# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Luke 24:13-35

## April 26th, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through Gods Love

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesdays: 5:30-6:30 pm Saturdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am Church doors are opened from 7:00am - 7:00 pm daily. Stop in for prayer. Please respect the 6 feet distance between people. Sunday Mass can be viewed on our website: rescathroch.org.

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# Weekly Words from The Rock

Pastoral Answer .There has been a great deal of discussion regarding the sacraments during the time of the Covid-19 virus. I would like to provide a question that gets into the discussion of the sacraments and Mass during these unprecedented times.

Question: I think the bishops are denying the right of the faithful to have the sacraments. My anger is further inflamed by the fact that different dioceses have kept churches open and other dioceses have suspended Masses. Since when does a governor or mayor have the right to tell the Church to deny sacraments to the faithful?

Answer: While it is true that the faithful have a general right to have access to the sacraments, it is not an absolute right. Catholics in mortal sin should not approach Communion. Further, public and obstinate sinners can be denied access to the sacraments, and so forth. For other grave reasons, a bishop can forbid the celebration of Masses in certain areas for a certain time. And that is what we seem to be dealing with here. Public health authorities have asserted that a serious threat exists to the well-being of others and have decreed that a wide number of activities cease for the meantime, including larger public gatherings.

It is also true that the Church should generally resist attempts by the state to limit our religious liberties; but that is not what has happened here. Government officials did not single out Catholic Masses or religious activities. Rather they issued norms and later decrees limiting all public gatherings in various ways. Other things being equal, the Church, and Christians in general, have an obligation to obey just decrees by civil authorities.

We are certainly in a very unusual situation that most of us have never before experienced. We may learn many things going through this process. But for now we do well to listen to one another and be patient. We should be sympathetic to both those who have fears about the virus and to those who have sadness at the loss of the celebration of the liturgy publically. Some fairness is also due to the bishops who themselves are facing a situation unprecedented in most of their lifetimes. The varying responses reflect varying local conditions and decrees.

As for denying the sacraments in general, most dioceses have made exceptions. The faithful who are ill can still be anointed and receive Communion. Funerals, weddings, and infant baptisms can still take place, though limited in most places to immediate family.

For now, we are in a difficult spot, to be sure. Pray for the miraculous intervention by God; pray for an end to the virus and extreme fear. (Written by Msgr. Charles Pope, Our Sunday Visitor, April 5-11, 2020, page 31).

Stations of the Cross. Two months ago, I asked people's thoughts on the current Stations of the Cross in the church. Thanks to those who did respond. Over six weeks, people shared their thoughts and now I share with you the results.

1. 92% of respondents asked for a new set of Stations of the Cross in the church.

2. I tried to seek out who donated or created the current Stations of the Cross in the church. It still is an unknown.

3. Some suggested we switch the current Stations of the Cross in the church with those in the Perpetual Adoration chapel. I am not prone to make such a decision because most adorers enjoy the current Stations of the Cross in the Perpetual Adoration chapel.

With all of this in mind, we will be looking into a new set of stations. However, with all that we are experiencing with Covid-19, I am not certain when this will take place. I need to meet with people to decide upon a new set and we are restricted due to social distancing. Too, the issue of finances may play a role if the suspension of Mass continues for a period of time. Thus, for the time being, I am putting the Stations of the Cross on hold. I will keep you updated with further decisions. Again, know of my prayers and pray for Father Shawn and myself!

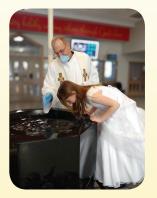
God's blessings to you! Father Peter Schuster

### Introducing our Resurrection members who received the Sacraments of Initiation on Saturday, April 11th

Luke Maasch, Baptism Olivia Maasch, Baptism and Holy Eucharist Matthew Salerno, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist























#### Road To Emmaus Luke 24:13-35

"Two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village 7 miles from Jerusalem call Emmaus; Jesus himself drew near and walked with them. And he said to them, "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" He interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. They urged him, "Stay with us" so he went in to stay with them and it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him. "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" They returned to

Jerusalem where they found gathered together the 11, he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

We welcome Luke, Olivia and Matthew to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. They are now members of our Catholic Church and let us pray as they grow and yearn for the love of Christ in their lives.

We welcome Olivia and Matthew to the breaking of the bread, the Sacrament of the Eucharist - what a blessing to have them join us at our table.

We welcome Matthew to our Mission Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. May Matthew grow in faith from the gifts of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Let us pray that Matthew through his faith, live it by being of service and witness to the faith.

#### Faith, Hope and Charity (Catechism 1812-1829)

**Faith**: The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it and spread it. Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation.

**Hope**: "We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end" and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ. In hope, the Church prays for "all men to be saved". She longs to be united with Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven.

**Charity**: Christ died out of love for us, while we were still "enemies." The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our enemies, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away and to love children and the poor as Christ himself. "If I have not charity, says the Apostle, I am nothing." Whatever my privilege, service or even virtue, if I have not charity, I gain nothing. Charity is superior to all the virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But the greatest of these is charity.

Weekly Readings		
Monday 27 April	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29 "When the crowds saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum. looking for them."	
Tuesday 28 April	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/ Jn 6:30-35 "I am the bread of Life. Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty."	
Wednesday 29 April	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40 "For what my Father wants is that all who see the Son and believe in him should have eternal life."	
Thursday <b>30</b> April	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If you eat this bread, you will live forever."	
Friday 1 May	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59 "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life and I will raise them to life on the last day." St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58	
Saturday 2 May	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69 "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God."	
Sunday 3 May	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 "And the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice."	



### Musical Musings from Joy Music & Choral Director choirdirector@rescathroch.org

My dear Resurrection Parish Family:

It is hard to believe the time has come for me to write my last bulletin article. These last three years, my weekly column has become a routine I approach with great joy. I hope that I have taught you and nourished you in your faith in some way over these many, many weeks.

I never thought our world would be turned upside-down just as I'm leaving Resurrection. (To be fair, I don't think ANYONE could've imagined the scenario we are currently living in.) There is no pomp and circumstance; no real "goodbye." I'm not really one for making a fuss anyway, but I desperately miss the closure I was anticipating having with each of you.

Thank you for all of your support during my time at Resurrection. I have so many wonderful memories to hold on to. I knew some of you very well, and others I may never of had the chance to meet. Wherever you fall in that spectrum, please know that I will continue praying for you as our Church navigates these unchartered waters.

If there is anything I can impress upon you before I leave, it would be this: Be open. Let the Lord continue to work with you in beautiful and unexpected ways. Whether you like Church music or not, whether you are a liturgical minister or not, God is always working in our hearts to bring us closer to Him. Remember that moving forward, and allow yourselves to be open to whatever may be.

Know of the immense love and admiration I have for you, the parishioners of Resurrection.

Peace,

--Joy.

# **Mass Intentions**

Private Daily Masses will be offered by Fr. Schuster/Fr. Shawn for the Mass interntion below

Mon., Apr. 27th	8:30 am +Joyce Baumler
Tues., Apr. 28th	8:30 am †Tom Burns
Wed., Apr. 29th	8:30 am +Gerald Simon family
Thurs. Apr. 30th	8:30 am <sup>+</sup> Bob Heimer
Fri., May 1st	8:30 am †Milada Schirger
Sat., May 2nd	8:00 pm For the Parish
Sun., May 3rd	8:30 am †Thomas Haremza
	10:30 am <sup>+</sup> Cindy Harvey

## **Dedication Candles**

Apr 25th - May 2nd



1. †Lue Bien

#### Pope Pius XII established May 1st to be Feast Day to St. Joseph the Worker.

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations, to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties, to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O Patriarch, St. Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

O Saint Joseph, we pray to you for those who are out of work, for those who want to earn their living or support their families. You who are the patron of workers, grant that unemployment may vanish from our ranks; that all those who are ready to work may put their strength and abilities in serving their fellowmen and earn a just salary. (source Catholic Prayerbook)

## **Faith Formation**



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org



**First Communion Weekend**: This is the weekend that our children who have been preparing *would have received their First Communion*.

Let's continue to keep them in our prayers until the day we are all able to return to the Lord's Table together.

Emmett John Asleson Lucas Loren Benz Benjamin Jay Boland Connor James Capelle Tyler Wayne Claire Elvin Hung Dang Laila Margaret Dobbelaere Cora Gabrielle Gossman Hannah Elizabeth Hartmann Grant Robert Herber Grady Harold Hill Ava Marie Lawler Colin Benjamin Lawler Julieanna Grace Meyer Liam Nicholas Mueller Colette Clare Niesen Camryn Ann Paulson Jake Raymond Priebe Ryan Patrick Priebe William Francis Robertson Ainsley Jane Sather Finley Mae Schilling Lauren Annespey Smith Gavin Robert Spaulding Brody Lucas Sullivan-Jackson Kaia Madelyn Sullivan Seely Katherine Tri Amelia Aniela Truty Layla Ann Viker

#### Our First Communicants Prayers and Petitions:

**Dear God**, **please**... help me be kind and nice and caring to people; help our pets in heaven; I want to go to heaven to see nice people; bless my family; for my grandma in heaven; keep me in your prayers; help me to be more like you in all ways; help me when I am having hard times; watch over our family; pray for my uncle to get better after his surgery; keep my cousin close to you and help his heart heal; please help me and the people who need help getting better from their sickness and places on their body that hurt; help me to grow and learn like you and to be a holy person. Amen.

Thank you, God, for... my life and my family-they have been a glorious family; dying on the cross for us; earth and life; I want the poor to be warm and helped; my family, house, pets and you Jesus Christ; making people in my family; my family, house, friends, and food; my mom, dad, Grama, papa, food, water, pets, and friends; loving me; making me, my family, and friends; all the things you do; my mom; making me alive; the world and all your creations; for letting me receive your Body and Blood; food, water, a house, dance, love; for my Baptism and for my Godfather and Godmother; all the people who prayed for my brother also thanks for making a miracle, it's very much appreciated. Amen.