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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. HENRY

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our parish. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith life will grow. Please introduce yourself after one of the Masses and do not forget to register. You may register on-line or by calling the parish office at the number below.

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OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are:

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—4:30pm

Friday 9:00am—2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP—TAKE A STEP

Our weekly donations need to average \$7500 to meet operating expenses. E-Giving is available online. Please contact the parish office to receive an email to help set it up .

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Instructional classes for parents prior to the Baptism of their children are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at St. Henry's Church. Please call the parish office to register for classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during Mass and the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

St. Henry's Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin after completing at least (1) year of Faith Formation. This is the prerequisite to registration into the sacramental preparation classes. Participants will attend weekly classes, Mass and a retreat to further their faith education experience. For more information, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament is conferred in Tenth grade. The diocese requires a two year preparation period. That takes place in grades 9 & 10 with a retreat and two day mandatory preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 months in advance. Kindly call the parish office for an appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday3:00 - 3:30pm

**WEEKEND OF April 9 & 10
Attendance 414**

**Collection for April 2 & 3
\$3,832.00 Includes E-Giving**

ORDER CHICKEN FIGHT ADDICTION

Chicken Bar-B-Que, will be held at Salem UMC 349 Shaver Rd West Sand Lake. COC's Men's Communion Breakfast and Salem UMC is cooking. Eat in or take out available. Dinners include a half a chicken, Potato, cole slaw, roll, pie and bottled water. Dinner is \$15. Please call Ralph at 518-429-7855 for reservations. All proceeds benefit NOPIATES!

The Church of the Covenant Men's Group and Salem United Methodist Church will hold a Chicken Bar-B-Que on Saturday, April 30 from 4:00 til 6:30 PM, at the Salem UMC, 349 Shaver Rd., West Sand Lake. This is an eat-in or take out event.

The cost is \$15. per meal, which includes ½ chicken, potato, cole slaw, roll, pie, and bottled water. Please call Ralph @ 518-429-7855 to reserve your meal.

All proceeds benefit NOPIATES! Additional donations gratefully accepted!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Sand Lake Area Association of Churches is sponsoring a National Day of Prayer Breakfast to be hosted on May 3rd, 7:00am at the West Sand Lake Fire House. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. Cost is \$8.

EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes (with memorial listings) for Easter flowers are available in the gathering area. We welcome donations for flowers during the entire Easter season, ending at Pentecost.

EASTER REMINDER FOR EGIVERS

We are not able to accept donations for the Easter collection electronically. Please use the envelopes in the gathering area or a regular envelope with your name and, if possible, your envelope ID#. Thank You!



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone for all of your prayers and well wishes for Fr. Tom over the past week. Your support is greatly appreciated!

MANY THANKS!

There are so many people to thank for organizing and carrying out the Lenten activities that we have enjoyed. One of the activities, the Ecumenical Lenten Lunches, offered spiritual refreshment with messages from Fr. Tom, Deacon Bob, Pastor Trygve, Pastor Lori and Pastor Charlie. The church communities took turns providing delicious soup and sandwich lunches after the services. In particular, we thank the people of St. Henry's who cooked and baked, as well as set up and served for the three lunches we hosted. We are blessed to have such a wonderful ecumenical spirit in our community.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Our Retreat on April 10th was a fun-filled afternoon! It was wonderful to have our families here to learn more about the sacrament of Eucharist. We could not have done this without our dedicated volunteers, Thank you one & all!

MOTHERS DAY DIAPER COLLECTION

Please join us to support families with infants and toddlers who are not able to afford the high cost of diapers and baby wipes. We are asking that you bring in any size package of diapers and/or baby wipes to the Community Room on Mother's Day weekend, May 7th & 8th. Larger sizes are appreciated. They will be distributed to local agencies to assist families in need.

CROP WALK 2022

The Troy/Rensselaer CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 1:00 PM. Registration starts at noon at TAUM, 392 2nd St in Troy. Save the date and plan to walk with a team from St. Henry's. If you can't walk, please consider sponsoring one of our walkers with a donation. This is a great opportunity for family and friends to walk together for a worthy cause. CROP Hunger Walks help hungry people right here in the United States and around the world. Support is given for agricultural development, disaster relief and assistance to food pantries. 25% of all money raised supports local agencies including Troy Damien Center, YWCA, CEO, Unity House and Hope 7. Contact Lynn Waterman at (518) 674-3377 or (518) 469-8687 for more information.



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

by Mary M. McGlone

The Easter Sunday Gospel seems very disappointing. After the blowout of the vigil, today's Gospel presents "good news" of confusion, misunderstanding and at least a touch of fear. Maybe we should let Peter and Paul lead us through the day.

To understand Peter's homily, we need to see it in the context of the whole chapter of Acts 10. Peter preached this in the home of the Roman centurion, Cornelius, as he was about to baptize the first official Gentile Christians. This incident describes the bridge on which the faith crossed from belonging to a small group of the chosen people to embracing "everyone who believes in [Jesus of Nazareth]."

Peter's earlier homilies cited the traditions of Israel; now, among the Gentiles, he simply proclaims that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power and that Jesus went around doing good. Peter carefully described Jesus' death and the fact that God raised him up "and granted that he be visible, not to all people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God."

To a skeptic, that is a terribly flimsy argument. In effect, Peter was saying: "Everyone knows Jesus died. Lo and behold, a few of us were privy to seeing him alive again!"

Why would anyone believe that? Why would Jews accept being excommunicated from their synagogues and Romans risk the derision of their sophisticated, anti-Jewish colleagues on the basis of such statements made by former fishermen or tax collectors — and even by women?

Those of us who've been churchgoers for most of our lives often assume the Resurrection like we assume that the sun rises in the morning. It's part of our often-unquestioned worldview.

In fact, bringing real critical questions to the topic might lead us to shaky ground. Really, why would Peter's audience (or we) accept such an absurd story? What was happening that led people to side with the disciples and believe what they had not seen for themselves?

It has to do with what Peter and Cornelius shared. In Cornelius' house, Peter witnessed the presence of the Holy Spirit, and because of that, he took the unprecedented and scandalous step of baptizing Gentiles.

In choosing this scene for our Easter liturgy, the church reminds us that discipleship does not flow from dogma or theology and has nothing to do with ethnicity, status or gender. Christian discipleship is truly catholic, meaning universal. Peter's teaching and action affirmed the truth that Christian discipleship springs from an experience of God's Spirit as revealed in Jesus.

Here's where Paul helps us out. In the Letter to the Colossians, he tells us, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above. ... For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Paul is inviting the Colossians to remember a personal experience — the metanoia, the conversion and new insight after which nothing could be the same. Their conversion and Christian commitment did not result from hearing a rational argument or an advantageous proposal; it flowed from a shared experience of God's grace/Spirit working in and among them, convincing them beyond reason that Jesus was the Messiah.

For the Colossians as for Cornelius, the experience of the risen Christ and the grace of the Spirit was like the experience of the first disciples who accepted the call to follow Jesus wherever he would lead. Although it may have begun with an overwhelming experience of faith and hope, it became real over the course of a life-long series of moments of insight followed by questions, temptations, failures and recommitments.

This helps us appreciate the puzzling rationale for the church's use of this ambivalent Resurrection narrative on Easter Sunday. Today's inconclusive Gospel forces us to remember that faith is always a risk.

Real faith fears no questions or doubts because it knows that God is bigger than our imagination. Faith invites us into a commitment that offers no insurance policy except that which comes from experiences of grace that are as strong and certain as they are inexplicable.

Today's Gospel invites us to accompany Peter or John or Mary during the early hours of the first Easter as their certainties about death and failure were thrown into question. They allowed themselves to be confused. They didn't know the answers, but they permitted their hearts and minds to break open.

God's plan in Jesus is far bigger than our imaginations. Today, let us not be afraid to face the tomb of old certainties and become thoroughly confused and, naturally, even a bit afraid. Easter reveals God's desire to transform our doubts, worries and fears into blowout experiences of the Spirit.

God's plan is for this to happen again and again, leading us to "go around doing good" just like Jesus did.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 18
8:30AM NO MASS
Tuesday, April 19
8:30AM Leo Tewey—Fr. Tom
Wednesday, April 20
8:30AM For the People
Thursday, April 21
8:30AM NO MASS
Friday, April 22
8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, April 23
4:00 PM Mary Ellen Murin—Fran Patuto
Sunday, April 24
8:00 AM Gregory S. Keefe—Tony Lomonoco & Elizabeth
10:00 AM Kathleen Cusack—John & Marilyn Reichard
 Agnes & Jack Flavin

Monday, April 25
8:30AM For the People
Tuesday, April 26
8:30AM Leo Marion—Rita Evans
Wednesday, April 27
8:30 AM For the People
Thursday, April 28
7:30PM NO MASS
Friday, April 29
7:30PM John B. Madden Jr.—Vince and Kathy Jimino
 All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, April 30
7:30 PM Charles V. Drozd Jr.—Steve Coffey
 Heidi Wimmer Coffey—Steve Coffey
Sunday, May 1
8:00 AM Helen Lettko—Ann Jensen
10:00 AM Theresa M. Marro—Cathy & Tony Atanasio
 Carol Donovan—Kathy & Ed Lilly



Calendar of Events

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 1:00pm in the Blue Room

Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 6:00pm in the Chapel

Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 4/23 & 4/24

1. Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
2. Revelation 1:9-11a, 13-13, 17-19
3. John 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 4/30 & 5/1

1. Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41
2. Revelation 5:11-14
3. John 21:1-19

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 5/7 & 5/8

1. Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
2. Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
3. John 10:27-30



Saturday, April 23
4:00pm

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Sunday, April 24
8:00am

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10:00am

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Saturday, April 30
4:00pm

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Sunday, May 1
8:00am

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