SAINT MARY'S PARISH

HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

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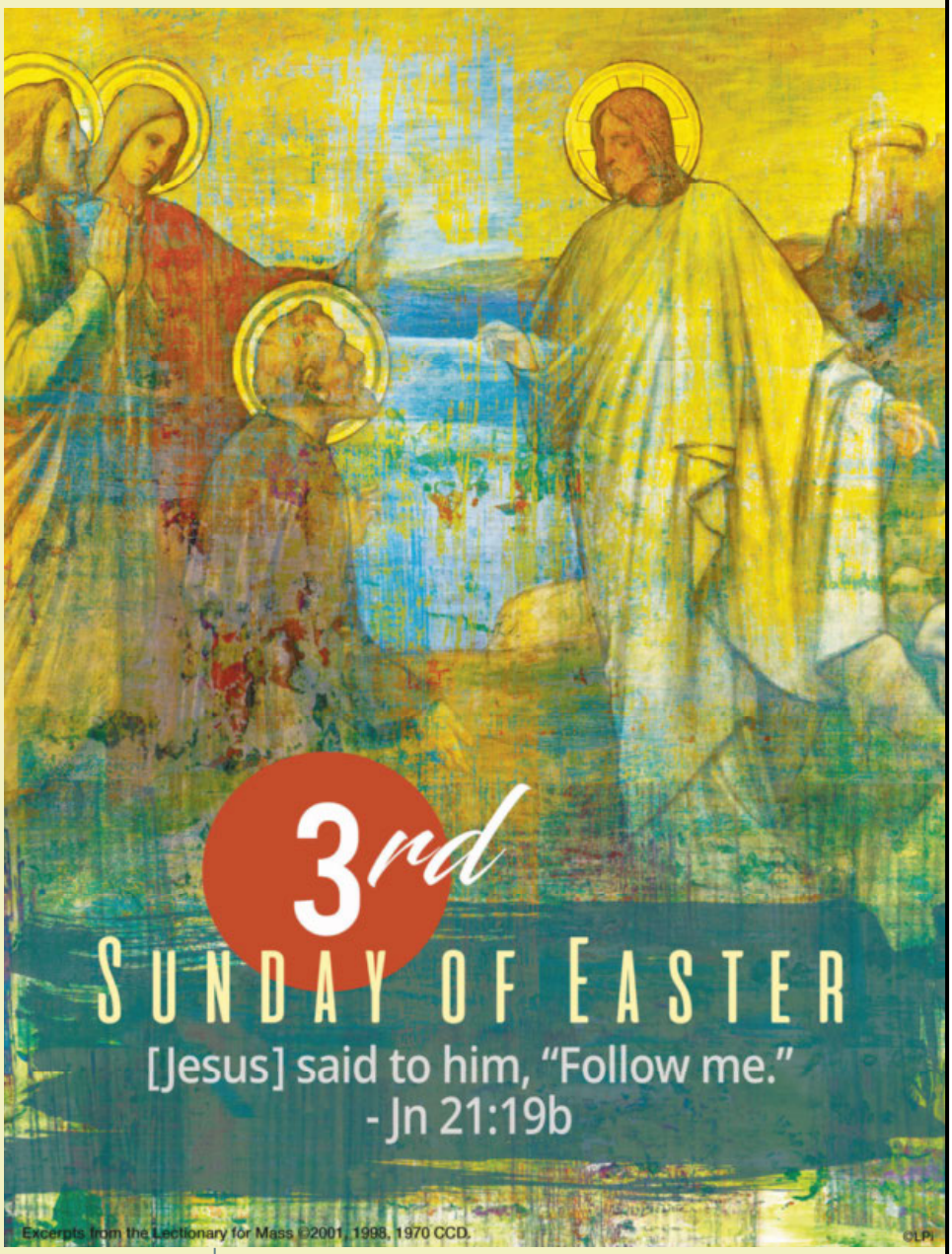


MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Mon.-Wed., Fri.)
All pandemic restrictions have been lifted.
Sunday Mass obligations have been reinstated.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15-3:45 PM

ADORATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Before setting a date or making a deposit on the reception venue, please call the Office for an initial meeting with the priest, at least six months prior.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office

Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sat 04/30/22 4:00 PM	**Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Easter** Charles Christianson 1 yr. Anniv. Remem. Requested by the Family
Sun 05/01/22 8:00 AM	**3rd Sunday of Easter** Robert Burger 2nd Anniversary Remem. Requested by St. Mary's Parish
Sun 05/01/22 11:00 AM	**3rd Sunday of Easter** Benny Sicurella 6 yr. Anniversary Remem. Requested by the Family
Mon 05/02/22 9:00 AM	**St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** Eileen Travers Remembrance Requested by the Family
Tue 05/03/22 9:00 AM	**Saints Philip and James, Apostles** Peace in Ukraine
Wed 05/04/22 9:00 AM	**Easter Weekday** Friendship Communion Breakfast
Thu 05/05/22 9:00 AM	**Easter Weekday** Communion Service
Fri 05/06/22 9:00 AM	**Easter Weekday** John Clancy Birthday Remembrance Requested by Eileen Robitaille
Next Sat 05/07/22 4:00 PM	**Vigil of 4th Sunday of Easter** Rosalie Bilton Remembrance Requested by Don & Sophie Davenport
Next Sun 05/08/22 8:00 AM	**4th Sunday of Easter** **First Communion** Lana Welker Remembrance Requested by the Parish
Next Sun 05/08/22 11:00 AM	**4th Sunday of Easter** Barbara Morrone Mother's Day Remem. Requested by her daughter Lisa Kane

Newly Baptized

Welcome to Our Christian Family:

Abramham Luis Zamorski

Baptized on April 24, 2022
Celebrant: Deacon Leo Coughlin

Third Sunday of Easter -- May 1, 2022

"Were not our hearts burning within us, …" Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon at 413-248-7034, or write: vocations@diospringfield.org

Pray For...

Lynne Antaya, Debbie Baribeau, Henry (Hank) Broer, Elinore Canterbury, Steven Clancy, Pat Clark, Patricia Coughlin, Rick Coury, Marilyn Francoeur, Lisa Kane, Breanna L., Kristina Lague, baby Max, Charlene Moore, Dolly Nicoli, Paula Pozzoli, Maddie Schmidt, Lynn Shay, all Veterans, All Nurses, Doctors, First Responders, Fr. Adolf's Parishioners in Uganda.

Please call or email the parish office with name(s) you would like to add to our prayer list.

PARISH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT
April 24, 2022

General:	$3,151.00
Monthly Parish Development:	$92.00
Easter Offering:	$180.00
Holy Land - Good Friday:	$15.00
Catholic Home Missions:	$342.00

Your continued support makes all we do possible. Thank you!

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of May 1, 2022
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119/Jn 6
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19/Jn 14
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66/Jn 6
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66/Jn 6
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117/Jn 6
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100/Rv 7/Jn 10

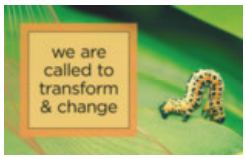
Please join us for the dedication of the Faith Formation classrooms in memory of Lana Welker on Sunday, May 8, 2022, after the 8 a.m. Mass.

We thought this to be the most appropriate date, not only because it is Mother's Day but also the celebration of First Holy Communion.

A gathering with refreshments will be held in the classrooms after the 8 a.m. Mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
May 1, 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.



Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light … even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? ©LPi

Synod 2021 2023
Communion, Participation and Mission

Pope Francis and Bishop Byrne are interested in learning how we can become an even-better Church!
Thanks to all who attended our parish information sessions.
These sessions focused on three questions:
What is your experience of the Church?
How does the Church help you?
What can the Church do differently?

Watch for a parish mailing inviting your anonymous responses to these three questions.

Faith FORMATION

First Holy Communion

Rehearsal: May 1, 2022 - after class

Celebration: May 8, 2022 - during 8 a.m. Mass
Please join us for the dedication of the Faith Formation classrooms in memory of Lana Welker after Mass.

Confirmation

Retreat: April 30, 2022, 11 a.m. in the church

Rehearsal: May 9, 2022, 6 p.m. in the church

Please pray for the students who will receive their First Holy Communion during the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 8, 2022.

The Communicants are:
Gavin Butler, Noah Lanzoni
Wyatt Morin, Ashlen Thomas
Daniella Thomas

Congratulations to these First Communicants and their families from Fr. Mark Stelzer, Eda Gilday, parishioners & friends.

Friendship Club News

Our Friendship Communion Breakfast will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at the 9 a.m. Mass. Breakfast follows at Reid's Corner in Hampden. Call Carolyn Santaniello at 478-2979. All are welcome.

May 1, 2022 - Third Sunday of Easter

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

"The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man?" (Vinny Flynn, 7 Secrets of the Eucharist) For more information and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net

St. Mary's Cemetery News

We now have a McNamara trash container on site for disposal of old flower pots (only) from your loved ones gravesites. All other trash should be taken with you. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the cemetery clean and honoring the memory of those buried in the cemetery.

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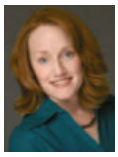
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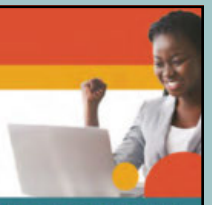
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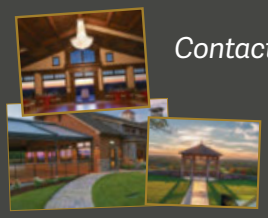
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