



# HE OPENED THEIR MINDS

THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 17/18, 2021

How many times in life does something occur where we say, “I don’t understand why this is happening!” Whether it’s something tragic like suddenly losing a loved one, or something unbelievably amazing like winning the lottery, it’s the things that come with no explanation that are often the most troublesome. We realize that we don’t have absolute control and don’t have all the answers.

This week, the apostles relate to this as Jesus continues to appear to them post-Resurrection. What **we** view as joyful and glorious this time of year left the apostles ‘startled, terrified, and troubled’ with questions ‘arising in their hearts.’ Even though Jesus told them he would rise from the dead, they were still scared once it

actually came to fruition. The truth is: they simply didn’t understand it. Sound familiar?

Something that makes our Catholic faith so special and so rich is that there are parts of it that we will never fully understand or truly comprehend until we are with God in Paradise. That’s why it’s called the **Mystery** of Faith. However, just as Jesus went on to ‘open their minds to understand the Scriptures,’ he does the same for us week after week as we attend Mass and hear the Word of God.

Let us continue our Easter joy knowing that, just like the apostles, Christ is again made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

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## FROM THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

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](mailto: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.

## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading

**Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9**

**R/. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress;  
have pity on me, and hear my prayer! **R/.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;  
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him. **R/.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!  
You put gladness into my heart. **R/.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,  
for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. **R/.**

### Second Reading

**1 Jn 2:1-5a**

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel

**Lk 24:35-48**

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. 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." 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 and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Amelia Fox Tomporowski**, baptized in our parish this weekend! May God grant her and her family every grace and blessing as she begins as his faith journey.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of every month, immediately following the 8:00am Daily Mass until 9:30am.

Come spend some time with the Lord as he is exposed on the altar. Various devotions will be offered, with Benediction to follow.

## DISCIPLESHIP SCHEDULE

(PLEASE NOTICE UPDATED DATES)

**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

In Church or Zoom (please use code from last meeting to log in... link found on our website)

**Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

In Church or Zoom (please use code from last meeting to log in... link found on our website)

## A COVID-19 PRAYER

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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### Prayer Link

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## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy 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.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Many Thanks! Because of the generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Charity, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Msgr. Baker #1043 were able to deliver to the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Center a car load of diapers and wipes. What you donated filled my car! The Center was overwhelmed and very grateful for the contributions. This helps to fulfill two of our goals – facilitating family life and serving the young in our area. Thank you again for your assistance and participation in our diaper drive to make it such a success!

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

4:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

### Sunday

8:30am (St. Ambrose Site)

10:00am (St. Ambrose Site)

11:30am (St. Ambrose Site)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

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(Office will be closed 12:00pm - 12:30pm for lunch)

Friday, closed

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Please consider remembering our parish community in your will.

# DISCIPLES STAY ACTIVE

## COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact the parish office at 822-5962 or Mary Anne at 822-1837. Thank you!

**Sponsors for the coming weeks include:**

April 23: MAK & Friends

April 30: Liturgy Committee

**May 7: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**May 14: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**May 21: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## WELCOME!

**A very warm welcome to our new pastor, Fr. Steve Jekielek, as he begins his first week leading our parish! Let us all greet him with open minds and open hearts!**

## WHAT DOES 'ALLELUIA' ACTUALLY MEAN?

During our Easter season we throw in a ton of extra 'Alleluias.' However, what does that word even actually mean? 'Alleluia' comes from the Hebrew 'Hallelujah,' which is a contraction meaning 'Praise the LORD.' 'Hallel' in Hebrew means to create a joyous song to God. While we often associate Alleluia with the Resurrection of Jesus, it actually appears 23 times in the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament. Say it loud and proud like our ancestors!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NDA

- You are invited to join the next NDA Virtual School Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Quinlivan on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am, simply go to the Notre Dame Academy Facebook page.
- Are you a graduate of a South Buffalo Catholic Elementary School? Please check out this new Facebook group just for you! Search South Buffalo Catholic Elementary Schools Alumni Group.  
[www.notredamebuffalo.org](http://www.notredamebuffalo.org)

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In the Christian faith, Jesus is the epitome of HOPE for All Seasons. His death and Resurrection showed us that after a definitive amount of time, ultimate good can be dispersed to all. Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Ignatius Loyola who called us to respond in faith, and to find God in all things. We thank you for being attuned to God's presence in everyday circumstances as he taught us, and responding in faith with a gift to the Appeal. With your help, we give HOPE for All Seasons. Thank you for your continued support of Appeal 2021! More information and prayer cards can be found in the back of church.

## HAPPY EASTER!

**On behalf of our entire parish staff, have a most joyous and blessed Easter season! Alleluia!**

## \*\* PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT \*\*

**DUE TO A DELAY WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW LIFT-A-VATOR AT HOLY FAMILY, ALL MASSES CONTINUE TO BE AT THE ST. AMBROSE SITE.**

## FROM FR. MOCK

*When I accepted the appointment as Temporary Administrator of Our Lady of Charity Parish last October 26<sup>th</sup>, I was assured that my time at the parish would not be very long. Accepting that at face value, I honestly expected to be replaced in a very brief time, perhaps even before Christmas. Imagine my surprise to not only celebrate Christmas with you, but Easter as well!*

*This has been an unusual six months for me, but also a time that I have come to appreciate. I have long believed that the Holy Spirit works in ways that consistently surprise us. I am truly grateful for the longer than I expected surprise, but more so for the experience at OLCF, and I thank you so very much for your welcome and your kindness.*

*My first weekend I recall telling you that I truly intend to be a conduit from one Pastor, Father Bryan, to the next, Father Steve. I pray that I have done that as well as I possibly could have. I did find it very difficult to get to know you in the midst of the pandemic. And, I regret that if I run into you when the pandemic is over, I may not recognize you without a mask! I have not seen most of you without one.*

*Thank you for a very wonderful experience, and please be assured that I will always remember you in my prayers.*

*-Father Mock*

# DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

## VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Virtual Bible Study this coming week is **canceled**. Please stay tuned for more information on the continuation of our weekly meetings. We encourage you to get together in some way virtually to talk about scripture during this Easter Season

## PRE-BAPTISM SESSION

Before your child's Baptism, parents must virtually attend a Pre-Baptismal instruction class. The next session will be on **Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** via Zoom. Please call the office (822-5962) to register. **Parents, remember you must have letters of recommendation from the godparents before the Baptism date can be set.**

## RELIGIOUS SACRAMENTALS

Children making their First Reconciliation or First Eucharist are required to attend our first in-person class which will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021. Class will be held from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Please arrive in the church at 6:15pm. Your child must already be registered for the Sacrament to attend We ask that you practice social distancing upon arrival and masks are required. Thank You!

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**Paige Vivian and Aaron Borzillieri** will be married at the Holy Family site on May 15, 2021. Please keep this couple in prayer as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

“MASTER, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ILL.” (JOHN 11:1-2)

Edna Albert, Irene Andrzejewski, Irene Barrett, Louise Beamish, Teresa Beamish, Lillian Beyers, Ann Alvira-Buchnowski, Patricia Cajak, Maureen Canney, Cheryl Clontz, Patricia Colern, Caroline Dominesey, Dottie Eberle, Brigid Evans, Vara Jones, Linda Kurcz, Madisyn Ledder, Janet Murray, Karen O'Neill, Mary Pilon, Maryann Rigby, Sandy Riley, Jane Rozek, Mary Sands, June Stebbins, Ruth White

Daniel Barry, Michael Beyers, Leon Bolick, Owen Chase, Eric Crawford, Vincent Crawford, Frank Czapezyk, Francis Davis, Larry Deskiewicz, Richard Dinnocenzo, Paul Fitzpatrick, Jason Florea, John Godwin, Eric G., Emmett Jakubowski, Rob Karr, Pat Kuhn, Andrew Kuper, Robert Maggio, Dr. Thomas Raab, George Rodriguez, Josean Rodriguez, The family of Coach Frank Rossi, Jeremiah Smith, Jim Sweeney

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sat./Sun., April 17/18 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- SA • 4:00pm  
**Anne Lynch** (1st Anniv. Rem., req. by Bob Lynch)
- SA • 8:30am  
**James A. Coughlin** (req. by his grandchildren)
- SA • 10:00am  
**Joe Golda** (1st Anniv. req. by his family)
- SA • 11:30am  
**Elleen O'Neill** (req. by her family)

### Mon., April 19 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Helen Kurcz** (req. by her daughter)

### Tues., April 20 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Michael Pasinski** (Anniv. Rem., req. by his family)

### Wed., April 21 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Ann Dzialga-Stettin** (req. by the Maroney family)

### Thurs., April 22 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **Paul Redfern** (Wedding Anniv. Rem. req. by his wife, Anne Marie)

### Fri., April 23 - Weekday of Easter

- SA • 8:00am - **People of the Parish** (req. by Fr. Steve)

### Sat./Sun., April 24/25 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- SA • 4:00pm  
**Mary & Leon Bolick** (req. by their family)
- SA • 8:30am  
**Betty Ford** (Birth. Rem., req. by her daughter, Mary Beth)
- SA • 10:00am  
**Mary Clancy** (req. by Ron & Dolores DuBois)
- SA • 11:30am  
**Marion Hynes** (Birth. Rem., req. by "the kids")

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us:  
**+Robert Ritzel.** May he rest in peace.

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

**St. Ambrose Site (April 18-24)**

**Joe Golda** (req. by his family)

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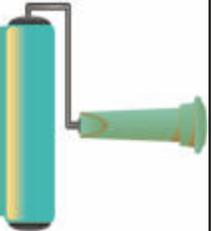
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