



Deacon's Corner: I've been thinking about Christmas – probably because of the Spring snowstorm we experienced earlier today. Here's what I thought about: Do we abandon our Christmas presents when we take down the tree and the decorations? If YOU do, you are the first I've encountered. On the contrary, we continue to use them to remind ourselves of the love those gifts embodied. Here we are at the beginning of the Easter Season, and we are ready and willing to pack away our Easter joy along with our baskets and straw. Always remember, we are an Easter people brought and held together by the resurrection of our God, our Savior, and our brother. This description does not change with the seasons. God's love is eternal. It has nothing to do with hard-boiled eggs, chocolate, or even (gasp) marshmallow peeps. It has everything to do with Christ emerging from the tomb having conquered death forever and ever... and for us all. May we recognize God's most amazing gift – eternal life – all year long. We are an Easter people every day of our lives.... and beyond!

What I would like you TO KNOW: We are given two dramatic scenes in this week's gospel. Jesus's friends are terrified and afraid of the religious authorities looking for them, perhaps to try them as they tried Jesus. While they are hiding, Jesus comes and stands in their midst. He doesn't knock. He doesn't stand at the front of the room but comes of his own accord – and stands in their midst as an equal. There isn't shouting of commands, but instead Jesus tells them, "Peace be with you." These followers of Jesus were likely at the peak of despair – and the first thing Jesus offers them is peace. Perhaps when our own anxiety is high and we do not understand a situation, instead of constantly seeking a solution we can, as Jesus offers, focus our energy on finding peace.

What I would like you to THINK ABOUT: Despite being the smallest room in our home, our guests typically gather in the kitchen. Is there a space in your home where you usually gather with family and friends? What is the benefit of having such a space in your home? Have you ever thought to go there to pray?

Faith Formation Director: It is with tremendous pride and hope that I announce we are about to have a Faith Formation Director at Saint Andrew's. Tino Altavilla is a faithful and active member of our parish family. He is a recent graduate of King's College. When I first arrived here, I saw Tino in the pews with a group of other college men. Tino brought his classmates here to Saint Andrew as a way of helping them rediscover their faith. He is a lector, an adult altar server, and someone who comes to mass EVERY WEEK. He will partner with me in overseeing CCD, RCIA, Baptismal Prep, and I've asked that he investigate forming a Youth Group with other parishes in our deanery.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: We just witnessed four new members being welcomed into our Roman Catholic Church. Joshua Gostynski was Confirmed and received his First Holy Communion privately – he and his family moved to Florida and Joshua wanted to receive his sacraments with us. Maeson Ovalles attended our CCD program but was never baptized – until this Holy Saturday. He also received Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Michael Kapolka and Lori Shovlin attended our weekly RCIA sessions at the rectory with our Christian Initiation Team (Kathy and Neil Smith, Nick Lutz, Jim Shovlin, Anne Papciak, Kathy and Frank Hummel, Jean Behm and me). Getting to know these people was one of the highlights of my diaconate. Their faith and openness was easily seen. May the faith they displayed on their journey continue through their lives. When you see them in church, please give them a personal welcome to the St. Andrew Parish Family.

Potential 2022-2023 RCIA Catechumens and Candidates: Perhaps you have wondered if you should take the formal steps toward becoming Catholic. Perhaps you know someone who is wondering privately. If you or someone you know is interested in (but not necessarily ready to totally commit to) learning about what it means to BE Catholic, tell them to give me a call. There won't be any high-pressure salesmanship, or an immediate commitment – just a free and open exchange of ideas and the presentation of any questions you or they might have. We won't be starting our sessions until late summer or early fall, but now is a great time to take that first step. Ask Michael, Lori, or any member of our Christian Initiation Team to sit with you and talk. Naturally, you can ask me too. **My mobile phone number is 570-991-0984.**

Why Do we do it THAT Way? Have you ever noticed that the Cantor moves from his or her typical position to lead us in song from the ambo (the place where Scripture is proclaimed)? Well, here's the reason why. When the Cantor is singing from the ambo, what is being sung is a Psalm. These are found in Scripture and should by that nature be proclaimed from the ambo.

Liturgy as Lesson: While we are gathered at the altar we place ourselves at the Last Supper and the crucifixion as well as at a foretaste of the eternal heavenly banquet. Hopefully, we can't help but notice liturgical connections to Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. Signs of the real presence abound in our liturgies – if we pause to recognize them. Liturgical spirituality is so much more approachable than classroom discussions. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't talk about what you see, learn, taste, and smell at liturgy.



Mass Intentions

Saturday - April 23, 2022

4:00 P.M. - Mass - for Thomas and Dorothy Podel by their Family

Sunday - April 24, 2022

10:00 A.M. - Mass- for Catherine Paul by her Family

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Saturday - April 30, 2022

4:00 P.M. - Mass - for John Havrilosin by Sue and Mike Havrilosin

Sunday - May 1, 2022

10:00 A.M. - Mass- for Our Children Receiving First Holy Communion

Sanctuary Candle



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Paul Johnson by his Family

Ministers Schedule

Saturday- April 23, 2022

4:00 P.M.- Lector- Karen Gula

Altar Server- Pete Bonczewski

Sunday - April 24, 2022,

10:00 A.M.- Lector - Kathy Smith

Extraordinary Ministers- Judy Flaherty, Maryellen Sloat

Altar Server- Elizabeth/ Chris Papiaciak

Saturday- April 30, 2022

4:00 P.M.- Lector- Kathy Hummel

Altar Server- Frank Hummel

Sunday - May 1, 2022

10:00 A.M. -Lector - Ken Yanora

Extraordinary Ministers- Ann Papiaciak, Colleen Yanora

Altar Servers: Chris/ Elizabeth Papiaciak

Quick Reference: the Penitential Act, the Gloria, the Nicene Creed, the Prayer of the Preparation of the Gifts and the Invitation to Communion can be found on the inside of the front cover of our Breaking Bread Missalettes.

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers

and Altar Servers: If anyone is interested in becoming a lector, extraordinary minister or an altar server, please call the rectory. You are eligible to become an altar server if you have received your 1st Communion. Let Deacon Bill know you are interested.

First Holy Communion 2022 will take place at St. Andrew's on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Confirmation 2022: Confirmation will take place at St. Nicholas Church on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

St. Anthony Novena continues at **Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre every Tuesday at 5:30 PM from March 15th until June 7th.** The Theme for this year's novena is the Life and Spirituality of Father Walter Ciszek S.J., Servant of God.

Job Opportunities St. Nicholas-St. Mary School

Permanent Substitute - Music Education, has the potential to become a full-time teaching position. Experience in teaching music is preferred.

Janitorial Position: Full time, after the school day. Benefits included.

Teacher's Aide: 5 days a week for 5.5 hours per day. Can accommodate individuals who wish to work fewer days.

Cafeteria Worker: 5 hours per day when school is in session.

Candidates for any position need to have clearances, including but not limited to a Child Abuse History Check, Pa. State Police Criminal History Check, and FBI Fingerprinting.

Contact Principal Chris Tigue with a letter of interest:

ctigue@snsmschoolwb.com

Holy Redeemer High School announces its Art Show, Spring Concert and Senior Waltz on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 in McCarthy

Auditorium. Art Show begins at 6:00 p.m. and Concert/Waltz at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket donation: Adults: \$5 Senior Citizens/Students: \$3

PARISH COLLECTION

April 16-17, 2022

Loose	\$	386.25
Offering	\$	1979.79
Initial	\$	5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	5.00
Holy Thursday	\$	301.00
Easter	\$	2874.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	66.00
Dues	\$	370.00
Flowers	\$	10.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	17.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$	30.00
Christian Education	\$	9.00
Total Applied to Budget		\$6053.04

Direct Transfer to the Diocese:

Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$	229.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	21.00
Care & Educ of Priests	\$	12.00
Total		\$ 262.00

Critical Church Repairs \$ 501.60

March 2022 ONLINE GIVING

Offering	\$	1800.00
Dues	\$	810.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	15.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	45.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$	35.00
Flowers	\$	15.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	5.00
Christian Education	\$	7.00
Total Applied to Budget		\$ 2732.00

Direct Transfer to the Diocese:

Catholic Relief Services	\$	20.00
Eastern Europe	\$	5.00
Retired Religious	\$	5.00
Care & Educ of Priests	\$	42.00
Total		\$ 72.00

Critical Church Repairs \$ 385.00

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