

Our Lady of Peace Church
May 1, 2022

First Communion



CONGRATULATIONS!

This weekend Our Lady of Peace parish is celebrating **First Communion!** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they take part in this very special Sacrament for the very first time during this Year of the Eucharist.

Gavin Betters
Nissa Burnett
Violet Garey
Carter Greene
Chase Greene

Cosette Grout
Holland Herzig, Jr.
Abraham Jagla
Kate O'Brien
Anthony Teng



My dear friends,

On this **Third Sunday of Easter** our readings continue to offer us much food for thought, focusing on the various Resurrection appearances of our Lord and their impact on the early Church community. Our first passage, Acts 5:27-32, 40-41, reports a dramatic encounter between the apostles and the Sanhedrin, the ruling religious body in Jerusalem. The reading begins, “When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, ‘We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.’”

Notice two things. First, the apostles, who had been incredibly afraid after the crucifixion to the point of locking the room in which they were gathered, now have equally incredible courage. Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, attributes this to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Second, the members of the Sanhedrin are clearly frustrated and very angry that their authority is being questioned. They will not even utter the name “Jesus”. Rather, they speak of “that name” and “this man”.

Peter then begins his response with the statement of a moral principle that underlies everything the apostles will do and say. “Peter and the apostles said in reply, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’” He then goes on boldly, making it clear that the religious leaders are indeed responsible for what happened. “The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The reading concludes by making it perfectly clear that the followers of Jesus intend to continue “obeying God rather than men.” “The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.”

It should be remembered that for the first three centuries to be a Christian was illegal. Members of the Roman Empire were to consider the Emperor as divine, along with the whole host of Roman gods. It was a time of terrible persecution and death, and yet for those who had little hope otherwise, Christianity offered meaning and salvation—and Christianity spread like wildfire. Through it all, the early followers of Christ remembered Peter’s statement, “We must obey God rather than men.” Down through the centuries, and in our own time, there have been situations in which people have chosen to follow their consciences, even though they knew they were breaking the law of the state. Like Peter and the first Christians, they knew in their hearts that they had to obey God when the imperfect civil law contradicted divine teaching.

Our gospel reading, John 21:1-19, finds several of the apostles returning to the livelihood they had before meeting Jesus: fishing. “Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We also will come with you.’ So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.”

Then the appearance of the resurrected Jesus takes place. “When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not recognize him.” It’s interesting to note that, in his risen state, there was continuity; the nailmarks and the gash in the side were still there. But there was also a difference. We don’t know what the difference was, but in all the accounts, the risen Jesus is not immediately recognized. After the disciples had spent a long time fishing, they had caught nothing. Jesus then tells them where to drop their net, and they have a miraculous catch. It is then that they recognize the risen Jesus.

The same thing can happen to us. While Jesus is not present to us in exactly the same way that he was present to the apostles, we do believe that he is with us. When difficulties come, when we suffer, when we see all the evil taking place in the world, we can begin to wonder: Where are you, Lord? In last week’s gospel, Jesus reminded Thomas and the others that it was still a matter of faith and trust. Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” We have the testimony of the eyewitnesses, we know how their lives were dramatically changed, and we know they went to their deaths proclaiming: Jesus is risen! We are invited during this Easter season to listen carefully to their testimony to determine if it is credible. We are called to trust their word: Jesus is risen indeed!

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Saturday, April 30

4:00P *Clarence Allis & Marge Calcari*
by their family

Sunday, May 1

8:00A *Jean Sulda*
by Paul Prunier

10:00A *Jeff Watroba*
by the Eichorn family

Saturday, May 7

4:00P *John Pelis, Jr.*
by his wife

Sunday, May 8

8:00A *Paul Socquet*
by Margaret

10:00A *Jill Mackin Betteres*
by the Eichorn family

DAILY MASS

Monday, May 2

8:00A *John Kiley family*

Tuesday, May 3

8:00A *No intention*

Wednesday, May 4

8:00A *Mary Piurkowski*
by Michelle Turner

Thursday, May 5

8:00A *No intention*

Friday, May 6

8:00A *Holy Communion Service*



Our Lady's Window

April 26

Leo Woznakewicz
by Helen

Mary Piurkowski
by Michelle Turner

May 1

*For all parishioners who are living
with health issues*

Parish Scholarships are now being offered: 2 for parishioners who are graduating from high school, 4 for those who are already in college. **Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500.00.** Application forms are in the sacristy, or you may call the rectory 413 863.2585.

Holy Trinity Church, 133 Main Street, Greenfield, will have a tag, jewelry, linen, toys, raffles and bake sale, Friday, **May 6**, 9:00A-2:00P and Saturday, **May 7**, 9:00A-1:00P.

This year's STASH BASH!



THANK YOU! On behalf of the Women's Group, we thank the vendors, customers, those who donated items and our workers for a very successful 6th annual Stash Bash.
The Stash Bash Committee

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