



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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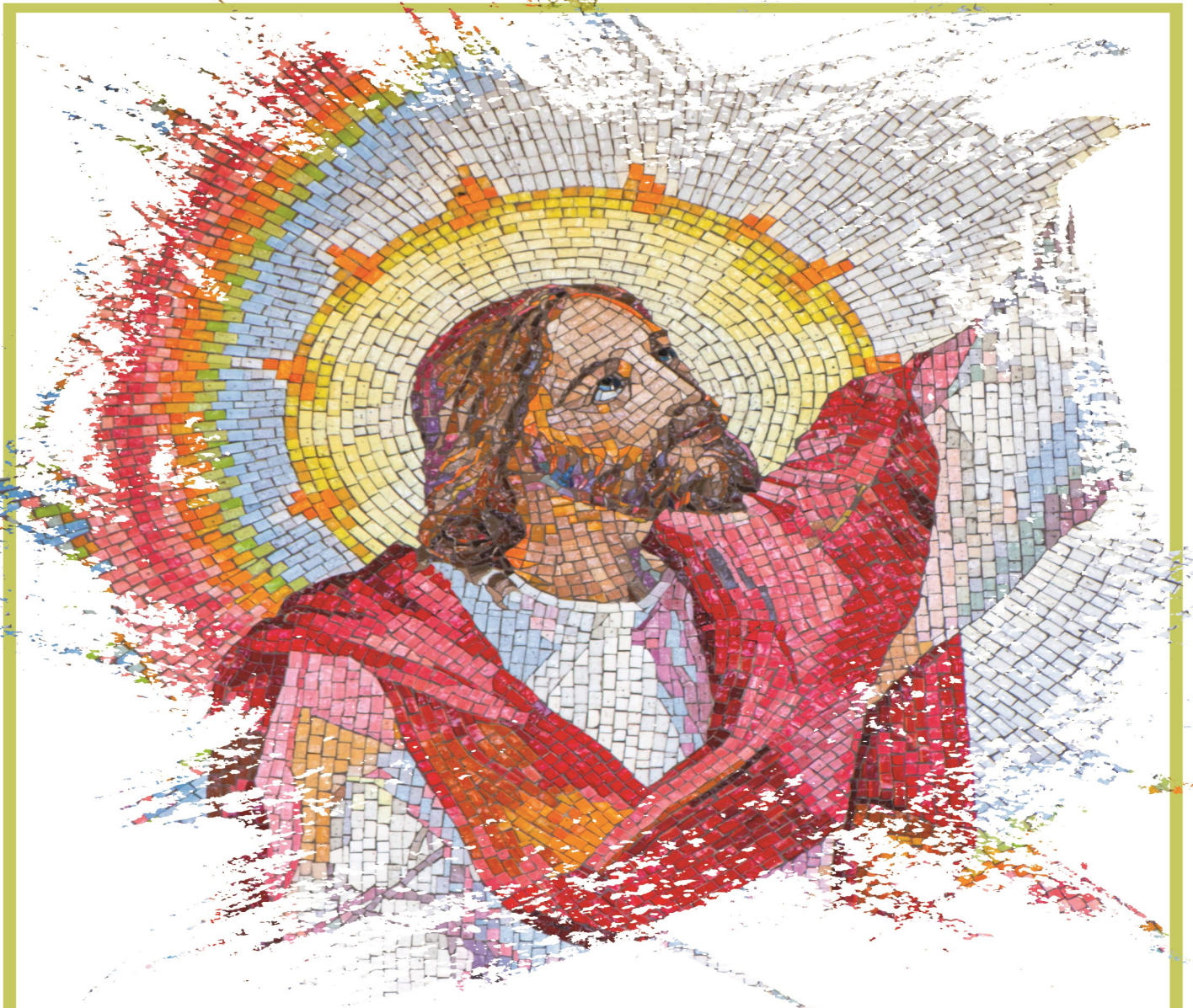
April 14, 2024

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“EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW
OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS
MUST BE FULFILLED.” —LK 24:44

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**04/13/24-Saturday-3rd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)**

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm For The People

04/14/24-Sunday-3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am John Flasicck by Daughters & Families

04/15/24-Monday-Easter Weekday

8:00am Paul, Irene, & David Sloan by Family

04/17/24-Wednesday-Easter Weekday

8:00am Jack Halmes by Family

04/19/24-Friday-Easter Weekday

8:00am Deceased Members of Joseph & Anna Flasicck
Family by Family

04/20/24-Saturday-4th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm For The People

04/21/24-Sunday-4th Sunday of Easter

9:00am David W. & Shirley Baker by Dan Baker

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF RICK PEZZI & CYNTHIA (PEZZI) PATRICK BY MARV & NANCY STELLA

PARISH COMING EVENTS:**Sunday, April 14**

- ◆ Faith Formation, Grades K-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.– 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, April 16

- ◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ K of C Meeting, Parish Center, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

- ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

- ◆ CD of A Game Night, Marian Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

- ◆ 1st Eucharist, Church, 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ◆ Confirmation Class, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT
MONDAYS Holy Hour-5:00 P.M.; Mass-6:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS 8:30 A.M.
THURSDAYS 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT+++

April 7, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,736.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 8.00
Total	\$ 5,744.00

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1068****THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

April 14. Texts. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, Psalm: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9, 1 John 2:1-5a, Luke 24:35-48

From encounter to exit. Jesus appears to His disciples firstly by dispelling their doubts and confirming them in their faith. Secondly, He then commissions them.

There is the first ENCOUNTER. Jesus appears to the disciples assembled in the Upper Room. "Peace be with you" He says to them reassuringly. They encounter Him and are understandably alarmed and frightened. They thought they were seeing a ghost! Jesus shows them His hands and His feet.

The disciples remain in disbelief. To dispel any further doubts Jesus engages in the ordinary human act of EATING. They offer Him a piece of grilled fish which He took and ate before their eyes. Ghosts do not eat! They have no bodies.

The tomb was open but the minds of the disciples were still closed. Jesus now gives them an EXPLANATION. He makes them see through the lens of Scripture how all that had been written about Him in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms had to be fulfilled.

The disciples listen to the explanation given by Jesus and receive ENLIGHTENMENT. They recognize Jesus: their eyes open, their hearts afire. They are enthused, energized and empowered.

Jesus then makes His EXIT leaving the disciples with the commission to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations and to be witnesses to His resurrection.

Every mission must always begin with personally encountering Jesus.

READINGS-April 21, 2024

Acts 4:8-12 (1st)
 1 John 3:1-2 (2nd)
 John 10:11-18 (Gospel)
 Fourth Sunday of Easter



DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 150 families, totaling \$41,860.00. Our diocesan target is \$40,870.00. We now are over our diocesan target. Everything we collect over this amount will remain here in the parish for our use. We encourage everyone to participate in this important annual appeal. Pledges may still be made by turning in your pledge card by mailing it in the envelope provided directly to the Diocese. If you have misplaced your pledge card or for some reason did not receive one in the mail, Lenten Appeal offering forms are available at the entrances of the church that you may use to make your donation. Thank you.

COME TO A LADIES' GAME NIGHT! Our Catholic Daughters will host this fundraiser on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. Bring a friend, family member, and a game to play! The cost is \$2.00 per person, Snacks will be available. Also, bring a used wrapped gift in good condition. We will be having a white elephant game at each table. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Friday, April 12th by calling Christina Bell at 412-309-0084.

THANK YOU to those who helped with our Lenten Lunch on March 27th. This includes everyone who made soup, helped serve, cleaned up, or came to enjoy the lunch. We truly appreciate it!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls of parishioners, Lucy Kowatch and William Kenney, and the soul of Charles Sabella, brother of Jim Sabella. May God grant them eternal life and peace.

LOOKING FOR CRAFTERS: In order for our parish to host a craft show in 2024, we need at least 30 crafters to make it feasible. If you sell crafts or know of anyone who does crafts, please contact Peggy Mosco at 724-464-7371. Spread the word!

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLET for the Easter season is available at the entrances of the Church. We invite each family to take one home.



SPRING BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE will be held at St. James Church in New Alexandria on Sunday, April 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee, and Tea. Price is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6-12 & children under 6 are free. For more information, contact the parish office at 724-668-2829.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Council 10960, would like to thank everyone from our parish who supported, participated, and attended the fundraiser, Knight at the Races #4. It was a great success, a lot of fun, and great food. This will support their charitable works throughout the upcoming year. Race #5 is in the planning stages with the date to be announced. God Bless.

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME...

To those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope or haven't been to church since little Joey's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up to fast. We welcome soccer moms, golfing dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or not. We welcome you if you are having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like "organized religion". If you blew all your offering money at the casino, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome too those who think the earth is flat, work to hard, don't work, can't spell, or came because Grandma is in town and she wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome the flexible, inflexible, tolerant, and intolerant, those who laughed, as well as, those who gasped at this welcome card. We welcome tourists seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts, and you!



May Crowning

The Faith Formation Program invites the parish community to join us on **Sunday, April 28, 2024**, for the recitation of the Rosary and May Crowning immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Church. Bring a flower to place before the Blessed Mother. This intergenerational event will conclude our Faith Formation School year. There will be a reception following the May Crowning in Marian Hall. Please join us for prayer and refreshments as we honor our Blessed Mother.

Please RSVP by 4-25-2024 if planning to attend

Name _____
#Children _____ #Adults _____

