



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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But He's Not There!

I know my mind works differently from a great many other people, but even for me the thought that popped into my head during the April 18 Good Friday service here came out of nowhere.

It is a pretty safe bet I was the only person in the congregation that day to think of a line from a 1964 hit song by a British group called the Zombies. What led to that unusual connection was seeing person after person come into the church, look to the altar in front or left to the tabernacle, and either bow or genuflect. That's when the title of the Zombies' song "She's Not There" came to mind.

Because, as the wide open doors to an empty tabernacle so clearly demonstrated, nobody was there. Jesus was not there. He was, at that moment, in a smaller tabernacle in the priests' sacristy, where He had been placed — as in every Catholic church worldwide after Holy Thursday — to await being distributed at the Good Friday service. That's the only day of the year the Catholic Church does not celebrate Mass, while Jesus is in the tomb.

In one sense, of course, kneeling or genuflecting to an empty tabernacle just demonstrates what creatures of habit we all are. And heaven knows it is better to do that reflexively upon entering a church than to ignore the presence of the Lord altogether, and just start waving to friends and talking aloud as if you were at a ballgame or in a movie theater.

As an aside, there is the matter of how to genuflect correctly for those still able to do so; a reverent bow is fine for the rest of us. But it is amazing how many Catholics, in churches everywhere, seem unable despite good physical health to perform such a basic move while making the sign of the Cross. It truly does lead to some astonishing contortions.

When you think about it, the real issue is not that most of us bow or genuflect to an empty tabernacle on Good Friday when Jesus is not there. The real issue is that so many Catholics hardly ever give a thought to visiting Him day in and day out when He is there, present but ignored in tabernacles around the world.

Lord Jesus, help us to be ever more aware of your sacred, majestic, welcoming, accessible presence every day in our churches. Because unlike the woman in that Zombies' song, He's definitely "there."

— Lou Jacquet

Mark Your Calendar!

"Brunch With Brendan" will be held on Sunday May 18 following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Please plan to attend and bring your favorite breakfast casserole or baked goods to share.

— Andrea Neff

Ursulines Seek Healthcare Aides

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Mass Dates Still Available

Mass intentions for Sundays and weekdays are filled through May. The only open dates in June are weekdays, June 11 and June 18. July 2, 9, 23 and 30 are available.

To schedule, call Jackie Niznik at the rectory at 330-792-3875.

May Ministry Schedule

Lector

Allyson Reed

Eucharistic Ministers

Debora Flora

Deborah Zalovcik

Sunday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Sherree and Kimberly Kalasky

by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Winterburn

Wednesday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Scott Moon by Mary Moon

Sunday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Blessings for All Mothers

Please Pray For Our Sick

Frank Roman, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Thanking Our Fish Dinner Volunteers



Fran Iaderosa, Julie Kailer, Dan Mihalik, and Shawna Bonacci



Audrey Zaksek, Bev Genova, Andrea Neff, Mike Dorbish



Joe Kachurek, Pete Michaels, Mike Ray Sr.



Dozens of parishioners and others helped make our Lenten Fish Dinners a success again this year. Those pictured were among them.

Photos by Deborah Zalovcik

Sunday's Scriptures: The Confession of Peter

Today's readings are from Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 5:11-14; Gospel of John 21: 1-19.

Often when we read the Scriptures, we don't notice the small details which tie together stories that share an important Biblical theme. The small details we examine today are a "charcoal fire" and the number three.

The first story is the very sad moment in the life of Simon Peter when he denies the Lord Jesus. After Jesus is arrested and brought for interrogation before the High Priest, Peter has followed Him and is outside in the High Priest's courtyard, warming himself next to a charcoal fire. It is by that fire that he denies Jesus a total of three times.

Peter is filled with remorse and shame, and never gets a chance to ask Jesus for for-

giveness, because Jesus dies on a cross the next day. It would appear that Peter is destined to carry this guilt for the rest of his life. But God is ever merciful; Peter is given a second chance.

Today's Gospel reading picks up Peter's story. After the resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles are fishing on the Sea of Tiberius. Jesus is standing on the shore; but the disciples do not realize that it is Jesus. "When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with some fish on it and some bread...Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast'...when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' Peter answered him, 'yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'"

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Jesus asks Peter the same question two more times, and adds each time, "feed my sheep." Peter's denial of Jesus is forgiven and he receives from Jesus total vindication in the repetition of the details. Peter is again found by a charcoal fire. He denied Jesus three times, and now proclaims his love and devotion three times. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, gives him the care of the flock (the Church).

Jesus is so good. He forgives Peter lovingly, tenderly, and completely. Jesus uses the charcoal fire setting and the repetition of three times sin, and three times an expression of love. Total forgiveness. Total vindication. Totally restored mission as head of the Church.

— Geri Jacquet

Bishops Cup Golf Event Set

The third annual Bishop's Cup Golf Classic, supporting diocesan seminarians and the diocesan Vocations Office, will be held Monday June 30 at the Lake Club, [1140 Paulin Road](#), Poland. 11 a.m. registration; buffet lunch; 1:30 shotgun start. \$200 donation per golfer. \$800 per foursome/team. 18-hole golf scramble with cart; hole-in-one contest and team prizes/raffles. Register online at [doy.org/golf...](#) Checks payable to the Diocese of Youngstown c/o Father Chad Johnson, [144 W. Wood St., Youngstown OH 44503](#); information, Father William Wainio, 330-678-0240. Last year's event raised more than \$60,000.

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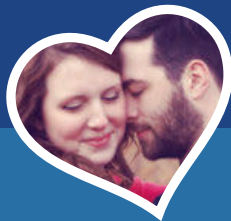
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