



# The Parish of Good Shepherd & St. Joseph

April 4th, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## Church of the Good Shepherd - Rhinebeck

Weekend Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday (Except Tuesday): 9:00 a.m.

*Good Shepherd Church is fully accessible for the disabled.*

## St. Joseph Church - Rhinecliff

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

## CONFESIONS

Monday through Friday: 8:30a.m.—8:55a.m. (except Tuesday)

Saturday: 4:00p.m.- 4:55p.m.

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

(September through June)

Miraculous Medal Novena immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday

St. Joseph Litany and Prayer immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday

Daily Rosary at 8:30 a.m. (except Tuesday)

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are conducted on weekends. Parents who have not previously attended instruction in the sacrament must do so prior to the child's Baptism.

## MARRIAGES

Those seeking to marry must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date to allow time for pre-marriage program attendance, gathering of appropriate documents, and securing any dispensation from ecclesial authorities.

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Change of Address  Moving out of Parish

Home Visit Requested  Need Envelopes

Please fill out and cut form. Return it through the Collection Basket or by mail to the Rectory Office. New registrants are invited to visit the Rectory during office hours to receive the registration form and information on parish activities.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday <b>8:00 PM.</b>	<b>April 3 Holy Saturday</b> John Grady † req by Joan Grady
<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Of the Lord</b>	
Sunday <b>8:00 A.M.</b> <b>11:15 A.M.</b> <b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>April 4 Easter Sunday</b> Joseph Kennedy † req by Kathleen Kennedy Eugene Riordan † req by Peggy Frayser Bernice Starkie † req by the Rifenburgh Family
<b>Monday</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>April 5 Monday within the Octave of Easter</b> Arthur Hechler † req by Bob Hechler
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 6 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</b> No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>April 7 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</b> Anna Marie Enright † req by Eileen & Frank Weber
<b>Thursday</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>April 8 Thursday within the Octave of Easter</b> Peter Richard req by Colleen Contreni
<b>Friday</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>April 9 Friday within the Octave of Easter</b> John P. Crawford † req by Father Crawford
<b>Saturday</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>April 10 Saturday within the Octave of Easter</b> Pro Populo Edwina Godfrey & Donald Sabo † req by Alex & Linda Sabo
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8:00 A.M.</b> <b>11:15 A.M.</b> <b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>April 11 Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> Deceased Members of the Mathe/Campbell Family † req by Dan & Doreen Campbell Carlos Jesus Minero † req by the Alvarez Family The Browne Family † req by the Browne Family



#### **THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**In Honor of Lonnie Traudt**

req by Lew and Helen Gardner

St. Joseph

**In Memory of Rodney J. Tortarella**  
req by Fr. Douglas Crawford & Staff

# A Royal Summons to the Cross of Christ

by Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ

I once almost caused a scene in a movie theater.

When I was a college junior, just 20 years old, I went to the theater to see the movie *Excalibur*, a rather imaginative retelling of the story of King Arthur and his famous sword. (Please note: the movie earned its 'R' rating.) At one point in the movie, the young King Arthur jumps up on a horse—a white horse, naturally—waves his sword in the air and calls out, **“Any man who would be a knight and follow a king, follow me!”**

And I almost found myself running down the aisle of the movie theater towards the screen yelling, “Take me! I wanna go with you! Take me! I wanna be a knight and follow a king! Take me! I wanna be a knight and follow a king!”

You might shake your head at such youthful exuberance. You may object: “Isn’t the idea of a king passé? Isn’t the celebration of kingship embarrassingly retrograde and sexist? Surely, no one would celebrate kingship as ‘progressive’! And surely democracies have no use for a king?”

I answer that now, more than ever, we need a king. **A true king is a wise warrior who offers his people protection and vision; said another way, a true king gives his people boundaries that may not be crossed and horizons that must be reached.** Without protection, the vulnerable suffer, and without horizons, the people wither. Even if a leader offers “change we can believe in,” even if he offers change that we must believe in because we cannot avoid the change imposed upon us, even then—no, especially then—we need a true king.

St. Ignatius Loyola can teach us what a true king is. In his Spiritual Exercises, he asks us to imagine a good, earthly king, who rallies his subjects to join him in a great cause. And how should one respond to the call of a good, earthly king? Ignatius describes the proper response to the call of a good, earthly king using these words. Ignatius writes:

I will consider what the answer of good subjects ought to be to such a generous and noble king, and consequently, if anyone would refuse the request of such a king how he would deserve to be despised by everyone, and considered an unworthy knight.

According to St. Ignatius, Christ the King calls each and all

of us with the following words:

It is My will to conquer the whole world and all My enemies, and thus to enter into the glory of My Father. Whoever wishes to come with Me must labor with Me, so that following Me in suffering, he may also follow Me in glory.

I believe firmly that Christ our King, our wise warrior, still offers His people protection and vision, boundaries and horizons. Christ our King still calls us to join Him in winning back the Kingdom for our heavenly Father. **Christ the King today, as always, calls us to glory.**



If you listen carefully to what the Church proclaims, if you listen carefully to the deepest stirrings of your own heart, you will find that Christ the King is calling you.

Each of us has a call; each of us, in his own way, is called, as St. Ignatius said, to distinguish himself in the service of Christ the King. Whether in the daily routine of domestic life, or the high drama of fighting fires or fighting wars, we are called to follow Christ the King to glory, to the home of our Heavenly Father, where already a banquet is prepared for us.

While considering the call of Christ the King in your own life, ponder this—Christ is the only King who is worthy of worship. The word “worship” comes from the Old English *worþscipe* (worthiness, acknowledgement of worth). If we owe God worship as a matter of justice (and, yes, of course, as a matter of love) then worship is the mandate and measure of our lives! **It is our happy privilege and our solemn obligation.**

As you ponder this, remember too that there is a false king, a usurper, who wants you for himself. St. Ignatius called him “the enemy of our human nature”; Scripture calls him “the Accuser”, that is, Satan. At every moment, we have to decide whom we will follow, whom we will serve. And at the moment of death, our choice becomes irrevocable.

When I write next I will speak of answering Christ’s call while resisting Satan’s lies. Until then, let’s keep each other in prayer.

**Meet the 6-year-old orphan on a mission  
to spread joy**  
**By Cerith Gardiner**

The last year has been unbelievably tough for so many people. There's been a mix of insecurity and fear, as well as grief for those who've lost loved ones due to COVID. And with the pandemic being far from over, people are continuing to struggle and in need of a smile. With this in mind, we wanted to share the story of Jaden Hayes, whose take on sadness and anxiety is totally refreshing.

In an interview for Steve Hartman's series "On the Road" for CBS, the then-6-year old little boy from Georgia shared his tragic story. His dad passed away when he was 4 and then two years later his mom died in her sleep. "I tried and I tried and I tried to get her awake — I couldn't," he explained.

However, in his grief he realized how difficult it was for him to see others around him feeling sad. So the orphan decided to remedy this. With the help of his aunt and guardian at the time, Barbara DiCola, he went and bought lots of little toys to hand out to passers-by in Savannah, Georgia, whom he felt needed to have their spirits raised.

The television clips shows four different occasions when the little boy went up to strangers and handed them little gifts. All he wants in return is to make people smile. Unsurprisingly his efforts have worked!

"It's like sheer joy came out of this child, and the more people that he made smile, the more this light shone," explained his aunt.

At the time of the filming, Jaden had managed to count 500 people whom he'd made smile. While he readily admitted that he was still sad about his mother's death, the smile mission had given him a sense of purpose.

Now, a few years later, Jaden is still keeping up his good work. He lives with his aunt and uncle, Scott and Diane Hollars, in Georgia and is a huge fan of WWE. His Facebook page, Jaden's Journey, describes how this young "smile maker" is still bringing joy to others.

His initial aim was to make 33,000 people smile through his kind gesture, but by spreading his story we're pretty sure he's managed to inspire many more smiles — and perhaps a few tears.

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## WHY DID JESUS DIE IN HIS THIRTIES?

by Msgr. Charles Pope

Why did Christ die in his early thirties rather than as an older man? This would have permitted Him more time to teach and to set forth His Church. St. Thomas Aquinas answered the question in the following way:

Christ willed to suffer while yet young, for three reasons. First of all, to commend the more His love by giving up His life for us when He was in His most perfect state of life. Secondly, because it was not becoming for Him to show any decay of nature nor to be subject to disease .... Thirdly, that by dying and rising at an early age Christ might exhibit beforehand in His own person the future condition of those who rise again. Hence it is written (Ephesians 4:13), "Until we all meet into the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fullness of Christ" (*Summa Theologica* III, 46, 9 ad 4).

**Speculations such as these strike some as purely arbitrary.** Others consider the reasoning to be a post hoc justification: Christ died at the age of 33, so let's make something up to try to explain it.

**St. Thomas' reasoning, however,** is not based on wild speculation. There are premises to his reasoning.

First, there is the premise that God does nothing arbitrarily and we do well to allow even seemingly minor details in Scripture (e.g., the time of day) to teach us.

**Another premise is based on the nature of perfection.** Perfection can be harmed by either excess or defect. Consider the case of age: A young person may lack physical and intellectual maturity (youth being a "defect" in age), but there comes a time when age becomes problematic in the other direction as time takes its toll on the body and the mind becomes less sharp (old age being an "excess" in age). Thus, there is a period of time when one's age is in the "perfect" range: harmed neither by excess nor defect.

In St. Thomas' time one's thirties was considered to be that time of perfection. This is arguably still so, though we do seem to take a lot longer to reach intellectual and emotional maturity these days.

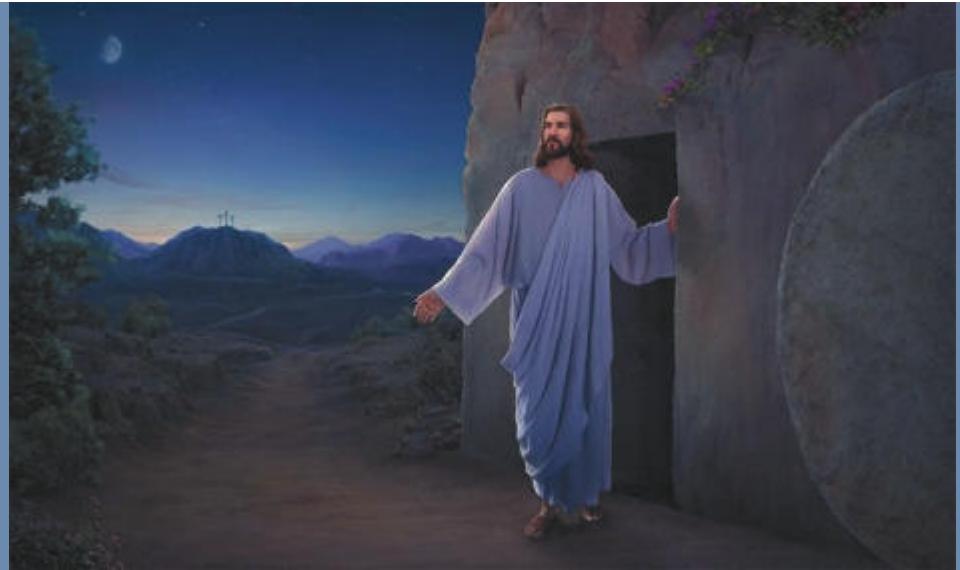
**St. Thomas notes that because Jesus died while in the prime of His life, the sacrifice was greater.** His apparent lack of any disease or physical imperfections also increased His sacrifice. This is a model for us. We are to give the best of what we have to God in sacrifice; not merely our cast-offs, or things of which we might say, "This will do." The Lord once lamented, through Malachi,

*If I am a Father, then where is my honor? When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts (Mal 1:8).*

And thus what might seem to some to be an unremarkable detail (Jesus' age) actually provides important teachings to the sensitive soul. Christ gave His all, His best—and He did so when He was in the prime of His life. We too are summoned to increasing perfection

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*Blessings this Easter  
to all of our Parishioners  
from  
Fr. Crawford and  
the staff at  
Good Shepherd*



**SEALED  
BY THE SIGN  
OF THE CROSS**

Sealed by The Sign of the Cross, I am ready to start the day.  
Sealed by The Sign of the Cross, I am ready to walk the way.

The Way was marked by Jesus, so that man could see  
the way home to the Father  
and there with Him to be.

Sealed with The Sign  
of the Cross,  
I will move  
through  
the day  
without  
care.  
Sealed  
with  
The  
Sign  
of the  
Cross,

I will carry God's Love everywhere,  
and see the world touched by Jesus, so that man could feel  
the mighty Love of the Father...and in His arms...be healed.

### **Pray for the Sick**



*John Bernitt  
Edward Menti  
Jan Murray  
Herbert Owens  
Kenneth C. Russell  
Scott Schaffer*

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

In addition to daily prayers for our friends who have received a Prayer Shawl and those on the Parish Prayer List, Prayer Shawl Ministry members unite themselves with others throughout the world praying for our Holy Father's monthly intentions. We invite parishioners to join with us as we pray this month for: **Fundamental Rights** - We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

*Easter Blessings to all! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Read Ps 118)*

### **Cardinal Appeal Update**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's appeal. Our parish goal is \$63,000 and to date we have reached \$22,390.00 with only 69 gifts

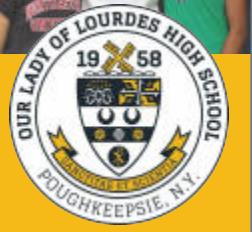
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**HAPPY Easter  
MONDAY**

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April 5th



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