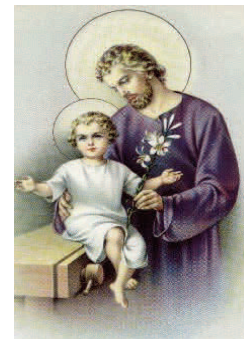


St. Joseph Catholic Community

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018



Peace be with you
John 14:27

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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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Name: _____ Phone: _____
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e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 14

7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski + by Doral & Helen Smith

Sunday, April 15

- Third Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by All Their Children

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu will be out of town on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Monday, April 16 through Wednesday, April 25. There will be not be weekday Mass here in our Parish; However, Monsignor Pius will celebrate these intentions while he is away:

Monday, April 16- Dorothy Witwer & Beatrice Hickert + by Friends
Tuesday, April 17- Dr. Ramon Villamil Family by Ron Smith
Wednesday, April 18- Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
Thursday, April 19- Charles Ault + by Tom & Barb Ault
Friday, April 20- Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
Saturday, April 21- Jim Cole + by Diana Cole
Sunday, April 22- Jeanette Ault + by Tom & Barb Ault
Monday, April 23- Living & Deceased of Diane Humphrey Family by Diane Humphrey
Tuesday, April 24- Joe Smekens + by Robert & Judy Grove
Wednesday, April 25- Beatrice Hickert + by George & Dianne Witwer Family

Saturday, April 21

4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Gloria Riveros by a Friend

Sunday, April 22

- Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Joe Smekens + by Ron & Kathy Marshall
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Every moment is full of wonder,
And God is always present.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 15, 2018, YR. B

LORD, OPEN OUR MINDS TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOUR WORD.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord be with you. My dear people of God, we need to strive and struggle to know and understand the Word of God. Every human person is born "**TABULA RASA**" (smooth tablet, without impression on it), except what God Himself wrote on it, His Laws. It is important therefore that parents and guardians, who are supposed to be the first people to help a child have something written on the virgin conscience. Then as the child grows, it is obvious that he/she should make effort to continue to have something written in him/her. ***Please children and young people listen. Thus, a youngster overcomes ignorance, gathers knowledge and attains insight and understanding by making some effort to learn. You need to listen to your parents, to the Church, to your teachers and your elders. You need knowledge to attain insight. Do you hear me, my dear young people? Now to everybody:*** Today's readings deal with ignorance. And the worst ignorance is culpable ignorance, and more so when it is spiritual culpable ignorance. **Culpable Ignorance**, is ignorance of what we should ordinarily know. It is a blamable ignorance because, it is a result of one's laziness.

In the First Reading; Acts 3:13-15, 17-19: Peter blamed the Jews for killing the author of life, the Holy One, the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "You denied the Holy and Righteous One ... The author of life, you put him to death, but God raised him from the dead; ... I know, brothers, that you acted out of **ignorance**, just as your leaders did." So, Ignorance on the part of those who should know is blamable and it causes harm and disaster. Poorly informed Catholics, though they may hold doctorate degree in different areas of specialization, are danger to themselves and to others.

In the second Reading; 1 Jn 2:1-5a: St. John said, "I am writing this to you so that you may not sin. ... The way we may be sure that we **know** him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, '**we know him,**' but do not keep his commandments are liars. There is a great difference between knowing *about* your friend and knowing him/her. To really know, involves love. The more you know the more you love and the more you love the more you know someone. Thus, we need to know God. Not just to know about God.

Then in the Gospel; Lk 24:35-48: St. Luke told us that the two disciples whom the Lord met on their way to Emmaus were narrating their experiences, how they came to recognize the Lord Jesus at the breaking of bread. And while they were speaking the Lord Jesus stood in their midst. Then he said to them, "**Peace be with you.**" But they were startled. He said to them, "Why are you troubled? ... These are my words that I spoke to you ... that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and in the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. To know and understand God we must read the bible, Catholic books and newspapers and other good books. To experience God/Jesus Christ in meditative and prayerful bible reading is the clue to Christian renewal. For it is in prayer that we encounter God/Jesus and experience him, for our salvation. "**LORD, OPEN OUR MINDS TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOU, AND THE GRACE AND STRENGTH DO YOUR WILL.**"

God bless you. Rev. Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

God willing, I will leave for Jerusalem on April 16 and come back on April 25. I will surely pray for each of you at the Holy Land of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for those of us going on the Pilgrimage.

Please mark your calendar, June 3, is Eucharistic Procession. It starts by 8:30 a.m. and ends about 9:05 a.m. Let's show our Faith and express our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

For the Youth: "YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH AND VOCATION DISCERNMENT" at Fort Wayne, on 4/17/2018. See Diocesan website for details.

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".



Please remember in your prayers... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, and Carol Lochtefeld.

April is... child abuse PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know: You cannot always predict who will be an abuser

Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family. With child sexual abuse, sixty percent of the time the offender is a family friend, acquaintance, or another trusted adult in the victim/survivor's life. Thirty percent of the time the offender is a family member. Sometimes an offender seems like the nicest person in the world, but this is often part of a process they use called "grooming" in order to gain the trust of the child they wish to abuse and the trust of his/her



Newly Baptized - April 7, 2018 - Welcome!

Theodore McGovern Raupp,
son of Nicholas & Victoria Raupp and
Ryder Storm Jackson,
grandson of Tom & Becky Jackson

7th GRADE HAITIAN HOUSE FUNDRAISER

The 7th Grade Class is organizing a fundraiser in hopes to raise funds to build a house for a family in Haiti. One of their fundraisers will be 'Cookies in a Jar'. There is a letter and order form inserted in this weekend's bulletin. Please help support their efforts!



SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 16 - Easter Weekday - Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29
Tues., April 17 - Easter Weekday - Acts 7:51—8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35
Wed., April 18 - Easter Weekday - Act 8:1b-8/ Jn 6:35-40
Thurs., April 19 - Easter Weekday - Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51
Fri., April 20 - Easter Weekday - Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59
Sat., April 21 - Easter Weekday - St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69
Sun., April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

PARISH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2018

- Sun., Apr. 15, 22 and 29— Religious Ed. Classes 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 19, and 26— Alpha Meeting— 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- Sat., Apr. 14— Tri Kappa Trivia Night— Angel Christal
- Sun., Apr. 15— Student's Mass— 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 15— Coffee and Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses served by the Knights of Columbus
- Mon., Apr. 23— Psi Iota Xi Basket Bingo in social hall doors open at 5:45 p.m., games begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Apr. 23— Wed. May 2— Msgr. Pius N. Ihechukwu gone for Holy Land Pilgrimage.
- Thurs., Apr. 26— Visitation of the Sick and Homebound.

WEEKEND OF April 21/22, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Leeann Kennerk
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Nancy Leitz (Choir Mass)

LECTORS:

5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 George Witwer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Janette Minch, Virgil Lochtefeld, Kevin or Jessica Seago
7:30 Jill Morrissey, Dave Gruss, Barb Ault
10:00 Diana Cole, Tammi Helm, Ed Shestak, Jeff Miller, Luisa Sumabat, Rick Singer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

5:00 Corey or Brooklynn Huss, Wyat Girod, Alex Mechling
7:30 Brendan McCorkle, Faith Loshe, Abby Wagner
10:00 Catherine Crawfis, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

Collection for Weekend of April 7/8, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,978.00
 Child Envelopes- \$29.10
 Loose- \$168.00
 Easter Adult- \$51.00
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$145.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund— \$179.00
 Table/Chair Donation- \$25.00
Total- \$4,575.10

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$541.30 behind budget from last week.

Other Collections within our Parish—

St. Vincent de Paul- \$1,201.00
Diocesan Special Collections:
 Good Friday/Holy Land- \$36.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

FAITH HOPE LOVE

ALL DAY ADORATION/ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. JOSEPH, BLUFFTON



Thursday, May 3, 2018 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
 Evening Prayer— 6:30 p.m. /Litany of the Eucharist/
 Benediction— 6:45 p.m. /Mass— 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to come and spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you!



ANNOUNCING - WEDDING BANNES III

We are praying for Acacia Herr, daughter of Bruce and Twilla Herr and James Suhrer, son of Andrew and Mary Jo Suhrer, for a successful marriage - May 27, 2018

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?