

The Work of the People
Third Sunday of Easter

We continue our fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus and of the new life - the resurrected life - he has won for us. We give thanks that our God cares enough for us that God became our servant and experienced our earthly life in order that we can share in the divine life.

We continue the story of the development of the faith life of the early Church as we hear from the Acts of the Apostles. This Sunday we again hear of the ongoing conflict with the Sanhedrin. These twenty-three men comprised an authoritative counsel for each city that governed the Jewish community. While mostly Sadducees, there were also Pharisees who were members.

In the Second Reading we hear more of John's vision on the island of Patmos. In chapter 5, the Book of Revelation shifts from extolling the creator to unfolding the story of the plan of salvation. The vivid depiction of the heavenly liturgy finds all of the universe raising its voice to the glory of God. The four creatures are a reference to the text found in Ezekiel 1:4 - 20.

Today's Gospel from the evangelist John gives us the third appearance of the Risen Christ - this one at the seashore. Just as his disciples are first called from their nets, the Apostles now are engaged at their work. It might seem as though this is a good way to take their minds off the recent events and perhaps Peter wanted some quiet time to process what had happened. Again, Jesus is encountered in meal fellowship. Notice how the three affirmations demanded of Peter are parallel to his three denials before the Crucifixion. Peter and the others will be called to shepherd the flock, even though it will be to the death. Peter's death is referenced in the stretching out of hands.

The reflection for this Sunday is from a Homily of Pope Francis given on April 14, 2013. This was soon after his election as Pope on March 13, 2013.

What does it mean, then, to worship God? It means learning to be with God, it means that we stop trying to dialogue with him, and it means sensing that his presence is the most true, the most good, the most important thing of all. All of us, in our own lives, consciously and perhaps sometimes unconsciously, have a very clear order of priority concerning the things we consider important. Worshipping the Lord means giving him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing—not only by our words—that he alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before him that he is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.

This has a consequence in our lives: we have to empty ourselves of the many small or great idols that we have and in which we take refuge, on which we often seek to base our security. They are idols that we

sometimes keep well hidden; they can be ambition, careerism, a taste for success, placing ourselves at the center, the tendency to dominate others, the claim to be the sole masters of our lives, some sins to which we are bound, and many others. . . .

Dear brothers and sisters, each day the Lord calls us to follow him with courage and fidelity; he has made us the great gift of choosing us as his disciples; he invites us to proclaim him with joy as the Risen one, but he asks us to do so by word and by the witness of our lives, in daily life. The Lord is the only God of our lives, and he invites us to strip ourselves of our many idols and to worship him alone. To proclaim, to witness, to adore.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn. 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor. 15:1-8/Jn. 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn. 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn. 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn. 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn. 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv. 7:9, 14b-17/Jn. 10:27-30

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." Like the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us at this beach breakfast that meals are more than about eating. They are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, and support one another in love.

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

Reminder that the Good Shepherd Collection for retired priests takes place this weekend.
Every gift is appreciated for this worthy cause.

PA LOTTO FUNDRAISER

REMINDER: Please return sold and unsold tickets before May 13, 2022. Additional tickets are available at both parishes after the weekend Masses.

*"Holy Spirit,
help me know how to share
the good news of the gospel
wherever I find myself."*

WORSHIP

Monday, May 2
 8:00 am + Daniel Baker (Rita Baker and Family)
 Tuesday, May 3
 8:00 am + Dec. of Beulah/Sullivan/Kutz Families
 (Leona and John Kutz)
 Wednesday, May 4
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, May 5
 8:00 am + Wanda Pilarczyk (PNA Lodge #1540)
 Friday, May 6 - FIRST FRIDAY
 8:00 am + Kathleen Nowak (Rick and Barb Smith)
 Saturday, May 7
 4:30 pm + Living & Deceased Members of
 Hobson Family (Vincent Hobson)
 Sunday, May 8
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Living and Deceased Parishioners
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 For the Intentions of all mothers

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, May 2
 5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO
 Tuesday, May 3
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Saturday, May 7
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 Sunday, May 8
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION Altar Rosary Society
 meeting Tuesday, May 3 at 1:00 pm.

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$535.00
Good Friday	10.00
Easter Offering	10.00
TOTAL	\$555.00

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY
CARNATION PROJECT**

Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available after Mass next week. Help celebrate Mother's Day by selecting some beautiful carnations for that special mom in your life. Your donation of \$2 per carnation will advance pro-life education and awareness right here in northwestern Pennsylvania.

**ST. ANTHONY
SPRING CLEAN-UP**

Our sincere gratitude to all volunteers: Barb, Emil, Robin, Paul, MaryLou, Carol, Sandy, Andy, Deana, Josie, Don and Max who assisted athletes and coaches from Edinboro University Women's Basketball team in cleaning the parish center, chapel, church and kitchen on April 23. Your hard work and cooperation with this project is deeply appreciated.

Fr. Mark and Kathleen

**CHILD PROTECTION AND
CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

Bullying: The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education define bullying as: any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths, who are not siblings or current dating partners, that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of students ages 12-18 experienced bullying nationwide. 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents should educate themselves on the signs that a child has been bullied or is a bully. They should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Parents can encourage their child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.gov.

*"Lord, help me to follow
your Spirit's direction today."*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$1,696.00
Maintenance	342.00
Holy Land	8.00
Rice Bowl	58.00
Easter Offering	93.00
Candles	29.00
TOTAL	\$2,226.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$28,703.00 Paid: \$17,483.00	

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
