

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018



## Saturday, April 14

5:30 Barbara and Patrick Doyle  
Finola MacMahon

7:00 Bilingual Mass

## Sunday, April 15

8:00 Frank Davi, Giorgio Mazzone

10:00 John Ruhl, Special Intentions for  
Patricia Hup

12:00 Paul Punzone, Bill Behringer,  
Michael Kelly

6:00 Anna Novak  
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

## Monday, April 16

9:00 Colin Johnston, Vincent Conklin

## Tuesday April 17

9:00 Intention Available\*

## Wednesday, April 18

9:00 Sacred Heart Holy Souls Society

## Thursday, April 19

9:00 Carlo and Rosa Maresca, Edward  
Mazzella Sr.

## Friday April 20

9:00 Bill and Tom Streicher

## Saturday, April 21

9:00 Francis Wilson

5:45 William J. Behringer (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

7:00 Ramon de la Oz - Bilingual Mass

## Sunday, April 22

8:00 William Behringer

10:00 Zofia and Piotr Szewczyk

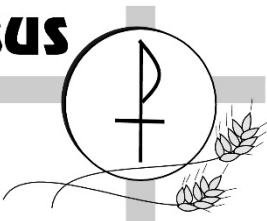
12:00 Carlo and Rosa Maresca, Special  
Intentions for St. Anthony's

6:00 Parishioners of Sacred Heart

\* If you are interested in selecting one of these Masses, please call the parish office. Because of the bulletin's printing schedule these Masses will not appear in the following week's bulletin. The intention will be announced by the celebrant of the Mass.

# Know Jesus

in the breaking  
of the bread....



## Pope Francis' Intention for April

### For Those Who Have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

## Fund a Religious Education Student

Not every family in our parish is able to afford the registration fees which cover the expense of books and supplies. If you would like to "adopt" a child/family this year it would be most appreciated!!

## Opportunity

Would you like to provide a \$5,000 scholarship to provide one year of Catholic Education for a child at Sacred Heart School? A partial scholarship of any amount is of course most welcome as well to help defray the unavoidable costs of providing a daily Catholic Education for the future of our Church. Please see Fr. Tom or Mrs. Muenkel, the principal of Sacred Heart School. Thank you!

## Archdiocese of New York Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass



The Archdiocese of New York's *Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass* will take place on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15 pm at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2018. His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be the celebrant. All those who wish to attend the Mass must register with their parish and have a ticket. Registrations will close on Monday, May 14. Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee Couples and one guest to provide special assistance if needed. Additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section. In addition to the Mass, all Golden Jubilee Couples will receive a certificate celebrating their marriage. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass but are celebrating 50 years of marriage can also register with their parish to receive a certificate.

THE 5:30 MASS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21,  
WILL BE AT 5:45.

## Today Is Meet and Greet Sunday



All are invited after the 19:00 Mass for light refreshments, conversation and especially to welcome new parishioners in the vestibule of the church. The Knights of Columbus are hosting this month's Meet and Greet.

## Filipino Mass - Middletown Saturday, April 21 5:30 pm

The Filipino Community of Middletown is hosting a Filipino Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown. This Mass will be followed by an Easter Fiesta/Fellowship/Potluck dinner at the parish center across the street. Questions should be directed to Brother Von at 260-849-0205.

## Sacred Heart Lucky Draw Raffle



Our first two \$100 winners this week are:

Edward Brandon  
Sue Foley

Tickets will still be available for \$52 and there are 124 tickets left. If we sell them, it will mean an additional \$6448 for Sacred Heart. Right now our profit is only \$3052.

We won't be selling tickets after Mass each week. If you are interested in buying one, please call or stop into the office.



## Hear Our Prayers O Lord



### The Baptized

Arriana Rose Rodriguez, Frank Thomas Gennaro, Kevin Santiago Jr., Zachary Oliver Brennan Lopez

### The Deceased

Connie Lesco, Armand Vito Muscarello, FDNY Michael Davidson, Police Col. Arnaud Beltrame (France), Off. Andres Laza-Caraballo (PR), Off. Phillip Meacham (KY), Victim of MD School Shooting, Victims of the Bus Crash in Canada, Victims of the Chemical Attack in Syria

### The Military

We have placed our military roll honoring the men and women of our parish family currently serving our country in the Church's military shrine. If you would like to add someone to the roll, please call the parish office.

### The Sick

Rachael Snitofsky, Erica Jane Burns, Heiner Lakas, Barbara Stilo, Francine Stilo, Jennifer Kanzler Miller, Blossom Johnson, Talia Phelan, Lisa Shina, Pat Stanton, Mary Ferrigno, Teddy Bonner, Christine Moore, Phyllis DiLucca, Kelsey Berger, Virginia DiLorenzo, Veronica Maria Donoghue, Rev. Terrance McCarthy, Gloria Montalvo, Christine Barry Furlano, Anthony S. Ruscito, Paul Kosara, Keyla Mercado Diaz, Eileen Gallagher, Larry Mellon, Carmela Sultana, James Fordham Purcell, Marianella Liga

## *In Loving Remembrance*

The **Sanctuary Candle** for the month of **April** is in memory of Michael Kelly. Requested by the Amundsens.

**Anyone wishing to memorialize the sanctuary candle, the flowers or bread and wine is asked to contact the parish office.**

### Adoration

At Sacred Heart we have two weekly opportunities to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition with Benediction will take place on Wednesday mornings from 8 am to 9 am followed by the morning Mass and on Fridays from 8 pm to 9 pm. Please note as well that on First Fridays of the month, All Night Adoration takes places from Friday evening until 9 am Saturday morning.

## Mom's Goup



We all have busy lives but consider our small group as a mini retreat to refresh, rest and receive graces that come from sharing scripture, prayers and friendship offered up to Him. We encourage discussion and reflection on Sunday's scriptures and provide a place to come together to feel connected to God and one another. Babies and children welcome to come with mom or grand mom. Future meetings Apr. 24, May 8 & 22, June 12. For more info, contact the parish office or Cindy at 845-662-6768.

### **Attention: Young Adults**

## Sacred Heart Youth Ministry

### **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade GAP (God and Pizza) Program**

GAP (God and Pizza) is for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and is now held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 7 pm – 8 pm in the St. Theresa Room of the Parish Center right after the 6 pm Mass. Teens interested in music ministry at the 6:00 pm Mass are invited to come to practices at 5:30 pm in the main Church on Sundays as well.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gap Jr. (God & Pizza) Program**

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in our monthly GAP Jr. Program on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 7 pm in the St. Theresa Room of the Parish Center right after the 6 pm Mass.

*For more information about Youth Ministry contact the parish office and ask for either Ivy Marrero or Fr. Tom. Information is updated and posted on our parish website regularly as well.*

### **Word among Us Bible Study for Young Adults!**

All young adults (college age on up) are invited to participate in a Bible Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 7 pm in the St. Theresa Room right after the 6 pm Mass. High School Seniors are welcome to participate as well. Please contact our Young Adult Coordinator, Raquel Battista, at the Parish Office or see our parish website for more details and information.

## Be Our Guest

### For Pasta with a Purpose

### *A Benefit Dinner for Sacred Heart's Class of 2018*



**Saturday, April 21  
6:00 – 9:00 pm  
SH School Gymnasium**

Dinner to include:  
Pasta with Meatballs  
Salad  
Dessert and Beverage

#### Prices

\$15 Adults  
\$7 Children (5-12 yrs. old)  
\$10 Seniors  
\$40 Family of Four  
Children under 5 are free  
Takeout is available

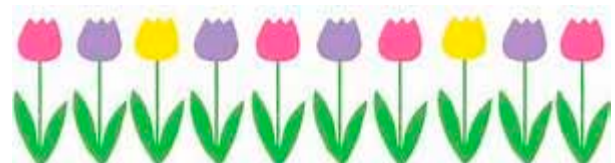
For more information, contact Ann Marie Woods at 845-597-6015

## Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous holds meetings in the Sacred Heart Chapel hall on Sundays from 3:00-4:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm, on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, on Fridays from 9:00-10:00 pm and on Saturdays at 7:00 pm.

## Employer Matching Gifts Programs

Your employer might match dollar for dollar, in your financial support of our Parish and its Religious Education Programs. Check your employer's web site for "Matching Gifts". Your employer's Human Resources Department can provide you with additional information about the procedures involved



The Burke Catholic Players  
presents  
Disney's The Little Mermaid



Friday, April 20, at 7:30 pm  
Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 pm  
Sunday April 22, at 2:00 pm

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for children under 10.

**Annual Charity Golf Outing  
Knights of Columbus Monroe #2079**



**May 21  
Falkirk Estate and Country Club  
206 Smith Clove Rd.  
Central Valley, NY**

\$150 per golfer  
Includes full breakfast and BBQ Lunch following golf  
8:45 AM Registration and Breakfast

Shotgun Scramble  
Contact Paul or Tony (noon ushers) for information  
Tony 201-522-7763  
Paul 845-224-7429



## Hospice Volunteer Training Spring 2018

The primary role of our volunteer is to provide companionship and or caregiver relief to persons on Hospice and their families. Volunteers share skills and interests in a manner that provide comfort and enrich the quality of life for those served. Volunteers provide companionship through presence, listening to music, reading and reminiscing, etc. We offer various areas of volunteering within our organization, one of which is office support in both Newburgh and Middletown. Once the prospective volunteer has graduated the training, they can provide support in the geographic location in which they reside. Training will take place at Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. at 90 Crystal Run Road, Middletown on Wednesdays at 10:00 am - 5:00 pm from April 11 through May 23. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Director of Volunteer Services, Debra Epstein at 845-565-4849 or [debae@hospiceoforange.com](mailto:debae@hospiceoforange.com).

## Eat Fresh, Eat Local Become a Member of Community Supported Agriculture

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY are offering Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) memberships at the farm they sponsor in Goshen. Members enjoy vegetables from Harmony Farm over a 22 week season. Detailed information about CSA and the fees associated can be found at [www.harmonyfarmny.com](http://www.harmonyfarmny.com) or call Sr. Ellenrita at 347-538-7759.

## Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, high priest and Redeemer forever, we beg you to call young men and women to your service, as priests and religious. May they be inspired by the lives of dedicated priests, brothers and sisters. Give to parents the grace of generosity and trust toward you and their child so that their sons and daughters may be helped to choose their vocation in life with wisdom and freedom.

O God, you have called us to salvation and have sent your Son to establish the Church for this purpose, and you have provided the sacred ministers. The harvest is ever ready but the laborers are scarce. Inspire our youth to follow Jesus by serving Your People. Amen



## Strengthening Our Families & Understanding Our Loved Ones

On Saturday, April 21, EnCourage NY and Courage NY are sponsoring a Spirituality Conference titled, "Strengthening Our Families & Understanding Our Loved Ones". This day-long conference will be held at Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, NY. Keynote speaker is Daniel Mattson, author of *Why I Don't Call Myself Gay*. For Further details, visit [www.encourageny.com](http://www.encourageny.com).

The Family Life Office works in collaboration with the Courage and EnCourage Apostolates to support those with same-sex attractions and their families, in fidelity to Catholic teaching on marriage and sexuality.

## Social Awareness Ministry (SAM)

Because of persecution and war at the hands of ISIS our Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East have been facing genocide. They were forced to either convert to Islam, pay the Jizya tax, or to leave their own homes. The Knights of Columbus Website details these facts about Persecuted Christians and the responses and actions that the Knights have taken. This was posted on their website, just recently in November 2017:

As Catholics and other Christians throughout the United States observe the Week of Awareness for Persecuted Christians co-sponsored by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Knights of Columbus, here are some facts on Christians in the Middle East and the Order's work in bringing aid to them.

For the first thousand years after Christ, Christianity was primarily a Middle Eastern religion. Until around AD 1000, there were more Christians in the Middle East than in Europe.

Christians living in the Middle East have survived severe persecution, most recently with ISIS' campaign of genocide.

From 1910 to 2010, the percentage of the population of the Middle East made up of Christians declined from 14 percent to 4 percent. This was prior to ISIS' genocide.

The number of Christians in Iraq has declined by as much as 90 percent over the last several years, from 1.5 million before 2003, to about 200,000 today. The number of Christians in Syria has declined by as much as 70 percent.

ISIS has executed thousands of Christians by barbaric methods, including crucifixion and beheading, and an ISIS affiliated group recently declared that Christians are their "favorite prey."

ISIS has engaged in mass deportations of Christians from their ancestral homelands.

In 2015, Christians were targeted in more countries (128) than any other religious group according to a 2017 Pew Research Center study.

Both Iraq and Syria ranked in the top ten countries for extent and degree of persecution of Christians according to the 2017 World Watch List published by Open Doors USA.

Christian women have been kidnapped and sold into sexual slavery.

Mass graves of Christians have been documented in Syria by Aid to the Church in Need.

Despite their own plight, Christians in the region regularly help non-Christians in need, including Yazidis and Shabak.

## Knights of Columbus Support for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund has committed more than \$17 million to aid persecuted Christians in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region.

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus led a major advocacy and publicity campaign in support of the U.S.

congressional and state department declarations of genocide, producing a nearly-300-page report on ISIS' genocide against Christians and gathering 140,000 signatures for a petition calling for the declaration of the genocide.

The Knights of Columbus has also advocated for U.S. government relief funds to be directed to those communities targeted for genocide by ISIS.

Among the projects to which K of C funding has been committed are:

Resettlement of the town of Karamles in Nineveh (Iraq)

General relief in Syria

New housing units in Iraq

Assistance for Christians targeted by ISIS in Egypt

Assistance for Christian refugee programs in Lebanon and Jordan

Food programs in Iraq

Rental assistance for displaced Christians in Iraq

Support for catechetical and educational programs for displaced families

K of C support for persecuted religious minorities in the Middle East is consistent with the Order's tradition of standing for religious liberty and diversity since its founding more than a century ago.

The K of C was a vocal opponent of the Ku Klux Klan's bigotry and led an international effort on behalf of Catholics being persecuted in Mexico in the 1920s.

Learn more about the Knights of Columbus' efforts to help genocide victims by visiting [ChristiansAtRisk.org](http://ChristiansAtRisk.org). Per the Christians at Risk website, 100 percent of donations go towards benefiting Persecuted Christians. You can also visit the website

<http://www.kofc.org/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html> for more information.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was quoted on the website saying: "What we in the West can learn from them," he said, "is that a community under those circumstances is still able to demonstrate spiritual and moral courage ... to persist in their beliefs and conscience."

Matthew 5:10-12: *Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

We should be thankful to God that we are blessed to have the right to practice our faith, go to Mass, and receive Our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist without having the fear of facing what the people in the Middle East have been facing. Let us pray that their hearts may be strengthened by the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, especially during this Easter Season.

God Bless you and your families, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely,

Frankie DiPeri

"There's some good in this world Mr. Frodo, and It's worth fighting for." SAM