

Sunday, April 18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to the Third Sunday of Easter.

I heard a priest say last week that this is not the Second Sunday after Easter, but the Third Sunday of Easter. Easter is not a day, or a week, but it is a season of the Church, seven weeks long, just like the Lenten season. We are supposed to keep alive the spirit of Christ in our daily lives, remembering what happened that first Easter morning. Try to keep thinking about Christ rising from the dead, proving that He is God to the Apostles, and showing them the glory that will come to all those who believe in Him.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is talking to the crowds that have gathered around him and John in the temple area because Peter healed a paralytic in the name of Jesus. Like Jesus treated Peter or Thomas, Peter, pointing out how the Israelites mistreated Jesus and put Him to death, doesn't just berate them or blame them. He ends with the invitation "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." Peter invites those who killed Jesus to repentance. This could only come from Peter realizing the love of Jesus for him and for each person, and from the Holy Spirit, giving him the words to say and how to say them to touch the people listening to him. We too are called to do the same, to preach by our words and by our deeds, by what we do as much as by what we don't do.

The Gospel from Luke is from the end of his Gospel. Right after this, Jesus blesses the disciples and is taken up into heaven. He says, "[R]epentance ... would be preached in His name to all the nations". Not just by Peter, or the Apostles, but by all believers. You and I are believers. Jesus says here that we too are to preach in His name to all the nations. This includes people in our own town, our own workplace, even our own family.

Can you say to a family member that you believe in God, that you believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God? That is a simple affirmation of your faith. It is not a challenge to the other person or an attempt to convert them. It is just you saying what you believe. Read the Bible in front of your family, if not with them. Say a rosary, listen to Catholic radio or Christian radio, talk about the music you hear that touches you from the Christian station. Maybe get them to listen to the song with you. These are all preaching, giving your witness to others about your faith, letting the Holy Spirit give you the words and how to say them to reach the other person. Start with someone you are comfortable with, and then try it with someone you know but aren't sure if they are a Christian. You may both be surprised.

God bless you.

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 4/17 5:30p.m. Anniversary remembrance of
Nancy & Joe Davi
Req. by Judy Snyder

Sat 4/24 5:30 p.m. Corrine Lok
Req. by Nancy DeFlon

COMMUNION SERVICES:

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wed – Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Thu – Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Fri – Saint Pius V, Pope
Sat – Saint Joseph the Worker

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is one of the seven sacraments. As St. James says in his Letter, “If someone is sick, let him call the priest to pray over him and to anoint him with oil.” If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please let Deacon Bob know, and he will try to arrange a priest to come and anoint them and pray over them. Call him at 845-706-1035.

CONTACTING MISSING PARISHIONERS

I’m sure you are aware that many people have not returned to church after the shutdown because of COVID. I would like to try and reach out to those who are not here, and see if they need assistance, encouragement, or support. Please try to remember who used to sit next to you, on either side, in front or in back of you, and give me, Deacon Bob, their names. With the help of other parishioners, I would like to contact them, by phone or by mail, and let them know they are missed, they are cared about, and see if there is anything we as a parish can do for them. Thank you for your help with this. It was good to see so many people I have not seen for a while at the Easter Mass. It reminded me again that there are many people who could be served by home Communion ministry, first by contacting them and then by bringing them Communion.

JACK ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the next several months we will be collecting loose change at St. Joseph’s, St. Mary’s and St. John’s. This spring we will be accepting applications from graduating seniors from these parishes who will be continuing their education. If you are interested in mailing in a donation, please send it to: St. John’s Jack Rose Scholarship, 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, NY 12477. Thank you!

COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don’t feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring Communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. I had the joy of instructing two people a few weeks as ministers of Holy Communion at home. It is a most rewarding experience.

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

If you might be interested in helping with this corporal work of mercy, please let Gabby Baker know. She can be reached at g.baker1@ppcsd.org. **St Johns food pantry will be the first Saturday of May from 10am -12. If someone cannot get there. Please feel free to let Gabby know and she will try to accommodate.**

ATTENDANCE

On April 10, Divine Mercy Sunday, we had 74 people at 5:30 Mass.

2021 ANNUAL HOLY NAME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

St. Mary of the Snow-St. Joseph’s Holy Name Society will be awarding three scholarships to graduating seniors of St. Mary of the Snow & St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, Centerville. (Must be an active parishioner) Applications are available in the church as well as in the foyer of the Parish Center on Cedar Street. Applications are to be returned to Mr. Thomas A. Resso by May 31, 2021. Please mail the application to: 2038 Route 32, Saugerties, NY 12477.

CLYNK

We are still doing Clynk with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially-marked bags so that St. John’s gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford’s yourself. Or leave it in the shed. Thank you for your continued support. This does help in our outreach.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have something included in the bulletin, please contact Alison via email: smssjrectory@gmail.com
All submissions MUST be received no later than 10am on Wednesday.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be moving out of the school building this month and back to our former location in the parish center at 36 Cedar Street! We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation as we transition back to the office. Catherine will be available on Wednesday & Thursday between 10:30am – Noon for Mass card purchases.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:
Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, “Smokey” Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Joan O’Leary, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung, Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Joe Nista, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore, Jill Trees
To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333