

April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS April 6 – April 14, 2024		
6 Sat	8:30 am	Sr. Annina Scharper
6 Sat	4:30 pm	Ron Valenti and Ed Reaver
7 Sun	8:00 am	Lillian Sprouse Miriam & Joseph Welty and All of Our Parishioners
7 Sun	10:30 am	Larry Maruskin and Jerry Cohee
8 Mon	8:30 am	Patricia Rocks
9 Tues	8:30 am	Rick Topper
10 Weds	8:30 am	Nancy Boyle and MaryJean Miller
11 Thurs	8:30 am	Tommy Penn and Monica Stehmer
12 Friday	8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory and for the Intentions of Luellen Maskeny
13 Sat	8:30 am	John A. Buchheit
13 Sat	4:30 pm	Marie Myers and Ed Reaver
14 Sun	8:00 am	Miriam & Joseph Welty All of our Parishioners, and the Intentions Veronica Lieber
14 Sun	10:30 am	Valerie & Harry Jones Irene and Roger Zurgable and Our First Communicants and their Families

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Tom Wivell, Carolyn Smith, Pat Weaver, Brett Marshall, Luellen Maskeny, Maria Lewis, Audrey Watts, Angie Finneyfrock, Raymond Baker, Mike Shorb, Chris Cool, Theresa Ward, Patricia Weaver, Helen Reaver, Mick Major, Monroe Hewitt, Gloria Bauerline, John and Esther Hayes, Donna Toms, Teresa Meem, Andrea Carter, Jane Gjerde, Bob Seidel, Fr. Marty McGeough, C.M., Fr. Charlie Krieg, C.M. Rex Davis, Fred Hoff, Jr., Julie Fry, Connie Price, Tom Miller, Joanne Kirby, Julie Sweeney, Ronnie Topper, Mark Cotton, Il, Cecelia Dillman, Emily Lingg, Bob Rosensteel, Elaine Schmidt, Ross McIntire, Veronique Lieber, Shawn Mort, Susan Murphy, Joanne Mentz, Emily Mensch, Sandra Sjoberg, MaryAnn Fila, Jeanie Paschall, Danielle Fink, Tina Heffner, Nicholas Wivell, Callan Wivell, Pat Cairo, David Benjamin, Don Upchurch, Joseph Krenitsky, Sandy-Wivell-Paparo, Mary Louise Hoban, Ann Graupensberger, and for the Homebound and Caregivers. Pray for the men and women who serve in the Military throughout the world, for those who suffer in silence, and for the unborn babies and their mothers.

Please notify the Parish Office if a parishioner is in the hospital wants to see a priest, or if they cannot attend Church anymore but wishes to receive Holy Communion, or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Thank you to couple more people who helped behind the scenes for Holy Week, Theresa Buchheit, Libby Briggs, Phil Dayberry, Ed Buchheit, and to those who volunteered to have their feet washed and the schedulers.

Thankyou to the K of C for hosting our Coffee & Donuts, April 7th

Many years ago, when I was a newly ordained priest, after Mass on Easter Monday someone approached me and asked: "Jesus saved us by dying on the cross, right?" "Yes, of course," I answered. "So, why is the Resurrection so important?" I answered that question by quoting St. Paul: *if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith* (1 Cor 15:14).

She intelligently replied: "so, Good Friday is more important than Easter Sunday, since Easter Sunday is just a confirmation that Jesus saved us on Good Friday." Was she right? Was the Resurrection of Our Lord only to confirm that He saved us by His death? Or to confirm that He was able to save us because He was God? Does the Resurrection of our Lord have any value in itself?

To answer these questions, I would like to quote St. Paul's words from Romans 4:25: *who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification.*

The first thing I would like to highlight is that these two expressions are not exclusive of each other, as if the expiation of our sins was caused only by His death on the cross and our justification was caused only by His resurrection, but rather they are two parts of the same salvific action: our Redemption.

In fact, later on in the same letter to the Romans, St. Paul will say that we were justified by the blood that Jesus shed: *we are now justified by his blood* (Rom. 5:9); he also says that Jesus rose from the dead to free us from our sins: *if Christ has not been raised... you are still in your sins* (1 Cor. 15:17).

It is clear that our redemption has two parts: first, we need to die to sin and then we need to rise to new life or, to use St. Paul's words, to a new creation (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17). These two parts have two exemplar causalities: Jesus' death and Jesus' resurrection. St. Thomas Aquinas, commenting on St. Paul's words, says: "But because an effect has to some extent a similarity to its cause, the Apostle says that Christ's death, by which mortal life was extinguished in him, is the cause of extinguishing our sins. But his resurrection, by which he returns to a new life of glory, he calls the cause of our justification, by which we return to the new life" (*In Rom IV:25*).

It is important to highlight first of all that St. Thomas talks about exemplarity rather than effectiveness since, as I mentioned at the beginning, these two effects are not exclusive in regards to the two actions. Rather, these two effects are effects of all of Jesus' actions since the moment that He came into this world, from the first instant of His Incarnation. Second, the main agent or effective cause of this Redemption is His Divinity united to His humanity which is the instrumental cause of our Redemption.

"Exemplar" cause means that it should be copied or imitated: "as Jesus died on the cross, we must die to our sins; as Jesus received life by rising from the dead we also must rise to new life". Among other reasons, Jesus' Resurrection was part of the salvific plan of God "in order to complete the work of our salvation: because, just as for this reason He endured evil things in dying that He might deliver us from evil, so He was glorified in rising again in order to advance us towards good things," (*S. Th. III, 53, 1*) or rather spiritual goods. This is why there is not a dialectic between Good Friday and Easter Sunday but rather a complementarity.

May God grant you all a holy and blessed Easter.

Fr. Alberto Barattero, IVE

Congratulations to the following adults that were Confirmed and also one who received both First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on March 30th.

Mary Caitlin O'Connell
First Communion and Confirmation

Veronique Lieber Confirmation

Edward Weigman, Jr Confirmation



First Holy Communion will take place April 14 at St. Joseph Church during the 10:30 am Mass.

Confirmation will take place on May 3, at 5:30 pm at St. Anthonys Shrine Parish.

Note:

First Communion Retreat is April 13, at 9:30 am in St. Joseph Parish Hall

Mandatory Rehearsal is April 23 at 6:30 pm Meet in St. Anthonys Parish Hall.

Last day for Faith Formation is May 5th and will end with the May procession.

Women's Retreat at the Grotto Saturday, April 13, 2024

Registration Fee

\$40 no lunch

\$50 with lunch

Boxed lunch to include sandwich, chips, apple, cookie, and bottled water

8:30 AM - Registration- Please contact Lisa Rush at l.m.rush@msmary.edu or 301-447-5521 for more information.

Upcoming Events: April & May 2024 (Parish Hall and Church)

Coffee & Donuts : Sunday, May 5 after 10:30 am (Looking for a volunteer to host)

Faith Formation Every Sunday: 9:00 am Parish Hall

*****Every Thursday-Holy Hour Adoration** 7:00-8:00 pm

First Friday Adoration: May 3 9:00-am -7:00 pm

First Saturday Adoration: May 4, 9:15-10:15 am with confession opportunity.

Women's Night of Mercy and Adoration: 7-8:00 pm St. Joseph's Church; April 29

Legion of Mary: 10:00-11:30 -Saturdays (Parish Hall)

Parish Council Meeting: May 7, 7:00 pm

St. Vincent DePaul/ Our Lady of Grace: April 17, at 7:00 pm

Ladies Sodality Meeting: April 22, 6:00 pm

Everyone is Welcome to attend! The IVE Third Order Social Gathering and Potluck Dinner

April 14 5:45-7:30 pm Parish Hall
Contact person: Sister Peace (240)-357-7582
c.ourladyoflourdes@servidoras.org

**Cash Bash Saturday, April 13th- 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center
103 Church St., Thurmont, MD 21788**

Tickets are on sale at St. Anthony's Parish office. Call for additional information at (301) 447-2367 or (240)-285-6561. Games of chance, and Tip jars are available, (no one under 18 can play games) and music.

Tickets: \$25 per person-food& refreshments included

STEWARDSHIP REPORT March 30 & 31, 2024

First Collection: **(Envelopes & Loose)** \$ 7,183. 68
On-line Giving: \$ 986. 64
Total Collection: \$ 8,170. 32
Second Collection: Poor \$ 1,527.00

Thank you for your continued generosity! It is recommended that each household contribute to the first collection an equal amount to one hour's wage from each wage earner.

Please give what you are able to give, no gift is too small, but we do need your support.

Mother Seton School HSA presents - Back to the 90s Dinner and Auction Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 5:30-10:00 pm.

Join us as we travel back in time to the 1990s, the decade that brought us Furby, Pokemon, Windows 95, grunge, and the end of the Cold War. Enjoy a catered dinner from Bollinger's and entertainment from Cruzin' Chris, plus raffles, games, and a silent auction!

Tickets are \$40/each or buy a table of 8 for \$280! Ticket price includes dinner, beer/wine, and soda/water. 21+ only please!

All proceeds support Catholic education at Mother Seton School.

Visit MotherSetonSchool.org/gala



Paint Night with Laura

**St. Joseph Parish Hall
47 DePaul Street
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
April 19th at 6:00 pm**

Please join in on the fun of painting, "The Gnome More Winter" while enjoying a glass of wine and supporting St. Joseph's Ladies Sodality. The Sodality provides assistance to our Parish, the community through Seton Center Outreach and the Pregnancy Center.

The ticket is 45.00 which includes the materials needed to paint, ice tea, wine(Limit two glasses) sandwiches and snacks. There will be door prizes, 50/50 and a Chinese's Raffle. Limited Seating

Contact Sandy Seidel, 301-788-7348 seidelsms@comcast.net or Laura, at laura.day1@icloud.com

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland

**In re: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore
Case NO 23-16969**

Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse and Others with Claims Against the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore

If you were sexually abused by any person or entity connected with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore (also known as the Archdiocese of Baltimore), a Roman Catholic parish or Roman Catholic school within the geographical area of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore, or have any claim against the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, you must file a claim by **May 31, 2024**. If you fail to file a timely claim, you may lose the right to assert a claim at a later date. For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland information, visit:

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