

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter



Open Eyes, Burning Hearts

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus had listened to a stranger explain the Scriptures that dealt with Jesus, whose death had been a blow to them. At table they saw him take bread, say a blessing, break it and give it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Why did these familiar actions act as a trigger for them? Their situation is similar to ours. Their faith as ours rests on the testimony of Scripture, those who had seen the Risen Lord and the presence of the Lord in the breaking of the bread. This is the path of faith that leads to the recognition of the resurrected Christ.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of children deceased from illness, abuse or abortion.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 29
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of St. Joseph's Altar Society
Thursday, April 30
Mass in Praha – 5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 1
8:00 a.m. Robert Bohuslav, Charles F. Michalec
Sunday, May 3
9:00 a.m. Daniel Brom,
The Deceased of the Rudy Jahn Family

This Sunday's Mass will be from St. Mary's, Praha for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and afterward on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed as usual for adoration after Mass until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1st. Parishioners are invited to come pray for the end of the Corona Virus.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES – MAY 1 -3

Persons participating in this pro-life prayer event coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization will pray at least one rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. Ideally, one rosary per day would be excellent.

Please prayerfully consider being one of the persons who participate in this event by praying in your homes. *If you would like to pray the rosary for this intention during these three days, please contact Sharon Etlinger, 361-772-2618, text or call, or email at sharonetlinger@gmail.com, so she may register the number of rosaries being prayed. Let Sharon know by May 6 how many rosaries you have prayed.*

SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS MAY 10

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop your Mother's Day envelope in the drop slot or mail May 5.

Additional Easter Flower Fund Donation

We thank the following for their contribution towards our Easter Lilies.

In Memory of The Muehlstein & Anderle Family

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr. 29 – Margaret & Victor Molnosky
– Karah & Nick Rapoza
Apr. 30 – Judy & Dennis Barta
May 2 – Elizabeth & Ben Wenske

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Lenten Coin Folders Sacrifice – Almsgiving

For the Lenten Season the C.C.D. students were given Coin Folders for the Lenten sacrifice. The following students turned in the Coin Folders:

Kaylee Branecky Kade Moore

It's not too late to turn in your Coin Folder. You may drop it off at the Parish Office or leave it at the cross in Church.

Youth Ministry Center Donation

*In Memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak
Sheri & Glenn Grohmann*

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially James Filipp.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Robert Simper & Sheryl Janak.

REFLECTION



TRANSFORMATION

Making their way to Emmaus, Cleopas and his companion were downcast and disappointed. By their own admission, they had hoped Jesus would be Israel's long-awaited redeemer. They could not bring themselves to accept the word of the women who found Jesus' tomb empty. Nor did they place any credence in their vision of angels. Only when Jesus broke open for them the word of God, and only when he broke bread with them, did a light of recognition dawn. In that moment, they remembered, they believed, and they were transformed. Rather, than continue their journey, they returned to Jerusalem, no longer hopeless but full of joy, professing their faith in the risen Lord.

This same opportunity for transformation is made available to each of us every time we gather in Jesus' name to be nourished by the bread of the Word and by the bread of Eucharist. We come as we are, some sad, some wounded, some broken, some full of vigor; some full of doubts, some with lists of needs and desires, some with empty but open hands. As the word is proclaimed, the Spirit enables us to hear with fresh ears so that we can take away an insight, or renew our resolve to be better. We keep this challenge with us as we go forth into the week ahead. As the bread of life is blessed, broken and shared, the real presence of Jesus makes our hearts burn within us, nourishing us and nudging us toward a more lively faith and more devoted service of those in need.

Although our transformation had begun, it is not complete. It will be necessary for each of us to return again and again to the table of the Lord. There we will find the food to feed all our hungers. There we will also find forgiveness and healing, as well as the motivation to continue the lifelong process of transformation until Jesus comes again. — Culled from Celebration

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 26 – Matt Michal, Zane Barta
Apr. 28 – Karen Thomas
May 1 – Tyler Rothbauer, Casie Zimmerman
May 2 – Kenneth Hanzel, Stephanie Yanez

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Home Missions.

Dear Friends,

What a blessing it is for us all to be safe and sound. As we go through this impasse, I ask how we can find God in this situation. And surely, God has his finger print all over the place. Just look at how much slower the pace of life has become, and how we are attaching value to what is important in life; family members spending quality time together, neighbors looking out for each other, and people being thoughtful and kinder to others.

The situation seems to bring out the best in all of us as we realize how precious and fragile life is. I just wish it stays that way. This morning, I had Mass with the First Communion Candidates: Hailey, Eli, Isaiah, Patrick and Hudson. How refreshing it is to see the kids excited about receiving first Holy Communion next month. I wish I could start all over again with them. Ha! Ha!

Here, at the Church, there has not been a dull moment. Each day comes with its own surprises. Presently, we are updating our records. With many house phones disconnected and mailing addresses changed, it has become difficult to stay in touch with some of you. Do please fill out the form below for our Office use.

The live-stream Masses have been going good but I would sooner have the five Masses over the weekend than that but it is what it is right now, so hang in there with me until we can celebrate together again in person.

Lastly, I thank you for your tremendous support and prayers. All will be well!

God bless,

PARISH CENSUS

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

It has been several years since we have updated our parish census contact information. Many parishioners have disconnected their home phones, have email addresses, and/or have changed mailing addresses. In order to update our records, we ask that you complete the form below and drop it in the mail slot, or mail.

Thank you for helping us update our records.

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St. Joseph's Parishioner Contact Information Update

Please Print

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Street Address (if different from above) _____

Phone No. _____

Cell Phone No. _____

Cell Phone No. _____

E-MAIL _____

* If you are not registered and would like to become a parishioner, contact the Parish Office or find the registration form online at our website: www.stjosephsmoulton.org.