

Holy Family Parish
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EASTER 3
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
May 1, 2022

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Christ Has Risen Christ Has Risen Indeed

This Week

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Easter 3

Sacrament of Confirmation

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.

+**Thomas Muse** (4th Ann.) Int. wife Karyn Muse

Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

Monday, May 2, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, May 4 , 2022

Chopin Choir Rehearsal 6:00 P.M.

May Devotions 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Easter 4

Mother's Day

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.

Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

We welcome the Rt. Rev. John E. Mack this morning as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to five of our parish family members. Holy Family Parish is grateful to have Bishop John as our diocesan shepherd spiritually guiding our parish.

Confirmation Recipients

Kaylee Ann Marie Gibala sponsored by Mrs. Janis Gibala

Benjamin Lee Phillip Jackson sponsored by Mr. Nicholas Jackson

Lisa Rose Christine Zaucha sponsored by Mr. Garrett Zaucha

Holly Rose Joan Zaucha sponsored by Mr. Glenn Zaucha

Samantha Mary Bertha Zaucha sponsored by Mrs. Bonita
Zaucha

Rosary and May Devotions

Every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in May we will honor our Holy Mother by praying the Rosary and celebrating the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary Make every effort to be present.



Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament through which we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith, so that we may live how Christ wants us to live. It strengthens us to show our faith in everything we say and do. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel (advice) strength, godliness (piety), and fear of the Lord (reverence). Confirmation is the completion of Baptism because by baptism we become members of Christ's Church and by confirmation we are strengthened in our faith to Christian life in the Church by defending everything it stands for. "Now when the Apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John. On their arrival they prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for as yet He had not come upon any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17) St. Paul "came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples; and he said to them: Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? But they said to him: We have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Spirit. And he said: in what then were you baptized? Who said: In John's baptism? Then Paul said: John baptized the people with the baptism of penance.... Having heard these things, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had imposed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied". Acts 19: 1-6

5th Annual National Bishop Bilinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat

June 15-18, 2022

Bishop Hodur Retreat Center Waymart, PA

Theme: "Devotions and Fellowship"

Information and Registration Forms can be obtained from David Kost

SAMBS Annual Meeting and Religious Forum

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Transfiguration of Our Lord, Mt. Pleasant, PA

Registration 11:00 A.M.; Litany 12:00 P.M. Meeting/Forum 1:00 P.M.

Theme: "The Coming Together, Women of Faith"

Registration Fee \$12.00. Dinner Included

All women are invited to attend. See Kathy Trumpy for info.

National Youth Convo July 18-22, 2022 Valparaiso University, IN.

Theme “Live, Laugh, Love with God.” Information forthcoming.

Sunday Readings

The rest of the world has settled “back to normal” after Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today’s Gospel, who many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognize the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: “Come and have breakfast.” We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection.

After the wonderful picture of the Church in last week’s reading from Acts, things have turned a bit nasty. The same high priest who presided over Jesus’ trial now confronts Peter and the apostles, but they turn this to their advantage, seeing it as an opportunity to witness to the resurrection and an “honor to suffer humiliation for the sake of the name of Jesus.” This passage is not to read, it is a powerful story. Peter’s speech we see him speaking with conviction when he said, “We are witness of this.”

In our second reading, we continue reading Saint John’s vision: which is full of Easter imagery - we have “the Lamb that was sacrificed”, reminding us of Good Friday, and the vision of the glory of that same Lamb of God which portrays the wonder of the resurrection. As a way of “keeping Easter going”, this is very powerful. When you read a vision like this, remember that it is closer to poetry than prose - you will have to underline mentally the powerful images, and remember gently to emphasize some of the “little words” which help paint the picture - for example, “all the living things in creation”. John is piling up the numbers and words: “ten thousand times ten thousand “ thousands upon thousands” and “power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing”.

"Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish."

Thank you

Marian would like to thank the many parishioners who sent "Get Well Cards" and prayers upon her recent health problems. God bless you all.

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