

23 April 2023

III Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)

II Sunday after Easter (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass

Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM

Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 24 April ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, Pr., Religious

8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass

For: Special Intention

Tue. 25 April ST. MARK, Evangelist

8 AM For: Jane Bovi+

Req: Margaret Bovi

Holy Rosary for the Preborn & Newborn

Wed. 26 April St. Cletus, Pope & Martyr/St. Stephan of Perm

8 PM For: Michael Armitage+

Req: Anne Johnson

Thu. 27 April St. Zita, Virgin, Patroness of Domestic

8 AM For: Josephine Hance+

Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Fri. 28 April ST. LOUIS GRIGNION De MONTFORT, Pr.

8 AM For: Adam Armitage (L.)

Req: The Anderson Family

Sat. 29 April ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin, Doctor

8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Vikki Evans+

Req: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bender

Sun. 30 April IV Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)

III Sunday after Easter (Traditional Calendar)

8 AM For: Jeff Lawrence & Anne Kuhn Families

Req: Donna Lawrence

9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

11 AM For: Marcus Finn+

Req: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen van Lieshout

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Classes for our Jr. High School students and Adult classes for the Sr. High School students are now completed for this school year.

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND THEIR SPONSORS

are reminded of the rehearsal for Confirmation on **Wed. 26 April at 7 PM at ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN ROME.** St. Peter's is located at 200 N. James St., Rome.

COFFEE & DONUTS SERVED NEXT SUNDAY

After Masses next Sunday, please come downstairs and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut and the company of your fellow parishioners. Meet new faces and browse the books in our parish library.

PRAYER INTENTION BOX

On the table in the vestibule there are some cards on which you can list your prayer intentions for our Rosary Society to pray for. Then put the card in the wooden box that is on the table. The intentions will be prayed for as the Society prays the Holy Rosary at their next meeting.

MOVIE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

“Nefarious” is a movie that I encourage all parishioners 14 and over to see. It is about a man who is condemned to death who is possessed. There is nothing sensational, nothing frightening in the movie, except the tactics that the demon uses. The movie is amazingly true to our Catholic understanding of evil and how the devil operates. (It was written and produced by two Catholic men, who also produced the movie “Unplanned”).

They are testing the market for this clever work of pre-evangelization, so the more people go to see it, the wider will its distribution be in theatres. You can see the movie currently at the Marquee Cinemas at the Orchard in New Hartford.

PARISH DINNER DATE: THU. 8 JUNE THEODORE'S IN CANASTOTA

Please reserve this date on your calendars for our Parish Dinner, which we hope will be a celebration of our deliverance from the lockdowns, mandates, shut-downs and fear that was instilled during the scamdemic. Next week, we will post a sign-up list for the dinner.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH BISHOP LUCIA

Next Sunday is “Good Shepherd Sunday”, when we think about vocations. On Wed. 3 May Bishop Lucia invites you to make a Holy Hour with him at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to pray for vocations. Our Diocese will ordain one priest this year, and we have 5 priests retiring.

A HARSH AND DREADFUL THING

In his signature novel “The Brothers Karamazov”, Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky observed that “love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing”.

That phrase runs counter to popular culture. From infancy on, we have been told that love, rather is a fair and beautiful thing, a springtime song, and it may well be so, but it is not exclusively so. Love also knows times of sacrifice which, seen from outside, can seem daunting:

- the soldier who, acting above and beyond the call of duty, sacrifices his life to save those of his comrades....
- the parents of a special-needs child who patiently and gently care for him without reproach or regret...
- the woman who, experiencing a crisis pregnancy, but aware of the new life beating within her, chooses that life over every other consideration...

Some 2000 years ago on a barren hill, Love Himself was raised on a Cross, scaling the stars to open Heaven's door, drawing up the hopes of mankind.

Yes, love in action can be a harsh and dreadful thing, but out of its anguish a terrible truth was ransomed and set free: human life is meant for more than this world allows: we have a destiny beyond our poor reach, a destiny not even the darkest night can eclipse.
---That is why we were given the stars.

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