th C; accomp. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010 ©1975, GIA Publications, Inc.
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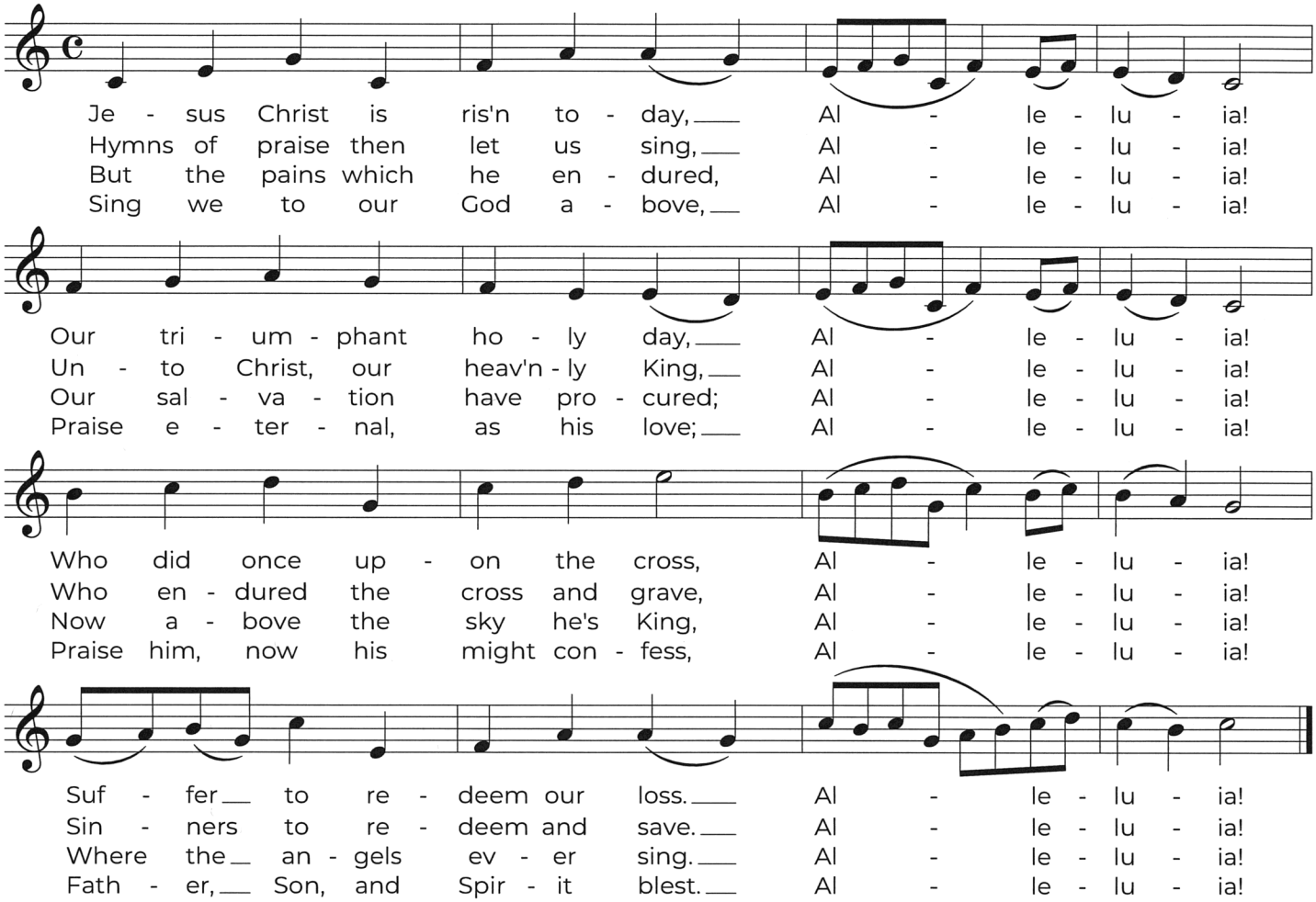
RECESSIONAL HYMN | JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



Tune: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708 Text: Stanza 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin 14th C.; Stanza 2-3, *The Compleat Psalmodist*, c.1750; Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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Celebrating the Sacraments

at the Great Vigil of Easter

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Congratulations and God's blessings to the members of this year's RCIA program who received their Sacraments at the Great Vigil of Easter (pictured left):

Catechumens	Confirmation Name
Mackensie Taylor Ellis	Anne
Savannah Lynn Roell	Martha
Candidates	
Elizabeth Anne DeFide	Isabella
Connie Nicole Flinn	Elizabeth Ann
Allan John Furrer	Francis of Assisi
Edward Lewis Scott	Ambrose
Rachel Lynne Welsh	Terese of Lisieux

Baptism

We celebrate the Baptism of Iris Saldanha, daughter of Marwin and Richelle DCosta Saldanha.

She was Baptized at Ss. Simon and Jude Church by Fr. Alek Schrenk.

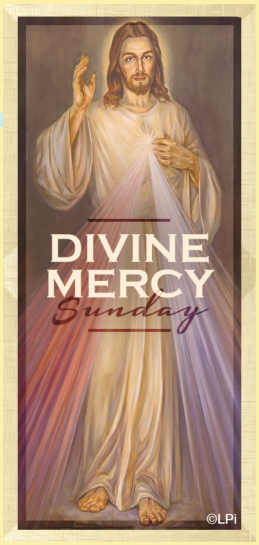
Her godparents flew in from Mumbai just for the occasion!

Congratulations and God's blessings to you, little Iris, and to your entire family!

Many thanks to the family for sharing their wonderful photos with us!

Caring Corner

CARING † GIVING † SERVING



"His (Jesus') person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion."

– Pope Francis in *The Face of Mercy*

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray for all who are struggling, doubting, suffering, and grieving in our parish, our community, our country, and our world. We pray to grow in trust of the mercy of our Risen Savior, and to be grateful for His mercy. Consider taking some time to contemplate the words our Risen Lord revealed to Saint Faustina that she shared in *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul.*

"May we proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy." (No. 301)

"You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners." (No. 1397)

"There is no way to heaven except the way of the cross. I followed it first. You must learn that it is the shortest and surest way." (No. 1487)

"My child, know that the greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and an exaggerated anxiety. These will deprive you of the ability to practice virtue. You should not become discouraged, but strive to make My love reign in place of your self-love. Have confidence, My child. Do not lose heart in coming for pardon, for I am always ready to forgive you." (No. 1488)

"My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing." (No. 1488)

"Speak, My beloved child, for I am always listening. I wait for you. What do you desire to say?" (No. 1489)

"Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart." (No. 1695)

Jesus, I trust in You!

A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF
SSgt David Blackhall, USAF
SPC Casey Busch, Army
SSgt Kristiana Coote, USAF
LTC Ronald Gaudelli, Army
2LT Matthew Grebinoski, Army
Sgt Kyle Lamb, USMC
COL Christopher Marchetti, Army
1LT Matthew Montanaro, Army
SGT Alexander L. Novelli, Army
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1stLt Anthony Redondo, USMC
Cpl Jordan M. Rush, USMC
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TSgt Justin F. Smith, USAF
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SGT Gregory Timmerman, Army
SPC Adam Trombetta, Army
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Raphael's Ramblers

In May, all are welcome to join us for a Tuesday evening walk on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. and/or a Sunday afternoon walk on May 22 at 1:00 p.m. We will meet at the Blessed Mother shrine in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot for opening prayer asking the intercession of St. Raphael, our walking, healing Archangel patron! After a fun walk and chat with other parishioners, we will close with prayer. All participants walk at a pace comfortable for them and can walk the entire 45-60 minutes or not. In May, we will talk about our schedule for the summer. Participants in the Ramblers have reported that our walks build fellowship, lift spirits, and are fun! For more information, contact Laura at 412-857-5356, ext. 431. In the case of heavy rain, we will cancel.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

Today we rejoice with our 43 First Holy Communicants of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish and Guardian Angel Academy as they receive their First Holy Communion at 11:30 a.m. Mass at Ss. Simon & Jude Church. Please pray for these children that they may have a lifetime of encountering Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with the same zeal as they have on this special day.

CONFIRMATION DAY

We have 36 young men and women who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Most Reverend Bishop David A. Zubik during Mass on Saturday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. Please pray for our young men and women as they complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

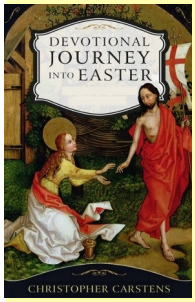
All Confirmation Candidates and sponsors must attend rehearsal on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. If your sponsor is unable to attend, please bring someone to stand in for rehearsal only. Rehearsal should last approximately one hour.

FAITH FORMATION

The 2021 - 2022 Faith Formation program will hold its final session this Monday evening, April 25 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Pictures of our Easter Egg Hunt will be in next week's bulletin. If you have a picture of your little one from the event, we would love to feature it in the bulletin. Send your photo by Noon on Monday to Mary Kay Smith: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org.

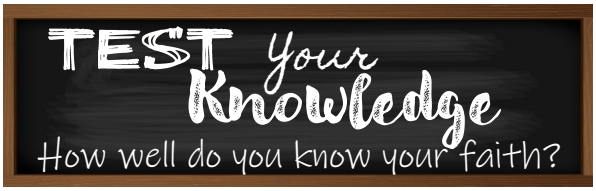


A DEVOTIONAL JOURNEY INTO THE EASTER MYSTERY

Thanks to our parishioners who participated in the six week adult education class on Wednesday evenings throughout the Lenten Season. We grew together spiritually with a richer and fuller understanding of Lent, Holy Week and each of the three days of the Triduum.

On the last night of class, each participant made an Easter Candle which was blessed by Father Grecco.

Congratulations to Joan Reale who won the raffle for the Easter gift!



1. **This Sunday may be referred to as**
   a. The 2nd Sunday of Easter
   b. Divine Mercy Sunday
   c. Quasimodo Sunday
   d. All of the above

2. **"Unless you eat the _____ of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53).**
   a. holy food
   b. bread
   c. supper
   d. flesh

3. **In Greek, *eucharist* literally means _____.**
   a. holy meal
   b. Christ within
   c. thanksgiving
   d. food for the soul

4. **Complete and total communion with God is called**
   a. impossible
   b. uber-communion
   c. heaven
   d. mega-communion

5. **It is _____ to miss Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.**
   a. no big deal
   b. a sin
   c. allowed for sports
   d. optional

6. **In order to receive your First Communion, you must be baptized.**
   a. True
   b. False

7. **If you only receive the consecrated host and not the Blood of Christ, you only receive half of Jesus.**
   a. True
   b. False

8. **Once they have received their First Communion, Catholics in a state of grace can receive Communion _____.**
   a. daily for the rest of their lives
   b. only on Sundays
   c. 10 times a day
   d. if they never sin again

Answers on page 18

MOTHER'S DAY CANDLES

Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day. Remember your mother, living or deceased, in a special way by having a candle lit in her honor or memory. For a donation of $10.00, a candle with your mother's name will burn in prayer for her in St. Margaret of Scotland Church for a full week. There will also be a display of the mothers' names. We have a limited number of candles, so please place your order early!

Please complete and cut out the attached form, and place the form and payment in an envelope marked, "Attention: Care Ministry." Envelopes may be placed in the Sunday collection or dropped off or mailed to the Parish Administration Center in Carnegie.

All orders must be received in the office by Monday, May 2. Proceeds from Mother's Day Candles will be used toward Care Ministry materials, events, and activities.

MOTHER'S DAY CANDLE ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Circle one:

In Honor of (if living) OR In Memory of (if deceased)

Your Mother's Name:

_____

_____

Requested by:

_____

_____

Phone Number:

_____

ENCLOSE $10:00 PER CANDLE ORDERED.

Circle one:

Cash OR Check #_____

Thank you!

On Friday, May 6 we will have a

Candle Lighting Service & Rosary for Mothers

at St. Margaret of Scotland Church following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

We are offering a six week Bereavement Support Group to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Whether your loss was recent or not, you are welcome to join us for prayer, support, discussion, and fellowship. Our small group will provide a safe, confidential place to share experiences and move through grief and sorrow toward healing, but is not counseling. The group will meet live from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on six consecutive Thursdays: April 28, May 5, 12, 19, and 26, and June 2. We will gather in the Church Hall at Ss. Simon and Jude. Please contact Laura at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to register or for additional information.

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY REGISTRATION

Guardian Angel Academy is taking registrations for the 2022 – 2023 school year. We offer Preschool (PreK-3 & PreK-4) through 8th Grade with a challenging curriculum in a faith-filled environment.

Please contact the School Office at 412-922-4765 or visit our website at guardianangelacademy.org for more information or to schedule a tour. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify.

Registration is available online at:
guardianangelacademy.org/registration
Financial Aid information is online at: **diopitt.org/affordable**

We welcome to our Parish the
Fletcher Family
Harrison, Tina, and Beckham
and
Mackensie Ellis

We're so glad you're here!

THE EUCHARIST

This Sunday, as we celebrate the First Holy Communion of our students, let us take a moment to remind ourselves about this tremendous Gift of Love.

From USCCB.org:

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently.

The reception of the Most Holy Eucharist is a privilege. The Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the Lord Jesus is given to us as “bread from Heaven” and “food for the Journey.” That the Eucharist is a gift does not preclude the expectations that come before receiving and after reception. The Eucharist is not a reward but a remedy. For a remedy to work, you must desire to be healthy and live in a manner that indicates your desire to be healthy. Reception of the Eucharist requires that the recipient be in a “state of Grace”. That indicates that there are no mortal sins to which the soul is attached. A regular examination of conscience will help to determine that aspect of readiness. Reception also indicates Union with the Church and Her teachings. Daily life is a good indication of that aspect.

There is always a danger that the reception of the Eucharist becomes literally “pedestrian”. We walk up an aisle to receive Jesus, because that’s what we do at that time of the Mass. Often there is little spiritual or practical preparation (although there is a requirement for one-hour fasting from food and drink -except water and medicine-prior to receiving).

It is possible that there are those who cannot or should not receive the Eucharist. Attention to spiritual health (regular reception of the sacrament of penance, living life in harmony with the Gospel) is a necessity.

For the practical aspect of reception:

be sure to bow prior to reception of the Eucharist. Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ." This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.

Do not break or crush the Host, as the crumbs in particles are as sacred as the Host in its entirety (if you need a smaller portion of the Host, just alert the minister). Step to the side to consume, allowing the next person to move up, but DO NOT walk away with the Eucharist in hand.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

WERE YOU MARRIED OUTSIDE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND NEED TO VALIDATE YOUR MARRIAGE SO THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST AGAIN?
It may be easier than you think.
Let Fr. Grecco or Fr. Schrenk answer your questions about marriage, annulments, and receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony. Don’t listen to rumors. Get the facts.

Palm Sunday
CROSS MAKING

On Palm Sunday, families and friends joined together to create sacramentals. Palm crosses were made to hang on a door or give to a friend.

Not only are the crosses a beautiful decoration for the home, but they are also a reminder, for all to see, of Jesus' journey from His entrance into Jerusalem (palm branches), to His death (the cross), to His rising to new life (the lily).

Many thanks to Donna Pencosky for her talent and expertise, and to Bill Pencosky for assembling the crosses.

PRAY FOR PEACE

We've created a poster for you to display in your home or office. It is an image of the Blessed Mother that was selected by Fr. Jason Charron, pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie. This ancient image is from St. Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv. You may obtain this poster by clicking on the image on our homepage: straphaelcgs.org.

We continue to receive your generous donations toward our beautiful Easter Flowers.

—The following were received after the early bulletin deadline.—

In honor of

Rev. Robert Grecco and Rev. Aleksandr Schrenk
by Cathy & James Howe

and in loving memory of

The deceased of the Johnson and Fisher Families
by Marjorie Fisher

Janice Volante, Cynthia Larouche, Peg and John Audia, Margaret and Joe Howe
by Cathy & James Howe

Judith and David Kiel, Rev. William J. Kiel, Elizabeth Kiel, Clara Kiel, Jean and Robert Crusan, Agnes Myslewski, Terrence Patrick Daugherty
by Gerard Kiel

Pauly and Ben Kubicsek
by Charlotte Morrison

Greg Parris
by Carol Parris

Donald Pritchard, Melissa Bender Ravas, Ryan Ravas
by the Pritchard Family

The deceased of the Cecelia and Rodi Families
by Anne & Paul Rodi

Jean and Felix Sacco, Elissa and Tensa Sacco
by the Sacco Family

Ralph Del Sardo, Eileen and John Scanlon, Stephanie Del Sardo, Cindy Balzer, Robert Panzino, Eileen Hedges
by Denise & John Scanlon

Rosemarie and John Kraves, Virginia and Don Schenck
by Catherine & Edward Schenck

The deceased of the Wagner and Steiner Families
by Maureen Wagner

The deceased of the Wiseman and Kelsch Families
by Deborah & Lawrence Wiseman

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers
will be meeting on Wednesday, May 4
at 1:30 p.m. in St. Luke Hall
of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Since this is the first meeting in 2022, we ask that you please call Don Cain to let him know if you are planning to attend. (He has to order the cake and ice cream for this Mother's Day lunch.)
Call after 6:00 p.m.; leave your name and number of people attending.
RSVP by April 27.
Don Cain: 412-279-0885

Buddy
The BUDDY HOLLY Story

Join us for a one-day get-away!

Thursday, June 23
at the Pasquerilla performing Arts Center
on the campus of the
University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown.

You will get transportation on a Luxury Coach from Carnegie, Dinner, and a ticket to see *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story.*
It is all for just $85.
Must be paid by June 11.

Call Don Cain after 6:00 p.m. to learn more and/or reserve your spot! 412-279-0885

Kennywood

Guardian Angel Academy's school picnic will be on Wednesday, June 22. Tickets will be on sale at the school on Thursday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for $29. 99 per ticket. Only cash or money orders will be accepted; no personal checks. New this year, the school tickets are good 7 days a week in April, May, and June. After June 30, a $35 surcharge will be added to the school ticket at the gate.
Tickets may also be purchased by calling Jenny at 412-922-6558.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Second Sunday of Easter goes by many names — maybe more names than any other day in the liturgical year. As the first Sunday after Easter, it is the second Sunday in the Easter season. It's also the Octave Day of Easter, meaning that it marks the end of the eight-day period of solemnity that follows our greatest feasts. If you came to daily Mass on the weekdays after Easter, you probably noticed that the feast never stopped — there's a Gloria every day. That extended celebration ends after today, the Octave Day. Old traditions give even more names to this Second Sunday of Easter. You may hear it called Low Sunday — since it is celebrated with less solemnity than the great feast of Easter that preceded it. (And maybe at this point, after Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, and the Octave, priests are just about burned out!) Yet another name is *Dominica in albis depositis,* or *Dominica in albis* for short. This is a Latin phrase that means "the Sunday when the white is put away," referring to the newly baptized Christians who would wear their white baptismal robes all throughout the first week of Easter. Today has always been a day of special recognition and prayer for our newest members initiated at the Easter Vigil. Yet *another* name is Quasimodo Sunday. No, the Sunday is not named for the Hunchback of Notre-Dame! In fact, it's the other way around. In Victor Hugo's novel, the poor bell-ringer is discovered as a baby on the steps of the cathedral on Quasimodo Sunday. That name comes from the first words of the ancient entrance chant for the day — *Quasimodo geniti infantes:* "As newborn babes, desire the rational milk without guile, that thereby you may grow unto salvation" (1 Peter 2:2), a reference, once again, to the Christians newly born into the Church by baptism. Finally, since the year 2000, the Sunday has been celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II gave it this additional designation in recognition of the visions of the Divine Mercy of Jesus received by St. Faustina Kowalska in the early twentieth century. In St. Faustina's diary, she writes: "Low Sunday; that is, the Feast of the Divine Mercy, the conclusion of the Jubilee of Redemption. When we went to take part in the celebrations, my heart leapt with joy that the two solemnities were so closely united" (*Diary*, 420). Needless to say, whatever you call it, today is a special day in the life of the Church — celebrate it well! —Fr. Alek

Answers from page 13

1. **d.** See Fr. Alek's column above.
2. **d.** Christ himself invites us to receive the Eucharist and receive eternal life.
3. **c.** Eucharist is how the faithful express their gratitude to the Father for creating all things, for saving us through Christ, and for making us holy through the Holy Spirit (see CCC, 1360).
4. **c.** Loving God and our neighbor is the beginning of heaven in this life. Full communion with God only happens after death when we see God face-to-face. Choosing to not love God and our neighbor excludes us from communion with God and results in eternity in hell (see CCC, 1033)
5. **b.** "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. The faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin" (CCC, 2181)
6. **True.** Baptism is the beginning of the Christian life. Without it, a person has not begun their initiation into the Body of Christ with which they seek communion during the Eucharist.
7. **False**. Christ is sacramentally fully present under each of the species. All the graces of the Eucharist are received even if only the bread is received (see CCC, 1390).
8. **a.** Christ desires communion with us, therefore the Church offers the Eucharist every day for those who wish to seek the deepest friendship with the Lord.

HERE FOR YOU

Mercy in Action

Sick Calls

If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for the facility, or let us know so we can get you the proper spiritual care. Because of the HIPAA law, treatment facilities are not permitted to release your information to us unless you or your family give them permission to do so.

Home Visits

If you are homebound and desire Holy Communion and/or the Sacraments of Healing (Penance or Anointing of the Sick) please call Laura at the parish office: 412-857-5356 ext.431

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

412-444-5424

If you are in need, SVdP may be able to assist you. Individual cases are confidentially evaluated and help is provided as our resources and guidelines allow. A variety of direct services including clothing, furniture, utility assistance, and more may be available.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry*

412-489-5848

Our pantry supports local families who are unable to make ends meet or who have experienced a recent crisis. This second branch of our SVdP outreach program is specific to the mission of feeding the hungry. Open Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon; stop by or call to learn more. **Located at the Administration Center in the back of the building: 330 Third Avenue (rear) The street is named Barrett Way.*

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AT SS. SIMON AND JUDE
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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms
For arrangements please call Dcn. Jim Mackin.

Marriage
Arrangements must be made with one of the priests *at least six months before* the proposed date of the wedding.

Penance
Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, and Noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Church

Anointing
Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death.
If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

Note:
You must be a registered and active parishioner for at least **six months** before requesting sacramental sponsor forms. Please allow **three weeks** for completion.

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