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April 23, 2023



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 25

3:45—Religious Education—School

Thursday, April 27—

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Saturday, April 29

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Donna Berry
Donald Walker



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation liturgy was celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano at the Church of St. Mary Our Mother on April 13, 2023. Our congratulations and best wishes to the following young people who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Erica Bancroft	Anthony Barkley
Zachary Bennett	Joseph Cain
Sophia Christmas	Eleanor Green
Alexa Lese	Lucie McKenzie
Salvatore Purpura	Michael Purpura
Delaney Ruhmel	Maggie Sullivan
Anastasia Utterback	Colin VonBevern

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Practice observing and appreciating the beauty in all aspects of creation that surround you. If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if she/he treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple,” (*Pope Francis, Laudato Si: On Caring for Our Common Home*). Earth’s oceans are expected to contain one ton of plastic for every three tons of fish by 2025. An expanded updated New York State Bottle Deposit Bill would help reduce plastic litter that often ends up in the oceans. Contact your NYS Assemblyman Christopher Friend (562-3602 or friend@nyassembly.gov), or Phillip Palmesano (palmesano@nyassembly.gov), asking them to support an Expanded New York State Bottle Deposit Bill.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2023:

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35.
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29.
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20.
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40.
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51.
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59.
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69.
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2023

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Third Sunday of Easter:

As today’s gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ’s presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when He broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

One of the edifying sights that I have observed are the number of families who are bringing their "little ones" to church on weekends. After all, we often refer to ourselves as a church family, and families have children. Children by their nature are still learning about the times to use their "inside voices" and behaviors. There are times when they need to run around and just be kids. I believe it is very important for families to bring their children to church so that this becomes an important part of their normal life. So parents, continue to bring your children to church. You need not worry about them distracting others, or drowning out the homilists! Most of us have big voices, not to mention amplification systems!

However, if your attempts to settle your little one are unsuccessful, just take them for a short walk to the narthex or vestibule. And for our more "seasoned" members, thank you for your patience and understanding. No one ever knows what another person is going through—health challenges, life struggles or personal crises. Each of us needs to be compassionate, patient, and understanding.

The following is an article which started my thought process on this topic. The author is unknown, but his message is spot on.

There you are sitting at Mass. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they are even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the church. All the while, you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There is no point in coming to church; I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you—you mothers and fathers—to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because, to hear that, brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their children brightens her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes—if but for a moment—her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of the common good. But he sees you—a young family—in church, and you don't miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship.

Bring your children to church. If you don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep and dead tired, keep on doing

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23RD:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	April 24—Easter Weekday The deceased of the Curtin family—family
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist Carl Gross—Tom and Mary Sweet
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	April 26—Easter Weekday Linda Mallare and Martha Valdriz—the Lapitan's
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	April 27—Easter Weekday Jennie Joy—Roger
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	April 28—Easter Weekday Charles and Doris Dickinson—daughter, Jan Graves
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	April 29—St. Catherine of Siena Frank Navone—wife, Mary and family
Sunday: 8:30 A.M.	April 30—Fourth Sunday of Easter Dawn Andrewlavage—Diane and Sal Russo
10:30 A.M.	Mary Frances and Richard Smith—Mary Ann and Robert Philpott

Pastor's perspective continued:

what you are doing You and your family are a sign of hope, an encouragement, and you are starting off your children's lives as you should.

My response to the above? Amen!! Have a great week, and enjoy these spring days. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

MASS OF RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please join the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony, for a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony, on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by registering online at <http://conta.cc/3Pne1pD> or emailing Donald.smith@dor.org.

Additionally, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email, or letter with the following information: **Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and wedding photo (optional).**

The **Email** is: weddings@CatholicCourier.com, and the **mailing address** is: Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, PO Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379.



GOSPEL MEDITATION: 3rd Sunday of Easter

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, “Father, I know you’re so busy”, but it happens a lot, and I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. But don’t we all feel at times that God just doesn’t have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning “Road to Emmaus” story we hear this week. It’s the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours He spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. on the day He rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn’t have “better things to do.” You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach Him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason He rose from the dead. Father John Muir ©LPi

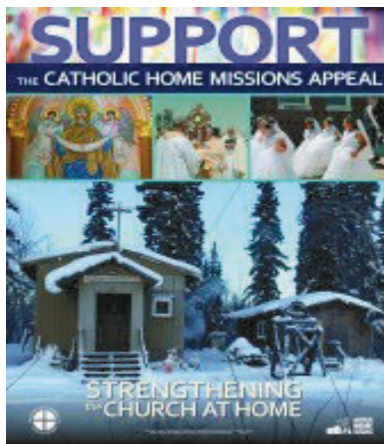


2023 Gala: Flappers and Fellas:

Time is running out! 2023 Gala Flappers and Fellas to benefit St. Mary Our Mother School is fast approaching and only a limited number of tickets will be sold for this event. Reserve your tickets now! The event is set for Saturday, April 29th, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Corning Radisson. Delicious hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, silent auctions, and live music will be provided by the band, Nik Lite.

Visit our online site at <https://www.32auction.com/SMOMGala2023> and check-out the many will begin on Monday, April 24th and close on Saturday, April 29th. Proceeds of this event will benefit St. Mary Our Mother School.

For additional information or to reserve your tickets, call the school office at: 607-739-9157.



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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RICE BOWL DONATIONS: If you have not already done so, please return your Rice Bowl donations to the Rice Bowl box in the back of the church, or to the parish office. Thank you for your Lenten sacrifices.

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Have you every been out of town and wishing you could find a Catholic Church? To locate a Catholic church anywhere worldwide, go to www.TheCatholicDirectory.com.

TUESDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The last day of classes will be this Tuesday, April 25th. We will meet at the regular time in the school and end at 4:30 with a small celebration in the church. Parents, please. meet us at this time.

YOUTH GROUP: The next meeting will be May 21st, from 5:00 pm-6:00 p.m. We will meet in O'Brien Hall.

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE:

DATE: July 14th-16th.

Any child in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. This is a weekend over-night conference on the campus of Franciscan University. This is an amazing experience that you don't want your child to miss in their journey of faith! If you are interested, contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office at 607-739-8214, or by e-mail —amanda.reeves@dor.org, lily.barr@dorl.or

DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER: Victims of sexual abuse.

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our **Victims Assistance Coordinator, Deborah A. Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555.**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: The Burglar

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!"

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot:

"Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Doberman Jesus."




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