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APRIL 14, 2024 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite

OPENING HYMN

“To Thee, We Come, O Lord, our God”

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Psalm 66:2-3)

V. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim glorious praise. Alleluia.

R. Say to God, “How tremendous are Your deeds! for Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God, and Father
We worship You; we give You thanks
We praise you for Your glory
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer
For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

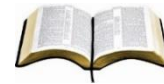
OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth that they may change their ways and return to the path of righteousness. to all those trying to live the Christian ideal the ability to discard all that is contrary to this aim and to hold fast to all that is in keeping with it. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

(Acts 3:13-15, 17-19)

Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

C. The Word of the Lord.

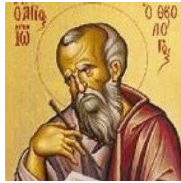
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Psalm 4:3, 7b-8a)

V. Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart?
Why do you love what is vain and seek after
falsehood? Alleluia.

R. O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine
upon us! You put gladness into my heart.
Alleluia.



**A READING FROM THE
1st LETTER OF SAINT JOHN**

(1 John 2:1-5a)

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His commandments. Those who say, "I know Him," but do not keep His commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps His word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

ALLELUIA VERSE

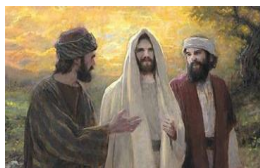
(Psalm 111:9)

C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. He has sent deliverance to His people; He has
ratified His covenant forever; holy and
awesome is His name.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(Luke 24:35-48)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Saint John.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, He stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet, that it is I myself. Touch Me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as He said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, He asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of baked fish; He took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH
THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light, True God
from true God, begotten not made
Of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made
For us and for our salvation.

He came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary

AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake, He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father,
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy,
Catholic and Apostolic Church
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE
(Psalm 146:1-2)

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord
all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live.
Alleluia.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your Holy Eucharist,
may we receive Your grace to help us overcome that
which is earthly and learn to love that which is
heavenly. For You live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the
Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly

present. I love You above all things and I long for
You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You
sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into
my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and
unite myself with You; may I never be separated
from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your
love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE
(John 16:16, 17b)

V. A little while and you will no longer see Me, and
again, a little while later and you will see Me.
because I am going to the Father. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. Let us pray. O Lord God, may the Sacrament we
have received be food for our souls and strength
for our bodies. We ask this in the name of Your
Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
ever.
R. Amen.



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

“And He said to them ‘Thus it is written that the
Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the
third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness
of sins, would be preached in His name to all the
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are
witnesses of these things.’” - Luke 24:46-47

To you my dear brothers and sisters in Christ
Jesus:

For the forty days following His Resurrection,
we read that there were many witnesses to His
resurrection; from Mary Magdalene and the
women, to His Apostles that evening; from the
two disciples traveling on the road to Emmaus, to
the five hundred that Paul makes reference to in
His First Letter to the Corinthians 15:6. Jesus
was to have all those who He appeared to be His
witnesses and give testimony to His Resurrection.

Prior to His Ascension, we read in the Acts of the Apostles 1:8, these words of Jesus: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

“Witnesses.” We find in the Merriam-Webster dictionary that some of the definitions of the word, “witness,” as a noun, is defined as:

1. Attestation of a fact or an event: **Testimony.**
2. One who gives evidence to an event.
3. One asked to testify to an event that has taken place.
4. One who has personal knowledge of something.
5. Something serving as evidence or proof.

The “Word of God” in the PNCC, is a Sacrament, bearing its own sacramental and sanctifying grace, which serves as the foundation of our faith and bears witness to this faith.

We read in Holy Scripture, that there were those who were “witnesses” to the Resurrection of Jesus and who stated that their testimony was “true.”

“This is the disciple [John] who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.”

- John 21:24-25

“Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I [Luke] also decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

- Acts 1:1-4

So, what was “witnessed” by His disciples?

1. His teachings and His healings

As Saint John commented at the end of His Gospel, that there are many other things that

Jesus did. His various teachings and His healings are contained throughout the four Gospel accounts. One passage that is found in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, reads:

“And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.” - St. Matthew 15:30

2. His Passion and Crucifixion

We read in all four Gospels, of the accounts of Jesus, who suffered death by crucifixion. These events were to be viewed by those who followed our Lord to the place of His crucifixion. The severity of His Passion, with the events leading up to His being nailed to the cross were written and witnessed by St. John and the women who were present at His crucifixion. We read:

“Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for Him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.”

- Matthew 27:55-56

John and the women present saw and witnessed His final words and most importantly, the piercing of His body, the “death blow” by a soldier, whose lance in today’s understanding, ruptured His “pericardium,” a fluid sac, surrounding the heart, which caused the outpouring of water and blood.

“But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.”

- John 19:33-35.

3. The burial of Jesus

We read in all four Gospel accounts, that following the death of Jesus, He [Jesus] was placed in a unused, a “virgin” tomb, which was owned by Joseph of Arimathea. Scripture tells us of this event that happened and is found in Matthew.

27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56; and John 19:38-42

From the events that took place 2000 years ago, there are millions of people around the world who have experienced the presence of the “living” Christ in their lives and are His witnesses to this divine presence.

Easter is so special and unique in so many ways. Of all the patriarchs, prophets, and spiritual sages, as well as the founders of the five major religions, all lived, and all have died.

Krishna [Hinduism] died according to tradition in the 2nd Century BC in his late 40’s.

Buddha [Buddhism] died circa 485-400 BC at age 80.

Moses [Judaism] died circa 1271 BC at age 120.

Mohammed [Islam] died on June 8, 632 AD at age 60.

Jesus [Christianity], died by crucifixion on the Jewish month of Nissan, April 14th in the year 30 AD at age of 33, and resurrected from the dead, three days later, as He was foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament, in His own words, and in His appearances.



“I am the resurrection and the life Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.” - John 13:25-26

During His ministry, it is recorded that Jesus raised the dead back to life on three occasions. In Holy Scripture, we first read from the Gospel of Saint Mark 5:21-24.

THE RAISING OF JARIUS’ DAUGHTER (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

“When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around Him; and He was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the

synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw Him, fell at his feet and begged Him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So, He went with him.

Following the healing of a woman who bled vaginally for twelve years, as we read in Mark 5: 25-34, we continue to read of the raising of Jarius’ daughter in Mark 5:35-43:

“While He was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing^l what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, He saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When He had entered, He said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at Him. Then He put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with Him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this, they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.”

THE RAISING OF THE WIDOW’S SON (Luke 7:11-17)

The second account of Jesus raising the dead back to life, was the son of the widow from the town of Nain and is found in the Gospel of Luke 7:11-17, where we read:

“Soon afterwards He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, ‘Young man,

I say to you, rise.' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus^l gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favorably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country."

**THE RAISING OF LAZARUS
(John 11:1-44)**

The final account of our Lord raising the dead back to life was the story of the raising of His friend, Lazarus, who had died and was buried in a tomb for four days. The significance of this was that according to Jewish teachings, the soul left the body after three days. When asked why He did not immediately go to the visit the lost of His dearest friend, it is recorded in John 11:5: "But when Jesus heard it, He said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

This all happened as Jesus was to go up to Jerusalem for His own Passion and death. We read in John 11:38-44:

"Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard Me. I knew that you always hear Me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent Me.' When He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'"



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Morning Devotions
9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(April 8th – April 13th)

- Mon. 4/15 Private prayer and devotion.**
Anastasia & Basillissa, Martyrs
Padarn, Bishop
Ruadan of Lothra, Abbot
- Tue. 4/16 Mass for Health & Healing**
Optatus & Companions, Martyrs
Turibius, Bishop
Benedict Joseph Labre, Confessor
- Wed. 4/17 Private prayer and devotion.**
Anicetus, Bishop & Martyr
Innocent of Totona, Bishop
Mappalicus & Companions, Martyrs

Please note: that I will be away from our Parish today, as I will be attending the Spring Conference of the ED Clergy in Norwich , CT.

- Thurs. 4/18 Mass to the Holy Martyrs of God**
Apollonius the Apologist, W. & Martyr
Eleutherius, Bishop & Companions, M.
Molaisse of Ireland, Bishop
- Fri. 4/19 Mass to the Holy Angels of God**
Leo IX of Rome, Bishop
Ursmar, Bihop & Abbot
Alphege of Canterbury, Martyr
- Sat. 4/20 Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus**
Marceelinus of Gaul, Bishop
Marian, Abbot
Caedvalls, King

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Contemporary rite.**
- 10:00 am - Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.**



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

"Your lamp is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path." - Psalm 119:105

During the month of April 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission, and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer these two following prayers on Wednesdays at noon:

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

O Lord Jesus Christ, before Your passion and death You prayed to Your Father for the Apostles “so that they may be one, even as We are one...so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.” Reveal to the members of Your Church the peace, love and unity that comes through living in accordance with Your Word. Good Shepherd, lead us and make us one flock, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(from the PNCC Book of Devotions)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OUR FATHER who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God’s blessings of health and healing. Let us also remember in prayer:

Louise Puchalski currently at The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam, MA.

George Sadowski currently at Quabbin Valley Rehabilitation Center in Athol, MA.

Joseph Kiloski currently at Amherst Rehabilitation Facility in Amherst, MA

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from

their present sicknesses and illness and grant them recovery in Jesus’ holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Daily Devotions

New copies of the Easter daily devotional booklet, “One Bread, One Body” are now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in accord with the daily readings as found in the “Common Lectionary” of the Christian Church.



Our Food Ministry: “Feeding the Hungry”

” For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

- Matthew 25:35-36

I want to thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance with all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors. The date of our next grocery ministry will be on Saturday, **April 20th** from 10:00 am while supplies last. We are currently reviewing our food ministry program and how we can best serve those truly in need of food and assistance.

Please note: We currently have zucchini free of charge, for the taking and still have bolognese sauce for \$10.00 as well as cabbage and potato/cheese pierogi at \$12.00 per dozen. Please see Linda for purchase.