

Pastor's Note

April 26, Third Sunday of Easter

Follow Me!

In my high school days at Carrick High School, I ran Track and Cross Country my freshman year (1984-85). I remember running through Phillips Park (which was basically the back yard of my house) training for school competitions. The Cross Country races for the city high schools took place in Schenley Park and the track meets were held at South Stadium on the South Side. Now thirty-five years later, the knees are getting a bit sore and stiff, I don't run anymore but I still like to walk. With the Coronavirus pandemic continuing and staying home, it still good to go outside and get some fresh air when we can.

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. All of the readings this weekend focus on keeping the faith and following Jesus. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Peter with the eleven apostles address the Jewish people after they experience Pentecost. This weekend we read the first half of the speech, and next weekend we will read the second half. In the Second Reading from First Peter, we read how Peter and the disciples bring the Good News of the resurrection to both the Jewish and Gentile communities.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read "On the Road to Emmaus" which was a city seven miles from Jerusalem. The disciples who walk with Jesus at first didn't recognize him along the journey but their eyes were opened when he sat down and broke bread with them. Jesus gives us the Body and Blood of Christ every time we attend Mass, we are fed and nourished with the Liturgy of the Word then fed and nourished with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Every time we receive it we share in in the very experience the disciples did at the Last Supper. The Risen Lord appeared to his disciples on the road and revealed himself in the sharing of the scriptures and the breaking of the bread. He challenged them and continues to challenge us to live with renewed hope.

We all have experienced times of despair and disappointment and even now we may be going through some hard times as we continue to be stuck at home. Even though we are unable to attend Mass physically, we can still be connected to our parish spiritually by participating in the streamlined Masses, saying our daily prayers and checking up on our loved ones via the phone, or e-mail.

Let us not have fear, but have faith!

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Ministry Van

The Ministry Center is need of a Cargo Van to pick up their weekly food and items from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank in the City of Duquesne. If you are interested in helping to fund this project, please make check payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish and memo it "Cargo Van Fund" and mail it to my attention to the parish office. We are half way to our goal!

Parish Improvements

Paul Denk and Michael Natalia from our maintenance department continue to paint the large hallway between the St. Bede sacristy and school. Some ceiling tiles in the hallway that were damaged from past roof leaks will also be replaced.

Mariani & Richards Incorporated continues to spot point and repair mortar outside of St. James Church. Special thanks for those who contributed to the roof fund last Fall to make this major project a possibility.

Contributions are still being accepted to complete this project. Please make check payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish and memo it "roof fund."

Even though we are not open for Masses, please remember to continue to support your parish by either mailing or dropping off your weekly envelopes or participate in our on-line giving program, Faith Direct.

Please make your donations payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish as our three former parish checking accounts have been closed. You can drop off or mail your contributions to the St. Mary Magdalene Parish offices located at 509 S. Dallas Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208. We appreciate your generosity.

Please remember to participate in the 2020 Parish Share Campaign and complete your pledge to the Our Campaign for the Church Alive so we can continue our campus upgrades.

Something to Think About...

*The greatest thing in this world is not so much
where we stand as in what direction we are traveling.*

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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