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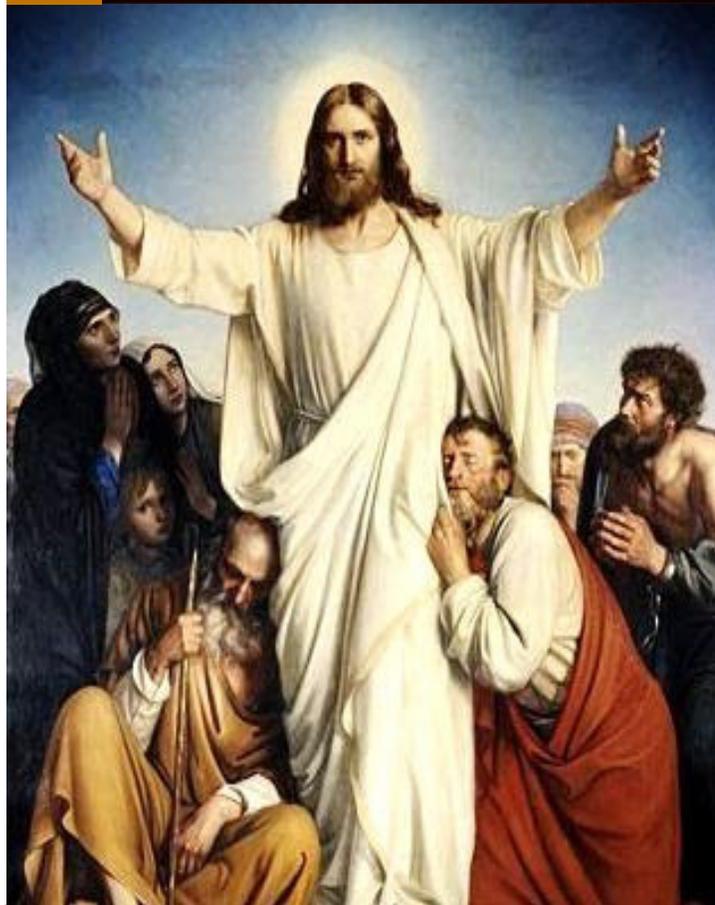
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April 16, 2017

HE IS RISEN

"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"



REMINDER

FRIDAY MASSES RETURN TO 6:00PM

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS: Saturdays: 5:00pm
Sundays: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

HOLY DAYS: 8:15am & 7:00pm

WEEKDAYS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8:15am & Fridays 6:00pm

Wednesday: Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament at 5:00-7:00pm, w/Confessions
at 6:15pm & Mass at 7:00pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Saturdays, 9:30am-10:00am

Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Otherwise by appointment

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office (630.257.7000).

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:30am to 1:00pm

APOSTOLIC DISCIPLES:

Fr. Thomas Koys, M.A., S.T.L., Pastor, Fr. Ed Gleeson, Pastor Emeritus, Deacon, John M. Wilkinson, CKM, Minister of Care/RCIA, Deacon, Doug Szarzynski, Ann Noonan, Secretary/Bus. Mgr., Mike Dillenburg, Parish Council Chair, Doug Witter, Finance Council Chair Pamela Mikrut, Organist, Margaret Ryan, Altar & Rosary, Giovanna Imbarrato, CCD Teacher, Mary Coughlin-Lenzen, CCD Teacher, Steve Hagen CCD Teacher, Bunny Heppner, CCD Teacher, & Joyce McNamara-Coughlin, CCD Director.

DON'T FORGET LISTEN TO

The Winds of Change 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
on WNDZ AM 750. Fr. Koys substitutes every
other Wednesday. Visit: wind-sofchangeshow.com, Fr. Koys' e-mail: unlikeothernations@gmail.com. Register on

Flocknotes to receive important text messages
and emails. Text: jamesatsag to 84576

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L.

G.K. Chesterton claims that Christians who love this world for a reason end up destroying it while those who love it without a reason end up saving it. To do otherwise would be a rejection of the greatest “patriotism” of all. To do otherwise is the same as treason, but treason far worse than the turning of one’s back on a national allegiance. It would be the turning of one’s back on Him who gave you a back in the first place. It is not an accident that the risen Christ is often depicted with a flag. Here at St. James, we try to put the “God” back into our “God bless America”

Those without faith always love this world “for a reason”. They love it because it provides so many pleasures for them. They love it when they are having fun. But the Christian loves it, even when all is bleak. The Christian loves life more intensely than the non-believer because he knows it is not for any of the great pleasures of this world that he was given life. A true Christian can’t get over the miracle of life in the first place. Knowing that this natural life which we can see is so miraculous makes the resurrection real. We should be like the virgin groom on his wedding night. He is so delighted by his bride’s kiss, that he can’t wait to see what more awaits him. The resurrection of Christ teaches us, the celestial wedding feast of the lamb is prepared. In other words you ain’t seen nothing yet.

But wait, on this glorious Easter morn, I must point out that the bible tells us that there are two kinds of resurrections. Chapter 5 of the Gospel of John is most provocative. Jesus says, “Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation”. We might cynically say, “Now, why did Jesus have to go and ruin such a beautiful truth by add that negative word into the picture?” The answer to that cynical question must be found in the other great truth of Jesus Christ. It is a truth that should dominate all our lives. The reason Jesus must “warn” us at the same time he gives us hope, is summed up in another words “good” and “evil”. To love what is good is our calling in this world, and God is the greatest of all goods. If we found people in heaven who lied, cheated, stole and hurt each other, we’d wonder if we were really in

heaven. It would feel like hell. That’s why, Cardinal John Henry Newman says, “Even if a wicked person was plucked from hell and brought into God’s presence in heaven, heaven would still feel like hell, because that person would be spending eternity trying to flee from the loving God. The only problem is, in heaven, there will be no place to run and hide from God, like there is here on earth.” A sobering thought on this most wonderful feast, wouldn’t you say?

**WOMEN’S CENTER APRIL, 2017**

Pregnant women in difficult situations often find themselves feeling confused, under pressure and alone. At The Women’s Center our counselors help them with friendship, counseling, and material assistance. We have saved over 39,000 women and their babies from the horrible consequences of abortion. We receive beautiful “thank you” letters.

If you can offer your time and talent, **volunteers are needed to sell flowers after Masses for our annual sale on Mother’s Day weekend, May 13th and 14th**. See Margaret Ryan or one of the *Altar & Rosary* people for schedule.

The Center needs 7 infant car seat/carriers, 5 older child car seats (all less than 7 years old), 6 toddler beds, 4 strollers, 3 double strollers, 4 walkers, 5 fixed side cribs, 5 high chairs, 4 bassinets, 4 umbrella strollers, 3 pack n plays and 3 swings. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.

Please come to our DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR, Sunday, April 23 at 3pm.

Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 13, 10am for a Mass in honor of the 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY’S APPARITIONS AT FATIMA.

WHAT IS THE EASTER DUTY?

Our Lord Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose for our salvation—to forgive our sins and to offer us everlasting life in Heaven. Moreover, He wanted His healing ministry of forgiveness for sin to continue through the Sacrament of Penance. On the night of the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men’s sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound” (John 20:21-23). Therefore, all of the faithful who are conscious of sin should avail themselves to the reconciling graces offered through the Sacrament of Penance.

Granted, the person who is conscious of mortal sin must receive sacramental absolution for forgiveness. The

Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, “Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God’s law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to Him” (#1855). Therefore, sacramental absolution is necessary to forgive mortal sin, to restore the sanctifying grace in a person’s soul, and to reconcile the person fully with God and neighbor.

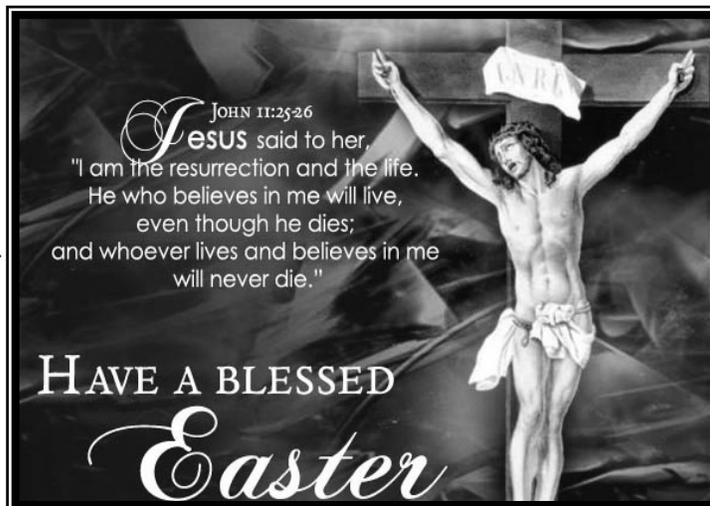
This teaching was clearly articulated in a previous age of confusion: The Council of Trent, responding to the objections of the Protestant leaders who denied the Sacrament of Penance and the need for confession, taught, “All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly” (*Doctrine on the Sacrament of Penance*).

This teaching has been most recently repeated by our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II in *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: “I therefore desire to reaffirm that in the Church there remains in force, now and in the future, the rule by which the Council of Trent gave concrete expression to the Apostle Paul’s stern warning then it affirmed that, in order to receive the Eucharist in a worthy manner, ‘one must first confess one’s sins, when one is aware of mortal sin’ (#36). ...If a Christian’s conscience is burdened by serious sin, then the path of penance through the sacrament of Reconciliation becomes necessary for full participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice (#37).”

The only exception to this norm, according to the *Catechism*, is when a person “has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confes-

sion” (#1457). Emphasis here must be placed on the phrasing “grave reason” and “no possibility.”

While confession is necessary for the forgiveness of mortal sin, it is also a most important means of grace and a good spiritual practice for the forgiveness of venial sin. Pope John Paul II, in a general audience address given on September 15, 1999, reminded bishops of “the importance of the necessary pastoral care for instilling a greater appreciation of the sacrament [of Penance] in the People of God, so that the message of reconciliation, the path of conversion, and the very celebration of the sacrament can more deeply touch the hearts of the men and women of our day.” Our late Holy Father also stated, “It would, therefore, be foolish, as well as presumptuous, to wish arbitrarily to disregard the means



of grace and salvation which the Lord has provided and, in the specific case, to claim to receive forgiveness while doing without the sacrament which was instituted by Christ precisely for forgiveness” (*On Reconciliation and Penance*, #31). Consequently, a faithful Catholic must never discount the spiritual exercise of confession, from beginning to end: to take the time to diligently examine one’s conscience, to have contrition (i.e. sorrow for sin), to make a firm amendment not to sin again, to confess one’s sins, and to receive absolution and the graces which heal the soul of sin, restore fully sanctifying grace, and fortify it against future temptation. Regular confession of venial sin helps the individual to form his conscience better, fight against temptation, be aware of the occasions of sin, and progress in the life of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Catechism* 1458).

Yes, strictly speaking, the *Code of Canon Law* asserts, “After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year” (#989). However, the *Code* also asserts, “It is to be recommended to the Christian faithful that venial sins also be confessed” (#988.2). (This regulation is a slight variation of the old “Easter Duty” prescribed by the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) which stated, “Every faithful of either sex who has reached the age of discretion should at least once a year faithfully confess all his sins in secret to his own priest. He should strive as far as possible to fulfill the penance imposed on him, and with reverence receive at least during Easter time the sacrament of the Eucharist.”) Only a legalist would suggest that a person only has to go to confession when in a state of mortal sin, thereby hinting regular confession is not necessary. Regular confession is the recipe for sainthood, and all of the saints of our Church knew it. As we continue our Easter celebration, we must not forget those graces of forgiveness and reconciliation the Risen Lord offers to each of us through the Sacrament of Penance.

Our
Weekly Offering



Our *Weekly Offertory* collection from the weekend of April, 9, 2017 was \$4,272.00. The number envelopes was 9. The Maintenance collection was \$988.50.

Due to early submission required by the publishing bulletin company Our *Weekly Offertory* collection from Palm Sunday, 4/9/17 & Easter Sunday, 4/16/17 will be delayed.

OUR MANY THANKS TO OUR REGISTERED
FAMILIES USING ENVELOPES & THE
CASH-AND-CARRY FOLKS.

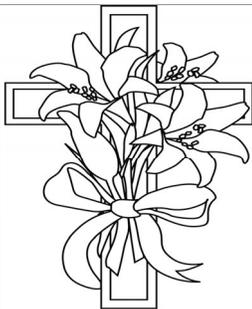
Our **CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FRIDAY 4/21/17**

Are Irene & Barbara. If you are *interested in volunteering*, please contact the rectory office at 630.257.7000.

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR
THE WEEK OF 4/16/17



St. James Altar & Rosary Society
In memory of †Lillian Simanavicius



Our beautiful bouquets of
Easter flowers
surrounding our altar were
made available by the
**PARISHIONERS
OF ST. JAMES**
THANK YOU!

DIVINE MERCY 4/22 & 4/23/17	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
5:00 PM	Fr. Toom Koys	Dooley Dooley J. Szarzynski	R. Augstyn
8:00 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	S. Carver F. Casiple Dillenburg	C. Slowik
9:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	A. Bertucci J. Strzelczyk J. Strzelczyk	D. LaSota
11:30 AM	Fr. Tom Koys	E. & L. Glenn G. & D. Estrada J. Jacobek	S. Hagen



Monday April 17th
8:15 AM *Health & Healing for Moe Reiley*

Tuesday April 18th
8:15 AM †Harold McGrath

Wednesday April 19th
7:00 PM *Health & Healing for Jim Wall*

Thursday April 20th
7:00 PM †Joseph Nedved &
 †Antoinette Schomel

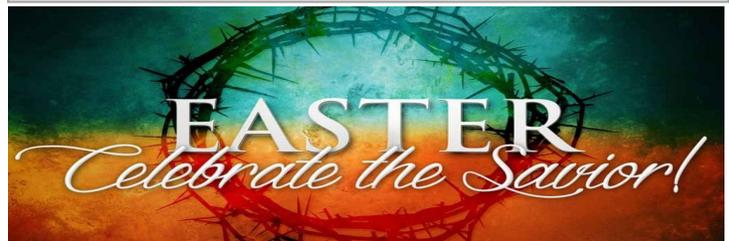
Friday April 21st
6:00PM *Health & Healing of*
Franciszka Dziaba

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday April 15th
5:00 pm †Constance Formanek

Sunday April 16th
8:00 AM †Helen Strzempek
9:30 AM *41st Anniversay of Bronislawa*
& Adam Raj

11:30 AM *Birthday Blessings for*
Wojciech Fugiel



SAVE THE DATE:		
Wed, 4/19 5-7pm	Eucharistic Adoration 7pm Mass	Church
Fri, 4/21, 6pm	6pm Mass Resumes	Church
April 22, 8:30am	Men's Retreat, Holy Ghost parish	Info: 708-374-7729
Sun, 4 /23	Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm Chaplet	Church
April 24, 6pm	CCD closing Mass	Church
April 29	Who Will Fill these Shoes	St. Joseph College
May 6, 11am	First Communion Mass	Church
May 13, 10am	100th Annv of Fatima Mass	Church
June 10-11	M.S. bike-a-thon, DeKalb	See Fr. Koys