



April 15, 2018 • Third Sunday of Easter

The grand and dramatic story of God comes into focus in today's readings. The passages from Acts and from the Gospel of Luke describe how Jesus' disciples began to understand how Jesus fits into the larger narrative of God, Israel, humanity, and all of creation. In the Gospel, Jesus interprets the scriptures for his followers. He shows how his seemingly shameful death was actually the fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus shows how his life, death, and resur-

rection are the surprising turning point of the scripture story. We, the Church today, find ourselves in the middle of this story. We first look back, to recall God's overflowing and steadfast love, beginning from Creation, through Christ, until today. We then look forward to the fulfillment, already launched by Jesus, of the Reign of God. With this perspective, we play our part in the drama, joining God to bring God's work to completion.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF
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APRIL 15 , 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 14 , 2018
5:00 pm †Jerry Robbins req. by Linda Cakora / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, April 15 , 2018
9:00 am **FIRST COMMUNICANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Monday, April 16 , 2018
9:00 am †Thomas Sr. & Jr. & Diane Paulaskas req. by Ann Marie Family

Tuesday, April 17 , 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm **ADORATION until 9pm**

Wednesday, April 18 , 2018—NO MASS

Thursday, April 19 , 2018—NO MASS

Friday, April 20 , 2018—NO MASS
9:00 am Adoration until 11:00 am

Saturday, April 21 , 2018
5:00 pm †Rose Smith req. by Rita McGrath

Sunday, April 22 , 2018
9:00 am †Al Robbins req. by Steve & Ruth Hoehn / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, April 21 - 5:00 pm
Nicholas & Ella Phelps
Sunday, April 22 - 9:00 am
A.J. & Reganne Price

Lector

Saturday, April 21 - 5:00 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, April 22 - 9:00 am
Lisa Price

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, April 21 - 5:00 pm
Roberta Stauffenberg, Jim Kreske
Sunday, April 22 - 9:00 am
Steve Hoehn

Usher:

Saturday, April 21 - 5:00 pm
Brad Phelps, Howard Bieschke
Sunday, April 22 - 9:00 am
Jim Price, Eddie Horath

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Bell, Mooi & Musson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, April 8\$1,637.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,240.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 5,055.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Diocese of Joliet

Thank you for your generous response.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting the Online Giving link. It's easy and it's convenient! to sign up.

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



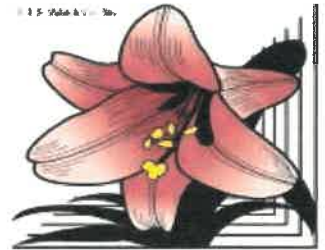
The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

A mailing will soon be sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the CMAA. Despite the severe February snowstorm we encountered over Commitment (In-Pew) Weekend, we are confident we can still meet our goal if we all partner together. If you have not done so already, I ask that you please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

If you have already made a gift to this year's CMAA, on behalf of our parish and the Diocese, I thank you! *Fr. Sebastian*

IN MEMORY / HONOR OF.....

Rose Smith



THE Peotone Senior Assistance Center is available the third Thursday of the month, this Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 10am-3pm in the Red Room at St. Paul the Apostle.

This is part of our Respect Life Ministry, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county, state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, license plate discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. The center is staffed by volunteers who serve the community without cost.

On **Monday, April 23, 2018 from 4-6pm**, Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. Paul the Apostle, 511 N. Conrad, in Peotone (rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, boxes, carts or wagons to transport food and grocery products through the line and back to their vehicles. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency.

You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org

Donations are Matched With Catholic Charities' Angel Fund

Each day at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet we assist individuals and families who need an angel -- veterans who have lost their homes, single mothers who seek warm clothes for their children, and seniors who are forced to choose between paying rent and buying food.

Thankfully, we have found someone who is so special and generous... that he is almost like an angel on earth. This anonymous donor wants to team up with **you** to continue to help our struggling neighbors. **For every dollar you donate, our special angel will match it – up to \$50,000.**

Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn't there to help.

Please send in a donation by May 31st. Make checks payable to:

Catholic Charities: Angel Fund

16555 Weber Rd.

Crest Hill, IL 60403

Donations can also be made at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140.

Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. Together we are doing God's work – changing and saving lives! If you can't send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and



CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS:

Today these students will celebrate the sacrament of communion for the first time. They have been working hard. Be an example to them by celebrating this sacrament yourself often.

Sienna Alexander Aubrey Hoger



RECONCILIATION

ST. ROSE, WILMINGTON —EVERY THURSDAY—
6:00—7:00 PM

Save the date



The Council of Catholic Women will have a Donut Day in conjunction with their "Ghost Card Party" with Split - the - Pot Raffle on May 6, 2018 after the 9:00 am Mass. Ladies ticket packets are available in the vestibule



WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.

—St. John Climacus

Associate Director Development Office

The Diocese of Joliet Development Office is seeking to hire an Associate Director. The Associate Director will be responsible for general oversight of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal and coordinating its logistics. This position includes responsibility for: coordination with parishes; the direct mail and gift solicitation; the Appeal's data management and stewardship of donors; and coordination with internal and external partners to ensure all aspects of the Appeal are coordinated effectively. A Bachelor's Degree in Fundraising, Nonprofit Management, Marketing, Business, Public Relations or related field is required. This is a full time position with benefits. To apply for this position, please email resume with cover letter and salary history to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Elaine Nowak; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF APRIL

- THAT ECONOMISTS MAY HAVE THE COURAGE TO REJECT ANY ECONOMY OF EXCLUSION, AND KNOW HOW TO OPEN NEW PATHS.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK April 15, 2018



- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday: Income Tax Day
- Saturday: St. Anselm

*We have an Advocate with the Father
Jesus Christ the Righteous One*

1 Jn.

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God raised him from the dead

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THE SURPRISE MESSIAH

After the crucifixion of Jesus, his disciples were in despair. Not only had they seen their master's horrible death, their own lives were now at risk, for the crucifixion suggested to them that Jesus was not the awaited Messiah after all. The Messiah had been envisioned as somehow coming in power, liberating Israel from foreign domination and signaling God's long-awaited return to dwell again with Israel. The Crucifixion suggested to them the possibility of God's rejection of Jesus, or Jesus' failure to achieve God's purposes.

This is partly why the disciples were amazed when Jesus appeared. God had vindicated Jesus by raising him. The Resurrection revealed that God's promises were actually fulfilled, precisely through this death. Through the cross, God had indeed liberated the people from sin and death. God had truly returned, in Jesus and then later in the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. The dominion of sin and death had been broken. The Resurrection was the first display of the new kingdom of God, in Jesus.

NOT FOR HEAVEN ONLY

In the Gospel passage, Jesus specifically emphasizes his bodily presence. He invites the disciples to touch him, and he eats some fish in front of them. He makes it clear that he is not a ghost and did not shed his physicality or his humanity when he was raised. The disciples began to understand Jesus in a new way. Christians later articulated this as Jesus' bodily resurrection. The resurrected Jesus, both human and divine, reigns both in heaven and on earth.

So when Jesus sent his disciples, and today sends all of us, to proclaim God's kingdom, he never means "for heaven only." God aims to renew, not reject, human bodies, human culture, and the created universe. God's project for us is here and now, within all the limitations and messiness of daily life. We are called to care for each other, for the earth, and for all God's beloved creation.

Today's Readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1–5a; Lk 24:35–48

4/15/2018