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SUNDAY
APRIL 23
2023

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm

Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm -
Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Dn. Frank Hannah

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Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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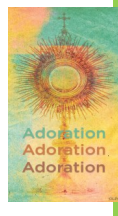
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LORD,
SHOW US
THE PATH
OF LIFE.

PSALM 16



VIDEO MASS 4/23	+
MON 4/24	NO MASS
TUES 4/25 9AM	+Robert Martincic [Susan Tyson Manes]
WED 4/26	NO MASS
THU 4/27 9AM	+Chuck Knott [Family]
FRI 4/28 9AM	+Henry Fill [Son, John Fill]
SAT 4/29 9AM	+Samuel Scarville Jr. [Dr. & Mrs. Donald Stoudt]
SAT 4/29 * 3-3:30PM	* Confessions
SAT 4/29 4PM	+Anna Quartini [Pompa Family]
SUN 4/30 8AM	+Cathy Friedrich [Rick & Anne Herman]
SUN 4/30 11AM	+Robert Michael Stawaisz [Stawaisz Familiy]



Tuesday / 9:30 AM—11:00 PM
Wednesday / 9:00 AM—11:00 PM

Join us for an hour of *Prayer*, every
Wednesday during Adoration at 7pm

For more information call:
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665



Luciena Brown
And
Gemma Brown
March 4, 2023
Daughters Of James and Tammy Brown

Nora Rose Davis
April 10, 2023
Daughter Of Christian and Brittany Davis

Dylan Thomas Ivan
April 15, 2023
Son of Gerald and Hannah Ivan



SAT 4/29 4PM LECTOR M. Bradac	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / P. Polesnak P. Polesnak / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowser
SUN 4/30 8AM LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. J. Trenga	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 4/30 11AM LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY : MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM	TUES 6:00 pm / *6:30 PM Confessions
WEEKEND: SAT 5:30 PM	SUN 9:30 AM



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is
TOILET PAPER. The upcoming item
will be sandwich, quart, & gallon size
storage bags.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of
Pamela Cianci
in your prayers.

"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers
and sisters"



*Altar flowers this weekend
are donated in Memory of*

Margaret Papay

On Behalf of: Kollar Family

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2023

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2023

Sunday:	3 rd Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Wednesday:	Administrative Professionals' Day
Friday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was — God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ — as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

Gospel:

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)

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Saint of the week

Venerable Maria Consuelo Soledad Sanjurjo Santos was a native Puerto Rican who served as Provincial Superior of the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick in the Caribbean in the mid-1900's. During her 62 years of consecrated life, she greatly expanded the mission of the congregation!

Prayer

Prayer for the Intercession of Venerable Soledad Sanjurjo

Father of goodness, in Mother Soledad Sanjurjo Santos You revealed to us the treasures of grace of a "life hidden with Christ in God."

Grant us the unwavering faith that filled and transformed her life so that, like her, we may discover Your presence in our lives and dedicate ourselves in Your name to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

We ask You to glorify Your faithful servant and to grant us the grace we ask of you today through her intercession (here make your request) for your greater glory and the good of the Church.

Amen

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This."

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, *This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.*

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: *I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.*

Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread." — Luke 24:35

GOSPEL MEDITATION

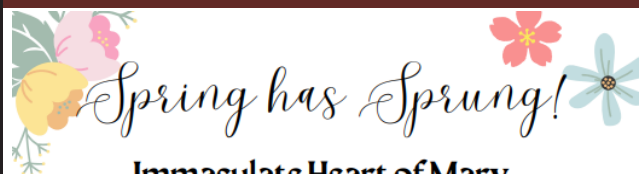
I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus *always* has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— Father John Muir

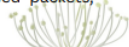
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Immaculate Heart of Mary
100 Penn Ave, Mercer, PA 16137
Plant and Garden Sale
Saturday, May 6, 9am - 2pm

Things that will be available for purchase at the IHM Plant and Garden Sale:

Lots of plants (perennials, annuals, herbs, small shrubs, houseplants, succulents, even artificial plants), pots, bird feeders, bird houses, wind chimes, garden signs, plant markers, statues, seed packets, tools, garden gloves, potting soil and feed.



RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE!!!

Thursday, May 4th / 4:00PM - 7:00PM
Friday, May 5th / 9:00AM - 2:00PM
Saturday, May 6th / 9:00AM - 1:00PM (bag day)

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church
St. Michael Center
2140 Highland Rd, Hermitage

Household Items * Clothing * Toys * Books
Decorations * Furniture * And More!!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades: Pre-K - 11th

Sunday Mornings: 9:15AM - 10:45AM

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

****April 2023****

23 Class - First Eucharist Retreat / 11am Mass-3pm
No morning RE class for Grade 3

30 Last Class

****May 2023****

7 First Eucharist Mass Celebration / 1pm / Church

11 Confirmation Mass Rehearsal / 7pm / St/ Joseph Church
(if the sponsor cannot attend, a parent can serve as a proxy)

15 Confirmation Mass Celebration / 7pm / St. Joseph Church



Men, mark your calendars!

We will be hosting a

Men's Breakfast

Notre Dame

Saturday, June 3

with speaker

Fr. Larry Richards

More information to come!

Join the Immaculate Heart of Mary 300 Club

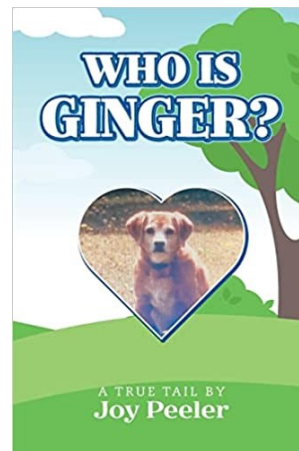
- The 300 Club is a 6-month raffle at IHM. **Only 300 tickets will be sold!**
- Each ticket price is \$100.00.
- Every number is entered into a weekly drawing.
- The drawing during the first week of the month is worth \$400.00
- The drawings during the subsequent weeks of the month will each be worth \$200.00.
- The drawings for the raffle will take place every Wednesday from 7/12/2023 to 12/27/2023.
- Five (5) additional drawings will be pulled at the Annual Cookie Walk and Soup Sale 12/10/2023.
- The five (5) drawings at the Cookie Walk and Soup Sale will include three (3) \$1000 drawings and two (2) \$500 drawings.
- Every ticket will be eligible to win each weekly drawing even if your number was already pulled once.
- Each number will only have one chance at the five (5) special drawings at the cookie walk and soup sale.
- Winner need not be present at any of the drawings to win.
- To join, tickets will be sold after the weekend masses as well as at the parish office, Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. **Tickets will begin being sold April 1.**
- Checks are to be made out to **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 100 Penn Ave, Mercer PA 16137** with the memo line reading "300 Club".
- For more information, call the parish office at 1 (724) 662-2999.

Drawing Dates

7/12 - \$200	10/4 - \$400
7/19 - \$200	10/11 - \$200
7/26 - \$200	10/18 - \$200
	10/25 - \$200

8/2 - \$400	11/1 - \$400
8/9 - \$200	11/8 - \$200
8/16 - \$200	11/15 - \$200
8/23 - \$200	11/22 - \$200
8/30 - \$200	11/29 - \$200

9/6 - \$400	12/6 - \$400
9/13 - \$200	12/13 - \$200
9/20 - \$200	12/20 - \$200
9/27 - \$200	12/27 - \$200



WHO IS GINGER??

A woman in Florida, Joy Peeler, found ND masses online during the pandemic. She fell in love with our masses, and "our" dog, Ginger. Consequently, she wrote a book for children, "Who is Ginger?" and it is now available online through Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com. The cost is \$10.99. Though we do not directly receive any financial benefit from the sale of the book, it is a great gift to the children who see and love Ginger at church, at school and all around.



WLS...

The next pot-luck dinner is Sunday, May 7th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Main dish, TBD. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule May 29/30.

Any questions contact Ann Nicolls at 724-962-7164.

CHILD PROTECTION



Child Abuse Prevention Month: Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency.

Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.