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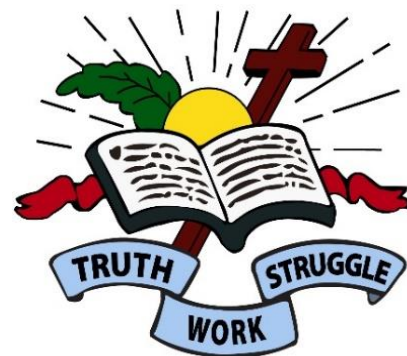
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April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

The resurrection changed Jesus in many ways, but his trademark activities remained the same. He still proclaims the word of God's love, He still yearns to unite us in His body of love, He still sets our hearts ablaze for the mission of His love.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 2:14, 22-28

An early sermon outlines the mystery that still guides our living and believing: God raised Jesus from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1 PETER 1:17-21

Jesus' resurrection has an impact on us. Through Him, God has delivered us from futility and granted us entrance into eternal life.

LUKE 24:13-35

In a dramatic encounter with the risen Lord, two disciples learn what their hearts already knew: Jesus is the One who sets us free from sin and death.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 25:15-16

V. My eyes are ever upon the Lord, Who frees my feet from the snare. Alleluia.

R. Look upon me, have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: John 1:29b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.

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Worship Services

Today – April 23rd

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Saturday – April 29th

**Celebrated by Bishop
Bernard Nowicki**

**as part of the Mission and
Evangelism Workshop**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – April 30th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ONE MASS ONLY!

Celebrated by Prime

**Bishop Anthony Mikovsky
as part of the Mission and
Evangelism Workshop**

8:45 AM Morning Prayers

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

**Breakfast in the Fellowship
Hall after Mass as part of
the Mission and
Evangelism Workshop**

All are welcome.

Marion Devotions

During the month of May we will be honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Litany to her after each Mass.

Father's Day Raffle Tickets

We will be holding a raffle as part of our Father's Day Festivities. Tickets will be on the table in the Library ordered by your envelope number next week. Please take a moment to pick yours up as soon as you can. Thank you and God bless.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lisha Rowe, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexus, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki and Laura Alfano.

Our Father....

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, April 23rd; YMS of R meets at 11:00 AM in the library.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 28th, 29th, 30th; The Annual Workshop of the National Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC will be held here, at Saint Stephen the Martyr. Registration is free. Information packets can be found on the table in the vestibule

Thursday, May 4th; Book club meets at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Saturday, May 6th; We will be holding a Mother's Day Craft Event from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM with outside vendors offering their wares. For this to be successful, we need to get the word out to the community. Please spread the word to all you come in contact with. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule.

Monday, May 8th; The ANS will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Sunday, May 14th; Mother's Day! Flowers, cakes and coffee for Mothers after each Mass courtesy of the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection.

Friday and Saturday, May 19th & 20th; The National SAMBS (Ladies Adoration Society) Convention will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville Connecticut. Please pray for our sisters as they meet and plan for the future of the ANS.

Sunday, May 28th; Memorial Day. Service at the Cemetery at Noon.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

Polish American Heritage Association Golf Tournament

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 14th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$90. per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch and dinner, gift and prizes.

Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions call 610-779-5523.

Deadline is June 7, 2023.