



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20b-25 / John 10:1-10



Eucharistic Services:

6:00 pm Wednesday - Mass for Mother of Good Counsel

5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson, Vigil Mass

11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, May 7, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector: Molly O'Rourke

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel

as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community.

Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

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Second Collection

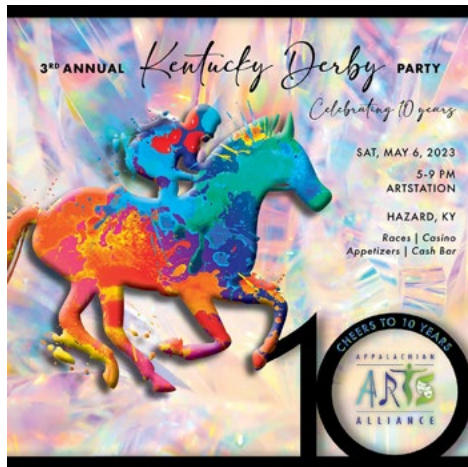
As a parish we raised \$140 for the Catholic Home Missions Second Collection. Thank you for your support of this collection.

Diocesan High School Retreat-

The diocese will be hosting a High School Retreat on May 5-7, at the Bluegrass Christian Camp (7463 Athens-Boonesboro Rd, Lexington KY 40509). The cost will be \$75 per student and the theme of the weekend will be the saints. Contact Michael Armstrong (marmstrong@cdlex.org) if you'd like more information.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

- The diocese will be sending a delegation to NCYC in Indianapolis on November 16-18. We had two informational meetings last month about the event, but if you weren't able to make those meetings send a message to Michael Armstrong (marmstrong@cdlex.org) for access to a recording of those meetings, as well as further details about the conference.



Derby Party

The 3rd Annual Derby is approaching fast, get your tickets while they last Saturday, May 6th the ArtStation for the most exciting 2 minutes of sports as Appalachian Arts Alliance celebrates their 10th Anniversary. You can purchase your tickets TODAY at <https://bit.ly/AAADerbyparty>

Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day

Thank you to all who came and celebrated our Feast day with the community and those who participated in the novena. The quilt raffle for the parish raised \$515 for the parish.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena

There is still time to pray the Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena for your intentions and those of the parish. See <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/lady-good-counsel-novena> or let Lori know if you would like a physical copy of the novena.

Becoming Catholic

Becoming Catholic group will meet this Tuesday May 3 from 7 to 9 pm to begin our period of mystagogy. All are welcome to join us in this conversation.

Eucharistic Revival

Each parish in the country is asked to participate in this time of Eucharist revival. This summer the parish will host a small faith sharing group "Jesus and the Eucharist." The study is seven sessions long, ready-made for easy parish use, and free of charge. If you are interested and willing to be the parish point person for this event, please let Lori know.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not always easy to discern the Good Shepherd's voice. Be careful. There is always the risk of being distracted by the din of so many other voices. Today we are invited not to let ourselves be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus...the one sure guide....

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 7, 2017

Upcoming Events

- 5/2 : Becoming Catholic
- 5/3 : Rosary (6:40),
Word & Communion Service



Monday

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

May 2
St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

May 3
Sts. Philip and
James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

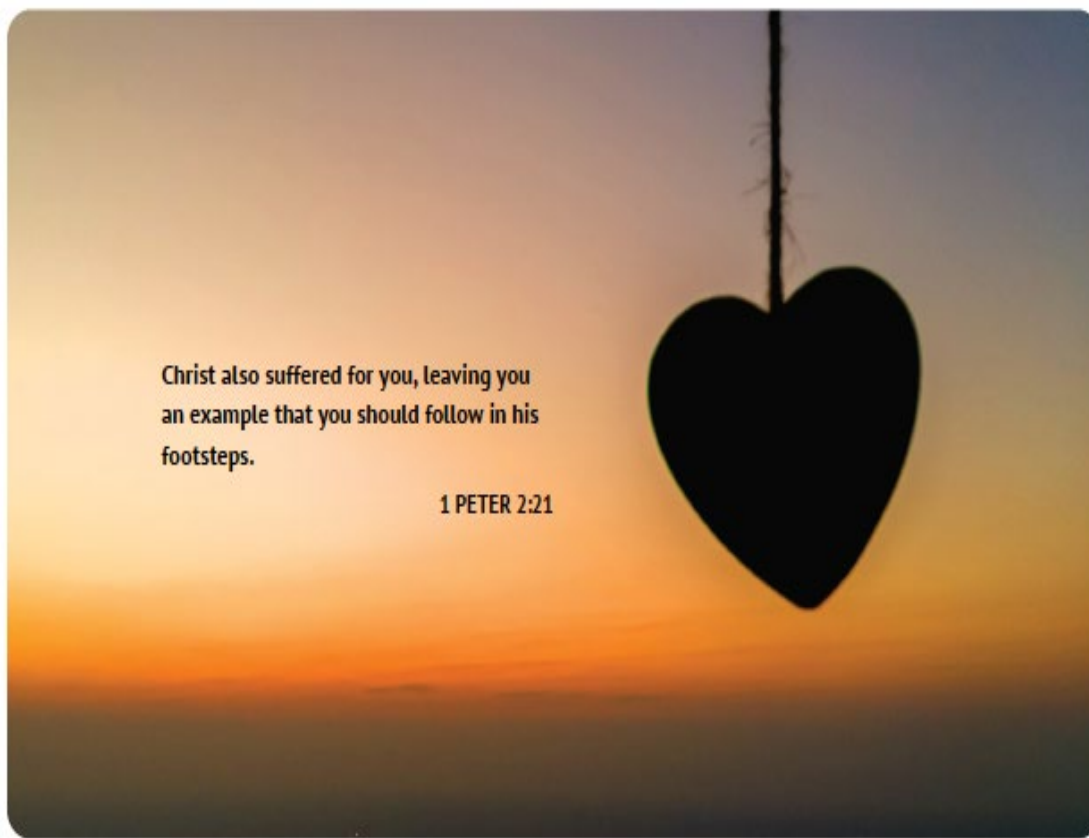
May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

May 6
Weekday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

May 7
Fifth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12



Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

1 PETER 2:21

Saved by Love, Not by Suffering

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Im not sure there is any value in suffering in and of itself. Nor do I think God wants us to suffer. That would make him sadistic. Nor is it, then, Jesus' suffering and death that saves us, but rather his love even to the point of suffering and death that saves us. It is his love that reveals the greatness of God's love for us that is so unbelievable. The basis of our faith is Jesus' trust in God, who would bring about life even through death. We also hear the wisdom of St. Peter today: "...If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God" (1 Peter 2:20). Such is the shepherd's voice that teaches us and leads us.

Does anyone ever choose to suffer for doing what is good? Yes. Every day. Spouses become caregivers for husbands or wives robbed of their memories. Each day people go to jobs that are pure drudgery, and they do so because they love their families. Some choose to

live simply, to be countercultural in a consumer society. Others help their community by living in neighborhoods many avoid. Some parents willingly postpone a career in order to be present to their growing family. Teachers often go beyond expectations for students

who need extra help. It is never the suffering of these people that captures and reflects the image of Jesus, but the love even to the point of suffering. ●

Reflect

When are you patient in suffering for the sake of doing good?

Who has done the same for you?



Dear Padre,

In the Apostles' Creed, we profess that Jesus "descended into hell." Is there any biblical reference to this? Do we know what he did when he was there?

Jesus Christ—who experienced death completely—descended to the realm of death. By his resurrection from the dead on the third day, he conquered death and the devil, “who has the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14). Other scriptural references include Acts 3:15, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:20, and Hebrews 13:20. An ancient homily for Holy Saturday also attests to this belief: “God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began....Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds and Eve, captive with him....I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.”

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him” (CCC 633). His descent was to proclaim the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there, bringing “the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfillment” to all people of all times and all places (CCC 634). Thus, “the gospel was preached even to the dead” (1 Peter 4:6). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Our Weekly Offering

4/23/23

Loose: \$167

Envelopes : \$1730

Catholic Home Missions: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$2037



Birthdays

5/1: Rhonda Hacker

5/3 : Waylon Roberts

5/5: Maria Braman, Tim Cory

5/6: Giovanni Lozano, Brenda Alitan

Prayer Family
Waylon Roberts

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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Monica Spare, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Chris Pulliam, Roy Pulliam Quentin Davis and Abby Turk.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intention for May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.