

Christ Our Light Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 19, 2020

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

None during this time of crisis.

BAPTISMS: Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class. BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit. HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please call immediately if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSINGHOMES, HOSPITALS,

AND THE HOMEBOUND: If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION:

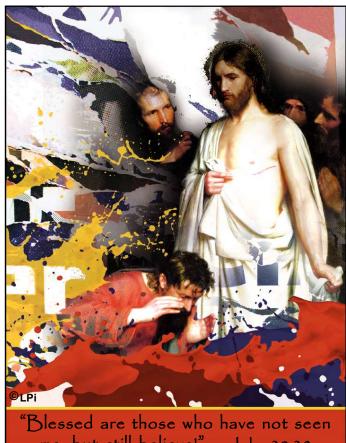
By Appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory or parish office.



me, but still believe!" - John 20:29

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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 19, 2020

Fr. Robert Borer and I each have a small chapel where we can offer a private Mass each day during these next few weeks (not open to the public) and we will offer the Masses that have already been scheduled, not necessarily at the time scheduled, but as best as we can on the day that they were scheduled.

<u>Sunday, April 19</u>

- **† Ruth Nau** by Russ and Janet Powers, Aaron and Deven Powers
- **† Deceased Family and Friends** by Jeff and Joyce Day
- People of Christ Our Light Parish

Monday, April 20 † Dr. Joseph Goggin by Jim and Mary Brothers

<u>Tuesday, April 21</u> † **Regina Gallagher** by John and Jane Beros

<u>Wednesday, April 22</u> † Nancy Robinson by Fr. Hrezo

<u>Thursday, April 23</u> Intentions of the Celebrant

<u>Friday, April 24</u> † Katherine Gress by David Gress

<u>Saturday, April 25</u> Vocations by the Franciscan Sisters

<u>Sunday, April 26</u> † Alex Henry (Anniversary, April 25) by Family

People of Christ Our Light Parish

Schedule for This Week

Because of the Stay-at-Home order, both St. Benedict Church in Cambridge and Sts. Peter & Paul Oratory in Lore City will be closed until May 3rd. Please contact me if you would like access to either church building for personal prayer, at (740) 432-7609, extension 201, and follow the "locate" instructions.

COVID STRESS LINE



DOES THE CORONAVIRUS HAVE YOU FEELING STRESSED, LONELY, ANXIOUS, DEPRESSED, OR CONFUSED?

Call us anytime! We're here 24/7.



Open Arms Pregnancy Center

Registration 8:30 AM ~ Walk 9:00 AM

MAY 9, 2020

CAMBRIDGE CITY PARK PAVILION #4

Please support the life-saving work of Open Arms Pregnancy Center by registering as a walker or sponsoring one of our walkers.

To do either, *go online* - from our website, **oapcfriends.org**, navigate to the Events page and click Walk for Life, or call 740-439-4568.

Offertory for April 8-9, 2020

| Adults | \$7,959.00 |
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| Easter | 1770.00 |
| Children | |
| Candles | |
| Good Friday/Holy Land | |
| Easter Collection For Those In Need | 516.00 |
| Weekly Budget Amount Needed | \$9,000.00 |

COMMUNITY DAY OF CARING

APRIL 30, 2020 11:00 am - 2:00 pm BYESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

212 Seneca Ave, Byesville



Meal will consist of: either a chicken sandwich or hamburger, 2 sides and a cookie.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Please call United Way 740.439.2667 for more information

This program is sponsored by the United Way of Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Counties in collaboration with Crisis Food Kitchen and the Village of Byesville.



Knights of Columbus



Biggest Fundraiser

This year there are 25 great prizes totaling \$108,000. Tickets are only \$5 each or 4 for \$20. Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets. We thank all that supported us in the past and hope you will continue.

Your participation gives us the opportunity to support charitable causes, such as Right to Life, special needs kids, St. Vincent de Paul, homeless shelters, Salvation Army, seminarians, Habitat for Humanity, home fire victims, Open Arms Pregnancy Center, Feed My People, and more.

Tickets are available through any of our Knights, church office or you can also contact:

- John Sprouse at 740-432-3254
- Ron Engott at 740-685-5759



In honor of the Blessed Mother we will pray the rosary before each weekend Mass in the month of May. The first Sunday will be for pro-life intentions.

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As the month of May draws near, and we are filled with sadness and fear, we should also feel hopeful and gladdened at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world will soon be paying to the Queen of Heaven. Also, our beloved Pope Francis has invited the faithful to join in prayer for the end of the coronavirus epidemic. Once again I would like to take this time to provide you information about the Living Rosary here at Christ Our Light Parish.

The rosary is intended to bring us ever closer to Christ in humble devotion and sincere love. What makes this effective meditation on the mysteries so especially fruitful, however, is that we combine it with prayer with Mary. We meditate on the full spectrum of Jesus' life together with the Blessed Mother.

What is the Living Rosary?

The Living Rosary is a prayer group that requires a short, simple, daily commitment from the members. Parishioners form teams of five members, with each member individually praying one decade of the Rosary, so that each day the team completes a full Rosary. Each team will have one special intention for which they offer their decade in addition to prayer intentions of the members. Each member follows a calendar indicating the mystery to meditate on as they pray their decade, which can be prayed at any time of the day. We have 13 Teams actively participating in the Living Rosary. Anyone may join our Living Rosary prayer group, and it would be best for younger children to be guided by an adult or older sibling. Please contact me, Maria Duke (740-260-0489), if you would like to join or know someone who has expressed interest in learning more about joining the Living Rosary.

Show your love for Mary, opening your heart to her, confiding to her your joys and sorrows, asking her to help you recognize and follow Jesus. With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, we pray for the eternal peace and happiness of:

> Russell Larrick (Son of Barbara Larrick)





Please pray for <u>all</u> God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them.

Jim Albert, Megan Archer, Bob Barlock, Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Whitney Benson, Marcella Beros, Darylin Best, Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Connie Broadwater, Gertrude Burkhart, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Gary and Jackie Casto, Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Lee Cline, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Anna Crock, Max Davis, Linda Delik, Michael Dempsey, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Sister Miriam Dosch, Carl James Duch, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Marcia Fulk, Marsha Finley, Greg Gibson, Mary Ann Grace, Pat Graven, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Violes Henry, Lorriane Hesson, Payton Hubal, Bob Huffman, Laverne Ingles, David, Michael and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, Ethel Kuklica, William Kyser Jr., Dorothy Lackney, Amara Larrison, Cynthia Law, Agnes Lehotay, Bob Long, Mike Long, John David Maleport, Tammy McDaniel, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Nate McVicker, Keagan Meek, Melissa Meek, Angela Merva, Bette Miller, Helen Miller, Hayley Morris, Pam Motil, Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John Palmer, Paul Pasqual, Dick & Frances Pavlov, Lynda Pawlowski, Carole Pekari, B.J. Petrasko, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpaugh, Richard Riesbeck, Gayle Roberts, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Connie Rummell, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, John Sprouse, Loretta Stahovec, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Don Thatcher, Janice Miller Thomas, Lyn Tomaszewski, Margaret Urdak, James Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Maria Whitis, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Don and Grace Whitmore, Andrea Yakubik, Helen Yakubik, William "Bill" Yoho, Betty Zvolensky, Stephen Zvolensky

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others. Steven Barrows, Becky Chesar,

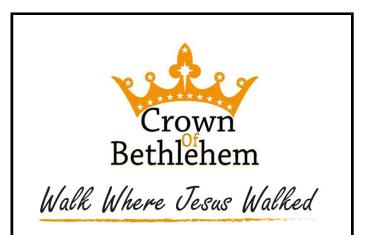
Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas,



Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zach Williams, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray, Makenzi Carna

Please Pray For Our Priests

| April 19 | Rev. Sean Sheridan TOR |
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| April 20 | |
| April 21 | Our Holy Father |
| April 22 | Msgr. James Boehm |
| April 23 | |
| April 24 | |
| April 25 | |
| April 26 | . Rev. Dominic Foster TOR |
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Join Fr. Paul Hrezo and *Crown of Bethlehem Tours* for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on October 12 - 23, 2020. Our tour conductors are from Catholic families from Bethlehem and the tour is fairly comprehensive to include the northern area around the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth, the southern area including Jerusalem and Bethlehem, as well as going to Mt. Sinai and Egypt. For registration information, please call Fr. Paul at 740-432-7609. The pilgrimage is \$3,550 per person, round trip from Pittsburgh.

Pastor's Letter

Our local experience, thankfully, seems to finally be changing for the better. This can give us a very real insight into the experience of Easter effects by Christians over the history of the Church about what is called "already <u>and</u> not yet."

Locally, we seem to finally have shifted from "one step forward and two steps back" to "two steps forward and one step back"! That one step back is very, very important for us to continue being wise about: although we seem to see a flattening of the curve and a relatively optimistic view of that first week of May for a substantial opening up of our lives, we have had an increasing number of confirmed coronavirus cases here in Guernsey County. We really do need to keep using the masks and the gloves and the hand washing and the limited number of people in our parish buildings and the continued disinfecting and the social distancing. None of us want to be personally involved in that one step back as symptom-free spreaders of the virus!

So, "already and not yet." The experience of Christians over the centuries is that we know something is different now because of Jesus' Resurrection. He actually conquered death, and therefore sin, and gives us a very substantial hope for eternal life in Heaven, seeing God face-to-face for all eternity! God wants to help us to be saved, which Jesus showed us as clearly as possible by offering His life on a cross and by rising again on the third day. The Holy Spirit, who can be united to our human nature more profoundly now because of Jesus' Resurrection, helps us to more naturally respond to evil around us with hope and courage and truth and generosity. Life in Jesus through Baptism and the other Sacraments of the Church truly is different than outside of it. God truly is closer to us than we usually fathom. We can "already" experience substantial hints of life in Heaven as the Saints have shown us over the centuries.

Still, we experience the infection of sin and evil around us. We are "not yet" completely separated from what could draw us away from God and from eternal life in Heaven, both around us and even still in our hearts (see St. Paul's description of this experience in Romans 7:13-25). This experience has been described by Christian spiritual writers from the earliest centuries as living in a time like the dawn, before the full light of the sun has ended the night. We see the very real light of the morning sun and that gives us relief, especially if the night has been difficult. But, we also still see vestiges of the night around us. We are invited, through God's mercy, to focus more on the joy and hope that can reign in our hearts rather than on the infection (and even the attraction) of sin around us.

Again, having things growing more optimistic both in our state and in the nation is like those two steps forward and like the relief of the Resurrection. Our need to be wise in dealing with things locally, because of more confirmed cases around us, is like the "not yet" dimensions of sin and like the "one step back" that we have to deal with. Let us draw from that optimism to give courage and perseverance and prudence in dealing with the "not yet" of these next few weeks locally!

Additionally, over these next few weeks we still have at least two key requests for outreach for "people in need." One is very local, here in Guernsey County, and the other is regarding our growing partnership with St. Elisabeth Parish in Caracol, Haiti.

The staff of the local HARP Mission is developing an outreach for both Noble and Guernsey Counties. They have asked if we could raise funds to help purchase bulk quantities of diapers and "baby wipes" (that they have access to), which the HARP Mission staff would help to distribute, most likely through the Salvation Army and their knowledge of area families in need of these supplies. If you are able to contribute funds for this, please do so as a <u>separate</u> item (check – written to <u>HARP Mission</u> – or cash) than the weekly offering. This could be mailed or brought to our parish office throughout this week. And, simply let me know if you would like to help with the distribution of these supplies.

Secondly, this past Thursday, April 16th, we had a fantastic Zoom meeting with the pastor of St. Elisabeth, Fr. Pierre Piquion, and the main liaison with that parish, Mr. Jean Mirvil. They told us about their experience of the Coronavirus spread and of the effects of the stay-at-home order on them living along the northern coast of Haiti. They are relatively similar to us in Guernsey County because there are only a handful of confirmed cases in their northeastern region. However, the effects of ceasing their economic activities can be devastating for the poorest in their midst. Most people do not have refrigerators and usually have to go to the market or stores each day for the supplies for their main daily meal. Most of these stores are closed and so they have to depend on sharing what resources they have with neighbors or with whatever distributions are possible. Mr. Mirvil has been trying to get some bulk food supplies delivered through the Food for the Poor organization that is so active in Haiti. We were able to wire some funds on Good Friday that should help with the purchase of some bulk supplies as well.

In light of our postponed plans for the Evening of Sacred Music fundraiser for St. Elisabeth, I would like to ask if anyone would like to contribute for additional funds to be wired to please provide that as a <u>separate</u> item from your weekly contributions, too. However, those checks <u>can</u> be written to <u>Christ Our Light Parish</u> (with a note on the memo line, such as, "Haiti parish offering") because we send those through our parish's Social Action account. Simply let me know if you have additional questions about this.

May the Lord keep us protected and healthy and, as always, well prepared for the gift of eternal life!

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 26, 2020

The Gospel tells the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and how they came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. As faithful followers of Christ, do we recognize Jesus in and through Holy Communion?

The first reading of the Third Sunday of Easter is always a statement on the death and Resurrection of Jesus. In every cycle we read, "You killed him, ... but God raised him." This is the heart of the preaching of the early church. It is the core of our faith, and that is why at every Mass we proclaim the mystery of faith — "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."

The Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Easter is the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus. It tells us how the early church saw and worshipped Christ in their liturgy. The liturgy is made up of two main parts, Word and Sacrament, and Jesus is present in both.

The focus here is Christ's presence in the Word (he explained everything the scriptures said about him) and in the Blessed Sacrament (they recognized him in the breaking of the bread).



Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23

God raised this Jesus, of this we are all witnesses. How effective am I as a witness of the Risen Jesus?

1 Peter 1:17-21

He was known before the foundation of the world. Can you recall when you first started to believe in Jesus as someone who wants to help you be saved?

Luke 24:13-35

The two recounted what had taken place on the way to Emmaus and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. How conscious am I of the presence of Jesus (when I receive the Eucharist)?

Two of our three Sunday Mass readings next week, for the 3rd Sunday of Easter,

make reference to the Sacraments of the Church. By doing so they help us to continue to understand more deeply the meaning of Easter, and of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Next Sunday's Gospel from Luke 24:13-35, the account of the two disciples walking away from Jerusalem going to a town about seven miles away, called Emmaus, is basically an outline of the Mass. The first part of the journey, as they were walking to Emmaus, is similar to the first part of the Mass, namely, the Liturgy of the Word.

The two disciples initially did not recognize Jesus. That is especially surprising since one of them is identified as Cleopas. In the Gospel of John, we read that his wife was at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother, Mary, and with the Beloved Disciple. Through his wife, therefore, Cleopas would have been very familiar with Jesus. Nevertheless, this gave Jesus the opportunity to explain to Cleopas and the other disciple how the Old Testament scripture passages about the Messiah indicated that Jesus would suffer a death on the cross. Because of this explanation, those two disciples would later say, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us" (Luke 24:32)? Again, is this not a key purpose of the first part of the Mass, to help us hear God's word spoken to us in a way that both purifies our hearts ("burns" in the best sense) and helps us to grow in understanding about who Jesus is?

The second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, is seen in the encounter the two disciples had with Jesus after they invited him to stay with them once they arrived in Emmaus near sundown. As Jesus blessed the food they were about to receive, he used actions associated with the moment of consecration at the Mass, as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. At that moment, "their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Luke 24:31). We, too, often need a gift of grace to recognize and appreciate the presence of Jesus at Mass through the Eucharist from the moment of consecration onwards.

Next Sunday's Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. Peter. This letter is considered to be instructions given to newly baptized Christians. There, the blood of Jesus poured out from the cross is described as a ransom to set us free from the effects of our sinful way of life outside of Jesus. Baptism is the way that we receive that gift of freedom and new life <u>in</u> Jesus. St. Peter also describes Jesus as existing even before the foundation of the world. That way, our hope for lasting freedom is founded on something eternal, more enduring and more valuable than the costliest of treasures. Our faith in Jesus and the resulting hope that he wants to give us is lived out "according to each one's works" (i.e., through generosity and courage) and by conducting ourselves with reverence in our daily lives (see 1 Peter 1:17).

May this Easter Season help us to experience the freedom of new life in Jesus!

Honors (3.0-3.4)

Aidan Petta (8)

The Chalkboard ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL Faithfully Educating God's Children Since 1911

Alleluia! Alleluia! Despite our unusual circumstances, I hope everyone had a blessed Easter and remains healthy and safe.

Home learning has resumed after a brief Easter break. Teachers are trying to be creative, yet cover the material that will assist students as they move on to the next grade in the fall and still trying to not add stress on our parents! Praying fiercely that school reopens in May!

The third quarter did officially end in the middle of March, so I would like to share some good news, our St. Benedict KFC and Academic Honor winners.

| Sue Sanders, Principal |
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| Character |

In His Name,

| Grade | Knowledge | Faith | Character |
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| K | Jackson Halsey | Wesley Angler | Allie Cunningham |
| 1 | Noah Nau | Luke Feldner | Gunner Marlatt |
| 2 | Cole Lamb | Jaxin Finley | Ethan Dennis |
| 3 | Scarlet Badertscher | Bailee Fullick | Kenna McVicker |
| 4 | Tristan Bond | Cami Moore | Tate Sikora |
| 5/6 | Grace Feldner | Grady Forbes | Chance Todak |
| 7 | Morgan Oliver | Sincere Simpson | Quincy Smith |
| 8 | Caleb Stanberry | Samantha Delik | Ryan McQuain |

Principal Award (4.0)

High Honors (3.5-3.9)

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| James Goggin (7) | Ben Calvert (3) | Anna Saling (6) | Scarlet Badertscher (3) |
| Layla Gray (7) | Haley Neiswonger (3) | Ethan Gray (7) | Ameliah Cooper (3) |
| Owen Buxton (8) | Maddy Finley (4) | Audrey McQuain (7) | Bailee Fullick (3) |
| Xander Daniels (8) | Cami Moore (4) | Kinslie McVicker (7) | Summer Callahan (4) |
| Samantha Delik (8) | Kalianne Murray (4) | Morgan Oliver (7) | Josie Smith (4) |
| Taylor Forbes (8) | Geir Psycher (4) | Jackie Sexton (7) | Micah Cooper (5) |
| Jack Jones (8) | Grady Forbes (5) | Mia Amato (8) | Ty Mullen (5) |
| Caleb Stanberry (8) | Grace Feldner (6) | Jacob Banister (8) | Ben Jackson (7) |
| | Liv Gray (6) | Ryan McQuain (8) | Mary Hall (8) |
| | | | Kalena Pacanas (8) |
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