

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ begins at the Easter Vigil and continues into Easter Sunday morning. Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and is the first day of the Easter Octave. The celebration of the Triduum concludes after Vespers and the great fifty days begin. Forty days of fasting yield to fifty days of feast.

On Easter Sunday morning, the First Reading takes us to the home of Cornelius, a devout man who was also a Roman centurion. He has had a vision in which he has been instructed to send for Peter. Peter also has had a vision that called into question the Jewish food purity rules which divided animals into clean versus unclean. In this passage, we hear Peter recount the story of the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. While all he has accomplished has been witnessed to by the prophets, the redemption of the Risen Christ has been accomplished for all people, including the Gentiles. Anyone who believes and bears witness to him will be redeemed.

Today there are two possibilities for the Second Reading, both of which exhort the followers of Jesus Christ to set aside the old self and old life in favor of the new life they have been given in Christ. In the letter to the community in Corinth. Paul utilizes the metaphor of leaven. The image of yeast, a small bit of which can raise a great deal of flour, is one of the predominant images for the role of the laity in the Constitution of Vatican II. Lay-people are called, through their faith and holiness, to "work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven" (*Lumen Gentium*, 31).

On Easter, we proclaim not the presence of the Risen Christ, but the empty tomb. Mary of Magdala, Peter, and the "other disciple whom Jesus loved" are the key characters, as is the empty tomb. The beloved disciple gets there first, but waits for Peter to arrive before entering. Both Mary and the beloved disciple seemed to acknowledge Peter's priority status among the disciples. Peter arrives and enters the tomb followed by the beloved disciple. Both see the burial cloths but nobody. The beloved disciple sees and believes. Peter does not yet appear to believe for "they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

Like the disciples, we acknowledge that belief in the Resurrection is a mystery. Scripture continues to sustain us in that belief. The living witness of those who believe, however, concretized in lives of care, concern, and reconciliation, is the clearest proof that Jesus is risen and active among us. Let us always continue to intensify our witness to the Resurrection by continuing the Risen Lord's ministry.

One way in which we can continue the ministry of Christ is to bring the same love and enthusiasm to those

that are set apart from the community as did Jesus. His interest in and welcome to Zacchaeus, Levi (later Matthew), the Syrophenician mother, the Samaritan woman at the well, and other marginalized people in the gospel accounts can be our example. Let us choose to live that ministry to those who are most in need every day of our lives. This truly is our Easter Season and our Easter celebration.

*O most gentle Jesus
by your most bitter death
give us a lively faith,
a firm hope and a perfect charity,
that with our whole hearts we may love you
with all our soul and strength.*

—St. Clare of Assisi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-23/Ps. 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Mt. 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps. 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22/Jn. 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps. 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk. 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps. 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk. 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps. 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn. 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps. 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/
Mk. 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps. 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv. 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19/Jn. 20:19-31

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Millions of Christian around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Experience the spiritual power of Taize Prayer at St. Mary of Grace Church in Meadville on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Diane Horneman 814 336-6541 or Carolyn Melby 814 382-3421.

CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society History Night presents: Riverside Inn, What Was & What Will Be on Thursday, May 2 at Cambridge Springs First Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will follow.

MY PARISH APP

Please download the My Parish App. if you have a smart phone or tablet. Those who have done so and had a problem finding St. Anthony of Padua Parish, please us the zip code (16403) in the search bar.

*"Lord, I believe that you have risen.
Thank you for calling me
to your side!"*

WORSHIP

Monday, April 22
8:00 am + John Auer
Tuesday, April 23
8:00 am + Jane Goss (Kathleen Lipkovich)
Wednesday, April 24
8:00 am + NO MASS
Thursday, April 25
8:00 am + NO MASS
Friday, April 26
8:00 am + Harold W. Schmidt (Friends)
Saturday, April 27
4:30 pm + Emily Mott (Family)
Sunday, April 28
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Dec. Brothers of John & Kay Weagraff (John & Kay)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Eugene & Eleanor Szymkiewicz (M/M Joseph Murphy)
12:30 pm + LATIN MASS
William P. Lyons, Sr. (Parishioners of St. Anthony)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
7:00 am - Communion Service
Tuesday, April 23
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena
6:30 pm - Parish Finance Mtg at St. Bernadette
7:15 pm - Parish Council Mtg at St. Bernadette
Saturday, April 27
3:45 - 4:15 - Confessions
Sunday, April 28
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY
After Mass - Religious Education Classes
After TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS - Fellowship in Parish Center

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 4:30 PM
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Tom Hobson/Judy Kingston
Lector: Julie Hobson
Altar Servers: Robert Moats/William Moats
SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Theresa Douglas/
Don Marteeny/Carol Rasavage
Lector: Vicki Eckstein
Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 8:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Beisler/D. Nowak
Lector: D. Capell
Ushers: S. Sada, Jr.
Altar Servers: Greco/Levis

STEWARDSHIP

4/14/19	
Offertory	\$525.00
Votives	13.00
CCD	5.00
Rent	500.00
TOTAL	\$1,043.00

CSA: Pledged - \$7,045
Paid - \$5,215

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
TheRe will be a prayer service in Marcy Park at Noon on Thursday, May 2 for anyone that wishes to come and pray.

THANK YOU to everyone for supporting our Easter Roll fundraiser. We greatly appreciate all your help.
Barb, Kathy & Carol

SETON SPORTS RAFFLE
Seton Sports Raffle will take place this Saturday, April 27. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the raffle stars at 7:00 pm. Donation of \$20 includes dinner, pop, beer, wine, snacks & dessert. Huge Chinese auction. Tickets may be purchased at the following offices: Seton School, St. Agatha Parish Office and Tamarack Armory.

BENEFIT DINNER
There will be a benefit dinner for Marilyn Reynolds on Sunday, April 28 from 12:30 - 5 pm at the Cambridge Springs 1st Church of God gym. Cost is \$10/person. Auction will be available to win. This benefit is to raise money for Marilyn and her family in their time of need, to cover medical expenses and cancer treatment.

COMMUNITY LUNCH
There will be a community lunch on Saturday, April 27 from 11:30 - 12:30 pm at C.S. 1st United Methodist Church. Come share a meal and fellowship. Carry-outs are available. For more information call 398-4049.

INDOOR GARAGE AND BAKE SALE
St. Hippolyte Church in Frenchtown is holding their annual Indoor Garage and Bake Sale on Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3 from 8 am - 5 pm and "Bag Day" on Saturday, May 4 from 8 am - Noon. Good, clean, gently used merchandise.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, April 29. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. A Stuffed Shells Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Tues. Apr. 23 - 6:30 pm - Parish Finance Mtg.
Tues. Apr. 23 - 7:15 pm - Parish Council Mt.
Mon. May 6 - 3:15 pm - Last Religious Education Class
Mon. May 6 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,137.00
Maintenance	449.75
Special Collections	50.00
Easter Rolls	710.00
TOTAL	\$2,346.75

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$20,026 Paid: \$10,281

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
