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Weekend **Mass Schedule**



Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Weekday schedule is listed inside the bulletin.

Please join us!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-June)

Men's Fellowship Group—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. Parish Council — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners are welcome!

Religious Education — Grades K -12 classes are held on Sundays from Sept-May from at 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. == Why Catholic (for Adults) Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

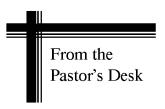
Rosary Group—after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

"So gird the loins of your understanding; live soberly; set all your hope on the gift to be conferred on you when Jesus Christ appears. As obedient sons, do not yield to the desires that once shaped you in your ignorance." 1 Peter 1:14



During the 40 days of Lent we make a commitment to live holy lives by prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. We are now in the Easter Season which is 50 days.

Sometimes after Lent we can fall back into old habits that lead us into sin. We can forget the progress we made during Lent. Many people attended daily mass, the Stations of the Cross, the Lenten Bible Study, and many people went to confession. Please continue attending daily mass.

"For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them." 2 Peter 2:21

We try to order our lives in a proper manner. Do we have a healthy relationship as regards food and drink, work and relaxation and prayer? Do we pursue virtue and reject vice?

The devil tries to lead us back into sin. Jesus leads us forward to salvation. The Easter Season is a time for joy. Let us rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus.

In Christ,

Pa. Msq. James James

April 24, 2022

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FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!





We Pray in Faith that all who have died, especially **Rev. Gerard Steffener,** may be welcomed into the peace of God's Kingdom.



The Altar Flowers were donated, in **memory of Rita DiLiello**, by Lillian & Bud Sigler.



Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Wayne Riesner (Suzanne LaVoie's brother), Cathy Dreyer (Steve Appel's cousin), Sr. Kathleen Haughey, Ellie & Wil Wright, David Brown (Mary's son) and Josephine Gehring..

Readings for May 1, 2022

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a] Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 Readings for May 8, 2022

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c] Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30 3rd Sunday of easter May 1, 2022



Monday 05/02

8:30 a.m. Mass Orlando Liberatore

Tuesday 05/03

8:30 a.m. Mass Fran Meek

Wednesday 05/04

8:30 a.m. Mass Rita Connor

Thursday 05/05

8:30 a.m. Mass Jack Slater

Friday 05/06

8:30 a.m. Mass Bernard Mayger

Saturday 05/07

4:30 p.m. Mass Charles E. Sigler, Sr.

Sunday 05/08

10:00 a.m. Mass For the parishioners

PREGNANCY CENTER NORTH

Pregnancy Center North (PCN) is holding their 5th annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 14, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Come join other local churches at this family-friendly event! If you would like to become a sponsored walker, register at www.PCNministry.org by clicking on the blue Walk for Life button in the top right-hand corner. For more information, contact Amy Fuchsluger at 410-377-2871 or amy@pcnorth.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?" ©LPi



EVERYDAY STEWARD-SHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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