

# Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019



## *Congratulations First Holy Communicants!*

*Avalynn DeHaven*

*Hannah Doig*

*Anika Fassler*

*Maia Fassler*

*Andrew Goodstal*

*Marley Leddy*

*Maja Margiotta*

*Kylie McCarthy*

*James William Noviello*

*Landen Reed*

*Lucy Reynolds*

*Danica Winner*



*O Come Holy Spirit!*

## *Congratulations to our Confirmandi!*

*Kyra Rose Catherine Barnhart*

*Matt Robert Dominic Cox*

*Susan Mikhaila Philip Neri Gielskie*

*Sadie Lilly-mae Sarah Tucker*

## Rosary Society

If you would be interested in being part of a Rosary Society at St. Peter, please contact Kathleen at 746.8170 or [childofgod57@delhitel.net](mailto:childofgod57@delhitel.net).

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, a group of men within our local faith communities, are charged with serving the needs of our local churches and congregations as part of their mission. If interested, please join them tomorrow evening, the sixth, at St. Peter -- 6:30 in the conference room.

## Rachel's Vineyard

A Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion and will be held May 17 to 19 at Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham. The retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment.

Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost of \$195 includes room, meals, and materials [financial assistance is available if needed].

For information/register: 518.222.1160, 607.353.0039, or [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

## Faith Formation Make-A-Meal Project

Faith Formation made 18 meals of lasagna and sausage & pepper sandwiches, which we gave out in the community as well as in Downsville working with the Missionary Alliance Church. Thank you for the donations and the time volunteered.

## Ministry Updates Due May 19

If you will be away during the second half of 2019, please contact Nancy, 865.6879, or Doreen, 865.6724 (St. John/Holy Family) and Debbie, 746.2503 (St. Peter), who are putting the next schedule together. Thank you for giving your time to our Churches!

## Gospel Lectio Divina

John 21:1-19

Peter goes out to the sea, that is, the world, he goes to his brothers and sisters because he knows that he is a fisher of people just like Jesus, who went out of the Father to come and pitch His tent in our midst. Peter is the first to react to the words of John, who recognizes Jesus on the shore. He ties his garment and throws himself into the sea. It is as if Peter wishes to bury completely his past in those waters just like a catechumen who enters the baptismal font. Peter commits himself to these purifying waters, he allows himself to be healed: he throws himself into the waters, taking with him his self-conceits, his faults, the weight of his denial, his tears and rises again a new man.

Before he throws himself, Peter ties his garment, just like Jesus did when He tied a garment to wash the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper. It is the garment of a servant, one who gives themselves to their brothers and sisters. It is the garment of the Lord himself, who wraps him in His love and His forgiveness. Thanks to this love, Peter will be able to come up again from the sea and start all over again. Peter is now a new man!

That is why he will be able to affirm three times that he loves the Lord even though his triple denial remains an open wound. It is here that Peter experiences the forgiveness of the Lord and realizes the weakness that reveals itself to him as the place of a greater love. Peter receives love, a love that goes well beyond his treachery, his fall, a surfeit of love that enables him to serve his brothers and sisters like Jesus as a good shepherd. He, too, will give his life for his sheep -- he was crucified head down and becomes the lamb, who follows the Shepherd to martyrdom.

The Order of Carmelites

## Coffee Hour for May Crowning

In honor of the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Mother's Day, there will be a coffee hour after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Peter.

## Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

Last week we reflected on the need to forgive one's spouse. BUT... are there times when one should not forgive? No, but forgiveness does not require accepting destructive behavior. Forgive, but protect yourself. Make a plan to prevent a relapse.

## Pastoral Care ~ A Ministry of Immense Love

If you have a friend or loved one in need of Holy Communion or a visit, please give them a Pastoral Care Ministry pamphlet which has information about the ministry located in the vestibules of our Churches. Please notify the church at 865.7394, ext. 207 to request communion or a visit.

## Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

No matter what your religion (or if you have none), it is valuable to learn about the spiritual beliefs and practices of sundown May 5. Check out Teaching Your Kids About Ramadan ([education.com/magazine/article/Ramadan/](http://education.com/magazine/article/Ramadan/)) or watch this short video: <http://tinyurl.com/y5ax8cyd>.

## Family Perspective Bud Ozar

Jesus invited the disciples to "*Come and have breakfast.*" At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us meals should be more than just eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, as well as understand and support one another.

*Death has fled before  
the glory of the Risen One.*

~St. Peter Chrysologus