

# Christ Our Savior

Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh

April 18, 2021

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10:30 a.m. Saint Peter Church

11:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church

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9:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church  
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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## Reading I: 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.”



**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face  
shine on us.**

**Or**

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.**

## Reading II: 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.

**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."

## Nicene Creed

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.

### 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 through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### For Our Beloved Deceased:

*Dennis Hagan      Ralph Johnson*

*May those who were united with Christ in a death like His, also be one with Christ in His resurrection.*



This week, the Sanctuary Candles in our church buildings are lit in honor of the following intentions:

*Saint Cyril Church: Kelly Bookser*

## From the Desk of Father Nick



As we first encountered last week, the Sundays of Easter are typically given special names that highlight a particular aspect of their celebration. The Second Sunday of Easter, of course, is called Divine Mercy Sunday. While it is a popular day to foster the devotional prayer invoking Jesus' Divine Mercy, it is so much more than that. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses our hearts on the reality of the abundance of God's grace and goodness that is always being poured out on his people, not just this one day of the year. Next Sunday, as we will learn, is called Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel story reminds us that Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

This, the Third Sunday of Easter, is called Jubilate Sunday. It is named "Jubilate" after the Entrance Antiphon for Mass begins, "*Jubilate Deo omnis terra, alleluia!*" which is translated, "Cry out with joy to God, all the earth, alleluia!" This is a wonderful sentiment to proclaim as we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! It is not simply that the people of the earth cry out to God with joy. Nor is it only that some of the earth is to cry out to God with joy. No, it is that ALL of the earth cries out to God with joy, for Jesus is risen!

One of the many aspects of Easter and the resurrection is that of new life. In rising from the dead, Jesus wins for us the fullness of life in eternity and renews our life here on earth so that it might always lead us to heaven. This new life is revealed to us not only in how our hearts are transformed by the power of God's love at work in us, but also in all of the signs and wonders around us that are bursting forth in newness of life. The flowers of Spring, the sunshine and warm air, the beauty of nature, and the creative workings of God all around us are how ALL of the earth cries out to God with joy during these weeks of Easter.

As we add our own voices to these many and wonderful works of God we give witness to his work in the world and testify to Jesus risen from the dead. May we never cease in crying out with joy to God so that all the earth may know the glory of his goodness and power at work in our midst.

### **THIRD WEDNESDAY ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Our monthly devotions continue this week with an hour of Adoration of the Eucharist and Confessions available at Saint Boniface Church on Wednesday, April 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Spend some time in prayer with the Lord and with your fellow parishioners and encounter the merciful love of Jesus which is always available for us!

God bless!

*Fr. Nick*

## Scriptural Reflection



### **Breaking and Broken Bread**

By *breaking bread*, Jesus, a bread breaker who breaks Himself for others, becomes broken bread.

Jesus was made known to His disciples in the breaking of the bread. Action speaks for itself. Bread cannot be edible or nourishing

until it is broken, crushed and digested. Yet, it does not break by itself.

The breaking of the bread in the gospel today not only stands for the life changing event by which the disciples come to know who Jesus is, but also represents the breaking process and the unselfish acts we should do for each other. As food can't be fed before its breaking, so we can't feed others if we don't first break ourselves, our own time, habit, talents, comfort, selfishness and egos. We are known for our self-breaking actions.

While walking with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, conversing, listening to their concerns and explaining and teaching them about scriptures, Jesus was not known to them until the breaking of the bread with them. Their eyes were "caught" - by His very act of brokenness and breaking.

*Faith is caught, not taught!*

During the pandemic year, many unselfish acts have recently been done and witnessed in our parish and community. Food monthly distributed and meals planned, cooked, and delivered on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Lent, and Easter are a few of many selfless acts of our faith community. They catch the eyes of many beholders, don't they? They stand for the "breaking of the bread," the sacrificing of their own convenience or comfort to others. What a wonderful teaching event without formal teaching! Food tastes delicious, meals exceptional, delivery efficient...yet, the people are the best, both meal recipients and meal providers. The former receive food with their whole-hearted gratitude and the latter unselfishly offer their self-giving and self-breaking services.

The bread-breaking mission of Jesus before and after His resurrection is the same: He is the bread winner for God's family, the living bread and bread breaker, the Eucharist offering itself and Eucharistic offerer Himself. He "teaches" us by His breaking Himself and becoming broken bread. May we, His believers, never fail to do so. Hopefully, my "broken English" makes some sense!

Fr. Dam D. Nguyen

## Mass Schedule for the Week of April 18, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Sunday, April 18 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48 	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)	St. Cyril	Barney Kontrik	His Children
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Leo & Myrtle Haas	Denice Haas
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Rose Gizzo	Dunn Family
Monday, April 19 Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Christopher Martinac	Mike Onyshko
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Peggy Benner	Michael Benner
Tuesday, April 20 Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Philip Balestrieri	Family
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Edward McStay	Kathie, Eddie, & LouAnn
Wednesday, April 21 Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Blessed Mother	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	David A. Rubel	Michael Murphy
Thursday, April 22 Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Fred & Audrey Garcia	Family
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Dennis Hagan	
Friday, April 23 Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Timothy Brady	Richard & Barbara Lewis
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Czeslaw Plonski	K. J.
Saturday, April 24 Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Philip Spinosi	John & Sonja Zangaro
Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18 	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Mary Kraus	Family
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Francisco Sanchez	Maureen, Chris & Matthew
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Elizabeth Muth	The Muth Family

**Thank you** to everyone involved in another wonderful dinner outreach to our senior parishioners. Our Easter edition was continued evidence of the generosity and love of the parish, and God's presence to (and in) us all. What better way to celebrate Easter! Special thanks to everyone who added to the dinner through time and talent, including those who solicit and send donations to help defray our expenses (which we strive to keep reasonable!). In particular, we are grateful for the following donations:

USFoods for all of the delicious ham \* Betsy Ann Chocolates for their wonderful, locally made Easter candy \* our parish CCD program for 230 decorated placemats \* Northside Catholic Assumption Academy for homemade Easter cards for our parish nursing home residents and crafts for the Easter dinners \* our parish youth for filling 230 bunny baggies with Easter candy \* our parishioners who donated "tons" of Easter candy and abundant, beautiful Easter sugar cookies \* our planning, logistics, cooking, assembly, and driving team who make this happen \* and for our seniors who say "yes" to the dinners - a small way that we "give back" in recognition of the ways you have given of yourselves over the years.... Amen!

We plan to continue the dinners, and have some other ideas for our senior outreach. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more news to come. Happy Easter!



### Easter Scripture Study with Father DiNardo

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast, indeed as one “Great Sunday.” These are the days above all others in which we sing the great “*Alleluia*.” During this Easter season, Father DiNardo will offer the study of the Sunday readings, with a special focus on the *Acts of the Apostles*. The scripture study class will take place on **Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM through May 24, 2021**. You are invited to Saint Boniface Church for the scripture class or by **Zoom**. The Zoom links can be found on the Parish Website at [www.cospgh.org](http://www.cospgh.org). All are welcome to attend.

### Northside Catholic Assumption Academy



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## First Grade

The school year is flying by for Miss Hutchison's first grade students at Northside Catholic Assumption Academy!

We can hardly believe we are in the last quarter of the school year. Over the past few months, we have been sharpening our math and reading skills and preparing for second grade. We love reading Junie B. Jones and Magic Tree House books and doing our “Monster Math” fluency tests each week. Next week, we will be learning all about Earth Day and how we can help keep our world beautiful and clean by reducing, reusing, and recycling. Did you know, recycling 1 ton of paper can save 17 trees, 7000 gallons of water, and 4000 hours of electricity? We will learn how our small hands can change the world!

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**Baptism:** Please contact Jean DiDonato for information of the requirements, conditions and options for baptisms. Classes for first time parents can be taken before or after their child's birth.

**Matrimony:** Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

**Sick and Shut-ins:** The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, call the parish office.

**Sacramental Sponsor:** To be a Sacramental sponsor, one must be a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish.

### *Stewardship Update for April 4, 2021*

Offertory: \$14,127

Parish Share: \$10,698

Building Fund: \$321

Votives: \$762

School Support: \$316

Social Services: \$911

Human Dev: \$52

Good Friday: \$1,552

Holy Thursday: \$65

Easter: \$6,657

Flowers: \$118

### *Stewardship Update for April 11, 2021*

Offertory: \$6,139

Parish Share: \$5,428

Building Fund: \$40

Votives: \$175

School Support: \$45

Social Services: \$93

Good Friday: \$140

Easter: \$441

Flowers: \$15

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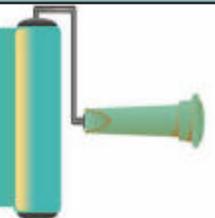


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