

*April 25, 2021*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Reconciliation is always available by appointment. In addition, times set aside for “walk in” reconciliation will be announced from time to time in this bulletin.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month.

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**SACRAMENTALS:** For the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of homes, religious articles, automobiles, boats, and other appropriate items, please contact the Pastor.

**Please Take This Bulletin Home With You.**  
**Do Not Leave In The Pew. Thank You.**

## SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

If you follow the news much, you've seen that the state of public schools in America leaves much to be desired. In some places, teachers' unions are fighting to keep their members from having to return to the classroom; videos emerge on TikTok and YouTube showing teachers berating students and their parents; school systems in different parts of the country opt to teach curricula that actually contradict any understanding of the human person based on natural law or divine revelation. It makes me (and, you, I hope) grateful for the work our Diocese has done in providing solid Catholic education on the Delmarva peninsula. I'm specifically grateful for what goes on at Most Blessed Sacrament, and I'd like to share with you some timely information about the school.

First of all, I want to recognize and express gratitude for the fantastic work done by the current principal, Mrs. Kathleen Manns. I've known Kathy for over 20 years; she was assistant principal at St. Mary Magdalen (Wilmington) when I was associate pastor there. When Kathy and her husband Geoff retired, they moved to the Delaware beaches, and Kathy generously offered her services at MBS as a language-arts teacher. When the late Mark Record (may he rest in peace!) asked to retire for medical reasons, the Diocese asked Kathy to fill in for a year to allow for time to find a more permanent replacement for Mr. Record. Well, COVID-19 ravaged that timeline, and it's only in the past few months that we've been able to convene and operate a search committee for a new principal. (More on that in a bit.) Kathy navigated the COVID situation like the pro that she is. Early on, while everything was shut down, she and a crew of faculty put together a safe re-opening plan that allowed our children to re-engage in-person learning while many schools relied completely on online instruction. Before we could re-open, she was online with our children daily, praying with them and encouraging them during what had to be a very stressful time for each of them. She even spent time each week reading bedtime stories to our young ones over the internet! On top of that, Kathy was a most responsible steward of the school's resources, not an easy task in a situation that required reconfiguration of classrooms, the purchasing of pandemic-related supplies and frequent disinfection of the facilities. All of this while dealing with the fact that a school is a community like any other – and a principal must deal with a whole assortment of personalities, some of them very helpful. As we say online, "IMHO" Kathy deserves a medal!

Secondly, I want to announce that Bishop Malooly has appointed Mrs. Trinette Stillman as the fourth principal of Most Blessed Sacrament, effective 1 July. Trinette has a strong background in education, finance, and marketing. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and a Master of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University; she has also completed a Teaching Licensure/Master's Program at Cardinal Stritch University. Trinette is strong in her Catholic faith and easily shares her love of Christ. Parishioners at St. Edmond in Rehoboth, she and her husband recently joined us for Sunday Mass. It's my great pleasure to welcome her to our broader family!

Finally, at the end of this month I will be celebrating a memorial Mass for Mark Record, our beloved late principal of MBS. Because of medical appointments related to my ongoing COVID troubles, while I was able to bless his body and offer the "Prayers for the Dead," I was not able to concelebrate Mark's funeral Mass in March. I knew that many of our students would also be unable to attend the funeral, so I proposed ahead of time to Kathy Manns that we have a special Mass a month later for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students – they would have had much more exposure to Mark than the younger children. I hope it will bring comfort and hope to those young people.

Before you know it, the current school year will be over. Let me commend to your prayers the children, faculty and staff of Most Blessed Sacrament. And let's pray that, by the time the new school year begins, we will all be back to a more normal way of conducting affairs – both in church and at MBS!

God bless you, always!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe Cocucci, KHS". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand.

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, KHS  
Pastor

Masses for the Week

<b>Saturday, 24 April</b>	4:00 PM	Jean Shannon
<b>Sunday, 25 April</b>		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	Jean Shannon
<b>Monday, 26 April</b>	9:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tuesday, 27 April</b>	9:00 AM	Dick Repetto
<b>Friday, 30 April</b>	9:00 AM	<i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i> Michael Cocucci
<b>Saturday, 1 May</b>	4:00 PM	Italia & Alvidio Esposito
<b>Sunday, 2 May</b>		<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	9:00 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frank
	11:00 AM	People of the Parish

WEEKLY READINGS



Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



Offertory Collection for April 17/18

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RAFFLE WINNER

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A Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love entrusts me here,  
ever this day be at my side  
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

Angel sent by God to guide me,  
be my light and walk beside me;  
be my guardian and protect me;  
on the path of life direct me.



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**St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter (25 April, 2021)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Gloria:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading:** Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

**Psalm Response:** *The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

**The Profession of Faith:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

***Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel***

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God cast into hell  
Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.



**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
*Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope*

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells us, “I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

Everyone is welcomed to the flock by Jesus. We, too, must act faithfully to reach out to all individuals, especially those who feel neglected or abandoned. As Jesus committed His life to being the “one shepherd”, we, too, must commit ourselves as Catholics, to providing service to all.

There are several diocesan ministries and programs that offer help for those who feel estranged and marginalized by society. As baptized Christians, it is our shared responsibility to respond to Jesus’ command to love and serve one another. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides financial support for a wide range of spiritual, pastoral, and educational services that assist not only the poor and suffering, but anyone who seeks assistance regardless of age, race or social class.

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated you can contribute to the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your home, by accessing the Appeal website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal) and clicking “How to Donate” or by completing a pledge card located on the table in the gathering area. It is never too late to help someone in need.

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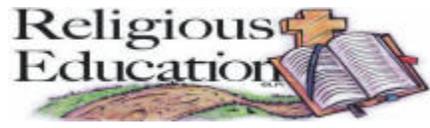
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## REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

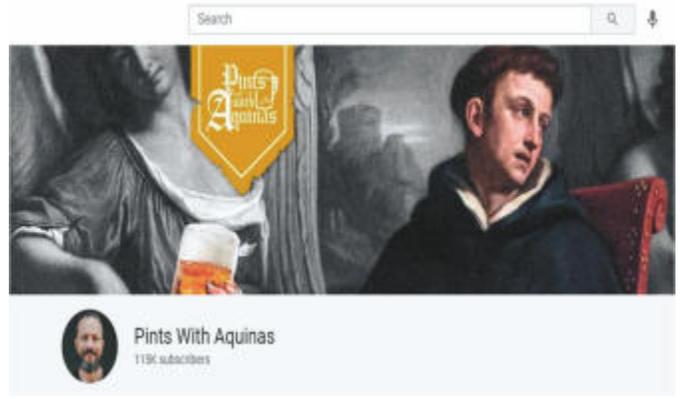
Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Barb Phillips, Eva DelCorio, Betty and Joseph Davis, and all those whose names appear on the *Parish List of the Sick*.

If you would like someone added to the *Parish List of the Sick* send your request to [sjnprayforus@gmail.com](mailto:sjnprayforus@gmail.com). Privacy protocols require you to obtain permission before submitting a name other than your own.



**Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:** April 25 First Communion Workshop at St John Neumann. First Communion folders are due May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Resource: Pints with Aquinas:** Podcasts, website & YouTube channel. Matt Fradd has relevant debates and great interviews.



### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Send an email to [jsturgill@stjnrc.com](mailto:jsturgill@stjnrc.com).

### SAINT JOHN NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications must be received by **May 1, 2021**. Please make sure you have completed the application fully and that all your attachments of letters and verification are included. Any applications received after May 1<sup>st</sup> cannot be guaranteed. Applications that are incomplete will not be returned but will be reviewed accordingly and award amounts will be altered. Forms are available on our website and at the parish office.

### MOTHER’S DAY MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to remember your mother or grandmother (living or deceased) in our Annual Masses of Remembrance, please return your Mother’s Day Spiritual Remembrance Envelope by **Sunday, 2 May**. The special insert of names will be included in the Mother’s Day weekend bulletin May 8/9. What a great gift for our mothers to have special Masses said for them!

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