

APRIL 26  
2020



THIRD  
SUNDAY OF  
**Easter**

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24:35

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it's only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus' disciples encounter a stranger on

the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

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3RD SUNDAY  
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### Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 26, 2020 – 9:00 am - LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE  
Monday, April 27, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE  
Tuesday, April 28 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON-LINE  
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 8:00 am – VIEW ON LINE  
Thursday, April 30, 2020 - 8:00 am VIEW ON-LINE  
Friday, May 1, 2020 - 8:00 am - VIEW ON-LINE  
Sunday, May 2, 2020 – 9:00 am – LIVE STREAM – VIEW ON-LINE

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly  
Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, April 19.....\$805.00  
Easter.....\$230.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

St. Patrick Parish depends on you, especially during this difficult time, to continue our daily operations. Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving. For those of you have signed up for "On Line Giving" Thank you. For those not using Online giving, and would like to, please go to our website: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and follow the online giving link. We have just updated our format to make signing up easier. Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. *Thank you*





*Please Participate!  
Your Gift Makes a Difference!*

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,432.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 7,357.00
2020 Rebate	\$ 00.00

Thank you for your generous response.



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Father Sebastian celebrates daily Mass, privately, at St. Rose at 8:00am. Mass is video taped and posted on our Facebook profile (St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center) immediately after; and also put on our website. All Mass intentions that were scheduled will be re-scheduled when the “shelter in place” mandate has been lifted.



With our shelter-in-place mandate still in effect you can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you'd like, using the prayer given below.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite**

**myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**  
(composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

You need to approach Him with sincerity, humility and a desire to follow in His footsteps in acts of faith and charity. And He's delighted when we do so! The Baltimore Catechism notes that a Spiritual Communion “is an act of devotion, and one very pleasing to God.”

We are operating on a very small scale; the only way Father Sebastian has to contact you, his parishioners, quickly is through e-mail. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address. You can just e-mail the office at [stpatrickwilton@aol.com](mailto:stpatrickwilton@aol.com) to add it. Thank you

Father Sebastian exposes the Blessed Sacrament, after daily Mass at St. Rose, in the parking lot inside the glass doors from 8:30am until 9:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3:00pm with parishioners in their cars, or pray this chaplet in your home.

## CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

(Offer these prayers at 3:00pm if possible)



### ON ROSARY BEADS, BEGIN:

Our Father, Hail Mary, the Creed.

### ON THE OUR FATHER BEADS, PRAY:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

### ON THE HAIL MARY BEADS, PRAY:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### IN CONCLUSION, PRAY THREE TIMES:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

## SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “ my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ullman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi; Steve Niemiec; Liz Brooks

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

## Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF APRIL

- We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
FR. SEBASTIAN  
April 30

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 26, 2020



- 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, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
- Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena
- Thursday: St. Pius V
- Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

We have a small group of volunteers willing to help get groceries, medications, etc. Or if you need financial assistance there are limited funds available. Please call the parish office and leave a message for Linda.



## THE STRANGER

Imagine meeting a stranger, a fellow traveler, who butts into the conversation you're having with your friend. The two disciples in today's Gospel are heading to Emmaus, seven miles away from Jerusalem, heartbroken and disillusioned. It's the day of Jesus' resurrection, but no one knew it when these two set out on their journey, maybe going home to resume their pre-Jesus lives because it seemed as if everything was over.

In the middle of trying to make sense of the tragedy, some eavesdropping guy asks them about their troubles. After telling their story, the disciples are amazed to find this stranger able to piece together the fragments of the broken image of their master using scripture as the glue. Then it happens—at dinner they recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, just before he vanishes. With their hearts burning with love and inspiration, they run back to Jerusalem—at night—to tell the others their new story.

## THE STRANGER/SHEPHERD

The stranger in this story who turns out to be Jesus is reminiscent of the Gospel images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He seeks out his "lost sheep" who have strayed from the faith community, and the experience of the risen Lord transforms them into perhaps the very first evangelists, sharing their Good News with their friends back in Jerusalem.

Are we transformed by the time we leave Mass? We should be! Our hearts should be burning within us from our experience of Jesus in word and sacrament. Yet how often life breaks our heart and clouds our mind! We stumble toward our own Emmaus, unaware that Jesus is with us. We are privileged to experience Jesus in every Eucharist through the breaking open of scripture and by the breaking of the bread. Like the disciples of the story, that transforming experience can compel us to go forth and tell everyone the Good News.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Ps 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17–21; Lk 24:13–35

**4/26/2020**