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*"HE WENT OFF AND WASHED HIMSELF, AND CAME AWAY WITH HIS SIGHT RESTORED."*



When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptized, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptized was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened” There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvelous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world



**29th CONFIRMATION**  
in Keeseville (Tentative).  
Details will be forthcoming.

We will keep our Confirmation II students in the loop regarding “Confirmation”. We have no further information at this time regarding a changed date.

We do know that we will be working online with our CII students and those details are in the works. It may be another week before we the links worked out.

We ask that all students continue to read their pull out study lessons. Mr. Bosley and myself will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

Thank you

### March / April 2020 Calendar

We do not anticipate having religious education classes at this time.

Confirmation I will be hearing from Mrs. Manchester regarding keep up with your studies.

We are on hold in an effort to help contain the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Please take special care and safety measures when / if you are out in public. Stay inside as much as possible.

*The more we stay alert and follow the advice of our President and the CDC, the sooner we will get through this pandemic. Our government is working hard to outreach and contain this wicked virus. We too, can work hard to help our Nation, Country and Townships by taking these precautionary measures.*



Like the father is the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness.

Where are you at home? Are you being called to life as a priest, deacon or religious. If God is calling you, talk to :

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**JESUS**  
**COMMANDED US** to  
pray for vocations with

his words, “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

### 2020 COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTERS RETREAT: Called to Be The Church

All Commissioned Lay Ministers - It's not too early to start planning for the 2020 CLM Retreat being held June 12-June 15, 2020 at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg. Our presenter is Fr. Louis Sogliuzzo, SJ of Syracuse Registrations/Payments can be made online at: <https://www.rcdony.org/clmwadhams> For more information, contact Jeannie Grizzuto 315-393-2920 ext. 1413 or [jgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rcdony.org)

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