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Good News!

May 15, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

The power of a familiar voice over the phone amazes me. When my four-year-old nephew calls "Hi, Shaw!" (his nickname for me) over the phone, the very timbre of his voice melts my heart.

Since my husband and I know each other's voices, it takes me by surprise—in a good way—when he calls me by name over the phone instead of saying "Hey, you," or "Hi, sweetie."

Even though I'm an adult, my mother can still tell if I'm sad, angry, or worried just by how I say hello.

The sound of a loved one's voice can be almost as reassuring as the sight of that person next to you.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, John's Gospel emphasizes the importance of the shepherd's voice. In Jesus' day, multiple flocks often inhabited one sheepfold, so it was key that each sheep become accustomed to its own shepherd's voice.

In this passage, Jesus is referring to himself as the good shepherd, the one who knows and calls each of us by name. But are we familiar with Jesus' voice? Is his voice as recognizable as our spouse's, our child's, our grandparent's?

To become more familiar with Jesus' voice, we must take the necessary time to listen to him. If we're blessed with regular quiet time during the day to listen to Jesus' voice in prayer, we should use it well.

But some of us have only snatches of time—brushing our teeth, waiting in the doctor's office, or taking a shower. All those are timely moments we can use to listen to Jesus, who is always speaking to us in love.

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Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK**MAY 14TH – 15TH****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAINTENANCE COLLECTION****USHERS GROUP IV****YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL****2nd Banns of Ordination to the Priesthood****Rev. Mr. Luis Henry Agudelo****SATURDAY, MAY 14:****3:30 p.m.** Rosary before Mass**4:00 p.m.** Mass offered for **+Olga Guglielmino**
requested by Samuel Guglielmino**SUNDAY, MAY 15****7:30 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Casimir & Thomas Kurys** requested by Helen Kurys
Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass**10:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl** request of Dorli and Lou Cloutier**MONDAY, MAY 16 NO MASS****TUESDAY, MAY 17****9:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Marie Storman**,
request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier,
Rosary after Mass**7:15 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18****9:00 a.m.** Mass**9:00 a.m.-noon** Christmas Fair Workshop**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT****6:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S MASS FOLLOWED BY END OF YEAR PARTY****THURSDAY, MAY 19****9:00a.m.** Mass offered for **+deceased members of Olbrias Family**, request of Mr. & Mrs. Olbrias**FRIDAY, MAY 20 NO MASS****SATURDAY, MAY 21****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT****3:30 p.m. ROSARY BEFORE MASS.****NEXT WEEK****May 21st – 22nd****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION****USHERS GROUP I****COFFEE SOCIAL****YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL****COMBINED CONFIRMATION AT SACRED HEART CHURCH 10:30 A.M.****1ST BANNS OF MARRIAGE****CHRISTOPHER KESSING AND CHRISTINA GAGLIARDI****SATURDAY, MAY 21****4:00p.m.** Mass offered for **+Helen, Joe, Pierre, Mark D'Auteuil***Altar Servers: Amanda Baum, Stephanie Leiner**Minsters of the Word: Georgette Pelletier**Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd***SUNDAY, MAY 22****7:30 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Donald Holbrook***Altar Servers:**Ministers of the Word: Judy Knox**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio***10:00 a.m.** Mass offered for **+Joyce Bachl***Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas Van Dine**Minister of the Word: Jennifer Carvalho**Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Carvalho***MONDAY, MAY 23, NO MASS**

Father Wojciech will start his month long vacation on Tuesday, May 24, returning on June 28. There will be no weekay morning Masses during this time. Weekend Mass will be on the same time schedule, with Fr. Ed Dempsey as celebrant. In the event of a spiritual emergency such as a funeral please contact the rectory At 860-643-4466 (normal office hours Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) after hours call Theresa Cison at 860-649-1506. If a priest is needed for anointing of the sick in hospital, all area hospitals have chaplains that the hospital will call if they are advised of the need.

TUESDAY, MAY 24**7:15 .** Choir Rehearsal**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25****9:00 a.m. – 12 noon** Christmas Fair Workshop**3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.****ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT****SATURDAY, MAY 28****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT****3:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary before Mass**

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION \$3,291
LAST YEAR'S COLLECTION \$3,110

"I CAME SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."

We may think that filling our lives with all sorts of riches is what Jesus meant by having life abundantly. Yet in reality when we really take time to know God through prayer and scripture we realize that the truly abundant life Jesus offers is a simple life of prayer and service.

ATTENTION: WEBSITE USERS

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HEALING SERVICE

St. Patrick Church, 47 West High Street, East Hampton,
 At 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2011
 This event is sponsored by
 St. Patrick Parish.

There will be two LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS held in our area:

Coventry, St. Mary Church (7 week seminar)

Contact: Fr. Ray Introvigne 860-742-2896

And

Rockville, St. Joseph Church (7 weeks seminar)

Contact: Connie Swatik 860-684-3996

Women's Retreat: God Changes Everything

Friday, June 3, thru Sunday June 5, 2011

Retreat offering: \$225.00 - \$250.00

This retreat explores our capacity to adapt gracefully to change. Any living thing that stops changing has died. But our Lord, we believe, is with us in each moment as we navigate both the difficult and even the welcomed changes which bring new life into our hearts and souls. The retreat will provide opportunity for rest, reflection, interactive workshops, inspiring music, home cooked meals, and free time. The retreat begins on Friday evening with buffet dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The retreat concludes Sunday with brunch.

For more information about the Holy Family Passionists, the retreat, how to register and much more, visit the website at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

A catechetical and liturgical story.....May 4, 2011

The Emmaus story of today's Gospel is at the heart of Luke's resurrection chapter (24). Luke's story of the two disciples on the road, focuses on the interpretation of scripture by the risen Jesus and the recognition of him in the breaking of the bread. The references to the quotations of scripture and explanation of it, the kerygmatic proclamation (24:34) and the liturgical gestures (24:30) suggest that the episode is primarily catechetical and liturgical rather than apologetic. When we meet the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it is evening, and the glow of that first Easter day has begun to fade. Resurrection at this point is nothing more than a rumor or a tale. Buried beneath their verbal exchange lies a deep yearning and a holy hunger. Intimately intertwined with their skepticism is their hope, and their need for God to be alive, vibrant and present in their world of death. But the baggage of their doubt impedes the fervor of their faith and they fail to recognize Jesus. Without being aware of what they are really saying along the road, the two disciples profess many of the central elements of the creed of the Christian faith yet they remain blind to the necessity of the Messianic suffering predicted in the Scriptures. The strange on the road to Emmaus takes the skepticism and curiosity of the disciples and weaves them into the fabric of the Scripture. Jesus challenges them to reinterpret the events of the past days in light of the Scriptures. However, Cleopas and his companion are "foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have said!" (24:25) The Messiah had to suffer and die in order to enter into his glory. Luke is the only New Testament writer to speak explicitly of a suffering Messiah (Luke 24:26, 46; Acts 3:18; 17:3; 26:23). The idea of a suffering Messiah is not found in the Old Testament or in other Jewish literature prior to the New Testament period, although the idea is hinted at in Mark 8:31-33.

Finally in the intimacy of the breaking of the bread were their eyes opened and they recognized the Risen One in their midst. At Emmaus, the risen Christ performs the same basic actions that he performed at the multiplication of the loaves (9:16) and at the Last Supper. The many meals of Jesus, especially his last supper, can be said to be in the background of the Evangelist's mind in describing this moment of recognition (cf. Luke 5:29; 7:36; 14:1,12,15,16; 22:14). With this experience of the Risen Jesus the Emmaus disciples believe.

Understanding the resurrection therefore implies a two-fold process of knowing the message of the Scriptures and experiencing the one about whom they all speak: Jesus the Lord, through the breaking and sharing of bread with the community of believers.

The journey motif

The journey motif of the Emmaus story is not only a matter of the distance between Jerusalem and Emmaus, but also of the painful and gradual journey of words that must descend from the head to the heart; of a coming to faith, of a return to a proper relationship with the stranger who is none other than Jesus the Lord. The Lord always listens to us and is always there. It is part of the Lord's pedagogy with regard to his disciples to always listen to them, especially when times are hard, when one has fallen, experiences doubt, disillusionment and frustration. His words make the hearts of the disciples "burn," they remove them from the darkness of sadness and desperation, provoking in them the desire to remain with him: Stay with us, Lord.

The dejected disciples begin to change only when they are enlightened by the risen Christ, who explains from the sacred Scriptures how God works in a resistant world and among resistant, sinful people like us. It is indeed an ironic victory because the forces of rejection and experiences of suffering and sinfulness, themselves, become the means by which God's purpose is accomplished in the world!



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