It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . .." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin Missa, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

MAKING THE POINT

Today's Gospel passage takes up the story begun on the Third Sunday of Easter a year ago, the story familiar to us as "the road to Emmaus." So remarkable was the revelation of Christ to the Emmaus disciples in the breaking of the bread that they were compelled to return to Jerusalem during the night--a very dangerous time to be traveling in those days--even though they had just walked the seven miles there after leaving Jerusalem. To reinforce their recounting of their story to the eleven, Jesus himself appears and repeats, nearly word for word, what he had told the Emmaus disciples on the road that day. Luke's repetition of this passage marks it as one that was very important to the early Christian community, one to which we should pay particularly careful attention, so our hearts, too, can burn within us as Christ speaks to us.
APRIL 19, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY – APR. 20th
St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr
8:00(E) For the people of St. John Cantius

TUESDAY – APR 21st
St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00(P) Easter Mass Remembrances
4:00PM Confirmation The Mass is celebrated for the Confirmandi

WEDNESDAY – APR. 22nd
8:00(E) Easter Mass Remembrances

THURSDAY – APR. 23rd
St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
8:00(P) Boze Blogoslawienstwo dla Jurka z racji imienin from Iwona

FRIDAY—APR. 24th
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
8:00(E) Bertha Olson req. Jesse & Dori Michalak

SATURDAY – APR. 25th
St. Mark, Evangelist
8AM(P) Regina Mieczkowska req. Rodzina
5PM(E) Rose Remillard req. Gary & Lisa Remillard

SUNDAY – APR. 26th
8:00(E) Sophie Petner req. niece Barbara & Family
10:00(E) Timothy Murtha req. Verna & Alice Olszewski
11:30(P) Karol & Marian Bronislawa req. Karolina & Family

Please pray for our recently deceased: Jane Maciejewski, Jane Chmielewski & Sabina Curran. May God Grant them eternal peace in His Presence.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns in loving memory of Olga Tantala, a loving and caring mother from a grateful family.

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The Second Collection today will be for School Building Maintenance 4/19. Next week’s is for Parish Repairs 4/26.

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2015
You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.
Psalm 4:9

POLISH POLICE
The Polish Police will be selling raffle tickets on April 25th & 26th after all the Masses. The ticket cost is $1.00 each or 7 for $5.00.
Designer Bag Bingo will be held on Sunday, April 26th in St. John Cantius Auditorium. Doors open at 12:30 PM and Bingo begins at 2 PM. Tickets are $35. (cash only) and include Lunch Buffet, Dessert, Beverages and 10 Bingo Games. Additional Cards are available. Tickets are sold before and after all Masses and at the Rectory. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon with friends!

A platter of Homemade Polish Food (Golabki, Pierogi, Placki, plus more!) plus dessert and beverage. (BYOB) Ticket: $15.00 & $7.00 Child (ages 4+ to 12) Under 4 is free. Served 4PM to 7PM. Tickets available before and after all Masses and at the rectory.

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**COLLECTION COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY**

**Sun. April 19**: Joan Reed & Michelle Skalski

**Apr. 26**: Lucille Mocarski & Terry Casey

**May 3**: Connie Perrault & Maryann Marszalek

**May 10**: Joseph Foster

**May 17**: Joan Reed & Michelle Skalski

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR- UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Sun. April 26th**: Designer Bag Bingo. Our ever popular Bingo includes: Lunch Buffet, Dessert, Beverage, 10 Bingo Games, 50/50 chances, Basket Auction, and lots of FUN! Tickets available NOW. $35.00

**Sat. May 9th**: Polish Dinner Night. A platter of Homemade Polish Food (Golabki, Pierogi, Placki, plus more!) plus dessert and beverage. (BYOB) All for $15.00. Served 4PM to 7PM. Tickets available soon.

**Sun. May 17th**: Painting Party. 1:00PM to 3:00PM

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**Sat. & Sun. June 20 & 21**: 2nd Annual Polish Food Festival (outdoors-weather permitting). Watch for details

**Sat. September 12th**: Octoberfest! Watch for details!
Pastor’s Corner

Last weekend at the 5:00 Vigil Mass, we celebrated with 4 of our community the reception of the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation. Ruth Bartlomiejusz, Tracy Plumley, Marissa Watts and Veronica Strenk have been studying and reflecting on our Catholic faith for 2 years and have reached the time for them to make their commitment to God and being a full member of the Catholic Church. We as a parish community welcome them and congratulate them.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Tuesday, April 21st, at 4:00 P.M. The Most Reverend Robert Maginnis will confer the Sacrament upon our children. All parishioners are invited to attend and participate in this Mass.

If you have not already done so, please bring your Rice Bowl Offerings next Sunday and place them in the bowl in the vestibule of the Church. These offerings will be sent to the Propagation of the Faith and will aid the poor and needy in our Archdiocese as well as in mission lands. We thank you for your support and sacrifices.

Easter Holy Water is available at the Baptismal Font. Please bring a container and take some home for your use.

A Coach Bingo has been planned for next Sunday, April 26th, beginning at 2:00, in our auditorium. Tickets are $35.00 per person and includes a buffet dinner and food. Tickets are available at the rectory during office hours on a cash only basis. Limited seating is available. Come and play Bingo for an afternoon and an opportunity to win a terrific prize.

May you all have a beautiful week!

W miniony weekend na Mszy Św. O godzinie 17:00 obchodziliśmy przyjęcia Sakramenty Pierwszej Komunioni i Bierzmowania dla 4 osób z naszej społeczności: Ruth Bartłomiejusz, Tracy Plumley, Marissa Watts i Weronika Strenk studiowali i dochodzili do refleksji w temacie naszej wierze katolickiej już od dwóch lat i teraz nadszedł czas do stania się pełnoprawnymi członkami Kościoła katolickiego i zjednoczenia z Bogiem. My, jako parafia witamy ich i gratulujemy im.

Sakrament Bierzmowania odbędzie się w naszej parafii we wtorek, 21 kwietnia o godzinie 16:00. Przewielebny Biskup Robert Maginnisem udzieli Sakramentu dla naszych dzieci. Wszyscy parafianie są zaproszeni do udziału w tej Mszy św.

Jeśli jeszcze tego nie uczyniłeś, proszę przenieść swoją ofiarę Rice Bowl w najbliższą niedzielę, i umieścić ją w miskach w przedziorku kościoła. Ofiary zostaną wysłane do Propagation of the Faith i pomogą biednym i potrzebującym w naszej archidiecezji, a także w krajach misyjnych. Dziękujemy za wsparcie i wyrzeczenia.

Wielkanocna Woda Święcona jest dostępna w Chrzcielnicy. Proszę przenieść sobie pojemniki i nabrać do użytku domowego.

Designer Coach Bingo jest zaplanowano w najbliższą niedzielę, 26 kwietnia o 02:00 w naszej sali. Bilety po $35.00 obejmują kolację w formie bufetu oraz potrawy. Bilety można kupić za gotówkę na plebanii w godzinach pracy. Ograniczona ilość miejsc jest do zajęcia. Zapraszamy przyjść i zagrać w bingo przez popołudniu jest szansa wygrania wspaniałych nagród.

Życzę wszystkim pięknego tygodnia!
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PROOF PLEASE

The group of eleven does not seem to be as eager to have Jesus in their midst as the Emmaus disciples were. Most likely Jerusalem was still a dangerous place for them to be. After all, the story we are hearing took place only a few days after the death of Jesus. Instead of seeing Jesus as a traveling companion, they are terrified in spite of his greeting of "Peace" and need proof that it is he (akin to Thomas in last Sunday's Gospel from John). Though they are joyful upon knowing that it is he, Luke tells us he gives them further proof by eating in front of them. Most importantly, he charges them to be witnesses that he is the fulfillment of the Hebrew scriptures. Our Lectionary today omits the next verses, which tell us that Jesus was carried up to heaven that day (the day of the resurrection) and that they were made bold enough at having witnessed his risen presence to go out into Jerusalem, even to the temple, to proclaim their joyful message. We, today, ought to follow in their steps, allowing the presence of the risen Christ to send us out to proclaim his good news with joy.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the Easter season well under way, we now resume our survey of the sacrament of the sick. The pastoral care of the sick will be misunderstood if we start from the vantage point of the sickroom. Begin with the Sunday assembly, from which the sick person has been separated by the crisis of illness, and whose absence is given expression in prayer and service. The goal is to extend the consolation of the Lord’s presence at the table to those who are apart from it, and for the assembly to enfold them in prayer.

Secondarily, the goal is to teach people what the Church desires for all those who are sick. Seeing ministers dispatched to the sick from Mass every Sunday might help a caregiver realize that their dear one can also receive Communion. Witnessing the anointing of a woman facing surgery might help another person to overcome hesitation and ask for the sacrament’s healing and strength. Society’s impulse may be to marginalize the sick, but the tradition of our community is to see them at the center of our life. When Roman persecutors ordered St. Lawrence the Deacon to hand over the jewels of the church, he assembled a motley crew of the sick and the infirm and announced with all humility, “Behold, my lord, the treasures of the church of Christ.”

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord’s suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ’s dying and rising for us.

NATURE’S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Anselm
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day; Earth Day
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Mark
MANNA Canned Food Collection

Sunday, May 17th

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat…” MATTHEW 25:35

The MANNA Canned Food Collection affords our faith community an opportunity to express concern for needy people living within the geographic area of our own Archdiocese. Many struggling families and individuals turn to our emergency food cupboards for support during times of crisis. While all ages are represented in the faces of hunger, sadly the burden of poverty rests most heavily on our children. Their lives are blessed by the generosity of the faithful of our parishes. Please fill the bags with canned food items such as beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Please look out for Manna bags they will be coming soon. Thank you for your generosity.

Baptism Class

The baptism class will be held on April 20th at 7 P.M. in the Chapel. Both parents and godparents are expected to attend. Please bring your letters of eligibility.

LOTTERY TICKETS

Lottery tickets will be sold in the back of the Chapel

Calendars are now available for distribution for May. The cost is $5.00 each for the month, based on the evening of the Pennsylvania Lottery drawing. Daily prizes of $50.00 a day and Sundays are $100.00. Plus each month a bonus day! Sellers are needed. Tickets will be sold before and after each Mass. This will be an ongoing fundraiser. We ask for you help and support to make this an ongoing success. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

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