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The Third Sunday of Easter—April 30, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. cf. Luke 24:32

Congratulations to our New Members:

Congratulations to Phylecya Cheatham who received the Sacraments of Initiation. Congratulations as well to Jamie Laverette, Matthew Young and Seth Hundley, all of whom are college students, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We are so happy to have them as part of our parish family.

No Holy Mass in Spanish Next Sunday: due to First Holy Communion and our end of the year party, there will be no Mass in Spanish next Sunday.

**Last Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel is
May 7th**

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, April 30

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
No Meeting: Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting

Monday, May 1

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, May 2

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, May 3

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, May 4

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm

Friday, May 5

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, May 6

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, May 7

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass , First Holy Communion Celebration – 10:00 am
No Holy Mass in Spanish, No Misa en Español
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Reminder about How to Receive Holy Communion: Since we celebrate First Holy Communion next Sunday, this is a good opportunity to remind everyone about the proper way to receive. First, we are to make a sign of reverence before we reach the minister of either the Precious Body or the Precious Blood; our bishops have asked that this be a profound bow of our head. Nevertheless, genuflections, etc. are welcome. We are to respond “Amen” when Holy Communion is offered to us. To receive on the tongue, please open your mouth, tilt your head back and place your tongue on your bottom lip. If your tongue is relaxed and not flexed, the Sacred Host will not move. **To receive in the hand, place one hand on top of the other, raised up a bit (not down at the waist) and flat so that the Host doesn't slide; with your bottom hand take the Host and place it in your mouth IMMEDIATELY. Please do not turn your back and walk off with it. (Please refrain from passing the Host from hand to hand or other such things).** After receiving, it is customary to bless oneself by making the sign of the cross. If you choose to receive the Precious Blood, please take the chalice very carefully with two hands. **Parents are asked to keep an eye on your children so that they receive our Lord reverently. May we show the greatest amount of respect and reverence for our Lord who is fully present in the Holy Eucharist.**

Please Bring Food for First Holy Communion Reception next Sunday: We need parishioners to bring finger foods for our reception and the end of the year party for CCD next Sunday after Holy Mass. If you have any questions, please contact Jana Rogers or Cheryl DiChiara

Yard Workers Needed: if you could help mow, edge, & trim the grass on our property, please give Vern Crowe a call [REDACTED]. We could really use your help, and it is a great service to the parish.

Graduating High School Seniors: please let us know (by emailing or calling the parish) if we have teens who are graduating so that we can recognize them. Seniors will be invited to dress in cap and gown for Holy Mass, Sunday, May 21st.

End of the Year Party for Children & Teens: Saturday, May 20th at Extreme Athletics. More details to come.

Parishioners, All Children & Teens, come to First Holy Communion Reception/End of Year Party May 7: following Holy Mass. We want to celebrate with our children who will have received their First Holy Communion. We also need to celebrate another good year of religious education. There will be some great food and two piñatas, once again. **Dear parishioners, please make a special effort to come to First Holy Communion Sunday morning and the reception afterwards. These are the kinds of events that only happen a couple of times a year and that we should celebrate as a parish.** It is important that we come to them and build community. This also gives our children an unmistakable signal of how much we care about them and how important it is that they can now receive Holy Communion.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Sharon Listul, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Taking Home Easter Water: Be sure and take home some holy water which was blessed at the Easter Vigil. Any clean container will do for taking the water home.

Diseased Trees on Church Property: Unfortunately, some of the trees on our property are rotten or diseased and need to be removed. The tree that we will probably miss the most is the one near our new statue of St. Martin.

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Movie: "Don Bosco". Don Bosco was a priest who spent his life working with boys from troubled homes. To attract them he would do acrobatic stunts and challenge them to races etc.

Talk:

- Why God Still Matters by Karlo Broussard
- My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Robert Barron
- Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession (Series)

Children's Movie: "The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima"

- Use FORMED.ORG on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – May 6, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Maria Bernardo, Beth Ann Gibson
Ushers: Jeffrey and Rick Messick
Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Barbara Staskowski, Diane Leveque
Altar Servers:

Sunday – May 7, 2017

Greeters: Herb and Anne Huner
Lectors: Cathy Brunson, Mike Orlofsky
Ushers: Barry Smolcic, Jeffrey Blair
Gift Bearers: The Chris Huner Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Stacy Graning, Chris Huner
Altar Servers: Joyce Gallie, Marie Gallie, Brady Huner

Calling all Adults who have not been Confirmed: please call Adriana in the office or email us if you are interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation this coming fall when Archbishop Rodi comes to our parish to celebrate this sacrament. We are planning some meetings for adults only (separate from our teens) to prepare for the sacrament. The meetings will begin in early May.

Abstaining from Meat each Friday of the Year: Catholics are to abstain from meat each Friday of the year, not just during Lent, in commemoration of the suffering that our Lord endured for us on Good Friday. Unfortunately, this worthy and traditional practice has been lost to some of us, probably because it has not been taught and promoted properly. The only difference between our current practice and that of years gone by is that our bishops have given us the option to offer up some other sacrifice on Fridays outside of the Lenten season. Nevertheless, abstaining from meat is still the recommended penance. Exceptions to this law occur when major feast days (called solemnities) fall on Friday; examples are: the Fridays within the Christmas & Easter octaves, as well as the major feasts of our Lord, the Virgin Mary and the saints. When this occurs, we would not need to do any penance.

Sprinkling Rite & the Easter Season: The Easter Season is the most proper time to use the sprinkling rite. It is used in place of the Penitential Rite where we ask for the Lord's mercy at the beginning of Holy Mass. The sprinkling rite reminds us of our baptism where we first received the forgiveness of our sins, the removal of the stain of original sin, and the new life of God. In the sacrament of baptism, we die to our old self and rise to new life in Christ. This is a reality into which we all need to be constantly renewed. That is, we need to be freed of our sins and renewed in God's forgiveness. This happens when we confess them in the sacrament of reconciliation. This is how we experience the new life of God. In using the sprinkling rite during the Easter season, we rejoice in the new life the Lord has given us already and the promise of eternal life which lies ahead of us.

Thanks to Everyone who has Worked so Hard lately: We have really gotten some good work done around here. Thanks so much to **Barbara Patterson** and some of our ladies who did such a wonderful job decorating the church -and decorating some more- for the Easter Triduum. Thanks also to **Vernon Crowe** and some of the men of the parish who have been preparing the grounds.

We will Miss our Graduating College Students: Our college students provide great examples for our children and teens. Furthermore, they regularly help out with work around the parish, and some of them even teach CCD to our children on Sunday mornings.

Tithing Report April 23, 2017

Regular - \$3,165.00
Easter Flowers - \$50.00

Total - \$3,215.00

Renovation Campaign
Pledges Received - \$92,859.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 88%