



# *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday* **OF EASTER**

“You are witnesses of these things.” - Lk 24:48

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## CORPUS CHRISTI, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

#### Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

**April 11, 2021**

Envelope Total: \$10,419

Electronic Giving: \$ 3,555

**Week Total: \$13,974**

**2020—April 12 Masses suspended-pandemic**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

#### A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

Luke tells us it took three events for the disciples to believe Jesus was alive. The third event was while the Eleven were talking with the two men from Emmaus, Jesus stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. They thought they were seeing a ghost. "Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself." Jesus said, "Touch me and see for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." He showed them his hands and his feet. While they were "still disbelieving" he asked them if they had anything to eat. When offered a piece of fish, he took a piece of fish, he took it and ate in their presence.

Jesus went on to talk about his role as Messiah and the things that had to happen as he fulfilled that role. "That the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead...and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations..."

Then came the clincher! "You are witnesses of these things." Not, you can be witnesses: not you should be witnesses; not you can choose to be witnesses, "You are witnesses." They could not un-see what they had seen. And because of that, they had a responsibility for the rest of their lives to continue being witnesses. Jesus continued, "See, I am sending you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." And in a short time, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon them and they began the work of being witnesses.

What we have to realize, however, is that we are *never not* a witness. So, when we turn our backs on the opportunities God gives us to be witnesses, we nonetheless continue to witness; just not as the best and most effective witness; perhaps even a witness against what God can and wants to do in the lives of God's people. Either way, however, we *are* witnesses.

We are witnesses in all that we do every day. When people know we are believers, they will check us out. We are witnesses and others are watching to see if God really makes a difference in our lives and in our faith.

This is true for all of us, "Go out and let your witness be known."

It was so wonderful to see so many people attend Mass last weekend. Our community is thankfully seeing more people coming back to church. I understand that some may physically be not able to join us or not yet fully vaccinated, but, know you are in our prayers.

There is nothing like worshiping in person as a community at Mass. We have been kept apart far too long. Personal prayer should be part of everyone's daily routine, but, to gather together at the table of the Lord is what we need as nourishment for our minds, hearts and soul.

Let us continue to be witnesses for our faith, and share the Good News with all.

God Bless,  
Fr. Kaj

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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH

Adoration has resumed. Please note the following:

- ♦ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ♦ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ♦ Face coverings MUST be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.
- ♦ **Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays at 5pm; Tuesdays 4pm, 6pm; Thursdays 3pm**

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.



### CELEBRATE Mother's Day

#### MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available in the Church and Chapel to remember living and deceased mothers. *Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes* will allow you to write in the names of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and "special moms" in our lives along with your donation. The envelopes will be placed on the altar to pray for all those remembered in a special way.

#### 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Appeal. Your donation helps so many within the Archdiocese as well as right here in our parish of Corpus Christi. Rebate monies after attaining our goal will help our parish and school with repairs/upgrades or any needs that arise.

Envelopes are still available or you are encouraged to donate online at [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Designate Corpus Christi as your parish. Your gift may be restricted for any ministry listed. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.



### Bereavement Ministry

The faith community of Corpus Christi offers continued support to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are overwhelmed by feelings of sadness and sorrow, please contact Patricia Caulfield at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 138. We will help you find light, warmth and comfort.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING

Registering is a very important part of being a parishioner of Corpus Christi. Our communication with you is made easier once we have your information in our database. **In order for families to receive a tuition discount at Corpus Christi School, they need to be registered and using their envelopes/electronic giving as proof of their support for our parish.**

The occasion may arise when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The church in which the sacrament is being held may ask you for **proof that you are a registered, practicing Catholic.** We can only provide such documentation if the priests or staff recognize you as a regular Sunday attendee and registered in the parish. Please use your contribution envelopes or electronic giving to indicate your participation.

Formal registration is the best way of communicating with you and showing that you wish to be a part of our parish family.

#### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will offer in the year ahead. It is through the contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at Corpus Christi.

As you consider your weekly contribution, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week, but, when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, [www.corpuschristihh.org](http://www.corpuschristihh.org), click on Electronic Giving to enroll. If you switch to e-giving and are receiving envelopes, please call the Parish Center to stop the mailings. Thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi Church.



*Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation. For access to the fruits of creation, to be shared equally among all people. For communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.*

*Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people. Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom, and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all. That, trusting in your bounty, all people may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression.*

*Amen.*

*An Earth Day Prayer*



# MASS INTENTIONS

**ANTICIPATED MASS, APRIL 17**

5:00 PM +David DeFedele

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

8:00 AM +James Patrick Casey, Jr.

10:30 AM +Rosemarie Allota

12:00 NN +Maria Deptula

6:00 PM +Nicholas Delgiodice

**MONDAY, APRIL 19**

6:30 AM +Anna Robbins (1st Anniv)

8:00 AM +James Casey

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20**

6:30 AM +Sofie Gjindoda

8:00 AM +Anne & Irving Francis Minan

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**

6:30 AM +Neil Reyngoudt

8:00 AM +Florence Polce & Mary Coyne

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22**

6:30 AM +Eugenio Barcelo

8:00 AM +Special Intention

**FRIDAY, APRIL 23**

6:30 AM +Eugenio Barcelo

8:00 AM +Cecilia Parrello (21st Anniv)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

8:00 AM +Antoni Dziekonski

**ANTICIPATED MASS**

5:00 PM +David DeFedele

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

8:00 AM +Gene A. Noll, Sr.

10:00 AM +Elvira & Donald Urgo

12:00 NN +Patricia Hogan

6:00 PM +Gene A. Noll, Sr.

**CANDLES FOR THE WEEK**

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Michael Loscalzo** from Sylvia DeFelice.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Mary Black, Oneida Terra

**2021 MASS BOOK**

The 2021 Mass Book is open. There are open 6:30am weekday Masses in April and May. Stop by the Parish Center during business hours to remember your loved ones.

*Morning Prayers*

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz, Leslie Macaluso

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**Sharing the Gospel**

Turn to God in the name of Jesus Christ so that you will be forgiven. When you hurt someone, say to God and to the person, "I made a mistake, I am very sorry. Will you forgive me?" After God forgives you, he will show you good things to do in his Son's name. Choosing ways to honor and serve God will lead you to heaven.

**Prayer**

Father God, forgive me and show me ways to serve you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Something to Draw**

Draw your friend breaking your favorite toy. Draw yourself forgiving them.

**Mission for the Week**

When someone hurts me I will forgive them. I will ask God to forgive me if I hurt someone.

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures



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