



April 15, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture Meditation: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

Through the drama of Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Pentecost, Peter learned how merciful and generous God is. Jesus forgave him and welcomed him back. Today remember God has one answer for us all. He offers us his Son, Jesus, in the humble form of bread and wine.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	April 14	4:30 PM	+ALFRED BUDA ~ <i>Daughter, Eleanor</i>
Sun.	April 15	7:30 AM	+HELEN and +FRANK NOVOBILSKI~ <i>The Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+CHARLES DRAKE ~ <i>Daughters, Deborah Hood & Arleen Drake</i>
		11:00 AM	+MARY & EDWARD JABLONSKI ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>
Mon.	April 16	7:30 AM	+BARBARA SURENA ~ <i>Flor Soto & Sons</i>
Tues.	April 17	7:30 AM	+TED BIELEN ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
Wed.	April 18	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS & GOOD HEALTH for PHAM LOC
Thurs.	April 19	7:30 AM	+LAURA and +AMEDEO ~ <i>Daughter, Nancy & Grandson, Dan</i>
Fri.	April 20	7:30 AM	+MR. and +MRS. CHARLES KONDOR ~ <i>Anna Mae Nimic</i>
Sat.	April 21	8:00 AM	+JOSEPH and +MARY BASKO ~ <i>Rita McManus & Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+DENISE NICHOLAS ~ <i>Mary Ann Nicholas & Family</i>
Sun.	April 22	7:30 AM	+IRENE DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael & Stephanie Dunn</i>
		9:00 AM	+ANTOINETTE and +GEORGE, and +GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	FOR the INTENTIONS of the HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY of SUCCESS PARK



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of: Albert Amedy, Robert Hudak, Mary Ann Krajcik, Louise Misur, TJ Recupido **Please call the parish office at 203-375-5815 if you wish to be included on either the Prayer Corner or the Prayer Board.**

HNJ Faith Formation Program:

April 15 – Parents meeting with Fr. Mariusz –Parish Hall after the 9:00 AM Mass.

April 15 - Students ~ Confirmation Class

April 20 – Sacrament of Confirmation held at Our Lady of Grace Church. **Please pray for our parish Confirmands as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.**

April 22 – 9:00 AM Mass – Confirmands and their Families

April 22 - Students

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: There will not be a rehearsal on April 18. The next and last rehearsal of this season will be Wed., April 25, at 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the church choir loft.

Our Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 29. This will be the last Mass of the season they will sing at. Please join us!

A note from Fr. Mariusz April is a month dedicated to the Most Holy Eucharist. I would like to invite all parishioners to daily adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In our parish, throughout the whole month of April, we will have an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament about 30 minutes before the weekday Mass (on days when I am present), starting on April 3rd. Please come to spend a few minutes with Jesus present in this most exquisite mystery of God's love for us.

Evangelization Corner: The Kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but Jesus uses such familiar, mundane things as signs that his love abides with us always and keeps us in his peace.

The Divine Mercy (Continued) God's Love and Mercy

Year 2016 was dedicated to the theme of the Divine Mercy. This does not mean that we can now stop speaking about God's mercy. Jesus demands: "I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me. The flames of mercy are burning Me—clamoring to be spent; I want to pour them out upon these souls. (Ibid. no. 50) " God's love and mercy is without measure. He is willing to give himself wholeheartedly to us. Jesus sees our sins and imperfections, but His love and power is greater than any of these. He simply wants our happiness and love. **May we turn to Him in unison and say together: "Jesus, I trust in You."** *God bless you, Father Mariusz M. Olbrys*

Save the date! A Secret for 100 Years ~ the story of Our Lady of Knock. On Wednesday May 16 at 6:00 PM, Deacon Michael will present the second in a series of Marion talks.

This informative presentation is a retrospective journey back to the village of Knock in County Mayo, Ireland in 1879. It is a journey in which we will look at the differences between Revelation and Marian Apparitions. The Church's approval process for Marian Apparitions and review the current list of approved Marian Apparition sites in the world. We will look into Ireland's world in the 1870's, and review the reasons for Our Lady's visit to the south gable of St. John the Baptist Church in the village of Knock, Ireland. All of this will set the stage for the examinations of the supernatural events that occurred on a rainy night in August of 1879 in a rural village in county Mayo, western Ireland. And finally we will learn the reasons why this apparition was so different from the other Marian apparitions and what the message Knock brings to us today.



We will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fr. Andy on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 PM.

The Ladies Guild will hold their annual "Covered Dish Supper" on Saturday, April 21, following the 4:30 PM

Mass. The guild will provide the main dishes: Chicken Marsala, Swedish Meatballs, Sausage & Peppers and Cavatelli & Broccoli, Salad and Bread. Reservation forms can be found at the church entrances. **The cutoff date is THIS MONDAY, April 16. No tickets will be sold at the door.**

Any questions call Dorothy Durkin, 475-449-9940.
Celebrate spring by bringing family and friends to Mass, and staying for a parish supper.

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport holds its next General Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 26 at

7:00 PM in the School Meeting Room. For more info on attending or becoming a member, please contact Marta Suychak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214.

The Men's Society Meeting planned for April 19 has been cancelled.

Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society presents a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, April 28 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

Menu includes; Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread & butter, Dessert, Coffee and Soda. Free will offerings gratefully accepted. For more info contact Larry Wells 203-395-7073 or lawman56optonline.net

Our Parish Tag Sale will take place on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10. At this time, we are gratefully accepting JEWELRY DONATIONS

that can be placed in the box in the Sacristy Hallway. Drop off dates for other donations will be noted in future bulletins.

A free Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate, Saturday, April 28 at St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main St., Trumbull from 8:45 AM – 3:00 PM.

Please bring a bag lunch. The day will include: Saturday daily Mass, Confession, Exposition and Benediction, Marian Procession, Recitation of the Rosary, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Conferment of Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Preaching by the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. For more info go to, www.daywithmarywest.org

A Night with Mozart ~ Featuring Violinist Darwin Shen and Friends.

With Mozart's ever popular "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and movements from the serene "Clarinet Quintet". **Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 PM, The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker at St. Joseph Church, 50 Fairmont Place, Shelton.** A free will offering will be accepted. 203-924-8611

The first graduating class of Cathedral Girls' High School of Bridgeport is planning its 50th reunion celebration.

On June 7, the class of 1968 is invited to march with the graduates of the 2018 class of Kolbe-Cathedral High School, Cathedral's successor school. On the evening of June 8, there will be a reunion party for class members. Members of the class are asked to send their email, mailing address, and cell phone number to: cathedrahsg68@gmail.com and to share the information with classmates.

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of April 1, 2018

Correction

Sunday Collection	\$	3,874
<i>Collections: Monthly</i>	\$	1,931
<i>Easter:</i>	\$	7,655

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of April 8, 2018

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000

Sunday Collection	\$	4,810
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$	860
Total Weekly Income	\$	5,670
Shortfall	\$	<u>5,330</u>

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 41	\$	440,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$	425,349
Shortfall.....	\$	14,651

Annual Catholic Appeal: Please continue to support the ACA and help us make our parish goal of \$55,000.

Your gifts make it possible for the ACA to strengthen families and individuals. Catholic Charities provided 15,000 counseling sessions to help families and individuals address mental health, marriage and parent-child issues. They distributed more than 2600 donated toys and over 1000 clothing items to almost 900 people during the last holiday season. They conducted 387 immigration consultations and assisted 22 individuals with obtaining US citizenship.

Your gift makes it possible!

Next Weekend's Second Collection is for the Catholic Home Missions and Black and Indian Missions.

The Bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work. The Subcommittee funds a wide range of pastoral services. However, it principally focuses on (1) evangelization activities, (2) religious education, (3) ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople; (4) support of poor parishes across the country. Thank you for your generosity to others in need.

The kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others. Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another. Romans 14:17-19