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APRIL 18, 2021—Third Sunday of Easter



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:45-46

CATHEDRAL MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Choir) 10:30 a.m.

Monday — Friday...12:10 p.m. (in the Cathedral)

Holy Days and Holidays as announced

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass is available every week via <http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place.

All who are especially vulnerable or simply uncomfortable attending a public liturgy are encouraged to remain at home and view Mass via livestream or television.

Unfortunately, the above schedule may change due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Please check our Facebook page, website, or call the rectory office to stay up to date.

Thank you for your understanding and patience!

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Friday at 11:45 a.m.

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

(or call for appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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 now 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.**

The Erie County Surrogate has required this notice to be published/posted in all parish bulletins (paper & electronic) as well as parish websites within the Diocese of Buffalo. It is to appear until Friday April 9, 2021.

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board.

If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to donor.info@frcdb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled *Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc.*, Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	April 17: (Vigil Mass for Sunday) Kathleen Williams (Maureen & James Denmen)	✝
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	April 18: 3rd Sunday of Easter Jacqueline, Joseph & Michael Wopperer (George Wopperer)	✝
Monday 12:10 p.m.	April 19: Easter Weekday Parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral	
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	April 20: Easter Weekday Victoria Simonetta (Mary Ann Schmigel)	✝
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	April 21: Easter Weekday ; St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Deceased Members of the St. Thomas More Guild	✝
Thursday 12:10 p.m.	April 22: Easter Weekday Raechel Suttelle Conroy (Estate)	✝
Friday 12:10 p.m.	April 23: Easter Weekday; St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church All Soul's Day Remembrance	✝

A Family Perspective - The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family, the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Jacqueline, Joseph and Michael Wopperer, requested by George Wopperer.



CATHEDRAL STAFF

Bishop	Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
Cathedral Rector	Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
Music Director	Timothy Socha
Secretary	Elaine Kishbaugh
In Residence	Rev. James C. O'Connor

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	3/28/2021	4/4/21
Sunday (Envelopes):	\$1,558.00	\$2,770.00
Sunday (Loose):	\$662.00	\$993.00
Black & Native Mission:	\$10.00	\$0
Holy Land:	\$50.00	\$273.00
Special Offering:	\$50.00	\$0
Easter Flowers:	\$220.00	\$30.00
Easter:	\$20.00	\$805.00
TOTAL:	\$2,570.00	\$4,871.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY -

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News. ©LPI



Ultimate offering: "There are no words that I speak to you which I can still hear you, then something better comes to me in the form of 'Peace be with you' and peace can be found. You are witnesses of this 'Gift'." ©LPI



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need.

Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

We pray that this year's collection will be a success.

The Silence of Saint Joseph

The Silence of Joseph echoes in a world of noise turning a cacophony of self-love into a melody of self-surrender. The Silence of Joseph is a seed which bears the fruit of holiness and courage. The Silence of Joseph drowns the din of sorrow and silences the wailing of the weak. The Silence of Joseph draws the world to a cave in Bethlehem where God is born as man and man is born again. The Silence of Joseph draws us to our knees in worship of the Word made flesh in whose presence all words of men lose their meaning. The Silence of Joseph directs a symphony of silence which stills the universe in adoration of the One in Whom the New creation has come. Let us join our silence to the Silence of Joseph. *Amen.*

By Deacon Keith Fournier (catholic.org/prayers)

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