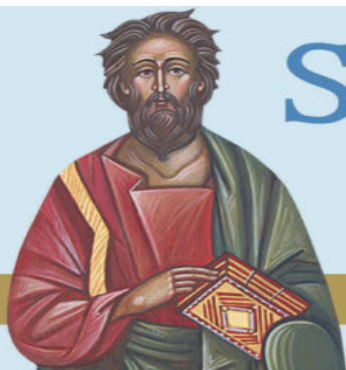




SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 4, 2025



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 3		FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Rupert Martinko by Wife, Elaine	Fr. Pierre
4:00 pm	DON	Louise & Clyde Willebrand by Daughter Becky Stewart & Family	Fr. Levi
5:00 pm	CHA	Lorraine Caruso by Caruso Family	Fr. Jerry
6:00 pm	MON	Don Pietroboni by Betty Bailey	Fr. Levi
May 4		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	Virginia E. Stefko by Eugene J. Stefko & Family	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Tom
10:30 am	CHA	First Communion Mass	Fr. Levi
11:00 am	MON	Harry R. Henrich by Daughter, Barbara Allen	Fr. Pierre
12:30 pm (Haitian)	CHA	Unity in the Body of Christ	Fr. Pierre
May 5		MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	
8:30 am	CHA	Tom Kruppa by Michelle Kruppa	
May 6		TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	
8:30 am	DON	Lesovic Family by Alice & Allan Bamford	
May 7		WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	
7:00 pm	MON	Joe & Norma Reale by Jan Trumpie	
MAY 8		THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	
8:30 am	DON	Donald & Joan Dolnack by Charles & Patricia White	
MAY 9		FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	
8:30 am	MON	Alice Bennett by Arlene Fine	
MAY 10		SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Jackie Donaldson by Family	Fr. Tom
4:00 pm	DON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pierre
5:00 pm	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Tom
MAY 11		FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Tom
11:00 am	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi
12:30 pm	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Pierre



CLERGY

A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus our risen Lord! He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Today, we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Easter! Throughout the Easter Season three main themes are happening.

First, the risen Christ appears to the apostles and disciples and gives them faith in the resurrection. Second, the risen Christ pours out the Holy Spirit on his Apostles. Third, the apostles, go from a fearful and confused group without their leader, to a group filled with fire and zeal to spread the Gospel across the face of the earth!

In the Gospel today, the disciples are reminded of their first encounter with Christ. They are fishing just as they had been before the Lord called them. The day Peter, Andrew, James, and John were called they had fished all night and caught nothing. At the Lord's invitation, they cast out their nets again and brought in a huge catch. This time the risen Lord calls to them from the shore and asks them to cast their nets again. Upon doing so they bring in a huge catch. Immediately St. John says to Peter, "It is the Lord," for he remembered the first encounter with Christ!

Isn't it wonderful how the Lord works? St. Ignatius says that it is important for us to go back to the powerful encounters that we have had with Christ our Lord, not so that we can long for what we had, but so that we can draw fresh grace for today! Try to remember times in your life that you had a clear encounter with Christ, our Lord. Times of great love, joy, peace, patience, recue, etc. Times when you knew the Lord was with you. When you think back on those times and call to mind how awesome God is and how powerful His love is for you, you can enter into a new experience of encounter and love in the present moment! Think about the joy and love that comes to you every time you share with others the beautiful experiences that you have had with Jesus. I know that when I share about my experiences with God, I am drawn right back into His presence and my soul is refreshed!

If you cannot recall ever really having a profound encounter with God, then I would encourage you to sign up for the Life in the Spirit seminar that we are currently holding on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Now is the time for us to encounter the risen Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit, so that after Pentecost we can be sent out to share the Gospel with everyone we encounter!



Reverend Levi Hartle
Pastor

PRAYER TO SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

O Glorious Saint Andrew,
you were the first to recognize
and follow the Lamb of God.
With your friend Saint John,
you remained with Jesus for that day,
for your entire life,
and now throughout eternity.
As you led your brother Saint Peter to
Christ and many others after Him,
draw us also to Him.
Teach us to lead others to Christ
solely out of love for Him
and dedication in His service.
Help us to learn the lesson of the
cross and to carry our daily crosses
without complaint so that they may
carry us to Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him we humbly
pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly
host, by the power of God, cast into
hell Satan and all evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking
the ruin of souls. Amen.



ON FIRE FOR CHRIST



How to “Be on Fire for Christ”

I was asked this past week what I mean when I say; “Be on Fire for Christ!” and how can someone “Be on Fire for Christ”? This week’s Gospel provides the best answer to both those questions.

Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love me?” Jesus used this opportunity to encourage Peter about his upcoming responsibilities and even to prophesy the way Peter will die. By asking Peter, “Do you love me?” three times, Jesus was emphasizing the importance of Peter’s love and unwavering obedience to his Lord as will be necessary for his future ministry.



Deacon Frank Bursic

Jesus begins by questioning Peter about His love for Him, and each time Peter answers in the affirmative, Jesus follows up with the command for Peter to feed His sheep. His meaning is that, if Peter truly loves his Master, he is to shepherd and care for those who belong to Christ. His words reveal Peter’s role as the leader of the new Church, the Body of Christ, and that he will be responsible for spreading the Gospel after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. Also, it is possible that by His repeated questioning Jesus is subtly reminding Peter of his three denials.

There is also an interesting contrast when you look at the Greek words for “love”. When Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me?”, He used the Greek word *agape*, which refers to *unconditional love*. Each time, Peter responded with “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you,” using the Greek word *phileo*, which refers more to a *brotherly/friendship type of love*. It appears that Jesus was trying to get Peter to understand that he must love Jesus unconditionally to be the leader God is calling him to be. The point in the different Greek words for “love” seems to be that Jesus was stretching Peter to move him from *phileo* love to *agape* love.

With the three-fold “do you love me?” questioning, Jesus was impressing on Peter how important his new role of tending the flock of Christ’s followers would be. When someone repeats instructions to us, we quickly understand that it’s extremely important for us to listen to them. Jesus wanted to make sure Peter understood this vital charge He was tasking him with and the ultimate reason, to follow Him and glorify God.

This is “Being on Fire for Christ!” It is answering Jesus’ call for us using Agape, an unconditional love, for Him. Jesus tells us we can’t be lukewarm. We must be all in! Our YES must be one that we carry in our heart with a strong desire to be Christ, bring Christ and see Christ in others. We must be willing to bring His Good News to all we encountered along our journey. We do this by attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive God’s grace in our repentance, by attending Mass and receiving the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist to strengthen our resolve and by answering with a resounding AMEN when receiving Him! We must be willing to serve and protect others, especially the most vulnerable (the unborn, handicapped, the aged) and needy (the homeless, poor, hungry, etc.). We must love Christ enough to follow Him and “be” Him to others. That is being on Fire for Christ! Are you willing to Be on Fire for Him? If you are, start by forming a radical unconditional love relationship with Him and then go out and spread His Good News to all you encounter! May God bless you as you journey with Him!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays
Charleroi
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays
Monongahela
6:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

First Fridays
Donora
9:00 a.m.—12:00 a.m.

LITURGY PREPARATION

Third Sunday of Easter

Beginning last weekend with the 2nd Sunday of Easter, and running all the way through the 7th Sunday of Easter, we will hear from the book of Revelation during the second reading. Last weekend, Revelation began with chapter 1, and throughout the coming weeks, we'll make our way forward through the end of chapter 22, to the last words in the bible. We won't hear the book of Revelation in its entirety, but each weekend we skip forward hearing sections from the beginning to the end of the book.

Not much is known about the author of Revelation, who was simply known as John of Patmos. Some believe that the John who authored Revelation was the apostle John, while others argue that it was a different John. The writing style and genre of the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation are vastly different, which adds credence to the argument that it was two separate Johns. What we do know is that no matter the author, the books of the bible were divinely inspired and speak to us just the same, even if we don't know exactly who wrote them.

Revelation begins with John explaining that he had been exiled to Patmos, which was a small, rocky island in Greece. He writes that he's there "because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus." (Rev. 1:9) While there, John received many visions and messages of which he recorded and shared with seven first-century churches. Looking at the map below, you can see the names of each church, and that they're spread out to create a circuit along a Roman road. Within Revelation there are seven letters, each addressed to a church, but the whole of Revelation is really meant to be one long letter for all of them. The number seven features prominently in Revelation as a symbolic number that stands for wholeness; so even though there are sections addressed to each of the seven churches, the fact that there are seven messages indicates oneness and wholeness of the entire message.

Today's passage of Revelation comes from chapter 5, and in it we hear how John was given a vision of the heavenly hosts worshipping God. In heaven there is eternal worship, but while on earth we can only get a foretaste of that by going to Mass. At Mass we are raised toward heaven as God condescends to us. It is the place where heaven and earth meet. While at Mass, our eyes are veiled to see the heavenly side of worship, but John was allowed the grace to see it. Since he was exiled, he could not participate in tangible Christian community and eucharistic worship, but he experienced a more profound reality beyond human limitations, which we'll too experience in person one day.

The communion hymn echoes the message from Revelation today. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." (Rev. 5:12) Jesus is the worthy lamb that was slain for us, and He is now deeply honored for that sacrifice. The beautiful description of worship detailed by John gives us all hope of the kingdom to come when we'll see with our own eyes the glory and majesty of God.



Amanda Nicholson
Music & Liturgy

Liturgical Overview

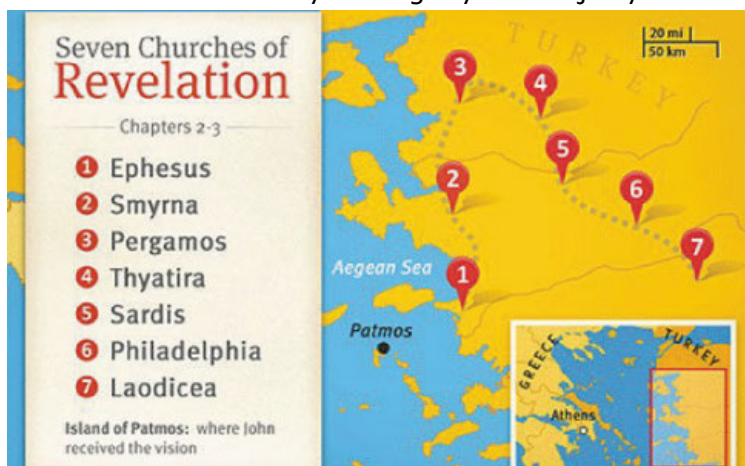
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Length: 8 weeks

Color: White

Symbolism: purity, joy, glory, and light

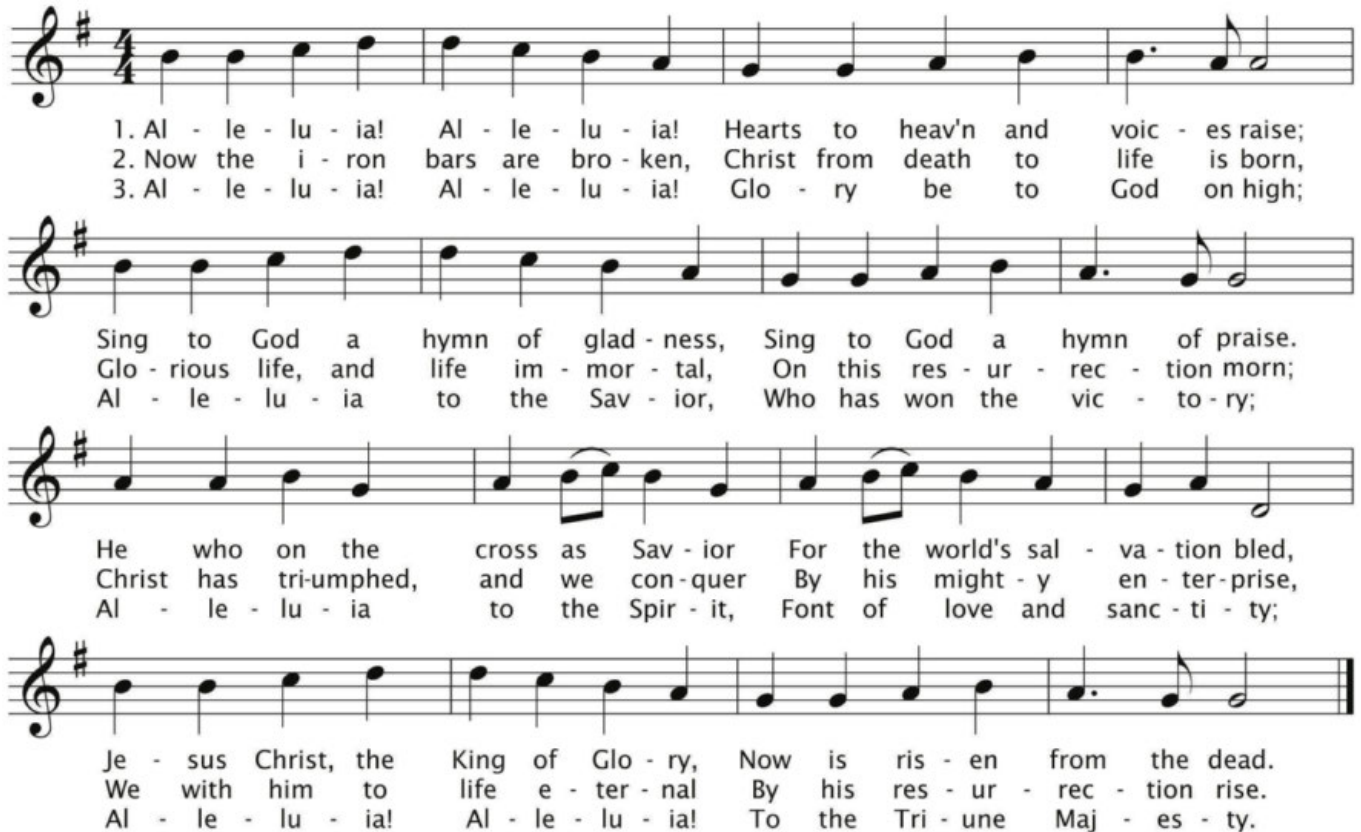
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OPENING HYMN

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, On this res - ur - rec - tion morn;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior, Who has won the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled,
Christ has triumphed, and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Font of love and sanc - ti - ty;

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
We with him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796, 1867.

SPRINKLING

I SAW WATER FLOWING



1. I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the Tem - ple's
2. From your side, O ris - en Christ, from springs the wa - ter
3. Cho - sen peo - ple, priest - hood sing; ho - ly ones, pro -

right - hand side, and all to whom this wa - ter came were
of new life, and by which our sins are washed a - way and
claim his deed. Our might - y God has called us out of

saved _____ and shall say: Al - le - lu - ia,
life has been in - made to new. light.
dark - ness in - to light.

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord!

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GLORIA

MASS OF RENEWAL



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

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We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you 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.

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. Amen.
R.

FIRST READING

ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of

sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13



I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

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1. I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from the grave,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.
2. Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favor all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

3. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O LORD.
You have changed my mourning into dancing.
O LORD my God, I will thank you forever.

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SECOND READING

REVELATION 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the

universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

GOSPEL

JOHN 21:1-19

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring

some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you,

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when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would

glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PREPARATION HYMN

AT THE LAMBS HIGH FEAST WE SING



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from on high, Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie;
4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can sin de-destroy;

Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side.
Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
You have con - quered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born souls in you to be.

Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;
Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,

Gives his Bod - y for the feast: Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And in you your saints shall rise.
Spir - it, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise.

Text: *Ad regias agni dapes*; Latin, 4th C; tr. By Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt. Tune: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702.



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COMMUNION HYMN

WORTHY IS THE LAMB



Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re-ceive hon-or and glo-ry.

Wor-thy are the ones who be-lieve to re-ceive the good-ness of God.

1. Wor-thy are you, O Pas-chal Lamb.
2. Wor-thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal-
3. Wor-thy are you, O Ris-en Christ.

Wis-dom and strength be-long now to you. You laid down your life and
va-tion and joy be-long now to us. By con-quer-ing death and
Won-ders and signs, re-veal-ing your might. Your pow-er and glo-ry

died up-on the cross; we've be-come a peo-ple of hope.
ris-ing to new life, we've be-come a peo-ple of praise.
shine up-on our lives; we've be-come your light for the world.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS IS RISEN



Je-sus is ri-sen! Let us sing! Praise to the ev-er liv-ing
On this most ho-ly day of days, Let us to-gether sing his
To God the Fa-ther let us sing, To God the Son, our ris-en

King! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser-a-
praise! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Raise joy-ful voic-es to the
King! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! And e-qual-ly let us a-

phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher-u-bim! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
sky! Sing out, ye heav-ens, in re-ply: dore The Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more!

lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles

Once again we can rightly proclaim, “Christ is risen!” Indeed! He is risen. May the joy and the living hope that is ours be the characteristic mark during this most splendid season.

After having consulted with Frs. Levi and Fr. Pierre, I have sensed the Holy Spirit nudging me to make comments on the readings from the Acts of the Apostles up until the weekend of Pentecost. And so I will. The Church’s decision to have a portion of the Acts of the Apostles read at the Sunday liturgy is because the Church was birthed from the wounded side of our Savior Jesus and made missionary at Pentecost. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus is the inauguration of the Messianic age and life in the Holy Spirit.



Paco Gavrilides
Formation

It was St. Paul VI who wrote in his apostolic letter on evangelization, *“Acts bears witness to a privileged, and in a sense exemplary, moment of the Church’s missionary effort which will . . . leave its mark on the whole history of the Church.”* Acts is more than an account concerning the activities of the ancient church. It provides a pattern for the life and mission of the Church today. We are to draw lessons from the Acts for our missionary endeavors in the present.

In the reading from Acts this Sunday we find the apostles Peter and John before the council, that is, the religious leaders of Israel being called to account for their faithfully and courageously preaching the Gospel. They had been ordered not to teach about Jesus. The amazing response of the apostles was to very directly proclaim the Gospel message of the resurrection of Jesus and his exaltation at the right hand of God. They even boldly declared, *“The God of our fathers raised Jesus whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.”*

The freedom and courage of the apostles is unmistakable. Just a few days earlier these same men were hiding in the upper room fearful for their lives. Something extremely dramatic and life changing happened to them. What was it? It was their witness of the risen Lord who appeared to them and during forty days and speaking of the kingdom of God. We want to lay hold of two truths that apply just as much to us today as to the apostles in their day.

The first is just as there was the external consolation and witness to the reality of the risen Christ to the apostles, so there is today an internal witness of the Holy Spirit that allows us to exclaim with confidence and freedom. Jesus is Lord! St. Paul teaches us so succinctly, *“No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”*

The second is that through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us we can confidently proclaim the good news in the face of hostility in our social, financial or physical lives because *“he who is in us is greater than he who is in the world.”* Obedience is first to God our highest authority. In perhaps little ways we may experience some rejection for our open belief in Jesus Christ who is Lord and we too joyfully accept it. Our joyful obedience to Christ is what is asked of us too.

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St. Andrew the Apostle Parish

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

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Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

First Session Location: Marian Hall, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Charleroi

Second Session: Hall, St. Andrew the Apostle, Parish, Donora

Remaining Sessions: Formation Center, Charleroi

Thursday, April 24: God's Love

Thursday, May 1: Salvation

Thursday, May 8: The New Life in the Spirit

Thursday, May 15: Preparing to Receive God's Gift

Thursday, May 22: Pray over for the release of the Holy Spirit

Thursday, May 29: Growth through ongoing Conversion

Thursday, June 5: Transformation in Christ

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If you would like to help with making, baking, packaging, cleanup, or donating in some way, please call or text Patty Forsyth at 412-605-7139. We will be working at the Parish Park in Monongahela from May 19th - 24th (9:00am start).

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Our summer bocce League is starting back up! If you're interested in playing, please call Renee Kinder (724-469-0689) or Peter Ferrara (724-379-7878) or attend our league information meeting on Thursday, May 15 at 6:30pm at the bocce courts behind the Donora church. The season will begin June 2nd and end with playoffs and a banquet on August 31st.

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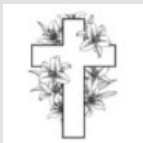
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ONGOING PARISH EVENTS



Confraternity of Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet again on Tuesday, May 13th at 1pm at Marian Hall, Charleroi. We will be crowning "The Mother of the Year" at that time. Please join us in this celebration!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Don't grieve alone! Please join our support group to help you move through the grief process and cope with your emotions. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30pm in Marian Hall. Please contact Diane for more information.

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MAN UP

This ministry is intended to bring men together in the spirit of fellowship and spiritual growth. MAN UP is a vehicle for men to discuss, learn and deal with issues, concerns, and topics that all men struggle with and to bring the Holy Spirit into that setting to guide and strengthen them. MAN UP meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 6th at 7pm in Marian Hall. All are welcome.



Women of Wonder (W.O.W.) MEETING

At the heart of our mission is a profound belief that wonder—a *compassionate curiosity and awe*—is an essential aspect of our faith journey, inspired by Jesus' own relationships and interactions. So together we accompany other women in their journeys toward spiritual wholeness through sacred curiosity, care, and contemplative prayer. WOW meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month studying together The Gospel of John. The next WOW meeting is Tuesday, May 13th at 7pm in Marian Hall.

Bible Study

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charleroi at 6PM. Right now, we're discussing the Parables.

The next meeting is Wednesday May 7th.

All are welcome to join us!

The Rosary Makers

We meet once a month in Marian Hall. Those wanting to join may contact Jean at the Charleroi Parish Office at 724-483-5533. An evening training session may be arranged for anyone who is unable to join us at regular meetings. There are no yearly dues and you make the rosaries according to your time availability.



FAITH FORMATION

Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.



Kathy Miller
Director of Faith
Formation

Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not? Observe that today's Gospel tells about a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples after his Resurrection. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 21:1-14. Reflect on the Gospel reading using the questions above. Talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation. Pray together that Jesus will make his loving presence known in your family life.

John 21 1-14



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You pay with cash or check. Please make all checks payable to "St. Andrew the Apostle Parish." Please place payment and this form in an envelope marked "SummerFest Memorial/Honor Patron." You can place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the parish office. The donation deadline is Thursday, July 3, 2025.

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8:30am - Donora
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12:30pm - Charleroi

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Tuesday/Madi	
Donora	8:30am
Wednesday/Mèkredi	
Monongahela	7:00pm
Thursday/Jedi	
Donora	8:30am
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Monongahela	8:30am
Saturday/Samdi	
Charleroi	8:30am

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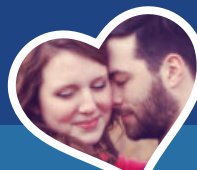
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