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Christ Addresses the Disciples at Galilee

APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: WHEN EVERYTHING CLICKS

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to

understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a

fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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APRIL 17	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Thomas Sullivan† <i>Maryann Lenhardt</i>
APRIL 18	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Judy Patrello† <i>Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Richard Blum† <i>Jane Klug</i>
APRIL 19	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Veronica DiCola† <i>Don & Roberta Henning</i>
APRIL 20	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Carl Baum† <i>The Jasper Family</i>
APRIL 21	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Mary Agnes Gump† <i>Jim & Diana Barker</i>
APRIL 22	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Agnes T. Gardill† <i>Tex & Theresa Reynolds</i>
APRIL 23	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Maria Nguyen Thi Nu† <i>Phan Thi My</i>
APRIL 24	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Thomas Sullivan† <i>Kitty & Stan Pazyk</i>
APRIL 25	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Jim Holliday† <i>Veronis & Holliday families, Cindy Gunto, Stan & Kitty Pazyk</i>
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of the Skrzypek Family <i>Carolyn Gordon</i>



Earth Day EVERY DAY

Revisiting “Laudato Si” Highlights Earth Day for Catholics Worldwide

Catholics worldwide will celebrate Earth Day 2021 with the five-year anniversary of “Laudato Si” in the forefront. “Laudato Si” is Pope Francis’ landmark encyclical on the environment, or more formally, “On Care for Our Common Home.” “Laudato Si” means “Praise be to you,” taken from the first line of a canticle by St. Francis that praises God with all of His creation. Pope Francis addresses his message to all people.

His goal: “I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation that includes everyone, since the environment challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all” (14 “Laudato Si”).

Pope Francis calls those in the church to conversion as well: “The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what

SUMMARY of LAUDATO SI
[catholicnews herald.com](https://www.catholicnews herald.com)

CELEBRATING THE LAUDATO SI
<https://www.usccb.org>

RESTORE OUR COMMON HOME
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/>

EARTH DAY 2021
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they all need is an ‘ecological conversion,’ whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them.

Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (217).

Please consider using the links above to strengthen a personal commitment to environmental conversion.
— excerpts and adapted from Kevin Cotter, FOCUS.



Cathedral Celebration Marks 95th Year

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling will celebrate its 95th Anniversary of Dedication with *Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan on Wednesday, April 21, at 6 p.m.* Parishioners and faithful throughout the diocese are invited to attend.

The anniversary of the dedication of a cathedral church is observed with the rank of a solemnity in the cathedral itself and of a feast in the other churches of the diocese. As the mother church of the diocese, the cathedral is a symbol of the unity of the local Church and its dedication is therefore celebrated throughout the diocese.

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Celeste Evans, Phil Remke, Suzy Lunau, Sara Walters, Ashton Gardill, Liza Coe, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

“One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between man and nature shall not be broken.” — Leo Tolstoy

CALENDAR

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- Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life
Wednesdays 9 a.m. /Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall**

- Friday, April 30
DWC Tuition Assistance Deadline
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- Friday, May 14
Deadline for bringing donations
of rosaries and religious medals
for the poor of Zimbabwe**

- Parish Council Meeting
Friday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall**

SCHEDULES APRIL 24 & 25

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 4:00 p.m. **D. Prado / M. Taskalines**
- 8:00 a.m. **C. Frame / S. Kent**
- 10:00 a.m. **G. Swift / C. McDonald**

ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteers Needed - All Masses

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Easter	\$2,264.00
Memorial	\$265.00
Online Giving	\$462.00
Attendance	

315

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THANK YOU

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency or confidentially contact W.Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

LONGTIME PIEROGI GROUP leaders Sherry Sullivan and Libby Magnone will be retiring soon after many years of unwavering and courageous service. Fortunately, they are giving us a little time to find their successors first. Please consider taking up this treasured and iconic parish mission. Also, keep an eye out for a feature about Sherry, Libby and our dedicated pierogi group.

WE NEED SACRISTY CLEANERS now that we are back in church. Please call the office if you can volunteer.

APRIL 30 IS THE DEADLINE TO apply for first-consideration tuition assistance from the diocese for the 2021-2022 school year. Applying before April 30 ensures receiving the best assistance. Families with children already enrolled in or accepted to a diocese school are strongly encouraged to apply by the April 30 deadline.

Applications are available online at www.factsmgt.com. There is an application fee of \$35 of which the Diocese will pay half.

NEXT WEEK WE WILL TAKE UP the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, more than 40 percent of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES are being required by Bishop Mark Brennan to participate in a youth retreat prior to receiving the sacrament from him during our Saturday, May 22, Vigil Mass for Pentecost.

The aim of the retreat is to help candidates develop a more mature understanding of Christian beliefs and strengthen their own commitments.

Please pray for our candidates as they embark on all final preparations, such as choosing confirmation names, selecting sponsors, and reviewing the Rite of Confirmation. Candidates also will be writing short letters to Bishop Brennan explaining their current faith life and the enlightenment and strength they expect from the Holy Spirit. Letters must also state how they hope to live their faith going forward in life and, especially, how they will share it with friends. Pray for them!

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By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

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