THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel today is the one of the two disciples of Emmaus. The road to Emmaus is the itinerary of all Christians. Most of us have lived with Jesus since our birth, that is many among us were baptized when we were babies. Just like St Peter in the gospels, we believe that Jesus is true God and true man. We even made Christ and rightly so a part of our daily lives. But our faith is not as solid as rock. Time to time, we find ourselves in Jerusalem (Passion), that means dealing with evil, sickness, death, sufferings, injustices, etc. All these make people think that Jesus is not powerful, neither is the Father nor The Holy Spirit. Added to that, the fact that we hear some people telling us "Why believe in God…What has changed in your life ?…" When Jesus meets Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, it was about hope that Jesus appeared to them. The reaction, our reaction is to return to Emmaus, that means to return to a life without Jesus, without God. However, this is precisely where everything becomes clear. Christ meets us and we pass from a faith received (from birth), to a faith chosen on purpose. Let us notice that in order to meet Jesus, it's ALWAYS Jesus who takes the initiative: remember the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, Lazarus' story… and in today's gospel, it's Jesus who takes the initiative. Whether we are on the road to Emmaus or to Dalton or Nicholson or Lake Winola, Jesus comes to us and meets us. The road from Jerusalem to Emmaus is the road of every person who expects something or SOMEONE.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION CORSAGE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PATRICK CHURCH

The tradition of giving carnations on Mother's Day began in the early 1900s, when the flower was chosen to symbolize a mother's lasting love. Over time, carnations have come to honor all mothers—those living and those remembered. In keeping with this meaningful tradition, St. Pat's Parish will offer carnation corsages with 2 carnations, baby's breath & fern for $10 or 3 for $25 on Mother's Day as a fundraiser. Please consider participating as a way to honor the mothers in your life while also supporting St. Pat's parish. We will be taking orders on the weekends April 25th/26th at all three churches.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The PPC and Coordinating Teams met this week to continue planning action steps to meet our Pastoral Plan Goals. We have several activities planned for the next few months. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for Ministry Spotlights! We also filled some vacant seats on the Pastoral Council. Thank you to Christina Button and Dr. Michelle Zajac for volunteering your time and talents. We would also like to ask all parish members to extend a heartfelt welcome to someone new at Mass. Take a moment to get to know the people in your parish community and help share the good news that Jesus is welcoming all into His embrace.

SPECIAL REQUEST

St Patrick's hall is in need of a refrigerator in good condition for the hall. If you can help, please call Rita 570 575 9874.

ST. PAT FUNDRAISING THANK YOU

Thank you Faith Formation Class for the Krispy Creme Donut Fundraiser. Thank you also to those who bought those delicious donuts. This fundraiser made $1,458.00 for our church.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT OUTREACH MINISTRY

An Outreach Ministry is dedicated to extending compassion, connection, and care to those who may feel isolated or in need of encouragement. Through heartfelt card writing, friendly phone calls, and personal visits to homebound individuals, the ministry seeks to remind each person that they are valued, remembered, and not alone. Whether offering a listening ear, sharing words of hope, or simply being present, the team strives to build meaningful relationships rooted in kindness. In times of illness, loss, or hardship, the Outreach Ministry brings comfort, prayerful support, and a tangible expression of love to those who need it most.

This ministry is currently supported by The Legion Of Mary, The Disciples of Mary, The Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Social Concerns Ministry and Pastoral Outreach Apostolate. If you are interested in learning more in how you could support our Outreach Ministries, please contact the Community and Service Coordinating Team at we4fluhs@aol.com or call the parish office. We would love to hear from you! Also, if you know of someone who could use outreach support please contact the office so we can add you to our prayer list.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

April 25 & 26

Eucharistic Ministers
4 pm (OLA) Michele Zajac
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams Jr.
11 am (SP) Jill D'Antoni

Musicians
4 pm (OLA) Kenny McGraw
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors
4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozeleski
9:00am (SML) Jim Soltis
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers
4 pm (OLA) – Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones
11am (SP) – Corinne Flynn
Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING COUNCILS & EVENTS

Apr 21 – All Finance Councils Mtg at OLA Hall, 6pm
Apr 23 – Prayer Shawl Ministry at SML, 5:30pm
Apr 23 - Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo 6pm
Apr 25 – FFF First Confession at OLA, 2:45pm
Apr 30 – First Holy Communion Practice, OLA, 5pm
May 2 – First Holy Communion OLA, 11am

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Donations needed - please consider donating for our end of the year party for the students of SP/OLA family faith formation program. We are in need of treats for the kids, gift cards are welcome for our team to pick up goodies, and end of the year awards. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.
Julie Harvatine – jwharv03@gmail.com.
4/25/26 - First Penance OLA 2:45
4/26/26 - Class
4/30/26 - First Holy Communion Practice OLA 5 PM
5/2/2026 - First Holy Communion OLA 11 AM
5/3/2026 - Family Faith Formation End of Year Party followed by May Crowning at SP 11 AM

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti – redlightgreen343@gmail.com
April 19 Class
April 25 Saturday 2:45 First Reconciliation OLA
April 26 Class

PASCHAL CANDLE

The Pascal Candle, a symbol of the presence of The Risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary, near the altar or ambo, through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. Its use is encouraged at all liturgical celebrations, especially Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Servant of God, Anne-Louise Lateau: She lived on The Eucharist alone for 12 years.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (April 21) St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00am (OLA) Donald J. Williamson
By Mike & Barbara Williamson

Wednesday (April 22) Easter Weekday
8:00am (SP) Magdaline Sliwinski
By Pat Moots

Thursday (April 23) St. George Martyr, St. Adalbert Bishop & Martyr
8:00 am (SML) Frank & Josephine Bohenek
By James Billings

Saturday (April 25) The Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm (OLA) Theresa Bede
By Jim & Marlene Cours

Sunday (April 26) The Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am (SML) Bootsie & Bob Gaffney
By Maureen Gaffney
11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families
By John & Pat Marrazzo

Sanctuary Candle at SML
Burning this week for Health & Blessings for Katie Packer
By Mommy & Daddy

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly $ 1,491.00 Loose $ 147.00
OLA Weekly $ 2,031.00 Loose $ 42.00
SML Weekly $ 900.00 Loose $ 76.00

May the Lord reward your generosity

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POTLUCK

The Knights of Columbus will hold a potluck dinner at OLA on April 27. The dinner will be preceded by a Mass in the church at 6pm. Ms. Jessica Freyne, Director of the Providence Pregnancy Center (Scranton), will speak to the group after dinner.
All are welcome to join us for Mass and dinner. Contact Matt Schofield at schofieldmjs@outlook.com.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCILS MEETING

The finance councils of the 3 churches will meet at OLA hall on Tuesday April 21 at 6pm to discuss the fundraiser that Bishop Bambara requested for each church.

FATIMA JOURNEY ROSARY EVENINGS

Ernie Pappa, founder of Marian Devotion Ministries, will host Rosary Evenings from May to October offering devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Evenings will include the Rosary with chanted scriptural Mysteries, Fatima Prayers, Marian Hymns, Litanies and other prayers from 6 to 7 PM as follows: Mondays; OLA – May 11, SML – June 8, OLA – July 13, OLA - Aug 10, SP - Sept 14. OLA – Oct 12. Please join in this special devotion to Our Blessed Mother.