

April 23, 2023



Today's readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 22 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jose & Adela Alvarez by Tony Alvarez & Gloria Vasunda

Sunday, April 23 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Sheri & George Turner by Mom, Betty Nash
10:30 AM † Angela Lancas by Jason & Jamie Titmus

Monday, April 24

8:00 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Sons, Phillip & Arthur

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, April 26

No Mass

Thursday, April 27

8:00 AM † Kathy Dacko Kapy by Sister-in-law, Mary

Friday, April 28

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, April 29—Vigil

4:00 PM † Robert M. Fuoco by Angela Fuoco & Family

Sunday, April 30 —4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM † Nathan Campus by Rita & Gary Lucas & Mary & Kathryn Dzurik
10:30 AM † Gloria, Ella & Joseph Salotti by Sharie, John & Salotti Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — April 29 & 30

| | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
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| 4:00 p.m. | D. Harkins | A. Punturiero | S. Punturiero |
| 8:30 a.m. | M. Melvin | J. Todd | T. Todd |
| 10:30 a.m. | W. Vlasic | K. Byron | V. Watkins |

Money Counters

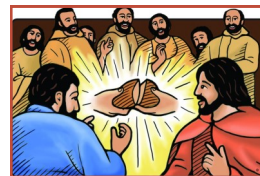
Monday, April 24—Team #2— W. Anders

Festival Meeting

There will be a festival meeting on **Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. It's not too late for ideas to make this festival the best one yet. This year's theme will feature the '50s.

Walking Along to Emmaus

During these weeks of Easter we are given the opportunity to revisit the experiences of the early disciples and their discovery of what the Risen Lord brought to their lives. This week in our first two readings we get a glimpse of just how much of an impact the Risen



Jesus had on the early followers. In the first reading we are reminded that the Resurrection of Christ is certainly not the end of the story, for it brings forth the outpouring of the Holy Spirit showing us that Easter and Pentecost are inseparable. The author of the second reading shows us how important it is to understand the importance of the signs and symbols of the Old Testament and the way in which they refer to Christ. From this reading we understand how God's relationship with Israel, and now with Christians, highlights God's binding covenant.

Our Gospel from Luke this week gives us one of the most memorable accounts of the Risen Christ appearing to the disciples. We listen to the story about the road to Emmaus and how the disciples came to know Jesus. Although the story pertains to Cleopas and his companion, the impact of what transpires certainly is a part of all of our lives. It deals with the everyday events that we all experience. In today's story we find two of Jesus' closest companions walking along so absorbed in what had happened. They were so focused on their conversation that they really weren't paying much attention to what was going on around them. We have all had those experiences where we were so involved with something that we miss things happening right under our noses. Did you ever have one of those experiences where you get into your car so absorbed in thought that you really are not paying attention to what you were doing. The next thing you know you have arrived at your destination and you have no recollection of how you got there. Whether it is big things or little things, we sometimes become so riveted on something, that we easily miss the bigger picture.

This is exactly what those disciples were experiencing. When Jesus came right up to them and began speaking, they failed to recognize him for who he was. They simply continued with their own agenda and thoughts. How often in life have we failed to recognize the Risen Lord in the people we live and work with? We become so focused on whatever we feel is important that we absolutely fail to see what is really important, the presence of Christ. This story about the road to Emmaus is our story. We would all do well to take a lesson from the experience of those disciples. Nothing in life is so important that it should keep us from seeing the presence of the Risen Lord in all of life. If we stay focused on that, it is amazing how much of life we can appreciate. Like the disciples on that road to Emmaus, we must make the Risen Christ known through our own words and deeds. But to do so, we, too must expand our vision; we must assess our expectations and refocus our lives on Jesus. Our daily reaching out to others is our daily walk with the risen Jesus. Do we recognize him in the need and dignity of others?

Weekly Collection April 16

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| Votive Candles: | 287 |
| Utility & Energy: | 45 |
| Accent: | 0 |
| Holy Thursday: | 33 |
| Good Friday: | 38 |
| Easter: | 277 |
| Children & Adult Collection: | \$3,451 |
| Online Collection: | \$1,541 |
| Total Collection: | \$5,672 |

Inspiration of the Week

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was — God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.

Stewardship

DLA

Lent is over and there are only a few more weeks left in this year's DLA campaign. So far, we have only heard from about **28% of our parish bringing in \$41,359**. This is very close to our Diocesan goal of \$43,854. I am confident that we will certainly make our goal for the Diocese, **but we have a way to go for our parish goal of \$53,854. Remember that every penny we raise beyond our Diocesan goal stays 100% in our parish!** When you look at the numbers and see that over 70% of our parishioners have not responded, you wonder why. If there are any of you who have any questions about DLA, know I am always here to talk about it and explain it to you.

All I am asking of you is that you participate in some way. If you have not yet responded, won't you consider making a gift? Again, if you have any questions or issues about this year's campaign, please let me know.

Heifer

Throughout Lent our parish collected money for the Heifer Project. As a parish we collected a **total of \$2,337**. Even though we did not fill the ARK, we certainly did purchase some animals which will enrich the lives of many people. I am grateful to you for your participation in this Stewardship project. It is just one more way that we are able to touch the lives of so many people around the world with our generosity!

Fish Fry Report

During Lent, a loyal crew of workers met throughout the week to make possible our Fish Fry. When you add all of the workers and the time they put into it, there was a phenomenal amount of hours that went into putting our Fish Fry together for this year. I know it has been said before how grateful we all are for their efforts, but it certainly needs to be repeated: **We are all extremely grateful to everyone who helped make our Fish Fry such a success this year.** This fundraiser is very ecumenical in the sense that people come from all over just to enjoy the time together along with the delicious food that is offered. It is an awful lot of work, but the benefits that come from it are countless!

Not only do we offer the very best of food, our parish serves as a place of welcome for all who came. We can never underestimate this fact. After adding all of the expenses and what we took in, you can see how very well we did. The people who baked each week offered a variety of desserts to all who came. Please know how grateful I am to all of our bakers! All in all, the work was certainly worth it in many ways. Below you will see the final report of the profit we made this year.

Our total income was \$70,995.54. The total expenses came to \$25,299.76, leaving us with a profit of **\$45,695.78**

Calling All Bakers

We will be holding our **Designer Purse Bash** on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. We are planning a **"Unique" Bake Sale**, and for this, we need your help! Show off your stellar baking skills; we are taking all types of baked goods. Bring your donations to the Epiphany Church hall on **Friday, April 28 between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** Items do not need to be packaged for presentation.



I am very excited to announce that **our new organ** will be arriving this week! So if you think it looks a little different, or sounds different, it's not your imagination. It will replace our 30+ year old organ for which we can no longer get parts.

Faith

Reflection of the Week

First Reading: Peter's first public speech in Jerusalem focuses on Jesus' connection to King David. In other words, Peter spoke of God's fidelity to Israel in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. *What would you like to know about Jesus' Jewish roots?*

Second Reading: Peter encourages his community to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (life on earth). *How might you show respect to others this week?*

Gospel: We hear how the two disciples on the road to Emmaus finally recognized the risen Jesus in the blessing and breaking of the bread. **What helps you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?**

Did you know that the last supper was when Jesus instituted the Eucharist?



Bus Trip

Sight and Sound Theatre's 'Moses'



St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see **"Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178.** The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at <https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>.

For information, call 724-989-6034.

Tuition Assistance

The Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

T-Shirt Time

We've become known for our unified t-shirts at the festival! This year we're **heading back to the '50s!** We're now taking orders for t-shirts. The deadline is Tuesday, May 30. The shirts are **\$20.00** each. The largest size in this t-shirt is 3XL. Order size based on previous t-shirts. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the office.



T-Shirt Order Form

To order a t-shirt, include your name, best contact number, size and \$20.00 per shirt ordered.

Name: _____

Best Contact: _____

Size & Quantity: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

___ 2XL ___ 3XL

Amount Enclosed: _____