

...While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

LUKE 24:15-16

Not Just a Walk in the Park

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, “All of the above.” Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one’s life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to

travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week’s Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one’s problems nor eliminate one’s difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed. ●

Reflect

What has made you realize that the Lord walks with you?

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PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
SUNDAY MASS IS AVAILABLE ON LIVESTREAM
www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton
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Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, April 22, 4pm - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Sunday, April 23, 11am - † **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**
Tuesday, April 25, 6pm - † **Martha Holzgreffe** by Family
Thursday, April 27, Noon - Available
Saturday, April 29, 4pm - Available
Sunday, April 30, 11am - † **Marie Saleh Santon** by Jacob Santon

Upcoming Church Events

May 1-4, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council
Fri, May 5, Noon, First Friday Mass
Sat, May 6, Confirmation Retreat
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Sun, May 7, Rei from Gifts of the Holy Land
Tue, May 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council meeting
Fri, May 19, 6 - 8 pm Murder Mystery Dinner
Sun, May 21 Faith Formation Family day (after Mass)

Graduation Sunday
May 22 - 26, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Priest Retreat
Sat, Jun 10, 11 am Confirmation
Sun, Jun 11, 11 am RCIA
Tue, Jun 13, 6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting
June 26-30, No Mass, Fr. Sebastian at Priest Retreat

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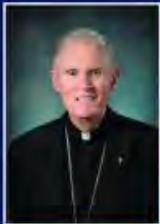
Youth Ministry: Lorin Albin
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Gifts from the Holy Land

On May 6 & 7 after Mass the group from the Holy Land will have a display of beautiful religious hand-made olive wood carvings, from Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue living in hard economical situations. Your support through purchasing these items will help 200 families, also it will support peace in the middle east. Olivewood carvings are a part of a traditional handed down from generations.

Please stop at their table and purchase a nice gift from the little town in Bethlehem.



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SAINT JAMES
THE GREATER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join Us For An Evening With
Bishop Brennan!

May 23, 2023

Mass - 5:30pm
St. James the Greater Parish
Dinner to Follow Mass

Get to know Bishop Brennan
while you celebrate Mass
and enjoy dinner.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!

49 Crosswinds Drive • Charles Town, WV 25414



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Christ is Present! Will you be?
June 2-3 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral
of the Sacred Heart, Charleston



RSVP & more info:



If you need a ride to this event please sign up in the Narthex. The church is looking into providing transportation for all who would like to attend.

The Prayer Garden is open. We hope you take a moment to stop by. You will need to pull the top off the gate to enter.

Finding a quiet place is the best way to get the most out of your prayer time. There's something peaceful about sitting outdoors enjoying the "silence" of the birds, the breeze, and the rustling leaves. While we can pray anytime and anywhere, it's those times we spend in quiet, away from noise and the distractions of our fast-paced lives that we can speak from our hearts and listen to what God is saying.

Jesus Himself would seek time alone to pray to His father: "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35). His actions served as a guide for us to spend time alone with our Heavenly Father.



Schedule:

Faith Formation

Apr 23

May 7

Youth Sunday:

May 21

Youth Ministry:

Apr 23

May 4, 21, 28

Confirmation

Retreat

May 6

9 am - 4 pm



Religious Education

Faith Formation:

K-2

Lesson Theme:

We meet Jesus at Mass.

Word of the Week:

Holy Communion

Grades: 3-6

Lesson Theme:

Jesus is present when we break bread.

Word of the Week:

Transubstantiation

Recognizing Jesus

We don't know why the two disciples didn't recognize Jesus while they were walking with him. Perhaps it would have been too easy that way. Instead they have to wrestle with their disappointment and confusion as they talk to him. They talked to him honestly with their emotions exposed.

This can be a model for us. Often we don't see Jesus with us during difficult times in our lives. But we should talk to him openly about how we feel, unafraid to share our negative

feelings and disappointment. In the course of this conversation, we may see things differently.

In the end they do clearly see Jesus. Through conversing with him, their hearts turned from the ashes of disappointment to hearts on fire.

Reflection Questions for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

- Can I think of a time in my life when I didn't recognize Jesus?
- How patient am I when I am praying?
- Who in my life is feeling hopelessness and despair? How can I help?

Youth Ministry

Attention Youth:

Please join us for our **Spring Progressive Dinner** on April 23rd. We will journey from house to house for each course of our meal enjoying games and activities, great food, and fellowship along the way.

Contact Lorin to sign up. 540-529-6495.



Please join us on
May 4
5:00 - 6:30 pm

POC is Lorin Albin at
540-529-6495

Faith Formation Family Day

May 21 after Mass
Please join us for a lunch to end our faith formation year. If you would like to volunteer to help out contact
Eileen Kisiel at
304-464-4575

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Group

Next meeting
TBD

Men's Group

First and Third
Thursday at 10
am in the Narthex

Book Study

May 3 (last
session) in the
Conference Room
at 6 pm



Our next RCIA
lesson will be
Sunday, April 23
at 9:45 am.

All are welcome to attend.
Any questions contact Laura Wyatt at
304-425-3664 or
lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org

FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

April 29th, 2020





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Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  ignatius press



TEENAGE MENTAL HEALTH

SR. JOSEPHINE GARRETT

Join Taylor Kemp as he sits down with Sister Josephine Garrett, a licensed mental health counselor and a religious sister with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, to discuss teenage mental health. In this series, they talk about topics ranging from the current crisis of teenage mental health to concrete tips for raising children and teens in today's culture.

[Teenage Mental Health with Sister Josephine Garrett - FORMED](#)



GRADUATION

Sunday

5.21.2023
11:00AM

Deadline for submission is:
May 12

Sacred Heart
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CHURCH

It's time to brag about your student. We want to acknowledge our High School and College graduates' achievements at Mass. Please send us your student's information (school, degree, clubs, activities, awards, and future plans).

Send information to:
lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

VIA LUCIS

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

[Via Lucis: The Stations of the Resurrection - FORMED](#)



Weekly Offering

	weekend April 15-16	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,808.00	55,103.14	51,250.00
Loose Offertory	199.00	1,750.40	1,475.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,007.00	\$ 56,853.54	\$ 52,725.00
Votive Candles (Gross)	197.50	340.99	150.00
Dioc: Holy Land	50.00	735.00	725.00
Attendance:	4pm: 35	11am: 113	

Third Sunday of Easter
Music for
April 22 & 23, 2023

Mass of Christ the Savior
Mass Readings on pg. 244
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G611
"All Creatures of Our God &
King"

Responsorial Psalm: G30
You Will Sho Me the Path of
Life (refrain 1)

Presentation of Gifts: G538
"On the Journey to Emmaus"

Communion: G539
"Sing with All the Saints in
Glory"

Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	

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Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

April Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
4/22 4p	M. Bacho	Charles Pace K Bailey V Manley	F. Bacho	N/a	T. Byron	T. Settle
4/23 11 a	Lorin Albin	Jim Cosgrove Gerry Cosgrove Mary Jane Albin	Hillyer	W Picknally	M. Shay	
4/29 4p	Mary Gaspersich	Theresa Settle K Bailey V Manley	Joanne Gaspersich	N/A	C. Pace	S. Pace
4/30 11a	Carole Cofer	Maria Cox G. Richardson Zach Romano	Blankenships	W Picknally	T. Byron	

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin

Valarie Laxton
Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Fr. Greg Lyttle
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan

Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi
Alan Rieger
Deborah Saffell
Jacob Santon
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall



Friends and Family

.Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Mary Berentes,
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Irene Charney
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Matthew Cosgrove (Jim Cosgroves nephew)
Linda Cunningham
Rachel Denton
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger
Mike Goff
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)

Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Allan Perry
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Dear Padre,

Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29	1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021