



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ✕ APRIL 14, 2024



- Sat. Apr. 13 4:00pm **VIGIL-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Gloria Doyle by Mary Knowles
- Sun. Apr 14 9:00am **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Charles Volpe by Tom and Carol Volpe
10:30am Frank Gubbiotti by Ann Marie and Jerry Ceccoli
- Tues. Apr 16 9:00am **THIRD WEEK OF EASTER**
Viola Wirtemberg by Rodney and Rosemary Serena
- Thur. Apr 18 9:00am **THIRD WEEK OF EASTER**
Kathy Voytko by John & Toni Ray
- Sat. Apr. 20 4:00pm **VIGIL-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Bobby Jantz by Karen Jantz
- Sun. Apr 21 9:00am **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Stephen Smoyak by Lisa Smoyak
10:30am Andrew Kelemen by Linda Kelemen



The Sanctuary Candles and the Bread and Wine are donated this week in memory of Mr & Mrs Ed Yanulavich and Mr. & Mrs Anthony Perrotti by Veronica and Ed Yanulavich.



Parishioners who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our prayer list by calling the parish office at 570-842-4995. Please pray for: Margaret Adamiac, Josephine Amato, Joanne Arredondo, Chelsey Bartro, Michael Bota, Rose Bremer, Reilly Canas, Tony Cannella, P.J. Cappola, Jane Colwell, Dennis Corbisiero, Jim Dantis, William Delahanty, Barbara Derrenbacher, Carole Dougherty, Linda & Bob Earthy, Dan Edwards, Lisa Fay, Mary Ann Flaherty, Kealy Ford, , Kyle Gemberling, Tyler Hanson, Pat Henes, Donald Hughes Marge Imperatrice, Jaime Jantz, Mary Knowles, Betsy Kressler, Susie LaFave, Viviana Lewis, Donna Jean Marabella, Stephanie Martino, Roland Matthews, Alice McAfee, Ellie McCauley, Tim McGovern, Carol McKnight, Donald Migliorato, Richie Morrison, Paul Natoli, Tom Natoli, Judith Neelans, Gioia Palmerio, Victor Panzella, Ben Pickarski, James Pilosi, Ruth Pilosi, Frank Quattrock, Jennifer Quinn, Howard Rife, Steve Rish, Anthony Romaro, Lisa Sarnicola, Michael Sawko, Mary Schaub, Beth Schuil, Larry Shock, Duane Sprovach, Millie Stoia, Luke Stricker, Jason Scott Taylor, Dana Thorne, Skyler Thorne, Jack Tizio, Thomas Tizio, Gregory Tobin, Pat Topar, Marivita Williams, Helen Zerbe, and all the sick of the Parish.

Please call the Parish Office if someone should be taken off the list.

Know Jesus in the breaking of the bread....



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

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Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



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| Easter Offering | \$ 240.00 |
| | \$2077.00 |
| Diocesan: | |
| Care & Ed | \$ 35.00 |
| | \$ 35.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$2112.00 |

Mass Attendance
Sat: 4:00PM---33
Sun: 9:00AM---30
10:30AM---32

Easter Flowers donated in memory of: D/M Tobin & Coghill Families, D/M Jantz & Stetz Families, Julia & Douglas West, Douglas & Helen West, Robert & Rose West, John & Nora West,

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Father Rawel's Corner

REPENTANCE FROM SIN

Through today's readings, Jesus is making clear the primary purpose of His coming to earth: to save humanity from its frail nature. All the readings today

convey a singular message - repentance from sin. This emphasis on repentance is crucial because sin acts as a barrier to encountering Jesus in our day-to-day lives.

These readings persist even after the third Sunday of Easter to underscore the ongoing need of purification and keeping our hearts free from sin.

Even after the resurrection, the disciples, gripped by fear, struggle to recognize Christ in their midst.

Despite their uncertainty, Jesus remained calm, revealing Himself to them as an example. When we have experienced the real presence of God, doubt has no place in our hearts. The presence of God brings joy, and this joy should be shared with others. Let us reflect on the question: what are we afraid of when Christ himself is with us?

At the end of the gospel passage, Jesus once again clarifies to his disciples that He is the fulfillment of the New Testament and the prophets. He emphasizes the central message of the day: repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed throughout the world. We are called to declare that Christ, raised on the third day, has the power to restore peace within us.

Let us ask blessings from almighty God to recognize Him everywhere and in everyone so that we may be able to serve Him more closely with everlasting peace



Third Sunday of Easter,

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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“Peter said to the people: ‘You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead, of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did, but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.’”

The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the first Christians and early church has wonderful sermons, or teachings from St. Peter and Saint Paul. As people ask where I should begin to read the Bible, it is suggested that we look to those sermons to set the stage for our understanding.

The same Peter who denied the Savior, now, filled with the Spirit, boldly announces the story of our salvation. The final words to repent, is our ongoing task, for we need to have our sins forgiven. May we not deny we are sinners, but seek the gift Jesus offers us.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

mine eyes
hath
seen thy
Salvation

