

# Third Sunday of Easter

*Fr. Michael says.....*

On **Easter** Sunday, I mentioned that, just like Christmas, **the Church celebrates this feast for much longer than just one day.** That's an important thing to recognize **we don't just go "back to normal"; we sit with the feast for a prolonged period and really enter into what we're celebrating.**

Immediately following Easter Sunday is the Octave - or 8 days - or Easter. The Church used to celebrate many octaves but now we mainly focus on the days after Christmas and Easter

If you came to daily Mass during the octave, you would notice that we sang the Gloria every day and that the prayers are written like each day is Easter itself because, in a way, Easter is celebrated each of those days.

The Octave ends with Divine Mercy Sunday the week after Easter. Last week's bulletin contained a lot of information on where that feast came from and why it matters, but I think it's also important to see its connection to Easter.

Now, we are celebrating the rest of the Easter season. It doesn't have the same solemnity as the Octave (no Gloria at the daily masses, for example) but it is still all about Easter - with a view ahead to what's coming.

**We're looking forward to the Ascension,** which, depending on where you live in the country, is celebrated on May 14th or 17th. **For us, it's on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**We are also looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost on May 24th,** marking the end of the Easter season. You'll see many references to Pentecost in many of the prayers during this time.

**Like the first disciples, we should spend this Easter season learning from the risen Lord and spending time with Him.** We've done our fasting and now is the time to feast - but not just on candy! Dive into the Scriptures (such as the daily Mass readings) and receive what God has for you!

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**PENTECOST:** One special thing about Pentecost is that it has the option for an extended Vigil. Like the Easter Vigil, this means a few more readings and psalms. We are going to use this option at the Mass on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:30pm.

*May God bless you for your goodness to His Church for the week of April 12, 2026*

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| <b>(BLS)</b> Adult Envelopes | \$6,257.00 |
| Easter Envelopes             | \$1,025.00 |
| Good Friday (Holy Land)      | \$30.00    |
| Children's Envelopes         | \$0        |
| Candles                      | \$172.01   |
| SVdP (Holy Thursday)         | \$955.00   |
| SVdP                         | \$240.00   |
| Improvement Fund             | \$1,055.00 |
| Loose                        | \$332.00   |
| <b>(OLL)</b> Adult Envelopes | \$1,230.00 |
| Easter Envelopes             | \$50.00    |
| Children's Envelopes         | \$0        |
| Candles                      | \$73.00    |
| SVdP                         | \$95.00    |
| Improvement Fund             | \$160.00   |
| Loose                        | \$49.00    |

It will not be nearly as long as the Easter Vigil but will have 4 extra readings. I think this is a good way to finish the Easter season and recognize the significance of Pentecost.



**We will have a meeting** for those who are **currently bringing Communion to the local nursing homes and those who are interested in participating** in this ministry on **Saturday, April 25, at 1:00pm,** in the parish rectory.

This ministry is a beautiful way to bring Jesus to those who are often alone and it is only a once-a-month commitment.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **(William) Michael Tost (BLS),** husband of Laura & father of Janet (Casey) Maxon (BLS)

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

|              |                 |   |
|--------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Sat.</b>  | <b>Apr. 18</b>  | Third Sunday of Easter<br><b>Hank C. Olszewski</b><br>(Lou & Kathy DiGregory & family)  |
| 4:30pm       | (BLS)           |   |
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>Apr. 19</b>  | Third Sunday of Easter<br><b>Bonnie Kaine</b><br>(husband, Bob)   |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| 9:30am       | (OLL)           | <b>Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes</b>   |
| 11:00am      | (BLS)           | <b>Lynne Ros</b><br>(Tony & Jeanne Tiberio)   |
| <b>Mon.</b>  | <b>Apr. 20</b>  | Easter Weekday<br><b>Jean Zamberlan Brandsberg</b><br>(MaryJo & Terry Borhm)  |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| <b>Tues.</b> | <b>April 21</b> | Easter Weekday<br><b>Mary Agnes Stanwick</b><br>(Barbara Smarrella)   |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| <b>Wed.</b>  | <b>Apr. 22</b>  | Easter Weekday<br><b>Joan Martinez</b><br>(Harrison & Bernadette Juliano)   |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| 5:30pm       | (BLS)           | <b>ADORATION &amp; ROSARY</b>   |
| <b>Thurs</b> | <b>Apr. 23</b>  | Easter Weekday<br><b>Barb Gegick</b><br>(Ed & Teresa Laman)   |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| 5:15pm       | (BLS)           | <b>Nicole DiStefano</b><br>(Family & friends)   |
| <b>Fri.</b>  | <b>Apr. 24</b>  | Easter Weekday<br><b>Health &amp; Blessings for Joel &amp; Joan Recznik on their Anniversary</b><br>(Harrison & Bernadette Juliano) |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| <b>Sat.</b>  | <b>Apr. 25</b>  | St. Mark, Evangelist<br><b>Sr. Elizabeth Ann Herrmann</b><br>(Harrison & Bernadette Juliano)  |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| <b>Sat.</b>  | <b>Apr. 25</b>  | Fourth Sunday of Easter<br><b>Stanley J. Michnowicz</b><br>(Ron & Dolores Michnowicz)   |
| 4:30pm       | (BLS)           |   |
| <b>Sun.</b>  | <b>Apr. 26</b>  | Fourth Sunday of Easter<br><b>Meg Mackay</b><br>(daughter, Kaci, Dave & Hollis Chaney)  |
| 8:00am       | (BLS)           |   |
| 9:30am       | (OLL)           | <b>Ernie, Jenny &amp; James Lamatrice</b><br>(Stephen & Elaine Lamatrice)   |
| 11:00am      | (BLS)           | <b>Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes</b>   |



### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT:

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, in Sargus Hall  
at **12:30pm**

### FIRST COMMUNION: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am mass

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returned home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present yet hidden.

Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

**Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.**

**And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.**

---- Fr. John Muir @LPi

**Remember in your prayers the intentions  
of our Holy Father, Pope Leo**

APRIL

(For Priests in Crisis)

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.





# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

April 25<sup>th</sup> & April 26<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 4/25

4:30pm

Lector: Elane Renzelli

EMOCH: Jeff Aceto

Altar servers Symingtons

Sunday 4/26

8:00am

Lector: David Anderson

EMOHC: Bill DiMichele

Altar servers: Mateo Vitello

(OLL)

9:30am

Lector: Beth Engle

Altar servers: (Volunteer)

11:00am

Lector: Kathleen Krivoniak

EMOHC: Jodi Taylor

Altar servers: Krivoniaks & Benners

If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.

## PARISH NEWS / EVENTS



**IN THE HOSPITAL:** as of Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>:

Trinity Med. Ctr; Michal Barber Jr.,

Brian Granat, Denise Smith & Roger Wolpert

We now have **Online Giving** available for our parishes. **Simply use these QR codes or go to our parish website ([wintersvilleparishes.org](http://wintersvilleparishes.org)) and go to "Giving."**

**Blessed Sacrament:                      Our Lady of Lourdes**



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**Wintersvillecatholicparishes@gmail.com** with your family name, then download the Instant Church Directory app and edit your info. **FYI: this does not register you as a parishioner!** Please contact the parish office to register!

**MEMORIALS:** There are 2 bulletin memorials that will expire the weekend of April 25 / 26. If you wish to renew them please contact the parish office this week!

**OLL CWC:** Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00pm.** All women over the age of 18 years are encouraged and welcome to attend!

## HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS:

Looking for the perfect, unique gift for a loved one or yourself? Well heads up, next weekend after all the masses at BLS, the company that sells religious olive wood items will have displays set up with a beautiful selection of items for purchase. This company has been here many times over the years and if you have purchased from them before, you know the quality!



The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, **he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain.** How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next.

**Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets.** He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus to stay with them and dine. **Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One.** He could have just told them who he was but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact

Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples, then we must imitate him in this regard. **This Easter season let us practice the following:** 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others

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