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Third Sunday of Easter -- April 19, 2026

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The Gospel of Emmaus is one of the most tender and revealing moments in all of Scripture. Two disciples walk away from Jerusalem, weighed down by disappointment and confusion. They had hoped. They had believed. And now, they are leaving. Along the road, the risen Jesus draws near, though they do not recognize Him. He walks with them, listens to them, speaks to them, opens the Scriptures to them. Their hearts begin to burn within them.

But it is not until they arrive at the table, when He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it, that their eyes are opened. This detail is not incidental. They come to know the Lord not only through His words, but through His presence at the table. A shared meal becomes the place of revelation.

And that should give us pause. If the Lord chooses to make Himself known in conversation, and communion, then we must ask ourselves, What is happening at our tables?

Too often today, our meals are not places of encounter, but places of distraction. We sit together, but we are not truly with one another. Phones rest beside plates. Notifications interrupt conversations. Eyes drift downward. Silence is filled not with thoughtfulness, but with scrolling.

Distracted dining may seem harmless and normal. But something sacred is being lost. When a phone is at the table, whether in the hand, buzzing nearby, or even lying face down, it sends a message: "You do not have my full attention." It divides the heart and keeps us from being fully present. And presence is precisely where God chooses to act.

What if those disciples had been distracted, if their attention had been elsewhere? Would they have recognized Jesus? How often does the Lord draw near to us in the ordinary moments we overlook? How often does He speak through the voice of a spouse, a child, a friend, a guest? How often does He make Himself known in laughter, in storytelling, in shared silence?

And how often do we miss it?

The family table, in particular, is meant to be a sacred place. It is not just where we eat. It is where we become. It is where faith is passed on, where stories are told, where forgiveness is practiced, where love is made visible. It is the domestic altar and it demands reverence.

This is why I want to propose something simple, but not easy: No phones at the table. Not sometimes. Not occasionally. Not ever, under any circumstances.

No texting. No checking. No games. No scrolling. Not even placed face down "just in case." This is not about rules for the sake of rules. It is about reclaiming something sacred. When we put our phones away, we are saying something profound: "You matter. This moment matters. I am here." And in that space, something begins to happen. Conversations deepen. Laughter comes more easily. Silence becomes less awkward. And gradually, hearts begin to open.

You may find hearts burning again. You may discover relationships deepening. You may even find that the Lord, who seemed distant, has been sitting with you all along.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Bryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## APRIL 18 - APRIL 26

- SATURDAY APR 18** 5 PM HENRY & MARGARET HEISER  
FROM LAURA CZYSZ & KEN HEISER
- SUNDAY APR 19** 10:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
12:30 PM AMIRA KERBAJ  
FROM THE KERBAJ FAMILY
- TUESDAY APR 21** 12:30 PM SUSAN MINION  
FROM MARIA SESE
- WEDNESDAY APR 22** 12:30 PM THE SIWIK FAMILY  
FROM DONNA SIMON
- THURSDAY APR 23** 12:30PM. MARIA CRUZ  
FROM ANA CRUZ
- FRIDAY APR 24** 12:30 PM. VENER DE LA CRUZ  
FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY
- SATURDAY APR 25** 5 PM WOLFGANG DANSPECKGRUBER  
FROM OLC PASTORAL COUNCIL
- SUNDAY APR 26** 10 AM BIRGIT SEEGER SMITH  
FROM THE RILEY FAMILY  
12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### Sunday Scripture

*April 19*

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Pt 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

*April 26*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Ptr 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

## DONATIONS

OVER THE WEEKEND OF APR 11 & 12, 558 PEOPLE ATTENDED MASS WITH AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$38.11.

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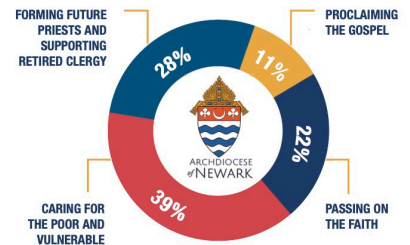
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*RAISE A GLASS TO MUSIC AND MOMMA*

**Saturday, May 9 at 7pm, Holy Family Hall**



# OLC Kids' Bulletin

## Third Sunday of Easter



Art from Children's Liturgy of the word

Last weekend was Divine Mercy Sunday. This weekend we are still celebrating Easter, even though the 'octave' of Easter is finished. We will celebrate Easter until the feast of the Holy Spirit, or Pentecost.

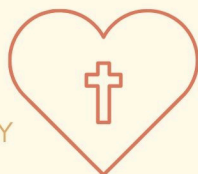
**"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever!" (Ps 117: 1)**

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7) What does it mean to be merciful, or shown mercy?

The church gives us examples of acts of mercy to help us understand that mercy is action, not an idea or hope alone.

The corporal works of mercy are things we can do to take care of our bodies and others' physical needs. The spiritual works take care of the spiritual: things we cannot touch or see, like our souls.

### CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

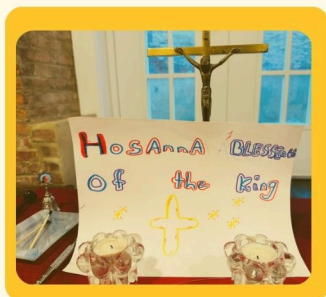


#### CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the prisoners
- Bury the dead

#### SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Comfort the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive offenses willingly
- Pray for the living and the dead



Pray as you read the lists of the different works of mercy. Which one stands out to you? Choose **one** work of mercy for the week and make it yours. Or consider keeping track of how many times you can comfort someone each day. When you talk to a friend who is confused, sad, or feeling negative about something, praying for them and listening are each works of mercy.

### The Cenacle

At Children's Liturgy during Palm Sunday Mass, children reflected on what is called "The Last Supper." The room where Jesus and His apostles ate is called the cenacle.

The Last Supper was also the celebration of the first Mass and Holy Communion -- the moment that Jesus gave us His Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine. We also consider it the day the priesthood was established. So many wonderful things came out of this simple meal!



### "Faith Seeking Understanding"

#### Saint Anselm of Canterbury Feast April 21

Saint Anselm was born in Italy but he was Archbishop in England in the Middle Ages. He wrote about God and his desire to understand Him. He defined God as "that which nothing greater can be thought." God is the greatest! He also wrote that it was important to believe in order to understand, instead of trying to understand first in order to believe. Faith first!

#### Saint George Feast April 23

Saint George is the patron saint of England (as well as other places). He is often shown in art defeating a dragon. If you are near Journal Square here in Jersey City, look up and you can see a fantastic statue of him (and the dragon!) at the top of the Loew's Theater.

### Children's Liturgy

