

These are my
words.....

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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World Day of Prayer
will be observed next
Sun., April 25, 2021
also known as
"Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest"* (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

The power of prayer depends on God's infinite goodness and mercy.

The reason your petitions are granted is not your worthiness and merit, but the infinite mercy of God. If your merit were the reason, you would not petition, but demand; but as it is, you ask. And so you must have faith and trust in God's goodness and mercy.

The power of God's answer extends as far as your need and His divine mercy. You may pray for whatever you desire, whatever is reasonable and pleasing to God — especially spiritual gifts. The more necessary and the more excellent the gift, the more confidently you may trust that it will be granted to you. If you pray for temporal gifts and it seems as though God has not heard you, remember that the only reason He does not grant them is that He knows they would prove harmful to you. If temporal gifts are denied, you can be sure that God has some greater gift to bestow.

Holy Scripture has splendid pictures of the power of prayer: Israel in the desert, Moses and Joshua, the mighty deeds of the judges and the Maccabees, the miracles of our Lord and the Apostles, and the whole history of God's chosen people and of the early Catholic Church. Prayer figures in a constant and marvelous exchange between human need and divine help.

Jesus told the people several parables in which He stressed the goodness and mercy of God in answering prayer. He spoke of a judge who, although unjust, was willing to help a poor widow because she appealed to him with all the fervor of her heart. How much more will the just God hear us, His own children!

Jesus spoke of a man who went to his neighbor at night to beg for some bread for a friend who had just arrived from a long journey. Because he continued to knock, his neighbor was compelled to get up and grant his request even in the middle of the night. **Such is the effect of perseverance in prayer.**

*Adapted from a chapter in
The Basic Book of Catholic Prayer*

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday, April 17, 2021
10-12p.m.-First Penance
12:00 Noon-Rosary Rally-Whitesboro Village Green
3:00-3:45 p.m.-Confessions (Don't forget your mask)

Sunday, April 18, 2021
9:00-10:15a.m.-Religious Education-Gr 2 -FDH
11:30-1:30p.m.-Religious Education-Gr. 10-FDH

Monday, April 19, 2021
6-7:15p.m.-Religious Education-Gr. 7, 8

Wednesday, April 20, 2021
9:30-11:00a.m.-Bible Study-FDH
6:30-8:00p.m.-Bible Study-FDH

Saturday, April 24, 2021
10-12p.m.-First Penance
3:00-3:45 p.m.-Confessions (Don't forget your mask)

Sunday, April 25, 2021
9:00-10:15a.m.-Religious Education-Gr 1 -FDH
11:30-1:30p.m.-Religious Education-Gr. 9-FDH



**Second Collection Next Weekend
Home Missions Appeal**



For his love
Each day, offering our very best to God
raises all of our efforts to the level of a
prayer.
He rewards our dedication with peace,
joy, and awareness of his presence in all
that we do.



**Weekend Ministry Schedule
April 24/25, 2021**

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
4:00 p.m.	Lorraine Williamson	B McQueen/J O'Toole//L Almy L Crowley/L Williamson <u>No Precious Blood Distribution</u>
8:00a.m.	Doris Young	J Wurz/M Hillick/D Young A Bush/P Fess <u>No Precious Blood Distribution</u>
10:30a.m.	Margaret Owens	J/V Egresits/W Hadynski D/F Folino <u>No Precious Blood Distribution</u>

Please sign in in Fr. Tom's Sacristy before Mass.
If you are unable to make your commitment, please secure a sub.

Sharing the Gospel with our Children!

(Parents please keep the Faith alive in your children.) Turn to God in the name of Jesus Christ so that you will be forgiven. When you hurt someone, say to God and to the person, "I made a mistake. I am very sorry. Will you forgive me?" After God forgives you, he will show you good things to do in his Son's name. Choosing ways to honor and serve God will lead you to heaven.

Say this Prayer

Father God, forgive me and show me ways to serve you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Mission for the Week

When someone hurts me, I will forgive. I will ask God to forgive me if I hurt someone.

Something to Color

Draw your friend breaking your favorite toy. Draw yourself forgiving him.

Email it to stpauls@stpaulswhitesboro.org and we will post it on our Facebook Page!



PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has **more**.
Then color in all the pictures



Earth Day This Thurs., April 22

Earth Day is intended to **inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment.**

There are many ways that families can celebrate Earth Day. Not only is it the best time of year to get outside and enjoy the weather, it is a perfect opportunity to teach children how they can also enjoy, and take care of their environment for the future.

Some things we can all do on Earth Day:

- 😊 Pick up litter
- 😊 Help plant a tree
- 😊 Build a bird house or bird feeder
- 😊 Build a bug hotel.

Every animal on Earth has a special role to play in keeping our environment healthy—even the little critters! A bug hotel attracts beneficial insects that help control pests and gives them a place to nest during colder months, so they'll stay close to your garden year-round. Make one by filling a small wood box with dried grasses, bark and pinecones.



Earth Day
EVERY DAY



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00p.m.-Art Brink-Bill Brink
Raymond A. Liuzzi-Lorraine & Family
Harold & Jane Moore-Nowak Family
Frank & Florence Nowak-Nowak Family
Donald & Janice Thornton-Family

Sunday, April 18 2021

Third Week of Easter

8:00 a.m.-Regina Amrhein Brown-George & Cindy Roberts
Ruth Clark-Family
Win Kelly-Pat & Patty Costello
Harry & Jean McGowan-Family
Ron Schoen-Pat & Patty Costello
10:30a.m.- Grace Billman-Ada Rockhill
Fr. Abe Esper-Mary Alice Manley

Monday, April 19, 2021

8:15a.m.- Intentions for Shawn Dailey-Family
Ronald Schoen-Pat Deck

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

8:15a.m.- Theresa Dailey-Family
David Engelbert-Debby & Don Zabek

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

8:15a.m.-MaryLou O'Connor-Mick/Linda O'Connor

Friday, April 23, 2021

8:15a.m.- First Penance Students and Teachers

Saturday, April 24, 2021

4:00pm- Douglas Farmer (1st Anv)-Family
Richard Farmer (1st Anv)-Family
Walter Farmer (1st Anv)-Family
Raymond A. Liuzzi-Lorraine & Family
James Parker-Michael (Son)

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.-Patrick O'Callaghan-Sally
Lillian Kryczkowski-Shirley/John Zielinski
Antoinette Pushinskas-Shirley/John Zielinski
Elizabeth Zielinski-Shirley/John Zielinski
10:30a.m.- Andrea Cittadino-Ada Rockhill

Masses offered for a loved one are available by calling the Parish Office, emailing us, or using the option on WeShare..

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Debra Stevener
Cecilia Family



Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Faith Matters

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

"Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40)."

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

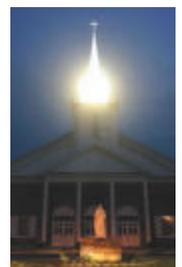
We pray for all those in hospice that the loving accompaniment of family and friends bear witness to the gift of their lives.

We pray to the Lord

Steeple Lights

Upper Deck
Patrick O'Callaghan
Sally

Lower Deck
Mary Feketa
Jim Feketa & Jan



Stewardship of:
Time, Talent & TREASURE
OF St Paul's Parish Community



Weekend of April 10/11, 2021

Envelopes.....	\$6,314.00
Loose Basket.....	\$657.02
WeShare.....	\$2,280.00
Total.....	\$9,251.02
Repairs/ Fuel.....	\$10.00
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Easter.....	\$731.00



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