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We are in Communion with the Charismatic Episcopal Church
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Saint Patrick's is a welcoming Catholic Community.
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The Third Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass **5:00 pm**
Sunday Masses **8:30 and 10:30 am**
Coffee hour follows 8:30 Mass Weekly
Wednesday evenings at **6:30 pm**
Holy Day Mass **7:00 pm** or as announced

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Roger H. Durand
Rev. Mr. Noel Sanchez
Felicia Baker

Pastor
Deacon
Music Director

Office hours

The Office is open by Appointment only

Sacramental Information

Baptism

Congratulations! At the family's convenience after consultation with the Pastor usually during a weekend Mass

Marriage

Congratulations! Celebrated at the couple's Convenience after consultation with the Pastor

First Communion / Confirmation

Celebrated annually following appropriate instruction

Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick

Home, hospital, nursing home visits gladly made upon notification by the family

Parish Membership

We welcome you to join our growing parish family! Registration cards available at church entrance and offering envelopes are available as desired.

Celiac Disease

We provide Gluten Free (99%) Host for Communion if needed. Please speak with the Pastor before Mass.

Cry Area

We welcome all children, but should a child become difficult, feel free to take the child to the baptistery area.

Text Message Feedback Line
(401) 944-0001

We want your feedback – Good and Bad

Hymns & Liturgy of the Word

Please look to the “Hymn Board” to the front left. The upper left number on the board refers to the Mass Readings from the red Worship Book. Hymns numbered in RED refer to the same Worship Book and the Hymns in TAN refer to the tan We Celebrate Book.

YOU ARE WELCOMED HERE

No matter what your church status, your current family or marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, and regardless of personal worthiness

YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, LOVED AND RESPECTED HERE.

Reflections on the Weekend Scriptures

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 / 1 John 2:1–5a / Luke 24:35–48

- The eleven remaining apostles had just been told that Jesus had appeared to two disciples on their way to Emmaus, had walked with them, spoken with them, and eventually sat down at their table and broken bread with them. Yet, they are troubled and in fact terrified when moments later he appears to them. It is startling whenever the risen Lord appears to his disciples. Though filled with joy, they are incredulous. They wonder if he's a ghost. It takes some time for them to understand and accept that it is really him in the flesh and that he really did rise from the dead. We are those disciples now, often surprised and incredulous when we encounter him. May our understanding that the Lord can make himself known in many ways help us recognize his presence.
- It is likely that the disciples are also troubled by guilt and grief. They had abandoned him after the Last Supper. Then they are told that he had been put to death and was already buried. Not only have they lost their friend and mentor, but their entire mission appears lost. In this passage, we see that Jesus comes to them when they are troubled. Last Sunday, in John's Gospel, we heard Jesus come to Thomas when he had doubts. So it is that Jesus comes to us when we have doubts or are troubled. And his first words each time? "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36, John 20:19). Even now, he offers peace to our troubled hearts.
- After offering them peace, Jesus calls upon the disciples to extend his peace to all the world. How? By preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins. True repentance brings forgiveness, which can give us peace in our hearts. This is what Peter preaches in the first reading. This is what we're called to bear witness to as well.

Question of the Week

**How do I sense Jesus' presence in my life?
When do I feel a sense of peace in my heart?**

Acts 4:8–12 / 1 John 3:1–2 / John 10:11–18

Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Light – In Prayer for the Ill of our parish

Sat, April 13	5:00pm	For a Special Intention
Sun, April 14	8:30am	Soul of Albert Williams
	10:30am	For a Special Intention
Wed, April 17	6:30pm	For a Special Intention
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Sat, April 20	5:00pm	For the Good Health of Audrey Sanchez
Sun, April 21	8:30am	For a Special Intention
	10:30am	For a Special Intention
Wed, April 24	6:30pm	For a Special Intention

Feeding the Flock

While the world talks about the solar eclipse we experienced earlier in the week, this may be a good time to discuss the most famous solar eclipse of all time: The eclipse occurring during the crucifixion of Christ in Jerusalem.

Three gospels note the darkening of the skies, and a common biblical translation translates this as an eclipse. But, is this accurate? Was there a solar eclipse while Christ hung upon the cross? The first difficulty in answering this is determining the date of the crucifixion itself (widely thought to be April 3, 33 AD). This is determined by reckoning the date to the date of Passover. This presents a problem in that the date of Passover is connected to

a "new moon" and lunar records do not have this occurring on that date. In fact a new moon (connected to the date of Passover, on any year) basically eliminates the possibility of a lunar eclipse. Therefore, although many have tried to change this over the years, including Sir Isaac Newton, it is impossible to reconcile a lunar eclipse with the fact of Christ's crucifixion.

So, where does this leave us? The first Gospel written, Mark, was written nearly two generations after the life of Christ. It was composed placing into written form oral sayings, stories, and elements of Jesus life spoken of at the time, probably shame including what a dark event it was....dark, as

in the upon humanity of putting an innocent man to death. While this is accurate, it would add drama to the event with a three-hour eclipse of the sun (although, as we all just saw, a "total" eclipse only lasts a few moments). Even long ago, it was possible to calculate the date of an eclipse, so they were known at the time.

Lacking a physical answer as to why, we move on to a theological answer. Darkness has placed an important roll in the passion and death of Jesus both for shame and humiliation in putting him to death and also to present a proper bright setting for the resurrection on Easter. It seems that this explanation of this form would be the best one available in the face of mathematical impossibility.

Roman society presented many advantages in Jesus' time, especially the advantage of written records. It might have been a cloudy day, but there was no eclipse. Fr. Roger

April Birthdays God bless you now and in *the year ahead!* Natalino Mizzoni (7), Cathy Mizzoni (11), Marilyn Graf (16) and Joseph McConaghy (21).

April Special Collection Our once a month special collection for April is used to help defray parish utilities. We ask your generosity.

Bible Study An opportunity to explore the readings for the coming Sunday in advance, and biblical topics Join us after Mass on Wednesday evenings. All are invited!

Clothing Collection Shed A home for your unwanted **Clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed toys!** We appreciate your participation. The shed is emptied regularly. Thank you.

Claire M Durand Mem Flower Fund.

This fund is receiving donations with envelopes at the door to keep us in fresh flowers during the summer months. Thank you so much for your kindness and for your support.



Prayer List For prayers for our loved ones: Natalino and Cathy Mizzoni, Mary Masse, Owen Andrews, Jim Gallagher, Bettie Lombard, Rita Miller, Jeanne Chatelle, Mary Beth Goldman, Barbara Horbert, Rebecca Eagen, Carol Zelano, Michael Lofton, Norma Marcello, Mark Garafalo, Michael, Brandon Hall, Jean Brown, Jack Warrener, Sarah, Christopher Durand, Connie Iannuccilli, Michael Longo, Don DiNuccio, Timothy Durand, Lynn Regan and Joan Pagliuca.

What's Going on?

Providence Bruins April 21st at the AMP



against the Hartford Wolf pack. Game is at 3:05. Return of the Wolf Pack to Providence. Join us for a fun afternoon. Tickets are available at \$20.00.

May Breakfast. This "Spring Ritual" will take place on Sunday **May 5th** between 9:15 and 10:15. Join us for some great eats and good time.



Mother's Day Flower Sale. Its not too early to be thinking about Mother's Day (**May 12th**).



That weekend, we will be having our annual Tulip Sale offering a beautiful bunch of tulips in a clear vase for an offering of \$15.00 (yes, the price has not increased!). You may go out for brunch, but we can

help out with the flowers!

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us and join us as we

journey together home to

the Lord.



Flower Offerings We have received Flower Offerings both memorialized and given anonymously. These are noted online and also as an insert in this bulletin. Thank you for your support.

Easter Flowers Recycling One of the nice things about Easter Flowers is that they are almost all perennials (they return every year from a bulb or root structure). As our flowers begin to fade over the coming weeks, we will be placing them on the back brick steps outside the Sacristy and make them available for adoption. Likely, they will not bloom again this year, however, in the past Easter Lily bulbs often do bloom again in late June. They are blooming now artificially due to warm conditions in a greenhouse. Please plant them and give them a new home.

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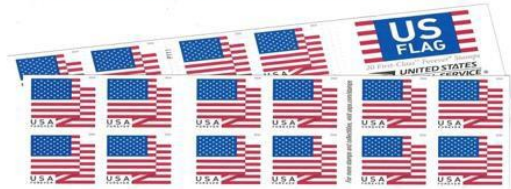
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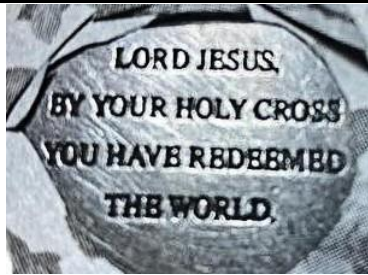
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