

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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April 18, 2021

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-3:00 pm

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From Fr. Varghese's Desk

One of the Church's earliest memories is the story of the two disciples who fled from Jerusalem after the crucifixion. Jesus was the one person who had meant the most to them. With his death their whole world had collapsed and an end was put to their dreams for the future. Struggling to make sense of their disappointment, they felt that there was nothing else for them but to leave the other apostles and depart from Jerusalem because it was the place where their hopes were severely shattered. On their way they were joined by a stranger who listened sympathetically to their story and helped them to see meaning in all that had happened. At every step of their troubled journey Jesus was in their midst, but they did not recognize his presence until the breaking of bread at Emmaus. Their faith was restored and they returned to Jerusalem with new-found enthusiasm.

The story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus points the finger at us and sheds light on our own situation, especially during the Coronavirus pandemic which has caused the forced social distancing from our jobs and one another. In many ways, the distress of those disciples and our own challenges today makes their anger and sadness ring true in our ears. The troubles and worries of life can so crowd our minds that we lose our sense of direction and are brought to the point of despair. All the while, we forget that Jesus is walking with us, at our side, ready to help us if only we would turn to him for guidance. This is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of recognizing the Lord's presence in our lives. One way we do this is by growing closer to him through prayer and reading of the Scriptures.

We encounter the Lord amidst the ordinariness of human life, in the relationships we establish as we work and share together. At Sunday Mass (even if we have to watch it on our computers), Jesus invites us to relive the Emmaus experience as we share the Eucharist with him. We bring to Mass the joys and sorrows of the week that has gone by and Christ speaks to us as he spoke to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

As we share in the "breaking of bread" at Mass, we can pray to have our eyes opened so that we can see beyond the suffering of human living, to the joy that is all around us and ahead of us. Then we are in a position to set out and proclaim the good news to those who rely on us for love, support and encouragement.

Have a good week and God bless!
Fr. Varghese



Saturday, April 17

4:00 pm Irene and Ben Peloquin (Remembrance)

Sunday, April 18—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Paula and Greg Ramallo (Remembrance)

10:30 am Tom and Rose Igoe (Wedding Anniv. Remem.)

Monday, April 19

8:00 am McMullen & Neri Families

12:00 pm-6:00 pm Adoration and Benediction

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 am Pasco A. Votto (13th Anniversary)

Theresa A. Votto (9th Anniversary)

Wednesday, April 21

8:00 am Mary Pendergast (Living)

7:00 pm Consecration to St. Joseph

Thursday, April 22

8:00 am Father Varghese (Living)

Saturday, April 24

4:00 pm Antonio Simeone (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, April 25—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Dorothy Bianchi (Living)

10:30 am Monsignor Thomas Green (2nd Anniversary)

No Second Collection Next Weekend!

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 4/15 to 4/21/2021

The *Sanctuary Candle* will burn for:

Special Intention

The *Altar Candles* will burn for:

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The *Altar Bread* is offered for:

Special Intention

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar Bread is \$10 for a living or deceased remembrance)

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Monday—Thursday from 9:00 am—3:00 pm!

Weekend of April 11, 2021

Offertory Report

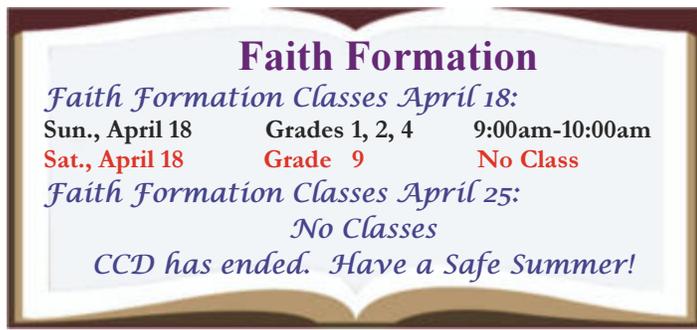
Weekly Offering: \$8,325.00

On-Line Giving: \$ 761.00

Helping Hand Fund: \$ 95.00

Thank you for your support!

Please remember Mary, Mother of Mankind Church in your will or estate.



SUNDAY, MAY 2nd

7:30 AM (in place of 8:00 am Mass)

9:30 AM—First Communion

12:00 PM—Confirmation

First Communion Rehearsal & Important Dates

Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 -10:00AM

Sunday, May 2nd 9:30 First Communion

Sunday, May 9th 10:00 Crowning of Mary

The May Crowning is scheduled for **Sunday, May 9th during the 10:30 AM Mass.** All children who received their Sacrament of First Communion on May 2nd are asked to participate, and to wear their communion outfits. All other children are asked to join them and to dress appropriately.

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at **NOON time, Benediction and reposition at 6:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study class.** This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Parish Bible Study will meet **this Monday evening, April 19th at 7:00 pm** in the **Church Hall.**



33 DAYS CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

“Consecration to St. Joseph The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father” will begin soon! Through this retreat, Fr. Donald Calloway, a Marian Father of the Immaculate Conception, helps us invoke St. Joseph’s protection and grow in devotion to him, our patron, and the Terror of Demons. If you would like to participate, please email Father Varghese at:

revtj23@gmail.com.

There will be Consecration to St. Joseph on Wednesday nights for 6 weeks starting April 14th thru May 19th at 7:00 pm
All are Welcome

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: What are my thoughts about Jesus’ Resurrection? What are my hopes and expectations about the resurrection on the last day?

Children: What will heaven be like? Who are all the people I want to be with in heaven?

SUNDAY SMILE

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, “Low Bridge Ahead.” Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks up to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, “Got stuck, huh!!” The truck driver says, “No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas.”

Catholic Charity Appeal

The Catholic Charity Appeal will take place on the **weekends of April 17/18 and 24/25.** Many of you who have contributed in the past have received a mailing from the diocese. We thank you for your past generosity and for your contribution this year! The diocesan agencies that are supported by the fund serve the elderly, youth, the poor and homeless, in addition they support the work of catholic education, youth ministry and evangelization. Thank you for your generous support of our diocese.

MOTHER OF HOPE CAMP - OPEN HOUSE

Mother of Hope Camp, a full day traditional summer camp located on Echo Lake in Chepachet, will host an Open House on

Saturday, May 15th from 11 AM - 3 PM.

For more information, please visit www.mothersofhopecamp.com or call **Michelle Ficocelli at 568-3580.**

Confirmation Rehearsal

There will be a **Confirmation Rehearsal on Friday, April 30th at 6:00 pm.**



To submit a prayer request for our Prayer Chain please contact **Alexandra P. (300-2062) or Pauline N. (231-8012)**

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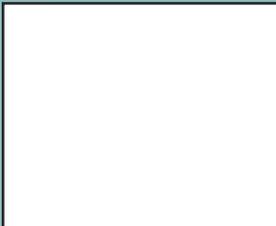
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