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Next Sunday, the obligation to attend Mass returns. We're shifting from "It's nice to be here" to "I gotta go." Let's think about what obligation means—the "why" of the "have to."

Start with Jesus. He got us into this in the first place, after all. He said at the Last Supper "Do this in memory of Me." Not read the book. Not take a quiet meditative walk. Not know stuff about religion. But, "Do this" "Take and eat." Throughout the Bread of Life discourse we've heard Him tell us that the Eucharist gives us eternal life.

Don't forget His apostles. Jesus gave His apostles authority. "What you declare loosed or bound on earth will be loosed or bound in heaven." The Church, a loving mother and teacher, continues to exercise that authority for our good. The Church knows we can't live without the Bread of Heaven.

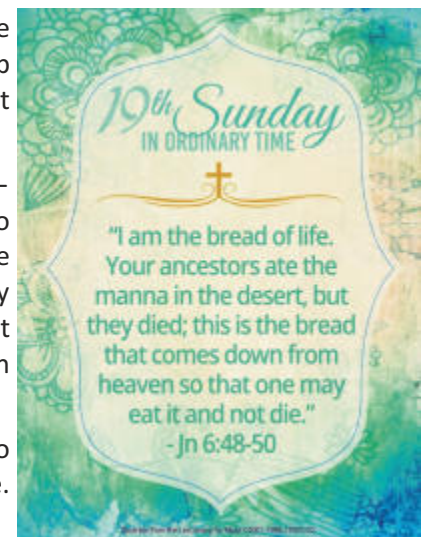
Someone deserves this. And that someone isn't you or me. Every breath we take, every talent we have, every accomplishment, every moment of forgiveness, every surge of strength in adversity is a gift from God. The Mass is a sacrifice we offer to God, because "It is right and just." From the Church's earliest days we've called our liturgy Eucharist—"Thanksgiving."

Witness. None of us can make this Christian journey alone. We need the witness and support of others. We come to Mass to give that witness. We come to Mass to offer that support. We come to Mass to tell every member of the congregation: "You're not the only one!" We come to Mass to tell our community: "We're in this building because we believe in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world!" We gather on Sundays to say: "He is risen!"

Real Presence. The servant of God, Dorothy Day tells about a man who was part of the Catholic Worker movement—committed to living simply and serving the poor. He was an atheist, but filled with admiration for the compassion that these Catholics showed to the least of the brethren. He often said "If I believed what Catholics believe about the Eucharist, nothing would keep me away from Mass!" In the end, on his death bed, he was baptized and received that Real Presence. Never forget what a treasure this Sacrament is!

Source and Summit. Often I hear folks comment that Vatican II did away with things—traditional music, the Latin language, the pope's authority, etc. Sometimes we seem to think that Vatican II erased old fashioned ideas like obligation. It did not. In fact, the flagship description of the Eucharist—"source and summit of the Christian life" really ramps it up. We derive the strength to live our Christian life from our participation at Mass. The high point of our Christian life comes when we offer this sacrifice in union with Christ, in His Spirit, to the Father.

One thing I hoped we learned during COVID. If you're sick (or when you're obliged to care for a sick person), the obligation was never there! Stay at home. Recuperate. Don't spread the sickness.



Our Altar Flowers this week are offered in memory of **Martin Blasko** by **Teri Snyder.**

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We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. It is our desire that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome and we hope that you will share them with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself after Mass. God bless.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
9:00am — Judy Tamagno (Anniversary) by Rich Tamagno
TUESDAY St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
7:00pm — Rosario Bell by John and Mary Todor
WEDNESDAY St. Clare, Virgin
9:00am — Joyce Gregar by Ruth Eiswerth
THURSDAY St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
9:00am — Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Council 12962 Knights of Columbus
FRIDAY Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
9:00am — Ron Cough by Ginger Couch
SATURDAY St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
5:00pm — Betty Otterbein by Ginney Carey
SUNDAY The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30am — Carmen Wylie (Anniversary) by Martha Wylie
11:00am — Parishioners
SCI — Mollie Geise

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil) **Sunday:** 8:30am, (live-streamed)
11:00am
Holy Days: As Announced
Weekday Mass
9:00am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
7:00pm Tuesday

You are cordially invited to the table of the Lord!

ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST



Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00pm and as posted throughout the year.

Come spend quiet time with the Lord.

Are you being called to Serve?

Save the date: August 21, 2021

Are you able to spend an hour with Jesus? After the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, August 21, 2021 we will have an all night Adoration Vigil. This is a perfect time to spend some quiet time with God and invite him in.

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come to be reconciled to our Lord and find the Peace you have been seeking.

Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00pm or by appointment



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Assumption	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your continued support.

COVID QUESTIONS

I've heard some anxious questions in the past few days. They're spoken in light of media reports of shifting concerns from the CDC, particularly in light of the COVID variants.

I can't predict the future. I can't tell you where government or Church leaders will land on questions about how best to both care for the health of our community and sustain a worship-centered faith life.

But, I can offer this advice:

- Don't let fear overwhelm you. Get good information.
- Get the vaccination. Once upon a time we put an end to polio and small pox—when everyone was on board with vaccinations.
- You can return to wearing your mask anytime you want.
- In church, you don't need to shake anyone's hands, you don't need to sit directly next to anyone, you don't need to put your hand in the font, and we still have the sanitizer for your hands.

BIBLE STUDY



**Bible Study will resume on
September 13, 2021.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:2-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 1[10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

CARE FOR CREATION



Members of the Care for Creation Team are keeping our trees and garden watered in between rain showers. Everything seems to be flourishing in St.

Francis Field.

The team is planning a trip to the Arboretum at Penn State on August 20 and if anyone is interested in going you may call Sherry Wertman at 570-447-7539 for more information.

A blessing for you: May the Creator give you eyes to see the new creation springing forth. May Christ give you ears to hear the laughter of new life. May the Spirit set the feet of your heart dancing to the rhythm of resurrection....from "Earth Gospel." Think about doing something for the environment - pray for the earth. Until next week, we send you prayers for blessings and peace.

Please note the days we can collect your produce to share with Son-Light House: August 14th and 15th

CHARITY OF THE MONTH



Big Brothers/Big Sisters The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-on-one relationships with mentors that have measurable impact. Children living in the communities that are part of Church of the Resurrection are waiting. If you can volunteer your time locally, contact BBBS at 570-433-3193. For more information visit: www.bbbsnepa.com.

LIFE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

REFLECTING ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

This weekend we continue the "Bread of Life" theme in John's Gospel. How does the Eucharist nourish our faith? How does receiving the body of Christ empower us to protect life and advocate for justice?

LIVING TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

SO BE IMITATORS OF GOD, AS BELOVED CHILDREN, AND LIVE IN LOVE

Today's Second Reading from Ephesians provides guidance on how to be empowered by Christ as the Bread of Life. Let us individually and collectively live accordingly!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Sign Up is now available!

Please visit resurrectiononline.net/resignup

Religious Education starts on September 19, 2021. Visit our website for all information on pricing and signing up. We encourage you to sign your children up as we begin to form classes for the incoming school year. The students will meet between the Sunday Masses.



SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN

Find and circle eight things that are different.



Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.

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- Morning Maintenance position at our High School

Please send a letter of interest, resume and clearances to Mrs. Alisia McNamee, Principal, via email at amcnamee@sjnra.org.

Registration is under way for the 2021-22 School Year:

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RESURRECTION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12962

Our Council has received the distinction of STAR COUNCIL for the first time since we began in 2001! It is the Knights of Columbus top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

During the past fraternal year, we have completed several FAITH-IN-ACTION programs including Food for Families, Leave no Neighbor Behind, Pregnancy Care Center Support, Holy Hour, Keep Christ in Christmas, Helping Hands and Into the Breach. With the continued participation of our members and the support of the Parish and Community, we look forward to a repeat in the new fraternal Year!

Please note that the INAUGURAL FEAST DAY OF Blessed Michael J. McGivney (founder of the Knights of Columbus) will be on August 13, 2021. All Knights that are available are asked to attend Friday Morning Mass on that day to pray for the Canonization of this exceptional parish priest and founder of our Order. An insert to the bulletin is being prepared.

Please consider joining us in our work by becoming a Knight of Columbus. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men ages 18 and up. Email us at: muncyknights@gmail.com or you can call the Grand Knight, Rob Mayshock at 570-649-5070. Brochures explaining the work of the Order are located in the reading material rack in the Narthex. You may also go to www.kofc.org for comprehensive information on who we are as the "Strong Right Arm" of the Church.

PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



Fall Festival

Where: Church of the Resurrection
75 Musser Lane – Muncy, PA
When: Friday, September 24th (4-7pm) and
Saturday, June 29 (3-8pm)
Why: The money raised from our past summer festivals help to meet our financial needs as a parish and assists with outreach to the community we serve.

Since 1944, our church has been hosting fun-filled summer festivals and this year we are trying something new with a FALL Festival sure to DELIGHT!

Join us for great food, fun prizes, live music, kids' games and yummy treats, including ice cream and lots of tasty baked goods!

NEW THIS YEAR: Our First Chili Cook-off! Look for sign ups in the bulletin, newsletter, Narthex and our website. Don't be shy. Show off those great cooking skills you have been hiding!



Featuring Live Music on Saturday!

Resurrection Singers – 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Catawissa Military Band – 3:30 – 4:30pm



RSVP & Sponsorship Info Below

Count me in, I am coming! Name: _____

I CAN HELP ON: Friday AND/OR Saturday My Phone No.: _____

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10am Mondays – Watch bulletin for early publications dates

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PARISH REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

All Catholics should be officially enrolled in a parish. To become members of Church of the Resurrection you are asked to register with the Office Administrator. There are also registration forms available in the narthex of the church. Also, please notify the office of any address and/or telephone number changes.

VOLUNTEERS

Church of the Resurrection can always use new altar servers, ushers, choir and contemporary group singers, cantors, and instrumentalists. The Women's Organization and the Knights of Columbus also welcome new members. We often need help with life & justice projects, various fundraisers, grounds keeping and our annual parish festival. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with your parish, please email resurrection@windstream.net and we'll point you in the right direction.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Church law requires Catholics to be married with the church's prayers and blessings. Please call the pastor at least six months before your anticipated wedding date. All couples must complete a Pre-Cana program. If you or your fiancée were previously married and divorced, you will need an annulment before being married in the church. Allow at least a year to finish the annulment process.

BAPTISM

Infants and small children may be baptized at any Saturday evening or Sunday morning celebration of the Eucharist outside of Lent. The parish baptismal preparation session is required before the baptism of a couple's first child. Please find request form on our website.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office whenever anyone is sick, unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the sick. The Pastor will bring the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as needed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sundays, September to May, K-8 at 9:30am. High School Students / Youth Group have various activities that can be found on the church website or within this bulletin. A two-year period of preparation for **First Penance** and **First Eucharist** takes place in first and second grades for baptized children. A two-year program of **Confirmation** preparation for children who have received Baptism and Eucharist takes place during the seventh and eighth grades. **All children must be registered.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been baptized? Have you been baptized in another Christian Church, but desire instructions about the Catholic Faith? Are you a baptized Catholic but not fully initiated through the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation? The R.C.I.A. team is here for you! Contact Jesse Martin at 570-546-3900 or dresurrection@gmail.com.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

WE NEED YOU! As we gather for full services, we are looking to begin again with Funeral Luncheons here at the Parish Hall.

If you are available and would like to be added to the volunteer team, please email the office at resurrection@windstream.net or email Sarah Swisher at swisherbusinesssolutions@gmail.com.

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