

Parish News

Here is your weekly update. There are also attachments for this week.

Stewardship-

Operating expenses for the Parish on a weekly basis are \$6,200.00 Collection.

Stewardship for March 25th \$6490.00

Hope Appeal

2nd Collection at weekend Masses is for the Hope Appeal and will continue in order for the Parish to reach the 2024 Goal

Goal \$38,468.00 Received to date \$21,688.02

Parish Giving-

The Parish is pleased to introduce “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer. It is convenient no more searching for a checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM. To excess simply Log on the parish website www.sacredheart-saintmary.org and click on the Parish Giving Log and follow the easy registration instructions. It is Secure.

Events at other Parishes in our area

Please remember we are all a Catholic Community and need to support each other.

Youth Ministry Nights

The Senton Center/Mary Mother Savior Parish

Monday April 15th parents, grandparents and family caretakers of teens to come join with a conversation about our ministry to teens from 6:30pm-8:00pm



As always, I like to share the deep traditions and meaning of our Church.

Why does not Easter on Easter Sunday? Why is it the Longest Liturgical Season in the Catholic Church? For more information, there are hyperlinks.

What Is the Octave of Easter?

Similarly, the period from Easter Sunday through Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) is an especially joyful time. The Catholic Church refers to these eight days (counting both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday) as the Octave of Easter. (*Octave* is also sometimes used to indicate the eighth day, that is, Divine Mercy Sunday, rather than the entire eight-day period.)

Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. For that reason, no fasting is allowed during the Octave of Easter (since fasting has always been forbidden on Sundays), and on the Friday after Easter, the normal obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays is waived.

How Many Days Does the Easter Season Last?

But the Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday! Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

How Many Days Are Between Easter and Pentecost?

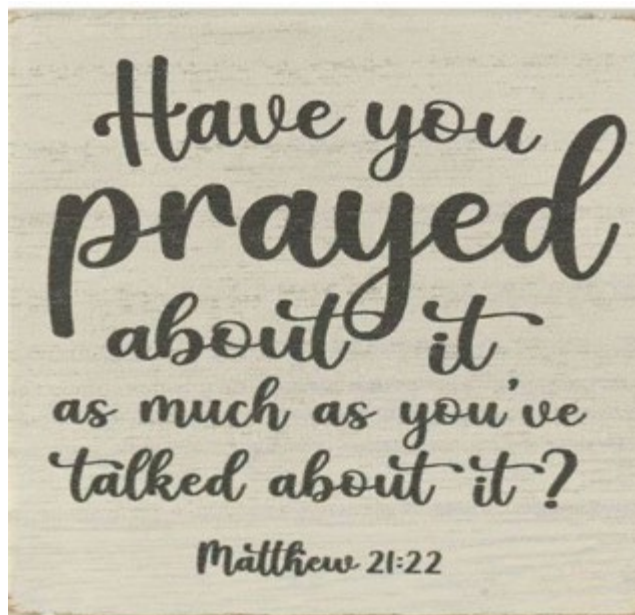
If Pentecost Sunday is the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday, shouldn't that mean that the Easter season is only 49 days long? After all, seven weeks times seven days is 49 days, right?

There's no problem with your math. But just as we count both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Octave of Easter, so, too, we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in the 50 days of the Easter season.

Have a Happy Easter

So even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us in his famous Easter homily, read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."

Catholic Food for thought





The Faith Formation Program last class will be April 28th with an ice cream social. While the faith formation program for 2023 -2024 please remember that your child faith does not end with these classes. Share your faith with your children until the 2024-2025 year begins in September. There will be the 1 week summer Totus Tuus program and Mary Mother Savior Parish.. More information to follow on this. Also Teen nights will be again at Sacred Heart. St Mary's in July. More information to follow.

Any child who will be making First Holy Communion or Confirmation a copy of the Baptismal Certificate is required.

Important Dates for children making Sacraments.

First Communion

First Communion Practice-It is important the children come

April 10th, April 17th, May 1st @ 6pm

May 4th final practice 11am

First Communion May 5th @ 11am Mass

Sponsor information and Confirmation Name due.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will be offered the first Wednesday of every month after the 12:15 Mass.

Saturday 4pm

Sunday's

7:30am 9AM and 11AM

Weekdays 12:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday.

There will no Mass on Thursday

Let's remember that as Catholics, the importance of attending Sunday Mass. At Mass we stand at mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

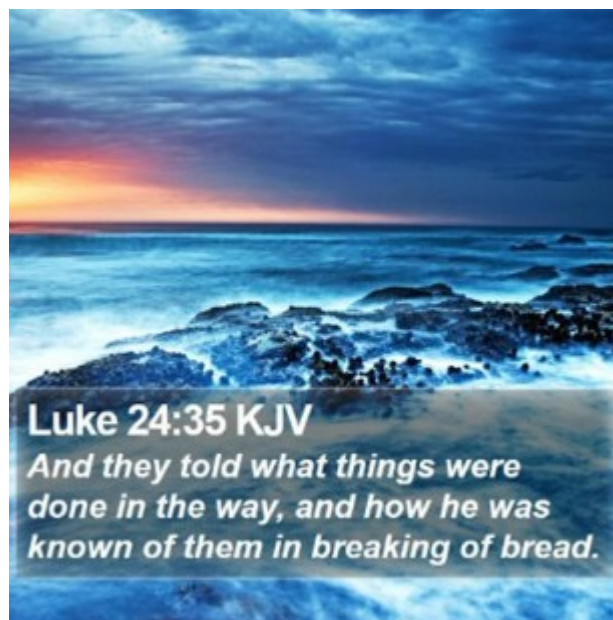
Responsorial Psalms: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

2nd Reading: Jn: 5: 2:1-5a

Gospel: LK: 24:35-48

While these are wonderful reflections, please remember that they are not to be a substitute for the wonderful sermons of Father or Deacon Kirk at Mass.

As always, I try to find wonderful reflections for this week's Gospel reading. I let the Holy Spirit guide me.



While the disciples gathered together to hear from two of them about their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Jesus came to them and stood in their midst, and greeted them with a greeting of peace. Luke's Gospel account tells us those present reacted with terror and were startled at the appearance of the Risen Lord.

Jesus invites us too, like the disciples in the Upper Room, to “touch and see” that we may come to believe.

Be not afraid! Jesus is waiting for you when you find nothing else in this world satisfies you.

For a reflection from Luke's Gospel account please enjoy below.

Peace be with you!

Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself."

cf. Gospel of Luke 24:38-39

GOSPEL

LISTEN: Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

by Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, in today's Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to his eleven disciples. He does not appear as a Platonic soul, a ghost, or a hallucination. Instead, he can be touched and seen, has flesh and bones, and can consume baked fish. Against all their expectations, a

dead man had returned, through the power of God, bodily and objectively, from death.

Even while insisting on this bodiliness and objectivity, we must not go to the opposite extreme. It really was Jesus, the crucified, who had returned from the dead. But he did not come back simply resuscitated to the confines of ordinary space and time. He was not, in a word, like Lazarus, the daughter of Jairus, or the son of the widow of Naim, all people who had been raised only to die again.

Instead, Jesus' body is transformed and transfigured, independent of the strictures of space and time; it is, in Paul's language, a "spiritual" body. And the point is this: he has triumphed over death and all that pertains to death. His resurrected body is a foretaste and promise of what God intends for all of us.

Friends, Christ is risen from the dead, and heaven and earth have collided! Despite this grand, reorienting truth, our culture seems to miss the point of the Resurrection. The world tries to domesticate Easter, but this is impossible. There's no other reaction than to accept the life-changing reality that Jesus of Nazareth rose bodily from the dead."

Bishop Robert Barron



Theme: Christ the King!

Scripture

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Luke 23:35-38 (NIV)

Today I'm going to tell you about a Backward King and I need your help. When I stop and point at you, you'll say, "That's backward!" Ready?

A long time ago, there lived a King. He was no ordinary king. He was a Backward King. He was different from other kings because He did everything backward from the way other kings did them. From the very day he was born, you could tell that this king was going to be different.

Most kings are usually born in a palace, but this king was born in a stable surrounded by donkeys, sheep and cows. (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!") It wasn't a very big beginning for a king. In fact, very few people even knew that a king had been born. Only a handful of shepherds and three wise men got the word that a king had been born. (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!")

As the infant king grew into a man, he continued to be different from other kings.

While most kings spent all of their time building up riches of silver, gold, and jewels, this king owned nothing at all. (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!") And while most kings surrounded themselves with servants, He chose to be a servant. He could often be found helping others. (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!")

As time went on, people became very unhappy with their King because He just didn't act the way they thought a king should act. Instead of riding into town on a big white horse the way other kings usually did, their king rode into town on the back of a donkey. Was that any way for a king to act? (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!")

And the people He chose to be his friends! His closest friends were a bunch of smelly fishermen and He could often be seen visiting with the poor and eating with sinners. (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!")

Finally the people decided that they had put up with this King long enough. If He couldn't act the way a king should act, then they didn't want Him to be their king any more. They made a plan to have Him arrested and thrown into prison. (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!")

Their plan worked. When the day came for his trial, the King stood before the people. Instead of shouting "Hail to the King, Long live the King!" they shouted, "Crucify Him! He is not our king! Crucify Him!" (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!") So they crucified the King. They nailed Him to a cross; they put a crown made of thorns on his head; they poked Him with sharp sticks and made fun of Him. What a way for a king to die! After He was crucified, they took His body and put it in a borrowed tomb. (Stop and point at kids to say, "That's backward!")

Wait, that isn't the end of the story. Remember...this Backward King was different! This King rose from the grave to live forever. Now, instead of being the Backward King, He

is the Forever King. He is the King to anyone who chooses Him to be their King. Oh, there are still some people who call Him "King Backward," but those who know Him don't call Him that ... they call him King Jesus!

Jesus wants to be your king too, and if you choose Him to be your king, you will live happily forever, and forever after!

Dear Jesus, today we crown you King and Lord of our life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Weekly Prayers

Blessing. As we continue our Easter season, let keep focused toward the Risen Christ



Easter Prayer

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.
Amen.





Diocese of Syracuse

From Notre Dame Schools:

Notre Dame Schools 12th Annual Raffle is underway. This year's Grand Prize is \$100,000. With a Second Prize of \$10,000, Third Prize of \$10,000, and an additional \$10,000 in smaller prizes! Tickets cost \$100 each and include admission for 2 adults to the Drawing Party on April 23, 2023, featuring free food, door prizes, and 50/50 raffles. Doors open at 12 Noon and the main drawing will be at 3pm. Call 315-724-5118 to purchase your tickets today!

3) From the Catholic Schools Office:

Save the Date: On Monday, June 17, 2024 we will hold our **3rd Annual Light A Child's Future Charity Golf Tournament at [Turning Stone Resort](#)**. This exciting event benefits Catholic Schools scholarships. We strive to raise much needed funds for our Light a Child's Future Scholarship program, which enables economically disadvantaged students to attend Catholic Schools in our diocese. Did you know that 65% of our students rely on financial aid or scholarship support to attend our schools? Your support will directly aid underprivileged students, ensuring their participation in a faith-centered community focused on promoting academic excellence.

Please join us:

- **[Serve as a Sponsor](#) or [Register as an individual or foursome team\(s\)](#)**

Sponsorships begin at \$500 - Click [here](#) for a complete list

- **Promote the Golf Tournament in your Parish**

See attached flyer for bulletin boards and Parish website

Event Details:

Light A Child's Future Charity Golf Tournament.

Monday, June 17 2024

Shenandoah Golf Club, Verona NY

18 holes of golf, rain or shine

11:00-1:00 Registration and grab-and-go lunch

1:00 Shotgun start

5:30 Cocktail hour

6:30-9:00 Celebration Dinner

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