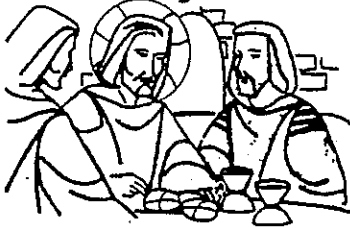


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020

*They came to know him
in the breaking of bread.*



Mass Intentions this Week:

- Tue 28 6:00 p.m. +Larry Winters (SL)
- Wed 29 8:45 a.m. ++Stanley & Regina Raflik
- Thu 30 7:00 a.m. +Philip Haines (SL)
- Fri 1 7:00 a.m. +James Morman (SL)
8:45 a.m. +Marlene Janz by Rita & Jim
- Sat 2 People of St. Philip & St. Lawrence
- Sun 3 8:30 a.m. ++Roy & Leona Thiemke
By Joan & Henry Elmhorst

10:30 a.m. Health of Courtney (SL)

FR. JANUSZ: 715-456-1450

Call Father or the parish office if you have an emergency or an anointing that is needed.

UPDATE

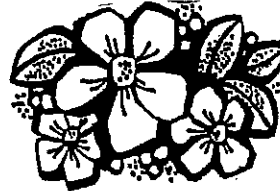
OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM
8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. DAILY
FATHER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION ON
WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 A.M. AND SATURDAYS AT 3:00.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7



**ST. PHILIP/ ST. LAWRENCE
Gun Calendar Raffle Update...**
Please return your unsold tickets to church or contact Steve Koback by May 1. Contact Steve if you would like to purchase a ticket...715-340-9415.



GROTTO NEWS...We will again advertise on Relevant Radio from May-October. Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of \$215 per month...checks payable to the Grotto. We are very close to the goal of \$1290.

PICNIC BASKET RAFFLE...Items and cash are still being collected. Checks should be made out to St. Philip Picnic Fund.



THE PICNIC RAFFLE will be accepting donations of cash or gift cards for additional prizes. If you would like to donate, please contact Linda Hobbs 435-3267 by May 1.

**IF YOU NEED TO PURCHASE SCRIP,
CONTACT JILL MORAN 715-435-3787.**

FACE MASK MINISTRY: Consists of people who wish to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by sewing face masks to share with the community. If you sew or if you are handy and want to help with some part of the assembly or distribution of face masks, contact Debra Schenk at 414-291-9114.

PLEASE NOTE:

OFFERING ENVELOPES, PICNIC RAFFLE AND RELEVANT RADIO AD DONATIONS, AND GUN RAFFLE TICKET STUBS AND MONEY AND UNSOLD TICKETS CAN BE DROPPED IN THE ENVELOPE BOXES IN CHURCH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

CONFIRMATION (10TH) STUDENTS (if not already turned in): Confirmation Sponsor Certificate, Sponsor Interview, Saint Report and Application for Confirmation due May 1. Please mail to: Samantha Golat, 6484 Virginia Street, Vesper 54489.

If you have Rice Bowl or Mite Box offerings to return to church, we ask that you write a check for the amount payable to St. Philip or return paper money only to the offering boxes in back of church, marked Rice Bowl or Mite Box. Thank you for your support of these Lenten missions.



CHURCH...What is my place in this Church? Do I need the Church, and if so, why is it so important to me? It's about my choice, and everything else associated with it. So we ask, how do I find myself in this world. It is through the church, this is where I can hear and meet God!

How do I see the church, what does it remind me of? What does this, our church, remind me of? The church is a large family. There are relations in this family between family members. It is a division of duties and privileges. The church is everyday life. There are joys and sorrows, but there is much more. It is comprised of people who come and go, are born and die. They are born again, through baptism, through the sacraments. They are born for eternal life - heaven. The church gives me the opportunity to live through Jesus. I can come and receive the gift of life - the Eucharist. Every day we become stronger if we feed on the body and the word of God. We become mature and our love grows and matures. The family is home. A place where I am happy to return because I know what I can find in it and who I can find. A warm place where the door is always open. This place is safe. There is the same and consistent message in this house because it comes from God Himself. My church - take care of her and she remains close to me.

CHANGES STARTING APRIL 27

Mass will be broadcast live at St. Philip and St. Lawrence via their Facebook pages.

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - St. Lawrence

Wednesday 8:45 a.m. - St. Philip

Thursday 7:00 a.m. - St. Lawrence

Friday 7:00 a.m. - St. Lawrence

Friday 8:45 a.m. - St. Philip

Sunday 8:30 a.m. - St. Philip

Sunday 10:30 a.m. - St. Lawrence

According to the Wisconsin authorities, 10 people can attend Mass. Doors will be open to the first 10 people. I invite you cordially to participate.

- Fr. Janusz -

CONGRATULATIONS to Danielle Smits who was the recipient of a \$4000 college grant from the National Catholic Society of Foresters. Also, the Catholic Daughters of America announced winners of their state essay and poetry contest. Catherine Steinle placed 2nd in the Middle School Poetry Division and Danielle Smits placed 1st in the High School Essay Division. Great job!

AHS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CASH DRAWING: \$12,700 IN CASH PRIZES...Suggested donation is \$100 and only 500 tickets are available. Drawing is May 10, 5:00 in the AHS gym. An entry form is included with bulletin today or call Bob Birkhauser at 715-213-4387.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Rita Janz, Dale TerMaat, Janice Haupt, Patrick Hoffmann, Mary Lou Glaza, Irene Jakusz, Jim Wiskerchen



WHILE THIS MAY BE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME for all of us financially, I would ask that we all do what we can to continue to contribute to the parish either by mail, dropping off envelopes or offertory to the church office during office hours. **Making online donations to St. Philip is now available at <https://diolc.org/st-philip-the-apostle-parish-rudolph/>. You may choose to make a single donation or set up reoccurring donations which can end at any time. Please check this out.**

CHURCH SUPPORT - APRIL 19

Adult Envelopes	-	\$1105.00
Donations	-	\$ 65.00
DAA Rebate	-	\$2396.00
Rice Bowls	-	\$ 917.82
NCSF Breakfast	-	\$4825.00

Thank you to NCSF, St. Mary Court 998 - Rudolph for the donation of \$4,825, proceeds and matching funds, from their recent pancake breakfast. God bless you for all you do for the parish.

There are a number of parishioners who made a donation to the DAA last year but have not done so this year. If you are able, please make a donation before June 30. All dollars donated from now on come directly back to the parish assessment free.

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ADVERTISERS OF THE WEEK!!

St. Philip's Parish - March, 2020

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>		<u>Parish</u>	<u>Rel Educ.</u>		
Adult Envelopes	\$11,594.00	Parish Payroll		\$ 3,905.02	1,071.63	Disbursements - Parish	\$ 8,367.84
Offertory	1,136.75	Insurance & Retirement		753.19		Disbursements- Rel Educ	\$ 10,248.06
Bulletin Ads	2,275.00	Office Expenses		299.09		Total	\$ 18,615.90
Charitable Collections	531.75	Repairs & Maintenance		309.25			
Easter Flowers	114.00	Professional Fees		451.45		Balance - February 29	\$ 10,327.30
Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebate	1,861.00	Charitable Donations		602.00		Receipts	\$ 18,445.20
Votive Candles	15.96	Janitorial Supplies		32.78			\$ 28,772.50
Rent-Hall/Grotto	100.00	Snow Removal	1,000.00				
CCD/Confirmation	654.70	CCD/Confirmation			216.14	Disbursements	\$ 18,615.90
Grotto Payroll Reimbursement	144.18	Utility Expenses		1,015.06	212.71	Balance - March 31	\$ 10,156.60
SCRIP	17.86	Assumption Schools			8,747.58		
Total	\$18,445.20	Total		\$8,367.84	\$10,248.06		

Even the most casual religious observer is compelled to admit that something happened during that Passover weekend two thousand years ago. After all, with their teachers' arrest and humiliating death, the disciples sort of came apart at the seams. Fearing they would be next on the authority's hit list, some went into hiding. Others, embarrassed that they had let their hearts get carried away, headed for home to face the inevitable and painful "I told you so's" of their friends who chose to be more practical. Then suddenly, inexplicably these hopeless, hiding.... fearful followers ...resurfaced... preaching a word that their master...was alive....and that through Him, God was bringing new life to the world. Whether listeners bought their story or not, everyone who bumped into these guys.... had to admit something had happened. And while all may make their guesses, the New Testament is quite clear in its explanation the disciples were transformed because they had met the risen Lord.

In all seven stories of Jesus' Easter appearances made it into the Gospels but at a distance, seven stories don't reach very far. That's the common predicament we all share Luke, those Peter was writing too today, you and I. None of us were there. So, is there more than hearsay to go on? "Sure", our ancestors said, and they offered their cherished story of the road to Emmaus. And while the story doesn't answer the "How did God raise Jesus from the dead?" question or even the "Why did he rise?" question, it does deal with the "so what?" question of what Easter means to us. You see, on the way to Emmaus, Easter gets personal. You've all been there. Emmaus is the place you go when hope dies... when the pain is too great.... when you can't imagine a new future. For some, it's a cottage by the lake, for others, a handful of pills or a bottle, a locked bedroom door or maybe a trip to the mall to do some binge shopping. It need not be a sinister or permanent place, but it still represents that place to which we run when life has dealt us more than we can bear.

Everyone has an Emmaus. And if Emmaus is the place where we go when hope dies, Easter is the story of how we get back from there. Jesus didn't join Cloepas and his friend on the way to scold them for their despair, but to rescue them from it. And he does it in three steps.

First, they let a stranger join. In their disillusionment, our travelers didn't close others off. They allowed a stranger to come alongside as they poured out their misery. It's typical of us, especially us males, to hide our problems behind stony silence. On the way to Emmaus we learn a lesson. It's important to look beyond ourselves.

Perspective is rarely gained without reaching out, without stretching. Good to know, of course, but there is more.

The second thing is a scripture lesson. In response to their tail of hope and betrayal, the stranger reminds them of things...things they already knew...like...how it is that God acts in the world....that faith does not protect us from life's slings and arrows, but at times prompts us to seek them out that God's sense of victory is not comfort, but trial overcome. And our real friends are those to whom we sing our song, and who, on days when we have forgotten it, sing it back to us. That's why we keep quotation books and underline passages in our Bibles. It's why we keep journals and read daily devotionals. So that when the bubble bursts, we can return to a place where it all made sense, to look at God's promises and remember.

Finally, there's a meal. So ardently they had been looking down and back.... "we had been hoping" were their exact words. They hadn't recognized who'd been walking with them all along. When they arrive at their village and he shakes their hands goodbye, they invite him to stay and he does. But he's an odd guest. It's their house, their table, their food, but when they sit down he acts as the host, reaching for the bread and then saying the blessing and braking it and handing it to them. Maybe it was the oddness of that which made their blinders fall away. Or maybe the familiarity, something they has seen on a green grassy hillside with five loaves and two fish. Or maybe they recognized what they had seen in an upper room with unleavened bread and Passover wine. In any case, through the torn, fragrant edges of the bread, they recognized him. You see, they had forgotten. And then, he was gone.

So, do you want the address of the living God? Make the journey to Emmaus, beginning to end. First, there's the closeness of the two and the sharing of their brokenness. Next, there's the way their hearts burned as the ways Christ promised to be with us. In fellowship, in confessing our poverty, in the word and in sacrament. All of which of course, happen to be on the agenda every time we meet. So, take heart. We did not lose him for good. This is the place he promised to be, the place he returns to meet us again and again, the place where we are asked to remember his promises and to recognize that He is with us here and now and, finally to recall that... here he gives his all again.... for us.

Deacon Kevin