



PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

Monday, April 3

12:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the McGlinchy & Reiss Families by Peter McGlinchy

Tuesday, April 4

12:00pm (SE) - The William & Ellen Keenan Family by the Estate

Wednesday, April 5

No Schedule Mass

Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday

7:00pm (SPJ) - Richard Smith by Margaret Smith

Friday, April 7—Good Friday

12:00pm (SE) - Stations of the Cross

3:00pm (SPN) - The Passion Narrative

6:00pm (SPJ) - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 8—Easter Vigil

8:00pm (SE) - Special Intentions of the Family by Cheryl Hutchins

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

8:30am (SPN) - Jim Dawson by Nancy & Paul Kullman

10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Sayward Family by Carolyn, Jane & Nick

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown
(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro
(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex
(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

Readings for the Week of April 3

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Rom 6:3-11
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

April 23—Peace

St Philip of Jesus parish hall
Immediately Follows 10:30am Mass
All are welcome

REPORT MISCONDUCT

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **Victims Assistance Coordinator**, Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terriannyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone 518-651-2267 days; 518-569-0612 evenings; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone 315-393-2920 ext 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishop, contact: **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

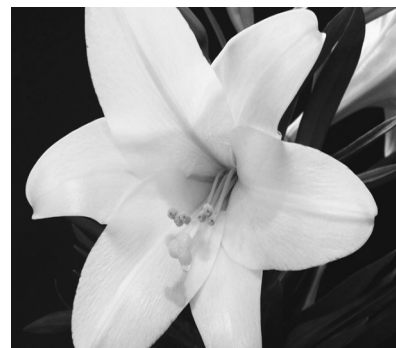
Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth — Attendance: 28
Envelopes: \$610.25; Plate: \$185.00
Total: \$795.25

Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 28
Envelopes: \$270.00; Plate: \$163.00
Easter Flowers: \$10.00
Total: \$443.00

St Philip of Jesus — Attendance: 31
Envelopes: \$315.00; Plate: \$568.00
Total: \$883.00

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



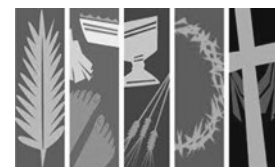
If you would like to donate toward the expense of the Easter flowers, please just put in a separate envelope marked flowers and put in in the regular collection. This was overlooked this year due to the fact we did not have the envelopes for the first quarter. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

PREPARING YOUR SOUL & YOUR FAMILY FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The three days of the sacred triduum are the bridge connecting Lent to the 50 days of Easter. Intended to be lived as a whole, these three days: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil** are the encapsulation of the Lord's life, death, and resurrection that we are called to embrace each day of our lives. On **Holy Thursday**, we mark the institution of the holy Eucharist and the sacrament of holy orders. Washing each other's feet at home would come with some smiles I am sure but could be used to emphasize our universal call to serve one another in the name of Christ. Prepare by reflecting on who we are called to serve. Who in our lives needs us to be the hands, the feet, the voice of Jesus Christ? On **Good Friday**, we can prepare for our participation at the Passion of the Lord, on this day of fast and abstinence, by reflecting on how we are called each day as Col. 1:24 reminds to unite our sufferings with the cross of Christ for the good of the church. Especially from noon to 3 p.m. (the hours of the Lord's passion), prepare for church by staying quiet without TV, social media, or unnecessary activities. On **Holy Saturday**, we can prepare for the Vigil by remembering family baptisms, godparents, godchildren, and discussing how each of us are living out our baptismal promises. We will have "kept a Sacred triduum" if we are now better prepared, in imitation of our Risen Lord, to choose forgiveness over revenge in our relationships with others, if we are prepared to see every child of God (no matter how old or where they come from) as worthy of respect and our care, and to more fully live the sacramental gifts our Lord suffered and died to give us through his risen body, the church.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Holy Week is the most important week in the Church's year. It's a time when we closely meditate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We remember his actions, reflect on his messages, and commit to living as his disciples in the world today. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches used on Palm Sunday symbolize peace and triumph. **Sacred Triduum** is the three days before Easter. The three days consist of **Holy Thursday** – on which Christ's Last Supper is commemorated; **Good Friday** – on which the Crucifixion and Death of Christ are highlighted and during which the faithful fast; and **Holy Saturday**, which is marked by its silence during which we are invited to contemplate Christ in the tomb. The Holy Triduum ends, "concluding with Vespers on Easter Sunday..." As we enter into the holiest week of the year, it is essential that each of us see the journey of Christ this week as our own calling in life. We must journey toward the glory of the Cross with our Lord. From a worldly perspective, the Cross does not make sense. But from the perspective of the Father in Heaven, the Cross is not only the source of the greatest glory of His Son, but it is also the path by which we share that glory. We must die with Him internally, sacrifice all for Him, choose to follow Him wholeheartedly, and hold nothing back in our resolve to be victorious with Christ's **Resurrection**.

With Love and Prayers....  Fr. J.T.

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From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...



Dear Friends in Christ:

The protection of minors and vulnerable adults is a matter that must be undertaken with the utmost care and urgency. While this is a year-round effort, we make special note of our safe environment programs during the month of April which carries the national designation of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Victims/survivors of sexual misconduct committed by any representative of our Church, including clergy and the bishop, are directed to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC. Dr. Yanulavich serves as the point of contact who initiates the reporting process and provides assistance to begin the healing process. Dr. Yanulavich's contact information is listed in every issue of the North Country Catholic, on our diocesan website, periodically in parish bulletins, and in all safe environment publications. It is important to note that the Diocese of Ogdensburg will report all sexual misconduct allegations to the local authorities for independent investigation. Victims/survivors are also encouraged to notify the appropriate authorities of the allegation.

The Director of the Safe Environment Office is Mr. John Morrison, who also serves as Charter Compliance Coordinator. Mr. Morrison is tasked with overseeing all aspects of our safe environment program to ensure our parishes, Catholic schools, and other entities are operating in accordance with national and diocesan policy. We are grateful for his diligence in this most important ministry.

Mr. Morrison is also responsible for the annual submission of the audit information required by the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops. While the independent audit process has undergone revision in recent years, the Diocese has consistently been found to be compliant with the established national standards and norms. While this is a testament to our hard work and efforts, we know that we must remain diligent and avoid complacency. We are committed to a zero-tolerance policy with respect to misconduct allegations. The Diocese's next on-site audit will occur in 2024.

As always, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the work of our clergy, employees, and volunteers. Collectively, they play a vital role in implementing our various safe environment initiatives and I am so grateful for their involvement. By working together, we can protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

With a Shepherd's care and concern,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

SANCTUARY CANDLE

April 2—April 8, 2023

St. Elizabeth's Church

For the protection of preborn & vulnerable
by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean





EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

Monday, April 10

No Schedule Mass

Tuesday, April 11

4:30pm (SE)-Rita Morin, Mary Bergmier, Betty Lou Corbo
by Bob & Carol Corbo
Preceded by Holy Hour at 3:30pm

Wednesday, April 12

12:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Remancus & Perkett Families by Margaret Smith

Thursday, April 13

5:00pm (SPJ) - Mary Brown & Husband by the Estate

Friday, April 14

12:00pm (SPN) - Amady N & Gertrude Clark Montville
Families by Nancy Montville

Saturday, April 15

4:30pm (SE) - Jim Dawson by Jeanne & Vincent Delio

Sunday, April 16

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Family and Friends by Bill Arnold

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Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-23/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

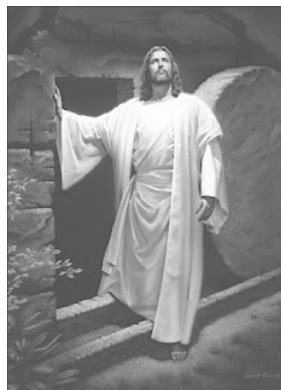


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Christ is Risen!



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Envelopes: \$476.25; Plate: \$119.00

Easter Flowers: \$35.00

Total: \$630.25

Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 34

Envelopes: \$275.00; Plate: \$104.00

Easter Flowers: \$10.00

Total: \$389.00

St Philip of Jesus — Attendance: 45

Envelopes: \$1,775.00; Plate: \$326.00

Fuel: \$100.00; Easter Flowers: \$50.00

Total: \$2,251.00

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Sincere thanks to the following for their contributions.

SPJ - Jane Gay and Joyce Marcianti

SE - Margaret Daby and Audrey Miller

SPN - Anna Bezon and Nancy Montville

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U.S. SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Slavery is not a relic of the past. It is alive today and generates billions of dollars while at the same time ruining the lives of those involved. Learn more about human trafficking. See [Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking](http://CatholicSistersAgainstHumanTrafficking.org) for more information.

LOVING AUTHENTICALLY Sex, Happiness and Catholic Teaching

Loving Authentically will be offered at St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and lunch is provided. For more information contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org. To view recommended resources and to register, go to:

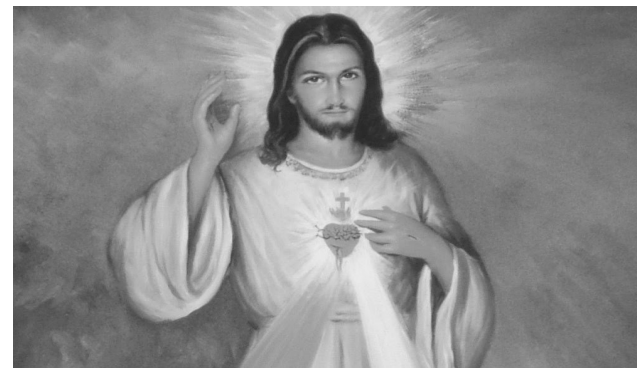
<https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/la.html>

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” We were created out of love. An amazing love that filled us with light, love, life. However, humanity sinned. In our disobedience, we knowingly separated ourselves from our Heavenly Father's love causing everyone to fall into darkness and bringing about our death. But in his tender love and mercy, God sent his Son to save us, to die for us, to forgive us, to heal us, to love us the way no one else could love us. Jesus, taking on our human condition, brings light to our darkness and life to our deadness. He makes us a new creation in the Father's love. This is the true cause for our joy and the reason for our gladness for this day was made for us. We rejoice for we have been reunited to the love of the Father, through the saving work of his Son, in the grace and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. By sharing in the Passion and Death of our Lord, we share in his Resurrection. We rise with him in newness of life. Through Jesus, we have become beloved children of God, a new creation, children of the light, children of eternal happiness and peace. Our challenge now is to stay close to Jesus, so the darkness does not creep back into our lives. We do this by continuing to walk with Christ and making fasting, prayer and almsgiving part of our daily routine, part of our daily life. We should walk with our Risen Lord every day and allow him to be the food that feeds and sustains us, the nourishment for our journey back home. Nourished by Christ through these gifts, we can respond as the Disciples did when they saw the empty tomb: they believed, they shared, they loved as Christ loved them. So let us rejoice and be glad, for we have been enlightened by Christ. Let us continue to keep the Passion of Christ alive in our hearts and remember all that the Father has done to resurrect us to eternal life simply because he loves us. Wishing you and your loved ones a very Blessed Easter.

With Love and Prayers....  **Fr. J.T.**



REMINDER

Next Sunday is the **Divine Mercy Sunday** and there will be a Holy Hour following the 10:30 am Mass in **Willsboro** ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to join for this Hour of Prayer.

From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...

“Christ, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed His peaceful light on humanity who lives and reigns forever and ever.”

These concluding words of the Easter Proclamation that we hear at the Easter Vigil have an urgency about them these days because the risen Christ's peaceful light seems to be shed so faintly on an unsettled world that is marked by violence, war, natural disasters and personal hostilities. Such darkness wears us down. Many find it difficult to be joyful this Easter.



Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. We must prepare the soil of our hearts for this gift. I heard someone offer three suggestions to help us do that. Call it GPS—God's Positioning Service—directions to find Easter joy.

G—Gratitude. A grateful heart silences a complaining tongue. If I'm always griping or whining, how will the Holy Spirit fill my heart with joy? So, if we want more joy in our lives, we start by being grateful, being attentive to the blessings we receive. I might write down one thing every day for which I am grateful. It's astounding after a month of doing this prayerful exercise, to see how our days are really saturated with blessings.

P—Prayer. I ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of joy. Joy is the fruit of our relationship with Jesus. Nurturing that relationship through daily prayer is critical. The Holy Spirit is the One Who makes Christ present to us. We might need to get to know the Holy Spirit better.

And S—Sharing. If I'm not feeling the Easter joy, I might try to bring joy into someone else's life, and I'll be pleasantly surprised to see what happens in my own heart. Call someone, smile at someone, do something kind and joy will flow from that.

So...GPS—Gratitude, Prayer, Sharing. Christ died for us, He rose for us, and He wants to bring us the joy of His Presence in the Eucharist. Joy is the best response to Jesus. Who could have imagined that death could be conquered? That's what Easter means. Your death and my death are not the end. The world's woes don't have the last say. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, the faithful person will rise from the dead. Body and soul, we will live forever. Suffering does not have the last say. The love of God, given to us in Jesus Christ has the last word. When we embrace the gift of Easter, joy becomes truly the best response. We are so blessed. HE IS RISEN! Joyful and Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Happy Easter!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 16, 2023

Monday, April 17

12:00pm (SPJ) - Special Intentions of Nancy Belzile

Tuesday, April 18

8:30am (SE) - Special Intentions of Bonnie Franz
by Yvonne Lesperance

Followed by the Holy Hour (Divine Mercy)

Wednesday, April 19

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, April 20

5:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the McGlinchy & Reiss Families by Peter McGlinchy

Friday, April 21

12:00pm (SPN) - Msgr. Stephen J Wojciechowski
by the Estate

Saturday, April 22

4:30pm (SE) - Brittany Palmatier by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean

Sunday, April 23

8:30am (SPN) - Mike Vanderhoof by Mr & Mrs Paul Kullman

10:30am (SPJ) - Pro Populo

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Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-23/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth — Attendance: 30

Envelopes: \$267.25; Plate: \$23.00

Fuel: \$10.00; Easter Flowers: \$75.00

Total: \$375.25

Good Friday-Holy Land Collection: \$53.00

Easter Collection: \$443.25

Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 52

Envelopes: \$161.00; Plate: \$318.00

Fuel: \$55.00

Total: \$534.00

Good Friday-Holy Land Collection: \$113.00

Easter Collection: \$440.00

St Philip of Jesus — Attendance: 61

Envelopes: \$1,165.00; Plate: \$369.00

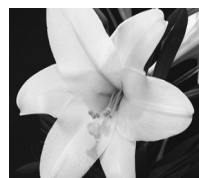
Fuel: \$55.00; Easter Flowers: \$100.00

Total: \$1,689.00

Good Friday-Holy Land Collection: \$5.00

Easter Collection: \$500.00

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Sincere thanks to the following for their contributions.

SPJ - John O'Hara

SE - Daniel & Gayle Alexander, Harry &

Cecile Denton, John & Betty Hanby, and

Jim & Kim Matthews

Any more contributions for the Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated...our Churches were beautifully decorate for the Easter Sunday celebration!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Please refer to the new packets of envelopes for the extra-collections for this set of envelopes. The April fuel collection was taken this weekend. The monthly 2nd collection for fuel will resume on the 2nd Sunday in May.

AN ADVENTURE TO SPAIN & MOROCCO

Join Father Looby on a journey to Spain and Morocco this **November 4-17!** This unforgettable trip will take you to the heart of Madrid, the historic cities of Córdoba and Seville, and the stunning Alhambra. Experience the passion and rhythm of Flamenco in Jerez de la Frontera and explore the vibrant blue streets of Chefchaouen. Journey through the spiritual centers of Fes and Rabat, and visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. In Marrakech, immerse yourself in the bustling markets and architecture, and enjoy a "Choice on Tour" experience. The trip will end with a visit to the iconic Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca. Pricing starts at \$4,949 per person for a double and \$5,849 per person for single occupancy. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime adventure! For more information contact Mary McIntosh at Watertown AAA at 315-558-6372


Things to Ponder.....

Our lives are lit by millions of kindnesses, small and large!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



On May 23, 2000, **Saint John Paul II** granted the Universal Church the Feast of the **Divine Mercy** to be celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter each year. The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us and wants us to approach Him in constant prayer, repenting of our sins while asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. He wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others, extending our love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. We must realize that God does not do anything in portions. He is infinite and the amount of His Divine Mercy available to us is infinite. The only limiting factor is us. The more we trust in Jesus, the more graces we will receive and the more all will come to share His joy. This is the message Jesus is giving us through today's devotion to his Divine Mercy, a mercy which he tells us is unfathomable and which he wants us to spread throughout the world through our own actions and love for others. Based upon St. Faustina's record of the revelations she received from Jesus in 1931, the message of The Divine Mercy can also be summed up in one sentence: **Jesus, I trust in you!** Christ as The Divine Mercy instructs us to approach Him in prayer to ask for His mercy, to let His mercy flow from us to others, and above all, to trust completely in Him in order to truly experience the graces of His mercy.

With Love and Prayers....  Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS:

...If any of you wish to sign up to receive the parish envelopes on bi-monthly basis in your mailbox, please leave your name and address on the sign-up sheets at the back of the Church. Thank you for your support.

...If some of you would like to share a small article, poem or something that benefits the spirituality of the parish, please send them to jthomas@rcdony.org. Will have them published in our weekly Bulletin under "Parishioner's Column" Thank you.

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THE GIFTS & FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Somehow, I have got this feeling that I should be writing and sharing some reflections on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit especially the next few weeks leading to the Solemn feast of **Pentecost on May 28th**. So, tell me what are the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and How many? Gotcha... You didn't see that coming...right? Well... it's time that we refresh our memory and to know more about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit in our growth to holiness.

WISDOM is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake. As Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., notes in his Modern Catholic Dictionary, "Where faith is a simple knowledge of the articles of Christian belief, wisdom goes on to a certain divine penetration of the truths themselves." The better we understand those truths, the more we value them properly. Thus wisdom, the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "by detaching us from the world, makes us relish and love only the things of heaven." Through wisdom, we judge the things of the world in light of the highest end of man—the contemplation of God.

UNDERSTANDING is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (no pun intended) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith. It differs from wisdom in that wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, while understanding allows us, as Fr. John A. Hardon writes in his Modern Catholic Dictionary, to "penetrate to the very core of revealed truths." Once we become convinced through understanding of the truths of the Faith, we can also draw conclusions from those truths and arrive at a further understanding of man's relation to God and his role in the world. Understanding rises above natural reason, which is concerned only with the things we can sense in the world around us. Thus, understanding is both speculative—concerned with intellectual knowledge—and practical because it can help us to order the actions of our lives toward our final end, which is God. Through understanding, we see the world and our life within it in the larger context of the eternal law and the relation of our souls to God. *(to be continued...)*



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The Season of EASTER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

Monday, April 24

12:00pm (SPJ) - Tillie Pierce by Anonymous

Tuesday, April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30am (SE) - Joanne Betters by Nancy Belzile
Followed by the Holy Hour (Divine Mercy)

Wednesday, April 26

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, April 27

5:00pm (SPJ) - Roger & Lucy Belzile by Nancy Belzile

Friday, April 28

12:00pm (SPN) - Msgr. Stephen J Wojciechowski
by the Estate

Saturday, April 29

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, April 30

8:30am (SPN) - Luraine Kelley by Mr & Mrs Paul Kullman
10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Carver Family
by John & Sue Carver

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Readings for the Week of April 24

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/PS 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

TODAY—April 23—Peace
St Philip of Jesus parish hall
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Things to Ponder.....

One small act of generosity...
...can work wonders!

ELIZABETHTOWN THRIFT SHOP

Yet again, the dedicated work of all involved with the thrift shop operations are to be applauded! St. Elizabeth's parish received \$1,522.11 donation, which represents 1/4 of their proceeds for March. Many, many thanks!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 29
Envelopes: \$604.00; Plate: \$20.00
Fuel: \$301.00
Total: \$925.00
Good Friday-Holy Land Collection: \$10.00
Easter Collection: \$25.00
Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 31
Envelopes: \$2,210.00; Plate: \$91.00
Fuel: \$22.00
Total: \$2,323.00
Easter Collection: \$100.00
St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 65
Envelopes: \$770.00; Plate: \$243.00
Fuel: \$185.00
Total: \$1,198.00
Easter Collection: \$70.00

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LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT

for adult children of separated or divorced families

Registration is now open for the 2nd annual Life-Giving Wounds Retreat, held at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg on August 11-13, 2023. This retreat is for adults whose parents separated or divorced and also for those who grew up in single-parent families. Cost for the retreat is \$200 for a shared room or \$250 for a single room. Financial assistance is available. Do not let cost prevent you from experiencing the healing you deserve. For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920.

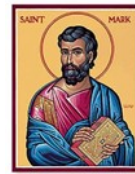
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Saint Mark (April 25th), Like Saint Luke and Saint Paul, was not one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and so likely never met Jesus in person. Scholars believe that the Gospel of Saint Mark relates the experiences of Saint Peter, Mark's mentor. Each Gospel has its own unique sources, emphases, and audiences. Mark writes for non-Jews who would be impressed by Christ's miracles more than His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. So, in Mark's Gospel are found certain colorful details that suggest the writer was relating the words of an eyewitness. For example, in Mark 5:41 Jesus enters the home of Jairus, a synagogue leader whose daughter lay dead. Christ says to her, "Talitha kum." Mark then tells the reader what "Talitha kum" means, presumably because his readers did not speak Aramaic. No other Gospel includes this touching detail of the untranslated words coming from the mouth of Christ that day. Mark also places other Aramaic words on Christ's lips: "Ephphatha," "Abba," and "Hosanna." Peter was there when it happened. Peter heard the Lord speak. And Peter was getting old, or was in prison, or was threatened with death. The Gospel he had shared and repeated verbally so many thousands of times had to be written down to send to others, to preserve the accuracy of the story, or to contradict counterfeit versions. And so, the natural progression from oral to written history slowly occurred. The Gospel was a spoken word before it was a book, and the word has primacy over the book. Saint Mark the Evangelist preserved for all time the Word of God, Jesus Christ, by committing Peter's words to writing, thus ensuring that the spoken, eye-witness accounts of Christ's life did not just float away in the breeze. Once the Word was enshrined on papyrus, Saint Mark had accomplished his mission forever and always.

With Love and Prayers....  Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS:

1. **There will be** a combined Pastoral Council Meeting next Saturday, April 29th at 10 am in St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall.

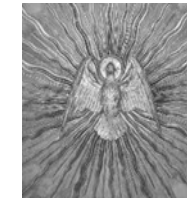
2. **Fundraising Committee:** Our parishes are planning to organize a Golf tournament sometime in the summer. Volunteers are needed to determine its direction and various tasks along with it like baked goods, 50/50 raffle tickets, etc. If you are able to help please let the pastor or one of the council members know. Will appreciate your help.

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THE GIFTS & FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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(to be continued...)



"To go to Jesus,
we must go to Mary.
She is our Mediatrix of intercession.
To go to God our Father,
we must go to Jesus,
for He is our
Mediator of Redemption."
St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort



**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
April 30, 2023

Monday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker
12:00pm (SPJ) - Richard Smith by Margaret Smith
Tuesday, May 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30am (SE) - Msgr. Stephen J Wojciechowski
by the Estate
Followed by the Holy Hour (Blessed Virgin Mary)

Wednesday, May 3
No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, May 4
5:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the McGlinchy &
Reiss Families by Peter McGlinchy

Friday, May 5
12:00pm (SPN) - Jim Dawson by Nancy & Paul Kullman

Saturday, May 6
4:30pm (SE) - Sylvia Calvani by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean

Sunday, May 7
8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo
10:30am (SPJ) - Atwood F & Carrie Dickerson Pierce
by Laurie Mero & Joseph Pierce

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown
(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro
(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex
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Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
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April 30—May 6, 2023

St. Elizabeth's Church

**For the protection of preborn & vulnerable
by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean**



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Envelopes: \$497.50; Plate: \$35.00
Fuel: \$10.00
Total: \$542.50
Mother's Day Remembrance: \$30.00

Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 23
Envelopes: \$206.00; Plate: \$43.00
Fuel: \$80.00
Total: \$329.00

St Philip of Jesus — Attendance: 50
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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, World Day of Prayer, you are asked to pray for more vocations, especially to the priesthood & consecrated life. What priest or religious sister has helped you or your family throughout your life, both living and dead? Pray for them & to them in thanksgiving for their help & support. Pray as a family for more vocations & encourage your children and young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Work, from a Catholic perspective, is a source of dignity. It has to be done. A life of pure leisure is no life at all. Work, want and trying times are required ingredients in the recipe for a mature, responsible adult. No work, no adulthood. Work itself is not pure punishment. The onerous nature of work is one of the effects of original sin, though it was not so in the beginning. Work became a burden due to the sin of our first parents. What is the theology behind this? God the Father worked, and God the Son worked. When man works, then, he is participating in God's own work. Subduing the earth is one of God's original commandments to man. And subduing the earth cannot come about except through work of one kind or another. It has been observed that the dash (–) on a tombstone is far more important than the years that are on each side of it. What happened in the time of that dash is more important than one's date of birth or death. For most people that dash denotes work. Mankind works. All the time. And the will of God for us cannot be found outside of what we spend most of our life doing. If that were the case, then we wouldn't have much of a religion. God is found in our work. So, if we do it well, we give him glory, and if we do it poorly, we offer him a shoddy sacrifice. The earth becomes our altar when our daily work is our daily offering. Constant, daily work was good enough for Saint Joseph and for the Son of God. So, it is good enough for all of God's children as well. Work is a pathway to holiness, and **Saint Joseph the Worker (May 1st)** stands by our side to encourage us toward the reward that our daily sweat and labor will earn. **St. Joseph the Worker, Pray for us.**

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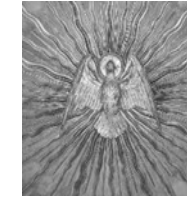
... This Friday is the First Friday of the Month, there will be Holy Hour with the "**Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**" prior to the Noon Mass in Westport.

...As some of you know, the entire Month of May is traditionally dedicated to fostering devotion to our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to join for the Holy Hour with "**Litany to our Blessed Mother**" every Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass in Elizabethtown. It would also be a nice thing to begin and end each day of this month with a "**Hail Mary.**"

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FORTITUDE is commonly called courage, but it is different from what much of what we think of as courage today. Fortitude is always reasoned and reasonable; the person exercising fortitude is willing to put himself in danger, if necessary, but he does not seek danger for danger's sake. While counsel is the perfection of a cardinal virtue, fortitude is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. Fortitude is ranked as the **fourth gift** of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called courage, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. St. Thomas Aquinas ranked fortitude as the third of the cardinal virtues, because it serves prudence and justice, the higher virtues. Fortitude is the virtue that allows us to overcome fear and to remain steady in our will in the face of obstacles. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it. Sometimes, however, the ultimate sacrifice is necessary, in order to stand up for what is right and to save our souls. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs, who are willing to give their lives rather than to renounce their faith. That sacrifice may be passive—Christian martyrs do not actively seek martyrdom—but it is nonetheless determined and resolute. It is in martyrdom that we see the best example of fortitude rising above a mere cardinal virtue (able to be practiced by anyone) into a supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit. But it also shows itself, as the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "in moral courage against the evil spirit of the times, against improper fashions, against human respect, against the common tendency to seek at least the comfortable, if not the voluptuous. "Fortitude, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, also allows us to cope with poverty and loss, and to cultivate the Christian virtues that allow us to rise above the basic requirements of Christianity. The saints, in their love for God and their fellow man and their determination to do what is right, exhibit fortitude as a supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit and not just merely as a Cardinal virtue.

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