

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Eucharist is meant to energize us to take Christ's presence out into the world. It may be easy to see ourselves in today's scriptures as the weak sinners, but we should also envision ourselves in the roles of Peter, John, and Luke. In the Eucharist Jesus feeds us and sends us to "preach in his name to all the nations" (Luke 24:47). We are his witnesses.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 16, 2018

Monday, April 16
NO MASS
Tuesday, April 17
8:15AM Dorothy Niermann by Rita Perzia and Mike & Marilyn Todaro
Wednesday, April 18
10:30AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, April 19
NO MASS
Friday, April 20
8:15AM Pat O'Toole by Family
Saturday, April 21, St. Anselm
5PM Roberta Jany by Robert & Paula Platt
Sunday, April 22
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK APRIL 15 THRU APRIL 22

Sunday	9AM Mass – Recognition of Confirmed Reception following Mass in the Cafeteria
Monday	Priest Personnel Meeting in Belleville 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Pork Loin & Gravy/Fried Chicken 6PM School Board Meeting
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8) 6PM PTO Meeting in Library
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off 4PM Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Chancery, Belleville
Friday	8:15AM Mass (K-2 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: It seems that we need booster shots for faith. Baptism alone is not enough. The joy and peace that filled our communities two weeks ago are probably starting to flag and our old selves may be starting to re-emerge. We need a weekly dose of Resurrection appearances, in the Eucharist we share. All three of this week's readings as well as the psalm point out the weakness of our human faith. Yet they emphasize the forgiveness and blessing that are always available to those who turn to "Jesus Christ the righteous one." Can we recognize ourselves in Luke's Gospel today? Do we realize how deeply we depend on our weekly "booster shot" of the Eucharist to remember and reclaim the saving presence of the risen Lord?

TITHE WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,846.00
\$686.00 Improvement Fund; \$20.00 Cemetery;
\$5.00 Sr. Anne; \$31.00 Child Env.; \$15.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,716.27
Fiscal Year Week: 41
YTD Actual Giving: \$275,367.00
YTD Budget Need: \$287,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$11,633.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$283.74)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for April 21 & 22: 5PM, Koby Jany, Nate Maes; 9AM, Shane Bicket, Isaac Jany, Elseah Congiardo

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If you find yourself in a quiet place today, try talking out loud to God. He will enjoy the company.

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU to each and every person who gave of their time and money to help make this year's Gala Dinner Auction a success! We cannot express enough our thanks for all of your help! From the students, faculty and staff, the school parents, core auction committee, the guests, workers, and all of our donors-you are simply amazing! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to St. Mary's School.

SPAGHETTI DINNER hosted by the Venturing Crew #305 (Boy Scouts) will be held at the Chester VFW on Sunday, April 15, from 11AM-1PM. Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, and Drink. All You Can Eat!

CHESTER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at the American Legion from 12:45-5:45PM.

FINAL SIGN UP DATE: The last day to sign up for the Buena Vista National Bank trip to Shippshewana, Indiana is Wednesday, April 18. The bus will be traveling to the 3rd largest Amish community in the United States on Monday, June 4, through Thursday, June 7. Contact Amber for a detailed itinerary at 826-2331 ext. 108.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday April 20, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the K of C Charities. On April 27 the fish fry will be for the Human Service Center.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is Sunday, April 22. Mary Help of Christians, Chester, will host a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations at 3PM. The service will include reading from scripture, reflection, and praying of the rosary. Currently our Diocese has 106 parishes and only 39 native priests, many of those being of retirement age. Please come and pray with us that more men and women will accept the call to religious life.

CHURCH RENOVATION MEETINGS: Following the Masses on Saturday, April 28, and Sunday, April 29, members of the Church Renovation Committee will offer a presentation with Q & A for all parishioners who are interested. The meetings will address the progress which has been made to date and the plans for implementation. Please try to attend.

CATCH & EAT FISHING TOURNAMENT to benefit the James Brockmeyer Memorial Foundation will be held at the K of C Hall on Saturday, April 28. There will be a Silent Auction from 2-7PM and a Street Dance from 8-Midnight. See the flyer on the bulletin board for other events of the day. For more information or to make a silent auction donation, please contact Gina Scott at 615-2004.

STILL GIVING PEACE: In St. Luke's story of the trip to Emmaus, four things stand out about Jesus. He stands and walks in their midst. He answers questions and calms fears. He proclaims resurrection Good News. He eats with them. Jesus is still in our midst, doing the same. Every day. Who needs words and deeds of resurrected peace? To whom will I tell the Good News of the dead and risen Christ in our midst? After being fed at the table of the Lord, whom can I feed?