

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MAY 5, 2019**

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches, wisdom
and strength, honor and glory and
blessing."
— Revelation 5:12

Our Lady of Fatima
*Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*

St Damien de Veuster, Priest

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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
9AM - 6PM Summer
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
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Confirmation

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Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

LIFELONG SERVICE

"I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer!" But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb"—to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday "blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

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WORDS AND DEEDS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

—Second-century Christian

TALENT

Talent is wanting something bad enough to work for it.

—Anonymous

Family Ritual



It's Still Easter!

The Easter Season continues until June 9 (Pentecost). Each week, grace your table with a different Easter symbol. Use your imagination — a flower, a budding tree branch, a decorated egg, etc. Every family member, young and old, promises to do a certain week.

May 5, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Today's Intention-Charlotte McCall

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30
Sun., May 12th, Frances Kasun, (Steve & Robyn Kasun)

NOTE: There will no longer be an 8 AM Mass Mon-Fri at the Cathedral.

Cathedral Mass Intention

May 6, Monday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

6:45 AM Ted Reilly (Ron & Jean Sheehan)

12:00 PM Pat Vierkorn (RCIA Team)

May 7, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

6:45 AM Special Intention

12:00 PM Christine Giblock (Carol Galioto)

May 8, Wednesday Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

6:45 AM Benita Jorkasky (Tom & Beth Moore)

12:00 PM Vincent Stoehr (Doug and Jan Stoehr)

May 9, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

6:45 AM Carrie Detwiler (Cathedral Parish)

12:00 PM Poor Souls

May 10, Friday: Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

6:45 AM Mary Kay Moran (Stan & Susan Galant)

12:00 PM Edgar Anna (Bob and Joan Lozinak)

May 11, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM David Baronner (Cliff & Jennifer Plank)

12:00 PM Monica Gimo (Gerry Rose)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30

5:00 PM John Bauer (Wife, Sue)

Easter Evening Prayer - Every Sunday in Easter Season the Cathedral Parish gathers at 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

May 5, 2019

Scripture Reflections

Today's readings portray the Good News of Jesus overflowing and growing like leaven. It cannot be stifled or stamped out.

In the First Reading, we learn that the Apostles were arrested and put on trial before the Sanhedrin that had earlier condemned Jesus. their song of praise to the Lamb who was slain and is now exalted in glory.

In today's Gospel, the disciples seem not to know what to do with themselves without Jesus, until The high priest of the Jerusalem Temple scolded them for continuing to speak about Jesus, even after they were told to keep silent. However, with all boldness, they persisted in their testimony. When they were flogged and released with strong warnings against teaching about Jesus, what did they do? They continued to proclaim Jesus as Messiah everywhere. Such is the power of the Good News.

The Second Reading contains a vision of a heavenly liturgy in honor of the Lamb (the Risen Christ) and the one seated on the throne (God). Notice how the place is crammed with myriads of angels and other beings, all singing Peter announces that he is going fishing - back to his old way of life - and others join in. Suddenly the Risen Lord appears on the shore, waiting to share breakfast with them. The bread and fish suggest that the meal has Eucharistic overtones. After breakfast, Jesus gave Peter a mission and foreshadows the manner in which he would die - all for the spread of the Good News.

• What does today's Gospel tell us about Peter?

MONTH OF APRIL F.I.R.E. will meet on Sunday Evening April 28th from 6:15 PM 8:15 PM in the Church Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

11th Grade Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors or parent: A session will be held this evening from 6:15 - 8:15 PM in the Hall. All paper work is due!

Religious Education PK/8 Final class, May 19, 2019. All Service Hour forms are due now.

SAVE THE DATE !! Holy Trinity Catholic School Picnic 2019 will be held on June 5th at DelGrosso's Park. More information to come! This is an Early Dismissal Day.

Bishop Guilfoyle Scholarships Available Altoona Roman Catholic (ARC) Federal Credit Union is currently offering two (2) \$500.00 scholarships for students attending Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Any student (9th-12th grade) attending Bishop Guilfoyle is eligible. The scholarships will be awarded based on academics, financial need, and essay questions. Scholarship applications are available in both ARC lobbies, at 1919- 7th Ave. and 419- N. 7th St. (Juniata), or online at www.arcfcu.org. You may contact ARC at 814-946-0857 for more information. Applications must be returned to ARC by May 6, 2019 to be considered.

Independent Catholic Foundation News

The Independent Catholic Foundation seeks applicants for the 2019 Welge Scholarship which provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing here at Cathedral Parish. Applications are available in the parish office or can be downloaded from the "Grants" page of the Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org. Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, June 15.

Anointing of the Sick Mass - Will be held May 12, 2019 at the 10:00 AM Mass. Please call the Cathedral Office and give names so that we have a count of who is being anointed so we can have a Prayer Shawl for them to use and feel the strength from it for healing.

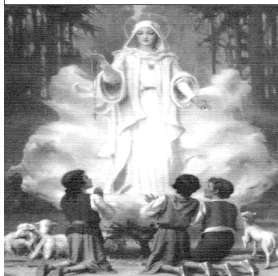
Collection April 28th = \$ 1946.80

BIRTHDAYS: Nick Starr 5/7; Cathy Starr 5/13; Pete Colledge 5/14; Kendall Durgin 5/14;

Vacation Bible School 2019 "Set Sail With the Holy Trinity"

July 29 to August 2. Ages 4-10 more information to come. STAY TUNED !

There will be a baptismal preparation session for infant baptism on Tuesday June 4th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Seton Suite. Parents need not wait until your baby is born to attend the class. All parents are expected to attend this informative meeting regarding your baby's baptism.



OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

FOR

PEACE AND OFFER

SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

Feast Day May 10

St. Damien of Molokai

The man who would become St. Damien of Molokai, was born in rural Belgium, on January 3, 1840. His name was Jozef De Veuster, and he was the youngest of seven children. Growing up on the farm, Jozef was prepared to take over for his family, but he did not want the responsibility. Instead, he wanted to follow his older brother and two sisters who took religious vows.

Jozef attended school until the age of 13 when his help was needed on the family farm full-time. He aided his family until he was old enough to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He took the name Damien, after a sixth century martyr.

In 1864, Damien's brother who was also in the same order of religious, was ordered to Hawaii. But his brother became ill, so Br. Damien offered to go in his place.

The brothers worried that Br. Damien was too uneducated to become a priest, although he was not considered unintelligent. Br. Damien demonstrated his ability by quickly learning Latin from his brother. He was also devoted in prayer, Br. Damien prayed each day before an icon of Saint Francis Xavier to be sent on a mission.

Eventually, his religious brothers agreed to send him and have him ordained.

Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest, leading an important, yet undistinguished life.

In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. It was still mistakenly believed that leprosy was highly contagious. This belief resulted in the forced quarantine of leprosy patients.

These people still needed spiritual and medical care, so to Fr. Damien discerned his call to serve them. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to be with these people in their colony.

Upon arrival, he found the colony was poorly maintained. Anarchy reigned among the people living there. Many patients required treatment but had nobody to care for them. Other patients took to drinking and became severe alcoholics. Every kind of immorality and misbehavior was on display in the lawless colony. There was no law or order.

Fr. Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The church still stands today.

The sick were cared for and the dead buried. Order and routine made the colony livable. Fr. Damien personally provided much of the care the people needed.

He was supposed to only work in the colony for a time then he would be replaced by one of three other volunteers for the work. But the leper colony was to become his permanent home. After working with the people for a time Fr. Damien grew attached to the people and his work. He asked permission to stay at the colony to serve. His request was granted.

Leprosy is not as contagious as most people of the period assumed, however five percent of the human population is susceptible. The disease can also take several years to show symptoms.

Fr. Damien became one of those people. He contracted leprosy in 1885, after several years of work. He realized he had the disease when he placed his foot into scalding water by accident, but felt no pain. This was a common way by which people discovered they were infected. Leprosy attacks nerve endings and a victim may hurt themselves but not feel any pain.

Fr. Damien continued his work, despite his illness, which slowly took over his body. He derived strength from prayer and devotion. He often went to the cemetery to pray the Rosary or spent time in the presence of the Eucharist. "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation," he wrote.

By all accounts, Fr. Damien was courageous, headstrong and resilient. His personal toughness served to inspire others. He was also reportedly very happy, a common phenomenon for those who pray and work hard to serve others and the Lord.

After sixteen years in the colony, Fr. Damien succumbed to leprosy on April 15, 1889. He was first buried nearby, then his remains were transferred to Belgium in 1936. His right hand was returned to Hawaii in 1995 to be reburied in his original grave at Molokai.

He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Brussels, Belgium on June 4, 1995. His sainthood was confirmed on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10.

The day of his passing, April 15, is a minor statewide holiday in Hawaii.

Saint Damien is the patron saint of people suffering from leprosy.

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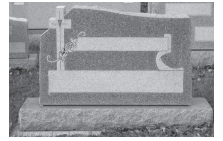
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