

3rd Sunday of Easter



APRIL 23, 2023

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Acts 2:42-47

Second: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

FOCUS: *Salvation through Christ broken and shared was always God's plan.*

God sent his only Son, who would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood. The disciples did not always understand this, as much as Jesus had proclaimed it. The Risen Christ broke bread and shared it with them, and they began to truly see and comprehend.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Peter teaches that David foresaw Jesus' resurrection. In the second reading, Peter teaches that we are redeemed by Christ's blood, and that Christ



was known before the foundation of the world. In the Gospel, Luke shares the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus who learn from the Risen Christ the meaning of his death and resurrection.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Faleni Family, Michael Wood and Beverly Oboyski

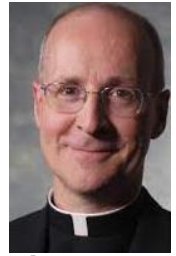
10 a.m.: Ronald Faso, Carmela Marino, Michael Wood and Kathleen Francis

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

8 p.m.: 60

10 a.m.: 146

A NEW SERENITY PRAYER



By Fr. James Martin, S.J.

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people
I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.
And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change
about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means
I'm not perfect.
It's better for me to focus
on changing myself
than to worry about changing
other people,
who, as you'll no doubt
remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.
Finally, give me the wisdom
to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows
what they're talking about except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.
Basically, God,
grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm
not you.
Amen.

(The prayer is sung by Terre Roche on YouTube.)

JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY ...

Did you know that under the umbrella of Christian Services is the **Helping Hearts Call Ministry**, which reaches out to isolated parishioners with periodic how-are-you-doing phone calls?

If you know someone for whom this would be helpful, give the office a call. Or maybe this ministry is calling you ...

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

April 9-16: Totaled \$ 6,914.01

Envelopes: \$ 3,004.00 – Online: \$ 3,910.01

THANK YOU!

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD ...



Spending 18,250 days with one person rarely just “happens.” Instead, it’s the shining expression of a lifelong commitment to vows pledged – a truly golden accomplishment to be celebrated.

The Archdiocese of New York’s **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place at 2:30 p.m. **Sunday, June 4**, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2023. Couples must register through the office by May 15.

But here at St. Paul’s, we think that spending 9,125 days with the same person is also worthy of celebration. Our Masses the weekend of **May 27** and **28** will honor those marking their 25th anniversaries as well as couples celebrating 50 years together. Let the office know if you’ve reached either milestone.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Twins Cole and Clayton Pine nestled into foam squares with their pillows and blankets last Friday evening – a comfy way to enjoy Disney’s “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.”

A wintry mix in early March forced the postponement of Lenten Family Movie Night to a date that saw temperatures soar above 90 degrees. Still, about 80 people – including a couple of families who had never attended Movie Night before – rode out the heat wave and then gathered in Deacon John Hall to watch this classic film about tolerance and respect.

Freshly-popped popcorn, a 50/50 raffle that raised \$155 for the Religious Education program, and compliments about the movie and the community experience rounded out the evening.

EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

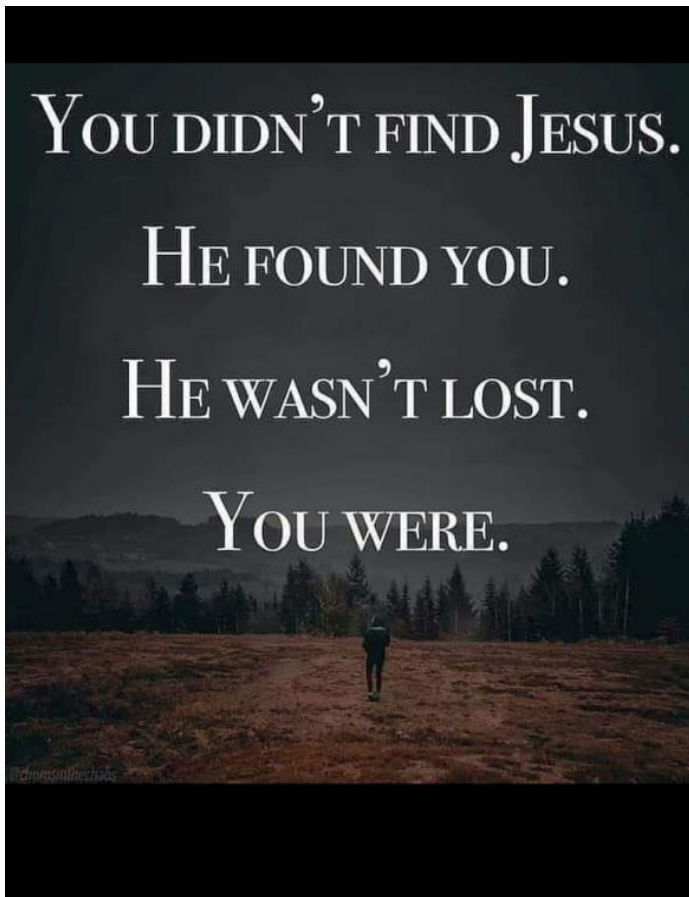
Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in London on May 3, 1991, and raised in Milan by wealthy parents who were not particularly religious. Still, upon receiving his First Communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying in front of the Tabernacle before or after every Mass.

In school, Carlo defended peers from bullies. He volunteered to work with the homeless, enjoyed soccer and was considered a “computer geek” because of his passion and skill with computers.



Using that skill, Carlo spent four years creating a website that cataloged the worldwide locations of Church-recognized Eucharistic miracles (wherein the Eucharist takes on the biological qualities of human flesh or blood or both). He completed this compilation of photographs and historical descriptions in 2005 – a year before his death from leukemia. Sadly, he never realized his dream of visiting each site.

His work, now the **Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** on 187 panels – and a first-class relic of his (known for healing) – will be at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point from **May 4** through **May 9**. Visit www.marianshrine.org to check times and events.



CARDINAL’S APPEAL UPDATE

From supporting needy parishes and religious education to mission and charitable works, your generosity makes a difference. As of Tuesday, April 18, **\$ 42,760** toward our goal of \$48,200 has been received/pledged by 108 families. Thank you.



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