

Carpenter's Connection



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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A WORD FROM FATHER REINERSMAN.....

Dear St. Joe Parishioners:

In January Fr. Gerry Reinersman gave a two-part adult formation presentation here at St. Joseph called, "Living the Eucharist". A number of people encouraged him to present the ideas given in those talks to a wider parish audience. *Carpenter's Connection* seems to be the best way to do that. This is Part One of several parts.

LIVING THE EUCHARIST Gathering / Introductory Rites of Mass

When we come to Sunday Mass we do not accidentally running into family, friends and neighbors. It is not like running into someone at a grocery store, who just happens to be at the same place at the same time on the same day as we. We gather with the deliberate purpose of reminding ourselves of and celebrating our unity as the Body of Christ. We do not go to Mass only to receive the Body of Christ but also to BE the Body of Christ. Pope John Paul II said the celebration of the Eucharist "cannot be the starting point for communion; it presupposes that communion already exists, a communion which it (the Eucharist) seeks to consolidate and bring to perfection."

In fact we are coming together to participate in something, namely to join with the rest of the Body of Christ, to strengthen our unity and then share the gift of the real presence of Christ in the week ahead, even to participate in being the Body of Christ for others in the world.

We prepare ourselves for this by abstaining from food or drink for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. That way we intensify our awareness and make ourselves "hungry" for the mystery we are about to partake in.

The mystery of the real presence of Christ is also acknowledged as we enter church and genuflect toward the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle before we take our place. This small act of humility is an admission that it is the great mystery of Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist that brings us together. We don't just take our place as we would at a theater or at the ball park. There is nothing wrong with saying "hello" to a friend or neighbor, but

mostly we should be aware of the sacred act we about to participate in.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (no. 27) says, "Christ is really present in the very liturgical assembly, gathered in his name." At the very beginning of Mass we communicate our unity by standing together (those who are unable, stand in spirit with the assembly) as one body and we make ourselves one voice by singing the *gathering* song together. The more those assembled sing, the more perfectly our unity is expressed. Conversely, when members of the assembly excuse themselves from singing, the expression of our unity is weakened.

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you." "And also with you": right away the priest and assembly their reason for gathering. The sacred liturgy has already begun just by coming together. In the "Lord Have Mercy", or Penitential Rite, we recognize where sin has wounded the unity of the Body of Christ and that by his mercy we are saved. This is an act of reconciliation with Jesus and one another. We can see how Matthew 5:23 applies here, as well as at the offertory, "If you bring your gift to the altar and recall that another has anything against you, leave your gift at the altar, first go and be reconciled."

How can we come before this great mystery without praise? In the Gloria (outside of Advent and Lent) we join together in recognizing that we are moved to praise as we stand before our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The "Opening Prayer" is not just to open the Mass. It is called the "Collect" to indicate that all of our prayers are "collected" together. After the priest says, "Let us pray", there is even a brief moment of silence for everyone to call to mind their own intentions for the Mass. When the priest finishes the "Collect" prayer everyone unites themselves to that prayer by saying "Amen".

The whole beginning of Mass is all about realizing that we become one body in Christ. This is conveyed by our gestures and by making ourselves one voice. We do not just gather as a congregation either. We are united with all others in the world who celebrate Jesus Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

Next: *The Liturgy of the Word*

Our Eucharistic faith is not simply a ritual we happen to sit through at the same place, time and day. It is our faith that Christ has intentionally gathered us to himself and that we thoughtfully celebrate this mystery by coming together at the same place, at the same time on the same day.

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More "Words" from Fr. Reinersman

ONCE AGAIN the parish has been blessed by the dedication of many volunteers and staff of the parish who planned, rehearsed and assisted in the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies.

Since last September RCIA team members, with Sr. Julaine's direction, have been preparing the thirteen persons who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Familia Women's prayer group organized this Holy Thursday's Seder Meal. The musicians and several choirs have been learning new music and rehearsing familiar pieces with Connie Lauer. Dave Weigert and servers willingly took personal time to practice their important roles in the liturgies. Sharon Schabeil and Nick Jerdon made sure everyone could be accommodated by assigning extra Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Margaret Monaco and her draftees prepared the church environment beautifully.

All of this is worth the added time and effort because Easter is our SUPREME celebration of the liturgical calendar. All the labors given for the liturgy have helped us recognize all the ways Jesus Christ is raised up among us.

"THANK YOU" to all who had a hand in making our Holy Week and Easter liturgies so beautiful.

AMEN to that...

During the Easter Season (and other times) the liturgy calls for a "Solemn Blessing" at the end of Sunday Mass. These are normally introduced by the deacon or priest saying, "Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing." Sometimes the blessing ends with the familiar, "We ask this through Christ our Lord." and the assembly's response, "AMEN", is obvious. More often, the blessing has 3 parts, each one with its own "AMEN" response. This can be confusing.

How do you know when to say "AMEN" for the 3-part Solemn Blessing? The end of each part begins with the word "May"; as in "May God bless..." Or "May you inherit..." or "May your lives ..." Listen for the word "May", and get your "AMEN" ready. Don't worry about saying "AMEN" off cue. It is better to have too many "AMEN"s than not enough.

It may seem awkward at first, but with regular use it will feel very natural

Without making too much of this, it is worth pointing out that this simple action is the sign that the congregation is grateful for and willing to participate in the Eucharist we have just concluded. AMEN.

Happy (?) Birthday

Some of the children in our school sent me great birthday cards. I thought you might enjoy reading the message of one of the 5th grade boys. It is quoted here just as it came.

Song

Happy B- day to you cha cha cha Happy B-day to U cha cha cha
You look like a priest, and you preach like one to, cha cha cha YEAH

I took it as a compliment.

Fr. Gerry Reinersman

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From Our Associate Pastor

Come Pray with Us during the Triduum

Every mass is a celebration of the paschal mystery. In addition, every Sunday mass is a "mini" celebration of Easter. It has been that way since the earliest days in the Church. The faithful gather in community on Sunday to celebrate their unity in Christ, to give thanks for the salvation he won for us, to relive his passion and be nourished by his glorious body and blood. In our gathering, we fulfill the command of Christ at the last supper: "do this in memory of me". It is not an option. It is an obligation of faith and love. For all that the mass is, the Triduum is an even deeper celebration of the paschal mystery. I encourage you to join the Church celebration of our salvation as much as possible.

The Triduum begins Holy Thursday. That evening, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. As a community, we join Jesus and the Apostles in the upper room. We relive the washing of the feet. We witness the Lord institute the sacrament of the Eucharist. Then, following the meal, we have the opportunity to join our Lord in the Garden at Gethsemane, to hear him say "come pray with me for an hour". We process together with the Eucharist to the altar of repose to spend time with Jesus. At St. Joe's, the altar of repose is in the school library and will be accessible until midnight. It is a time to pray with the Lord, to thank the Lord, and to contemplate the mystery of the passion.

Then the Lord is gone, the soldiers take him and we cannot spend time with him. For us, the Blessed Sacrament is reposed out of sight and the sanctuary in church is stripped. We do not see him again until the Good Friday Service, celebrated at noon here at St. Joe's. (Good Friday is the only day of the year mass is not offered.) Through the Good Friday Service, we relive the passion of our Lord, especially his time on the cross. We are standing at the foot of the cross with Mary and John, sharing with them in their anguish watching as the Lord suffers and dies. We are there when Jesus gives his Mother to be our mother. We hear him forgive all who are responsible for his death, including us. We are reminded that we too have to bear our cross in the world as we bear witness to Jesus Christ. We grieve for the suffering while we rejoice for our salvation. This dichotomy of sorrow and joy is expressed first by our veneration of the cross and then by our reception of the Eucharist. After Communion distribution, the Eucharist is reposed out of sight and the altar is stripped again. The Lord is dead and one can truly feel his absence, one can sense the loss.

The silence is broken with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8:30 p.m. The newness is clearly evident. Beginning with the Paschal fire, the Easter candle is lit and the Lord is seen again in the world. The light of Christ spreads out to

the people, symbolized by the light spreading out to the candles the people hold. The Lord is risen! We see the empty tomb. It is the Third Day, a new beginning, a new creation. (Recall that for the Jewish calendar, the new day begins at sun down). The somber sounds of the Triduum are broken by joyous music – "Rejoice!" Having witnessed the Lord's resurrection, we recall the saving work of God in history throughout the liturgy. We participate in the work of salvation as our catechumens are baptized and they and the candidates are confirmed and make their first holy communion. We recommit to the Lord by renewing our Baptismal promises. It is a wonderful celebration of life.

From Holy Thursday to the Easter Vigil, the Triduum is one continuous celebration of our salvation. We are witnesses to and participants in the central mystery of our salvation. It is not just a reenactment, through the grace and mystery of the Holy Spirit, we truly are present at the events of our Lord's passion and resurrection and the events are brought to the present with us. It is a reality only faith can begin to comprehend.

The Triduum is the holiest time of the year. It is a time for prayer, a time for community. Come experience our faith in a special way. Participating in the celebration is a wonderful way to live our faith and to grow in our faith. It will impact us throughout the year. (It truly is "us" for we are one in Christ's Body, we impact each other for the good or bad with what we do.) If you can't attend the Holy Thursday mass, perhaps you can stop by to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. If you can't make the Good Friday service, perhaps you can come to the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. that evening. If you can't be with us when we witness the resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil, we know you will join us on Easter Sunday Mass. Come to what you can during the Triduum.

Come to celebrate. Come to pray. Come to thank God. Regardless of what you can and can't do, spend time in prayer with family and friends. These are not just any other three days. We are an Easter people and the Triduum is connected to that core of our faith, of our salvation. It is an opportunity for us to share in the work of salvation by our Lord in a very special way. Don't miss it.

Fr. Ray Enzweiler

We regret that Fr. Ray Enzweiler's article did not appear until after Holy Week, but his message about prayer, spending time with God and connecting with the core of our faith resonates throughout the entire year.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WELCOMES OUR NEW RCIA MEMBERS!

Terry Bates

- Married to Tina Bates and they have a son, Colby who is six
- They have lived in Cold Spring for six years and they enjoy the community

"I was brought to the church thru my wife. Also after reflecting on an argument I had with my brother-in-law and I found that I was wrong. Now I feel truly blessed to have had that argument that brought me to this point in my journey. I know now that in my heart this is the best true path to Christ for me and my family."

Rich Nielson

- Baptized as an infant in the Dutch Reform/Quaker Church at Brielle, NJ
- Married to Elisa Nielson and they have three children, Eric-4, Cecilia-7, Jay-9, they all attend Mercy Montessori Center
- Rich grew up in Brielle, NJ and attended Manasquan High School, has a bachelor's degree from NKU, and a law degree from Salmon P. Chase College of law
- Rich is a real estate attorney.
- He owns his own firm in Newport.

"I was raised in and around the Catholic church. I have been attending mass with my wife for almost 17 years. Also, my three children attend a Catholic School. As a result, I have always felt connected at some level to the church. I believe it is important, at this time in my life, to become a full member. I am looking forward to participating in the Eucharist."

Ashleigh Niceley

- Baptized in Baptist Church at age 13
- Ashleigh's boyfriend of four years is her sponsor
- Ashleigh grew up in Boone County, Kentucky and currently living in Independence
- Fifth grade Elementary school teacher

"I was interested in becoming catholic because of meaningful masses as well as the closeness of the catholic community. Family members and other loved ones are also catholic, and I wanted to feel closer to them as well."

Paige Otto

- Was baptized at Easter Vigil
- Single
- Paige has been a 7th & 8th grade teacher for 27 Years
- Paige grew up in Ft. Thomas

"My grandmother was catholic. My best friend is catholic. I enjoy attending Mass."

Brandon Michael Koch

- Was baptized
- Brandon is a fourth grader at Crossroads
- He enjoys sports, Elvis, SouljaBoy, and Tony Hawks Skate Boarding

"Parents talked to me about it becoming a Catholic."

Bae Lee

- Bae Lee was baptized on Easter Vigil
 - He is married to Soonjoo Park and has one child, Hohyeon
- "I am a South Korean, taking a FSL in education at Xavier University."



Taylor Megan Koch

- Was baptized on Easter Vigil
- Taylor is in the sixth grade and attends St. Joseph School, Camp Springs
- Plays sports - basketball, soccer. She enjoys listening to Vannassa Hughes and High School Musical (Jones Brothers)

“My parents talked to me about it. Spending time with friends.”

Jon Sexton

- Jon was baptized, received Holy Communion and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil
- He is married and has one daughter who is 10 months old
- Jon is a residential home builder

“Become closer to God, friends and family.”



Bobby Joe Wehrle

- Baptized catholic as an infant
- Single

“Both of my parents are catholic but they were divorced when I was very young. I went to St. Joe’s with my grandparents for a few years until my mother got her own place. After that I didn’t go to church until high school and was introduced to a program called Young Life. From that, I learned who Jesus was and what He means to my life. It was Young Life that started my hunger for spiritual growth who brought me to the Catholic Church and my willingness to grow in Christ.”

Hohyeon Lee

- Hohyeon is 5 years old and was born Gwangju, Korea and came to the USA in January 2007
- Hohyeon attends preschool at NKU Early Childhood Center
- He was baptized on Easter Vigil along with his parents, Bae Lee and Soonjoo Park.

Soonjoo Park (Sue)

- Soonjoo was baptized on Easter Vigil
- Married to Bae Lee and has one child, Hohyeon
- Soonjoo was an English teacher in her country and now is studying for her masters in education at NKU

“I have two close friends, who are Christian. They always try to practice what they learn from the Bible. Inspired by them, I thought it would be good to have a faith because it would lead me to a righteous way.”

Andrew Pace

- Andrew was born in Richmond, KY and now resides in Cold Spring
- He is single and works for Construct Corps
- Andrew received the sacrament of Holy Communion and confirmation at our Easter Vigil celebration.

Carrie Smith

- Was baptized on Easter Vigil
- Has been married 14 years to Christopher Smith
- She has two children; Jared and Derek

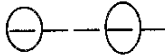
“After helping my son with his homework for a few years, I became curious about Catholicism and wanted to look at other options to meet my spiritual needs.”

Children's page

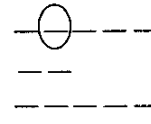
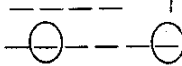
Unscramble each Easter object. Use the circled letters to unscramble the Easter message.
The 1st letter of the message is done for you!



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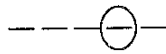


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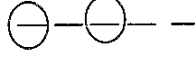


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When Jesus was on the cross He made a very special promise to the criminal who repented. That same promise is true for us if we repent! Solve the puzzle below and learn the promise! Each answer is a number that matches a letter of the alphabet (A=1, B=2, C=3 ...). Put that letter in the blanks and find the missing words. The first one is done for you!

1st word

- Jesus days in desert -20 = 20 = T
- Loaves in John 6 x 3 = ___ = ___
- Days in the tomb +1 = ___ = ___
- People in Eden -1 = ___ = ___
- Chapters in James x 5 = ___ = ___

2nd word

- Commandments +6 = ___ = ___
- Letters to Timothy - 1 = ___ = ___
- Job's friends x 6 = ___ = ___
- Sisters in Luke 11 -1 = ___ = ___
- Days of creation - 2 = ___ = ___
- Trinity x 3 = ___ = ___
- Apostles +7 = ___ = ___
- Number of Psalms ÷ 30 = ___ = ___

T _ _ _ _ _ you will be with me in _ _ _ _ _ !

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OUR PARISH MISSION

The people of St. Joseph's Parish strive to be a dynamic, Catholic faith community, following the example of Jesus Christ through liturgical, communal and personal prayer. We value education, especially education in the faith. Through parish ministries and organizations, we serve others by offering our gifts of time, talents and treasures. We seek to fulfill this mission with the help of Christ, Who leads us to oneness with God.

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m.
Holyday Eve: 7:30 p.m.
Holydays: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Welcome New Parishioners.....

Steve & Jackie Gooderson
Cold Spring, KY

Jessica Robbins
Cold Spring, KY

Christine Culbertson
Highland Heights, KY

Amanda Powell
Falmouth, KY

Steven & Claire Shelton
Cold Spring, KY

Kristopher & Krista Cook
Morning View, KY

Steve & Patti Herman
Highland Heights, KY

Elizabeth Renchen
Alexandria, KY

Virgil & Feleena Foster
Melbourne, KY

Natasha Nichols
Alexandria, KY

James & Elizabeth Sandfoss
Cold Spring, KY

Kathleen Wagner
Highland Heights, KY

Michael & Meg Howard
Highland Heights, KY

Kathy Gallardo
Highland Heights, KY

Robert (Steve), Sr. & Lynne Millbourne
Foster, KY



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