



MASS INTENTIONS

April 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ “took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them.” Then they recognized Christ and their “hearts burned within them.”

Second Collections

May 3 - Our Faith, Our Future

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of
Raymond Leitzel, requested by
Vince & Mary Emery

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Beatrice I. Gharett, who passed away on Sunday, April 19th. May Bea enjoy eternal peace in heaven with Christ.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Elizabeth Muscarella, James Tomedi, Lisa Ressler, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando.

Saturday, April 25th

Special Intentions for
Father Hoke on his 44th
Anniversary as a Priest

Sun. April 26th

People of the Parish
Lisa Reichelderfer
(Barb & Renee)

Mon. April 27th

Frances McHale
(George Woodling)

Tues. April 28th

Mark Andrews

Wed. April 29th

Germaine Reid

Thurs. April 30th

Special Intentions for the
65th Wedding Anniversary of
Paul & Marilyn Boiardi

Fri. May 1st

Special Intentions
For my family
(Teresa)

Sat. May 2nd

Christopher Diehl
Christine Strout



From your Pastor,

*I believe in the sun even when it is not shining;
I believe in love even when feeling it not;
I believe in God even when he is silent.*

An inscription on the wall of a cellar in Cologne where a number of Jews hid themselves for the entire duration of the war.

The Third Sunday of Easter has this entrance psalm: **CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH, O SING TO THE GLORY OF HIS NAME. O RENDER HIM GLORIOUS PRAISE, ALLELUIA.** Now after weeks, days and hours of fighting the Wuhan Virus, with most of us in isolation and fear, finally, after Holy Week, Easter Sunday and its Octave, and Mercy Sunday, we find it easier to sing God's praise. It is hard to praise God when all seems to be falling apart and we feel as if God is nowhere to be found. Remember how desperate all seemed weeks ago. But now we begin to see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel.

Please give thanks to God for the grace that you have kept the faith and continued to pray and trust in the Son, even when the Son seemed to be so far away. Thank you for watching the 'live-streaming Masses' and the Divine Mercy Devotions from our parish. We do not feel like we are doing much to fight the enemy but we are, for nothing is possible without God. We pray as if all depends on God and we work as if all depends on us. All is grace dependent upon God, and yet all is in the economy of salvation, all is the work of man, that is the Man of God, Jesus Christ Incarnate and Risen in glory.

Consider those Jews who hid for 5 years in a cellar in Cologne, yet their faith and hope in the grace of God and the good will of decent godly humans, did sustain them and kept them going. Alleluia

I am writing this reflection on April 21st, it would have been Bea (Beatrice) I. Gharett's 97th Birthday. May she rest in peace and see for every the Son that never set in her long life on earth.

Tithing Envelopes: In this time of crisis the church still depends on your support. Please mail your tithing envelopes to St. Joseph Church, 109 Broadway Street, Milton, PA 17847.

On line giving has been made available on the Diocesan webpage, please remember this is only temporary due to the current measures taken to ensure social distancing. Visit our webpage to access the link. We encourage you to continue mailing your contributions directly to our parish. By mailing your offering we are able to record your offerings for those who will request a contribution statement at the end of the year.

Church Office is closed due to the mandated quarantine. For emergencies, please call 570-742-4356. If no one answers, please leave a message.

Thank you to our many volunteers who generously and continuously offer their time and talent. Each and every one of you are a true blessing!

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER
EARNESTLY
FROM THE HEART