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Third Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

One of the most elusive mysteries of our faith is the paradox of God's love for sinful mankind. Today we celebrate the triumph of God's redeeming love over the powers of doubt and fear. We have won that victory in the resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

Filled with the Spirit, Peter proclaims Christ crucified and risen from the dead. He urges his hearers to put their faith in the risen Lord.

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

R: Lord, let your face shine on us.

1 JOHN 2:1-5

As a loving steward in God's household, John reminds us that to love one another in Christ is to know God.

LUKE 24:35-48

The risen Lord appears to the disciples and overcomes their fears. He gives them his Spirit and makes them witnesses to his resurrection.

ENTRANCE RITE: PSALMS 66:2-3

V. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise. Alleluia.

R. Say to God, "How tremendous are Your deeds! for Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You. 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 (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. He has sent deliverance to His people; He has ratified His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (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 it 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 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 the 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

**TODAY – April 14th
3rd Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM - Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – April 21st
4th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – April 28th
5th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – May 6th
6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Octave of Easter

Over these next few weeks, we will be learning about the time that Jesus spent on Earth after His resurrection and before His glorious Ascension to the right hand of the Father in Heaven. We will hear of these deeds from the apostles who were the witnesses of them. Then we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples, filling them with wisdom, knowledge and power as well as the gift of tongues or the ability to speak so that all people could understand them regardless of their own languages. So as you can see, Easter is not just one day. It is not even the Octave, or eight weeks that we celebrate. No, Easter is every day of the year. Christ risen from the grave happens eternally and forever for the forgiveness of our sins.

Coffee and Donuts are back in the Fellowship Hall after each Mass! Please join us!

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, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, 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, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, Sarah Ludwig, Frederick Smith and David Metzger. **Our Father....**

If there are changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, April 14th; The ANS will meet at 11:00 AM at Louie's Kitchen and Bar, in Flying Hills; 12 Village Center Drive; Reading, PA 19607.

Wednesday, April 17th; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th; Cheese pierogi making in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM. Please sign the sheet on the table in the vestibule to volunteer.

Sunday, April 21st; The Parish Committee will meet at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for its regular monthly meeting.

Sunday, April 28th; A clean up and re-organization of the Church Kitchen is being planned. Please consider volunteering to help.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

PIEROGI MAKING SIGNUP SHEET

Pierogi Signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. Help is need on each of the designated days. If you can volunteer to help it would be most appreciated. No experience is necessary. We will teach you how. And thanks to all those who have helped so far.

