

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Sanctuary Votive Light:
Dominic Testo, *family*

Saturday, April 13th, 2024– Mass 4:00pm
Mary Heckelman, *Don & Nicole Heckelman*
Dave & Dorthea Castle, *Castle Children*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*
Daniel McKean (62nd Birthday), *Family*
Harold Jacobs, *Mary McDade*
Frank Giuliano, *Jack & Maureen Rogers*

Sunday, April 14th, 2024-Mass 10:00 am
John T. Perkinson, *Wife*
Edward Carey III, *Nancy Spain*
Dominick A. Testo Jr., *Family*
Joseph Frost, *Al & Patti Mgrace*
Helen Mihalko, *Family*

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024—Mass 8:00am
Mary Ann Elligott, *Ron Elligott*
Joseph Jabour, *Stritsman Family*
Alexander Holcomb, *Family*

Friday, April 19th, 2024 - Mass 8:00am
For the special Intentions of
St. Jude the Apostle Parishioners

Saturday, April 20th, 2024– Mass 4:00pm
Jerrie Richards, *Husband*
Michael Kehn, *Family*
Carol & Bob Webb, *Family*
Harold Cannon, *Anne & David Cannon*
Rosane Farcher, *Husband*
Alice & Joe Hunt, *Mary Ellen Hunt*
Tom Wessets, *Maria & Martino Tedesco*

Sunday, April 21st, 2024-Mass 10:00 am
John T. Perkinson, *Wife*
Philomana Mascatello, *Ada Rubino*
Edward Caesy III, *Phyllis Devery*



GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday the readings remind us that we are called to be witnesses to the presence of the risen Christ in our lives. We are not believers in a distant or a ghostly savior, but one who is real and active in our lives; one who actively intercedes for us with the father. That is the point of the Gospel today.

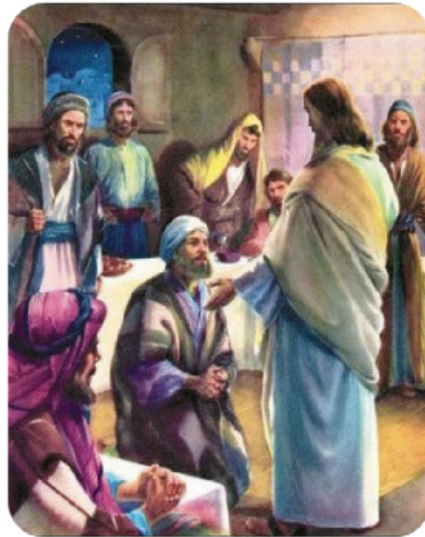
When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples, he showed them that he truly was with them in a concrete way by inviting them to touch his hands and his side. He told them he was hungry and asked to share a meal with them. In doing these things he revealed that he was raised from the dead in a glorified bodily form, and he was present to them physically and not just in a spiritual way.

Many of us can give witness to how Christ has been present in our lives in a very concrete way. We sometimes tell our stories of the ways he has enriched our lives or brought us healing and comfort in times of need. Often, we find that Christ is most present in our lives through the Church community he gave us. There he empowers us with His Spirit and gives the help of our community and He cares for us through the sacraments.

Personally, His church has always been a place where I find the kind of acceptance that doesn't come with strings attached. It has always been a trustworthy place to find good people to associate with and to work together in living out our Christian values. In the church, Christ helps us to find that richness in life that only comes when we place ourselves in service to one another.

Sometimes Christ touches us through the sacraments or the prayer of our community when we are in need. In fact, a few years ago on Easter morning my wife Stephanie was in the hospital. She was healed of an issue and saved from almost certain surgery after receiving the sacrament of the sick from Father Anthony on Holy Saturday. That was truly a miracle of Christ's sacrament in our lives. Through the years I have met several others who have similar stories to tell.

Another Easter miracle for me happened on Easter morning just a few days ago. I had lost my wedding ring on Good Friday and had been praying and looking everywhere I had been, over and over. Sure enough, on Easter Sunday morning I went and looked again and there it was sitting on my workshop floor, right where I had looked several times before. Hallelujah! Thank God!



Some of you may have had a similar experience where your prayers were answered, or you were touched in a special way while receiving a sacrament. The fact is the sacraments of Christ are always effective and sometimes we are given the grace to have their effect readily apparent to us. But, even if we have not had this experience, I am sure we all have heard others around us tell how Christ had answered their prayers.

So, in view of all these ways that Christ is present in our lives, we should not be surprised that this constant presence of Christ should bring about changes in us where others can see that Christ has a central place in our lives. Not only do we do we bear witness of all the blessings he does gives us, but the light of Christ shines through us when we try to follow His teaching and example. That's what Paul meant when he said that we cannot say that we truly know him if we give no credence to his commandments in our lives.

If we know him and we truly believe he is Lord, then we are compelled to look to him Lord for the truth. That does not mean that we will ever follow him perfectly, but it does mean that our lives should show his influence more and more.

Now, as we hold on to that thought for a moment, we should also remember what Christ said many times in the Gospels, "Peace be with you, do not be afraid." We cannot overcome our sinfulness by ourselves, but if we give him a prominent place in our lives, he will accomplish his purpose in us."

So, as we come once again to receive from the riches of his table, let it be our prayer that the His light will shine ever more brightly through us.



OUR CHURCH

Event for the Knights of Columbus:

KOC Next Meeting Monday May 6

KOC Chicken BBQ Fri Aug 16



April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day. Have you discussed with your family what kind of care you would like through the end of life? This can be a tough and sometimes an uncomfortable discussion, but so necessary. Without letting your family/healthcare proxy know, you are putting a lot of responsibility on their shoulders. Start the conversation for their sake and yours!



St Jude's Collection Reminder

Year to date, collections are under budget about \$10,000. With 3 months to go before year end, we need an additional \$800 per week to catch up. This is possible if every family could give a few more dollars each week. Inflation is hitting everyone hard and our parish too. Catching up will keep our office and programs open and running.

Save time and help the St Jude's Knight of Columbus Coats for Kids project by bringing your returnable bottles to the 6 Cent Redemption on the corner of Main Ave and Sharpe Ave in Wynantskill. Just drop them off and say they are for the 'St Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus' and they will count and credit the KOC.



Month of the Holy Eucharist

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.



MEGA RAFFLE

St. Michael's is holding our fourth annual Mega Raffle with twelve prizes including a grand prize of \$10,000. The sale of tickets began on April 6, 2024 with our drawing on May 19, 2024 after the 8:30 Mass. The tickets are \$100 each and are available after Mass or in the Church Office. Thank you for your support of this, our largest fundraiser of the year.





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