

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ Easter Joy ~

**With Our Eyes we see
The beauty of Easter
as the earth awakens once more...**

**With Our Ears we hear
The birds sing sweetly
to tell us Spring again is here...**

**With Our Hands we pick
the golden daffodils
and the fragrant hyacinths...**

**But only with Our Soul
can we make our
pilgrimage to God
and inherit His Easter Gift
of Eternal Life.**

**And only with Our Hearts
can we feel the
Miracles of God's love
which redeems all...
Amen.**

Helen Steiner Rice

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Our Lady Chapel



Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

On the weekend of April 25-26, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at our Masses. Illness and suffering have always been part of human life. In illness, we experience our powerlessness, our limitations, and our mortality. Every illness can make us glimpse death. Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption — sometimes even despair and anger against God. It can also make us more mature — helping us discern in our lives what is not essential so that we can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to Him.

The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments, there is one very special sacrament which is intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness. The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to by Mark in his gospel, but is recommended to the faithful and more fully explained in the letter of James the Apostle.

Most of us remember the time when the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was conferred exclusively on those who were at the point of death; it's very name — "Extreme Unction" [Last Anointing] reminded us of this practice. But it is clear from the scriptures that this was never the intent of the sacrament. The early Church had an entirely different approach to this sacrament; the Vatican council restored this approach and returned the sacrament to its original name. Today, this beautiful sacrament allows us a special encounter with God during those times of illness in our lives. The cross always leads to the resurrection; sickness leads to salvation.

When are the times when we can receive this sacrament? There are many occasions: during any serious illness; before surgery; the elderly; mental and emotional illness; spiritual struggle; approaching death. Who determines when an illness is serious? You do! Whenever you feel you need the sacrament you should receive it. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has been the vehicle of many powerful encounters with God in the lives of people. **If you have or know of friends or relatives who should receive this sacrament, please try to arrange for them to be here. If there is a problem with local transportation, please let us know. Maybe some of our high school students will be able to help.** Join us for this special occasion.

SERVING THE LORD IN THE POOR:

For the past year, our teens have been volunteering at **Our Savior Lutheran Church Food Pantry** [located right across the street from the chapel]. The Pantry is open on the **third Saturday of every month from 11:00 AM – 1:30 or 2:00 PM.** Our Savior Lutheran's Food Pantry was formed to serve those in emergency situations and/or with on-going need in the cities of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights and Gates Mills. The Food Pantry respects social and cultural diversity and upholds the worth and dignity of those it serves. All those in the area with need will be served equally, as supplies allow. The food pantry is a member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. During the course of the past year, the food pantry at Our Savior Lutheran Church served an average of 141 households each time. Our teens have loved this ministry and have been very faithful to it. **We would now like to open this ministry up to our entire Chapel Community. If you would like to help on any given third Saturday, please call Patty at the chapel office [440-473-3560] to let us know that you are going to volunteer.** Come as a family or by yourself.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Please keep all these people in your prayers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Mia Nannicola ['19], sister of Cassie ['17], and Frank ['18], who is ill.
- For Jack Sutter, who is preparing for surgery.
- For Sister Regina Fierman, C.S.A., who is recovering from abdominal surgery.
- For Caryle Mattie, who is preparing for knee replacement surgery.
- For Olivia Nestor ['19] who is recovering from a concussion.
- For Jay Mulhollen, brother of former Gilmour housekeeping employee, Debbie Bowen, who continues treatment for lymphoma
- For Brother James Reddy, C;S;C;. who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Nicholas Zanella.
- For Mary Lynn Dunn who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jan Botek, wife of Fred, mother of Fred ['85], grandmother of Matthew ['14], Jonathan ['17] and Daniel ['21] Botek, who is undergoing treatment for dementia.
- For Dorothy Power, great aunt of Kiley Elbe ['15], who is seriously ill.
- For Janet Surman, sister-in-law of chapel associate, Patty Szaniszló, who is undergoing serious medical treatment.
- For Teddy Prusock, nephew of Lower School associate, Nina Prusock, who is undergoing neurological testing.
- For Jimmy Vickers, father of Lower School teacher, Caroline Holtz, who is seriously ill.
- For Phillip McNulty, nephew of Janet and Mike Heryak, cousin of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12], and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is undergoing treatment for Crohn's Disease.
- For Susan Cangelosi, mother of Lou ['09] and Marissa ['12], who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Brother James Gulnac, C.S.C., who is under hospice care for cancer.
- For Kay Yunker, aunt of Mary Schmidt, great-aunt of Maggie ['12] Schmidt who is under the care of hospice.
- For Dan Hathey, former Gilmour Tech Employee, who is critically ill with cancer.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

- For the captured and martyred Christians in Kenya
- For the families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- For an end to human trafficking..
- For the unemployed.
- For those who struggle with family relationships.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For all caregivers.
- For a special intention.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Father John will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you on **every Saturday** between **3:30 – 4:00 PM.** Confessions are also available "by appointment." The Reconciliation Room is located in the small chapel directly across from Father John's Office.



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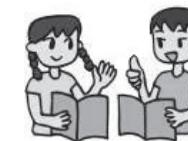
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Gayle Metsch who is seriously ill.
- For Roger Mallik, brother of Jan Leavitt, uncle of Katie Leavitt, who continues treatment for lymphoma
- For Brother Tom Maddix, C.S.C., who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- For Bob Danford who is recovering from serious surgery.
- For Brian Minotas ['96], Lower School teacher and coach, brother of Lauren ['99], husband of Laura Panzica ['02], who is recovering from a serious heart condition.
- For Bob Hurtt, Uncle of Gilmour Religion teacher, Sarah Reed, who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma
- For Celeste Kazel, sister, sister of Gilmour Counselor Jamie, and Daniel ['86] Kazel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Mark Steffens, grandfather of Emily ['15] and Natalie ['18] Kirk, who is undergoing treatment for prostate and liver cancer.
- For Matt Barry ['13], brother of Tim ['12], who continues treatment for cancer.
- For Thomas Bares, audio-technical associate, who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Maria Ricci, friend of Linda McGraw, who is ill.
- For Rosemarie Lemieux who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Gloria Cotton, former director of Residential Life, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Josh Rankin, son of Liz Peca Rankin ['98] who undergoing treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- For Kenneth McDermott, who is critically ill with cancer.
- For Chris Biggins who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jeff Warner, brother of Denise Calabrese, who is undergoing treatment resulting from a stroke and seizure.
- For Marilyn Malloy, grandmother of Will ['15], Kylie ['16], Gianna ['20], and Charlie Velotta who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Janice Feenstra, sister of Lisa Habe, aunt of Jack ['19] and Will ['20] Habe who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Janet Mehling, sister-in-law of Sister Mary Ann Mehling, who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Monica Starks, mother of Faith ['20] and former Gilmour student, Monica Joy, who is undergoing treatment for kidney disease.
- For Phylis McGinley, grandmother of Middle school Head of School, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-grandmother of Mollie ['21] and Abigail ['23] Edmondson, who is seriously ill.
- For Christian Connors, son of technology associate, Kevin Connors, who continues in rehab following an accident
- For Mary Kampman, mother of Mark ['81], Matthew ['85], Dean ['86], and Douglas ['88] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Stephanie Batt ['04], daughter of Debbie Moss Batt, who is undergoing medical testing.
- For Karen Wanders, mother of upper school Head of School, Jonathan Wanders, who is undergoing treatment resulting from a brain aneurysm.
- For Betty Herten, aunt of Hope ['13] and James ['15] Herten, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Sister Barbara Johns, I.H.M., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.



FAITH EDUCATION:

Here are the dates for Faith Education for the months of April and May — **April 19th and 26th**, and **May 3rd, 10th and 31st**. Our Sessions go from **8:45—9:45 AM** each time we meet, with the hope that our children would then **participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass**. We have a number of families who attend the chapel regularly who have children who attend non-Catholic schools. Our **Faith Education Program** will help to fulfill your on-going religious education. Our program runs from grades K-8. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in our Life Teen Program. **Please contact Patty in the Chapel Office (440)473-3560 if you have any questions.** Thank you for taking care of this important responsibility



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, April 19: 3rd Week in Easter	10:00 AM
Monday, April 20:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, April 21:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Wednesday, April 22:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Thursday, April 23:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Friday, April 24:	5:30 PM [Eucharistic Chapel]
Saturday, April 25: 4th Week in Easter	5:00 PM
Sunday, April 26: 4th Week in Easter	10:00 AM

WOMEN’S DAY OF RETREAT — MAY 12:

All Women of Our Lady Chapel, Gilmour Academy, and their guests and friends are invited to join us for our **Women’s Spring Retreat on Tuesday, May 12th from 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Lennon Board Room**. Father John will facilitate our evening of reflection. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by a refreshing dinner that you won’t have to cook. **Cost for the evening is \$20.** [Please know that ability to pay for the retreat is not a condition for attendance]. Dinner will be served around 6:30 PM, and the evening of reflection will begin around 7:15 or so. If you can’t make it for Mass or even for dinner, come anyway when you can. It will be a wonderful evening of spiritual renewal. So **mark the date on your calendars** and give yourself a treat in the Lord. **Sign up on the retreat sheet which is located on the easel which in the narthex of the Chapel, or call Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].**



BE PART OF THE SOLUTION:

Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

—Harold Thurman

REFLECTION ON THE THEME FOR THE WEEK:

In this part of the world, some flowers are blooming and, yet, some have already presented their colors and smiles and soon will be fading. It has been two weeks since we began singing “alleluia”, and, after a while, the beauty of the Resurrection can fade away as well. How long can you sustain a grin or a smile? How long can you stay upbeat over any bit of good news? Every Easter Liturgy invites us to hear some parts of the good news so as to keep us in touch with how the Resurrection of Jesus is the good news about our own risings. Each Easter Liturgy invites us to re-immers ourselves into the water of Baptism which calls us to new life.

When we live in this good news, marvelous things begin to happen which should not surprise us. Peter is speaking to a crowd of Jewish spectators who have come to witness the man whom Peter and John had cured from paralysis. The man had been begging for money, but the two apostles could not give them money; rather they gave him a recovery of his mobility through the Holy Spirit. Peter then reviews for the crowd — with a kind of Scripture lesson — the history of God’s relationship with the ancient holy leaders of Israel and how throughout this history God has remained faithful. — even to the point of raising Jesus to fulfill all the prophesies of the Servant of God. Peter ends with a comforting call to repentance and life offered through Jesus’ death and resurrection. He invites his listeners to drown themselves in the forgiveness of Christ, who before He was born, was buried in their own prophetic writings. This Christ — the Servant of Suffering — once buried in a tomb, now is alive and giving life to all who believe [Acts 3:1-4, 6-19].

The Gospel of Luke has its own Easter event. Two disciples had been taking their exit-walk from Jerusalem back to Emmaus. Jesus had met them, responded to their invitation to stay with them and while eating with them was known to them in the “breaking of the bread”. Then Jesus vanishes, but their hearts were so flooded with joy that they decided to return and reveal to the others what they had experienced.

What Luke presents for us on this 3rd Week in Easter is the rest of the story [Luke 24:35-48]. While the disciples are relating their being accompanied — literally — by Jesus, the very same Jesus appears in the midst of the group and extends “peace” to all. Terrified and thinking they were seeing a ghost, the assembly has a real Easter dinner. Jesus, knowing their doubtfulness, invites them to touch His body, and then asks for something to eat. Luke is greatly aware that his Greek readers were skeptical about such a thing as rising from the dead. He inserts this part of the story to comfort such skeptics. Jesus is offered some fish and eats it as a sign that He is truly Himself. Ghosts don’t have bodies nor do they eat.

Jesus concludes this appearance with conclusive evidence from the writings of Scripture. The law, the Prophets, and the Psalms all speak of the Servant having to suffer, die, and rise. This Good News is meant to affirm Jesus as the Messiah and that forgiveness of sins is to be preached from the top of the Jerusalem Hill to the ends of the earth. Those who have seen Jesus’ risen Body are now to become that Body by living His life and giving His life to the world.

The beauty of flowers do fade and the smells become wonderful memories. The beauty of the forgiveness of sins can fade as well. We humans tire easily of hearing about the same news stories. Day

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Michael Shea, brother of Lower School Teacher, Theresa Stark.
- For Rose Gareau
- For Jack Bertch
- For Joseph Hajek.
- For Harriet Gease, grandmother of Cheryl Weltle, great-grandmother of Hannah [‘21] and Trevor [‘24] Weltle.
- For Gertrude Scott
- For Norine Woost
- For James Kasczak, grandfather of Dominic Kasczak [‘16]
- For Peter Maisano, grandfather of Advancement Associate, Tricia [‘96], and LS Directress of Monessouri, Laura Novotney.
- For Lola Rossi, mother of former Gilmour teacher, Camille Krause.
- For Jack Conway, uncle of Martine Conway [‘92]
- For Viola Milite, grandmother of Lower School teacher and coach, Brian [‘96] and Lauren [‘99] Minotas
- For Nana Kwadwo Twaiah, Father of Brother Paul Asenso-Mensah C.S.C.
- For Mary Jo Paschke.
- For Bruce Strnad.
- For Nick DeSarro
- For Ronald Matthews
- For Anthony Britto, father of Father John Britto, C.S.C.

DRESSES FOR HONDURAS:

One of the nurses in our Gilmour Clinic is involved in a **dressmaking project** for the children of Honduras. They have devised a method of making sundresses out of common pillowcases, and then adorning them with other items for decoration. And that is where you come in. **If you have any old buttons, ribbon, ric-rac, lace or other sewing trim**, please bring them in. The group would like to collect these items to help decorate the dresses they are working on. This is an on-going project; the dresses will be sent to Honduras every time there is a mission trip. The next trip is scheduled for March of 2015. There is a **basket in the narthex of the Chapel** to collect any donations you may have. Thank you for your help!

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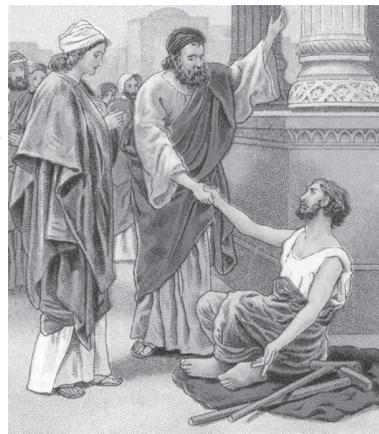
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“THE BODY OF CHRIST:

Luke bends over backward in his gospel to demonstrate that the risen Jesus’ presence in our lives isn’t just a figment of our imagination [Luke 24:35-48]. We must first understand that the early Christian community did not have just one way to surface the risen Jesus in their lives. Because, as Paul reminded his communities, the risen Jesus wasn’t the resuscitated historical Jesus appearing to his followers, he/she could be experienced in many different situations and in many different forms. After all, as the Apostle put it, the risen Jesus is a new creation, unlike anyone or anything we’ve encountered before. Yet he/she is real [see 1 Thessalonians].

It’s significant that Luke’s risen Jesus makes two Easter Sunday appearances in situations which have something to do with food. He makes himself known to his two “runaway” disciples at the inn in Emmaus during “the breaking of bread” [Luke 24:1-35]. And then later he proves that he’s not a ghost by eating a piece of baked fish [Luke 24:35-48]. In Luke’s day and age, proof that someone was real and not a ghost revolved around eating something. A ghost couldn’t pull that off. Whatever ghosts ate would simply fall through their apparent bodies and end up on the floor. They don’t have “flesh and bones” as the risen Jesus has.



But there seems to be a deeper reason for Luke putting Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances in the context of meals. He presumes the first Christians most frequently surfaced the risen Jesus during those instances in which they also broke bread — when they celebrated the Lord’s Supper. It wasn’t so much that they discovered this new creation in the bread and wine as much as in those who participated in the meal. In Paul’s letter to the Church at Corinth, we hear Paul bemoan a situation in that Greek Christian community in which some fail to “recognize the body” during the communal meal which then comprised Eucharistic celebrations [see 1 Corinthians 11].

Paul is very clear that the Body of Christ is found in the community — and not just in the bread and wine. No one seems to have had problems surfacing Jesus in the bread and wine; it’s the community — finding Christ in one another — that became the trademark, and the test of true Christian faith.

That’s why the Book of Acts and St. John’s first letter are so important. Discovering the Christ in those around us can be a messy process. People’s personalities will always be stumbling block. Like ourselves — they’re not perfect. Dread the thought, some might actually be sinners!

Perhaps that’s why forgiveness is a constant theme in our Christian biblical writings. Peter, for example, even forgives those who crucified Jesus. Though he’s convinced that they “denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released,” Peter also presumes they “acted out of ignorance.” Even those who killed “the author of life” can be forgiven [Acts 3:1-4, 6-19].

The author of John’s first letter encourages the members of his community not to sin. Yet at the same time the author takes for granted that people don’t always do this. That’s why he/she brings up “the Advocate with the Father” which each of us has. The risen Jesus is “expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world” [1 John 2:1-6]. If he’s already died for everyone, why do we make everyone’s sinfulness an obstacle in surfacing his/her presence in them?

If Jesus is alive among us, he is alive in real people — not only in those who are just a figment of our imagination. Is it possible that our determination to forgive one another might be the first step in discovering Jesus in one another?

—taken from the writings of Father Roger Karban, which appear on the internet

after day, week after week, there are very important stories — mostly political — being announced on the news programs. But we grow bored with the familiar, and we say: “What’s new?” “Tell us something we don’t know already!”

One day, a young man — realizing that his family was gathering around for a mass in their living room — wanted to know why they were doing this. When he was told that they wanted to celebrate God’s forgiveness, he replied: “We always hear about that; can’t we just skip to communion and get out of here?” He missed the whole point.

Jesus extended a deep relationship to His disciples by surprising them with the mystery of His bodily resurrection, but he did not explain how it happened. They had — and we have — our doubts and questions about such goings-on. Jesus continues to call us to take the leap into faith and drown in the total mystery of His sun-like eternal embrace of our humanity and ourselves — beginning from Jerusalem and ending where ever we stand. We, like the disciples, have our doubts and we want to sit on the side of the pool or “stock tank” and question and ponder. Jesus has risen to invite all of us to take the plunge and experience what drowning is all about.

This being witnesses to our being forgiven, and living beyond our memories of sins, is our participation in Christ’s Resurrection. Jesus rose that we might rise and live to the keeping of His commandments; he commissions us to live in His love with our love for others. We cannot skip over this either; we cannot simply go to singing “Alleluia” and smelling the flowers.

—taken from the writings of Father Larry Gillick, S.J., which appear on the internet

EASTER FLOWERS:

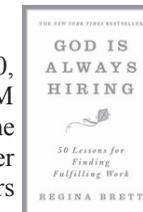
Our Easter flowers are in memory of the following people and families:

Brother Richard, Al Sobey, Eleanor & Curtiss DeMarco, the Rasoletti Family, Helen & John Blazek, Antoinette & Frank Rezabek, John & Mary Blazek.

Thanks to those who so generously contributed to our Easter flowers and the Flowers that will be planted outside surrounding the chapel. As we celebrate together the new life of Easter, we share also in the renewing of the world of nature. Please say a prayer for these loved ones and for their families. **If you would like to add your loved ones to this list of remembrances, please turn in your list of names to Father John.** We will publish this list throughout the Easter Season.

**REGINA BRETT PRESENTATION:**

Friends of the Gates Mills Library will hold their Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club, 7620 Old Mill Road, Gates Mills, OH 44040. 6 PM Cocktails; 6:30 PM Seated Dinner. Featured speaker for the evening is **Regina Brett**, the *New York Times* bestselling author, *Plain Dealer* columnist and inspirational speaker. Her third book, ***God is Always Hiring: 50 Life Lessons For Finding Fulfilling Work***, offers Regina’s uplifting, yet practical advice to help readers find fulfillment in their work, and to deal with unexpected challenges. Regina’s Presentation will take place following dessert. Copies of ***God Is Always Hiring*** will be available for purchase. Copies of the flier for this program are available on the table in the narthex of the chapel. Thank you.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

DEATH AND LIFE:

“Read it three times.” This advice came from novelist William Faulkner to readers who could not understand his book. He might also include all of the Easter Gospels in that advice. The Sioux Indians have left us a clever line — “The first question people ask after death is: ‘Why was I so frightened?’ ”

The Sioux braves would not have been as surprised as we were by the findings on life after death discovered by psychiatrist Elizabeth Kubler-Ross in 1969. They were revealed in her blockbuster book *On Death and Dying*. The book was based on interviews with people who were judged clinically dead, and then revived. Hundreds of thousands of copies are in circulation, even today.

Dr Kubler-Ross has had many followers. Their research method and hers were the same. Interviews were held with the apparently dead shortly after their revival. When the doctors pooled the results of their interviews across the US, they were amazingly similar. People recalled their soul outside their body. They testified to feelings of peace and contentment and meeting dead family members and a religious person whom some call Jesus. Dr Kubler-Ross writes this remarkable line: “The most common denominator of all these people is that when they come back, many of them resented our desperate attempts to bring them back to life. None of the patients who had a death experience and returned are ever afraid to die again.”

With Kubler-Ross as a backdrop, let us check out the Easter Gospels. Perhaps they can add to our information on life after death. Perhaps we can discover why Catholics, who have paid their dues this side of the river, would choose not to return after death. The Easter Gospels suggest that they have begun to party. They are living life in the fast lane — whatever language you like. There is the wisdom of the monk who said death is nothing more than God’s manner of recycling.

Check the resurrected Jesus of Luke’s Gospel [24:35-48]. He is a flesh and blood person. He speaks. He is even hungry. Why else would He eagerly ask: “What’s for supper?”



We do not know what kind of a body we will have after death. But there is a strong hint in St Paul’s letter to Philemon — “The Lord will transform our lowly bodies into copies of his own body” [3:21]. It does sound like we are going to go first class. Besides, most of us are unhappy with our bodies. Think of the number of times that you have compared the way you look, with that of someone else. We have nowhere to go but up.

Let us tackle the big sleep problem. College students often say: “Got to party now, Father! We’ll do all our sleeping in the cemetery.” Forget about that eternal sleep. The resurrected Christ is constantly on the go — Jerusalem, Emmaus, and then a three day walk up to Galilee. His trips sound exhausting. It is not surprising though. Jesus never said: “I am the resurrection and the rest.” Rather He kept insisting: “I am the resurrection and the life” [John 11:25].

Heaven then is not a place where we go to collect bed sores — you will not need your pajamas. Get your sleep while alive. Hold onto your seats, for the best is yet to come. This is all verbatim from the Easter Gospels. Death does not mean we go into solitary confinement. The resurrected Jesus is constantly surrounded by people. Luke’s Gospel is proof of that; and the last few chapters of John’s Gospel are filled with encounters. Did you ever notice how many meals Jesus is at after the resurrection?

I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all of those people, that they were mine, and I, theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness. Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts, where neither sin, nor desire, nor self-knowledge, can reach the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God’s eyes. If only we could all see each other that way all the time! There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed. I suppose that the big problem would be that we would all fall down and worship each other.

To repent is let the great soul — the image and likeness of God — reign within us so that, like Merton on the corner of Fourth and Walnut, we are so overwhelmed with compassion that indeed we do turn and face in a completely new direction.

—taken from the writings of Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., which appear on the internet

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15, John 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1, John 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1-8, John 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40, John 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20, John 6:52-59
- Saturday:** 1 Peter 5:5-14, Mark 16:15-20
- 4th Week in Easter:** Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

ATTENDANCE:

If you attend Mass regularly here at Our Lady Chapel, it would be helpful if you filled out a form [name, address, phone number, children, etc.] indicating this fact, if you have not already done so. Such information not only helps us to know who is attending Our Lady Chapel; it also is of great assistance to us in record keeping [for our friend, the IRS] of any contributions which you may make.

ENVELOPES:

- When you need a **new supply** of envelopes, please feel free to take a supply of them from the table in the vestibule, or call Father John at the Campus Ministry Office [473-3560].
- When you **use** your envelope, please make sure that **your number** is on it. If you need to know your number, please call the Campus Ministry Office. Thanks.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Baskets will be passed during the “Preparation Rite” and will be brought to the altar as part of the Offerings to help offset chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, your donations to Our Lady Chapel will be acknowledged so that you have a record for the IRS.

Total Offerings: Saturday [4/11/15] ----- \$ 1,745.00
Total Offerings: Sunday [4/12/15] ----- \$ 770.00

BIBLICAL METANOIA:

“Repent and believe in the good news!” — These are the first words out of Jesus’ mouth in Mark’s gospel [1:15], and they are meant as a summary of the entire gospel. But what do these words mean? In English, the word “repent” is often misunderstood. It seems to imply that we have already done something wrong, regret it, and now commit ourselves to live in a new way. Repentance, understood in this way, means to live beyond a sinful past. Biblically, this is not quite what is meant. In the gospels, the particular word used for repentance is “metanoia.” Literally this means to do an about face, to turn around, to face in an entirely new direction. But what direction?

Robert Barron, a young theologian out of Chicago, offers a simple, yet profound, understanding this. In his view, within each of us there are two souls — a little soul and a great soul. On any given day, we tend to identify more with one or the other of these, and we are a very different person depending upon which soul is reigning within us. Thus, if I take my identity from my “little soul”, I will inevitably feel bitter and angry. It is here where I am petty, afraid, aware of my hurts, and constantly nursing the sense of having been cheated and short-changed. In my little soul, I am paranoid and defensive. When I relate to life through it, I am short-sighted, impatient, despairing, and constantly looking for compensation.

But I also have within me a great soul. When I let it reign, I become different person altogether. I am relating out of my “great soul” at those moments when I am overwhelmed by compassion, when everyone is brother or sister to me, when I want to give of myself without concern of cost, when I am able to carry the tensions of life without a breakdown in my chastity, when I would willingly die for others, and when my arms and my heart would want nothing other than to embrace the whole world and everyone in it.

All of us, I am sure, have had ample experience of both — identifying with the great soul and with the petty soul within us. Sometimes we operate out of one, sometimes out of the other.

When Jesus asks us to “repent” — to do metanoia — what he is asking is that we cease identifying ourselves with the little soul and instead begin to live out of our great soul. The very etymology of the word “metanoia” implies this. It takes its root in two Greek words: meta — beyond; and nous — mind. Literally, “metanoia” means to move beyond our present mindset, beyond our present way of seeing things.

When one looks at the miracles of Jesus, it is interesting to see that so many of them are connected to opening up or otherwise healing someone’s eyes, ears, or tongue. These miracles, of course, always have more than a physical significance. Eyes are opened in order to see more deeply and spiritually; ears are opened in order to hear things more compassionately; and tongues are loosened in order to praise God more freely and to speak words of reconciliation and love to each other. To put it metaphorically, what Jesus is doing in these miracles is attaching the eyes, ears, and tongue to the great soul so that what a person is now seeing, hearing, and speaking is not bitterness, hurt, and pettiness but rather compassion, gratitude, and praise.

Many of us are familiar with a famous passage in Thomas Merton within which he describes a revelation he had one day while standing on the corner of Fourth and Walnut in Louisville. Among complete strangers in the middle of a shopping district on a very ordinary day, Merton had the sense that his eyes, ears, and tongue were suddenly attached to a bigger soul. Read what he writes:



What is Jesus telling us? “I know you need human companionship. You will meet your families again. Everyone but your mother will be surprised you made it into heaven.”

Also, as Donald Senior has pointed out, the resurrected Christ speaks no angry words, shows no tension, and has no enemies. This is a night and day difference from the pre-resurrected Christ. Think of Jesus driving those bandits from the Temple! [see John 2]. His Easter message is that we can leave all our tranquilizers and prescriptions behind us. There is no need for a pharmacy or health plan in heaven. The shadows of death may be long and dark, but the Easter Gospels tell us they are not forever.

After our respective deaths down the road, we will all say with the Sioux Indians: “Why was I so frightened?” The wise person tells us that those of us who are prepared to die are prepared to live.

—taken from the writings of Father James Gilhooley, which appear on the internet.

WORLD YOUTH DAY & KRAKOW, POLAND 2016:

The time has come for us to take the next step in our Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016. **It is time to start putting down deposits so that we can finance this trip over a period of time.** We will begin to contact those who have expressed interest. We have a link to the presentation which Chris Dube from Dube Travel did for us, so that you will be able to get all the details of our pilgrimage. Our pilgrimage to WYD will begin with our departure on **Friday, July 22**. Monday, we will visit Auschwitz and the German concentration camps, and see the place where St. Maximilian Kobe was martyred. We will then begin our trip to Krakow, stopping at Czestochowa — home to the monastery at Jasna Gora and the famous icon of the Black Madonna. During our stay in Krakow, we will journey to Wadowice — the home town of St. John Paul II, and visit the Church of the Divine Mercy and the Shrine of St. Faustina Kowalska. We will be staying at a hotel located on the square in Krakow, within walking distance of almost all of the events of WYD.

We will be attending catechetical sessions each morning, followed by evening cultural and spiritual events — daily Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, adoration, and many other experiences. Our group will officially welcome, celebrate mass, and take part in the Stations of the Cross with the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

We will return to Cleveland on **Monday, August 1**. Over 40 people have expressed an interest thus far in this pilgrimage. The invitation remains open to **Our Lady Chapel Families** as well as all **Gilmour Families**. Chaperones must be 21+ years old. Children under 16 years of age will be required to be accompanied by a parent. **Please contact the chapel office — Father John or Patty at 440-473-3560 to confirm your place on this life-changing pilgrimage**

ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3rd [and up] grade is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5th [and up] grade is invited to become a lector.** These are both wonderful ministries — a great way to serve God and the faith community. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, **please give your name to Father John**. You do not have to attend Gilmour to be an altar server, lector, or to be involved in any other ministry at Our Lady Chapel. **Please call the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

**KNOW THIS:**

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

—Charles Dickens

IT'S UP TO US:

In Luke's Gospel we read about the first appearance of the Risen Christ to a gathering of disciples in Jerusalem; Jesus had appeared earlier to the two disciples who were taking the Road to Emmaus, but now he appears to this larger group [Luke 24:35-48]. Jesus begins as he customarily does when he appears after his resurrection with the greeting: "Peace be with you." He uses these particular words only partly to stop the disciples from being afraid but he does so mainly because the greatest gift of the Risen Lord is peace.

In this encounter Jesus goes to great lengths to persuade the disciples that it is indeed he who has risen. He deliberately shows them the wounds of the crucifixion on his body, and even goes so far as to eat a piece of fish to prove to them that he is not a ghost. This is perfectly understandable since some of the disciples would surely have personally witnessed his gruesome death on the Cross of Calvary. They would have needed quite a lot of convincing that this was the same Jesus who had died right before their very eyes.

And what about us? What about our doubts and questions? Like tells us that they were all completely dumbfounded.

Also critics — both at the time and down through the centuries — could easily have said that the disciples were deluded, or that they did actually see a ghost or some sort of spirit. This makes the evidence of Jesus eating a piece of fish quite important. Luke's story of Jesus eating is a categorical denial that he is either an apparition or a figment of their imagination.

While the first part of Luke's Gospel establishes Jesus' credentials — proving to them who he really was — the second half of the Gospel shows Jesus explaining to the disciples that his death and his resurrection were already foretold in the scriptures. Jesus "opens their minds" — and ours. This is more than a "lovely phrase" — it is surely something we have experienced ourselves. Maybe we study the scriptures, we hear them explained at Mass, we discuss them with others — or we ask questions about them — and suddenly one or other aspect of the Gospel becomes crystal clear to us. Our minds — like theirs — are opened.

What Jesus is ultimately doing here is preparing them for their new role which is that of missionary — "You are witnesses to this."

Up to now the disciples had been Jesus' companions — his followers. Now they become his witnesses. Their new task is to give testimony — to be missionaries. And the same thing happens to us once we have accepted the Gospel — we also become missionaries.

The fact that Jesus explains the scriptures to the disciples in his own day ought to alert us present-day disciples that the scriptures are very important. It tells us that we need to study and mediate upon the scriptures. This is not something that we should leave for the priest to do for us on any given weekend. Whenever we go to Mass, we should pay particular attention to the readings; we should reflect on them and think about what they mean. It is something too that we ought to be doing in our own home.

There ought to be a Bible in every home — or at the very least a Sunday Missal or an "on-line app" that we can consult the readings ourselves. A Bible is better because we can read longer sections of text and see the events of Christ's life in context rather than just read the very short extracts we get at Mass.



understand the Scripture that Christ would suffer, die, and rise again so that repentance for the forgiveness of sins might be preached to the whole world [Luke 24:35-48]. This is Easter. Sin no longer will have a hold on us. Christ — the Victor over death — is also the Victor over sin. The world needs to hear this from His disciples — from us. Jesus is the expiation not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are given the mandate to proclaim the good news that if we are united to Jesus, His sacrifice will unite each of us and all of us to God.

Some Christian people think that the Lord saved them, but not other people. They think that people of a certain class, with a certain disease, or who have committed this or that sin are excluded from the Lord's salvation. So they categorize whole groups of people as damned — or, at least, as evil. This is not the way of Christ. If we dare to look closely within ourselves, we would probably find some form of prejudice in each of us. We have to fight against whatever prejudices we might have. No group is better or worse than any other group. Jesus is our expiation for our sins and for those of the whole world.

Arrogance is a dangerous thing. Arrogance hinders forgiveness — ours as well as others. God's mercy is available for all.

Jesus gives. He forgives. And He calls us to follow Him.

—taken from the writings of Father Joseph Pellegrino which appear on the internet

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Lady Chapel opened at Gilmour Academy in September, 1995 — which means that it has been used by students, parents, alumni, and the community for nearly 20 years. And in just a few months, we're going to celebrate our 20th anniversary! Many of the details are still in the planning stages, but we want to share some of the plans with you now. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 13**. On that day, **Bishop Roger Gries** will join us to offer a special Mass celebrating our anniversary. Then, **following Mass we're going to have a party**. Most of the details are still being finalized, but think of something along the lines of a champagne brunch. You're going to want to be there.

We'll keep you advised over the next few months as more details are confirmed, so check the bulletin regularly. But in the interim, if you'd like to get involved in the planning and execution of our celebration, please call the chapel office and leave your contact information with Patty [440-473-3560].

**CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:**

Spring is here. Another time to once again clean out the closets. Clothing that no longer fits, or has been replaced by new items, can become great items for others. Always remember the words of Jesus: "The poor you shall always have with you" [Matthew 26:11]. Please continue to bring your **gently used** men's, women's



and children's clothing to the Lennon Board Room, or place it in the cedar chest which is located in the Chapel narthex [just press the key button to open the chest]. We partner with Fatima Center to help provide clothing for general use. Also, **business work clothing for this season is especially needed.**

The Fatima Center helps men and women prepare for job interviews. If you have some of these items, this would be a good time to send them along. Clothing for all seasons is accepted, but please try to keep in mind that storage facilities are limited at Fatima — so it would help if you could focus on spring and summer items at this time. You may pick up a tax form when you drop off the clothing here at Our Lady Chapel — there are forms in the cedar chest. Clothing may be brought on the weekend, or during the week. Thank you. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

MERCY

Three weeks ago, we celebrated Palm Sunday weekend. It was during this liturgy the Passion of Christ was proclaimed. You listened as the crowd called out: “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” In some parishes the congregation has to read that part. Would you like doing that? Can you imagine if you really were there in that horrible praetorium demanding that Pilate send Jesus to be tortured to death? Certainly, when you heard the report about Jesus’ resurrection, you would have thought: “If this is true — and Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God — then I am doomed.” Even worse, if you were one of the temple priests fanning the crowd into a frenzy, you would think that there was no chance you would escape the fires of hell. But Peter tells the people who were in that crowd — including those who led them — that if they repented and are converted to Christ, their sins will be wiped away. He reminded them that even though you had demanded Barabbas over Jesus — “You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you” — God would not give up on you or on anyone. He knew that we didn’t fully understand what they were doing. We — like they — just have to repent of our sins and turn to Christ [Acts 3:1-4, 6-19].

This is how great God’s mercy is. People who had demanded Jesus’ death are forgiven if they repent and accept Christ. It is sad that some of us think that our sins are so terrible that God would not forgive them. Why would we deny God that power, that love which He wishes to shower on us? Nothing that we have done could ever be as bad as demanding Jesus’ death. We need to stop focusing on our sinful actions or inactions — we need to focus on God’s love and mercy.

St. John’s letter reminds us that Jesus is the expiation for our sins and those of the whole world [1 John 2:1-6]. First of all, what does that word “expiation” mean? The word refers to a sacrifice to atone or make up for sin. This might seem like a highly theological term, but we do this all the time. We just don’t call it “atonement”. For example, a husband or wife or a child is sorry for snapping at members of the family. He or she makes up for it with a little gift or a special meal, or perhaps doing some chores that are not on part of his or her normal responsibilities. These are minor things, but they are acts of “expiation” — acts of making up. “Atonement” is different. In the Book of Leviticus, Moses’ brother Aaron is told to bring a goat into the sanctuary and place his hands over it, calling upon it the sins of the people. The goat is then sent into the wilderness. The goat represents their sins. He is sacrificed by being brought out into the wilderness. The sacrifice is meant to make up for sins [Leviticus 16:6-10]. This is “atonement”.

This is also a prophecy of Jesus’ gift of Himself to the Father for us. Jesus is also brought outside the temple area to die. He is the sacrificial victim who takes all sin upon himself. His sacrifice makes us “at one” with God. Many times we will say: “Give your sins to the Lord. Let Jesus have them” — or “Lay your sins at the foot of the cross”. St. John is telling us that Jesus wants them. He knows that we ourselves cannot make up or atone for the horrible actions of sin, but He knows that He can and will. Nor does He want us suffering the guilt of our sins. So we give our sins to Him and are made one with God by Him.

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus appears in the Upper Room and opens the minds of the disciples to



When Jesus was teaching his disciples about scripture, he was referring to the Old Testament — the New Testament had not been written yet; it was only being experienced. Jesus wanted the disciples to understand the references to himself so that they could appreciate them for themselves; but these also became their means of convincing the Jews living around them of who Jesus was and what he had achieved and how this was foretold.

Today we have the Gospels and the other writings of the New Testament; these are even more valuable in strengthening our faith. We are able to read about the actual things that Jesus did, and learn precisely what he taught as recorded by the four evangelists. The New Testament is therefore infinitely more valuable to us modern day disciples. In particular, when we study the Gospels we are able to see how the words addressed to the Apostles are also addressed to us. We find that the Gospels have a real power and speak directly to us even though we might be separated by a couple of thousand years.

As we think about the words of the Gospel and turn them over in our minds we deepen our understanding of the faith, and we find wonderful material for prayer and meditation. Furthermore, the Chapel Bulletin offers articles and reflections on the scriptures to enable us to apply them to our daily lives — material that you can meditate on throughout the week. Try doing this sometime; it will do you no end of good.

The Book of Acts of the Apostles gives us a “hands-on” example of this can work in our lives [Acts 3:1-4, 6-19]. Peter and John heal a man at the temple gates. This even leads to Peter setting about the task of witnessing to Christ. We see how he fearlessly stood up in front of the people and explained to them precisely who Jesus Christ was and invited them to repent of their sins.

We might not think that we could be as eloquent or courageous as Peter, but we should not jump to this conclusion too hastily. Instead of shutting our mouths when some topic of faith is discussed, we should not hesitate to speak out — it is only when we speak that we will find the words.

Let us not forget that we are Christ’s missionaries in the world of today, and unless we speak out, the Good News will not be heard — and our world and lives will be the less for it. Jesus reminds us in the last line of every Gospel that the forgiveness of sins needs to be preached to all the nations. Who will do this preaching if it is not us? —taken from the writings of Father Alex McAllister, S.D.S., which appear on the internet

PRAY THE ROSARY:

Please join us as we **pray the Rosary every Saturday at 4:25 PM** in the Eucharistic Chapel. In the words of Pope John Paul II: “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of the third millennium, a prayer of great significance. It has the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.” Please join us.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — THE EDGE:**

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on **Sunday, May 3rd, we will meet. We will be experiencing “Soulcare” — a program of exercise and prayer.** Come and find out what **the EDGE** is all about. If you have not joined us before, that’s OK. **Just call the office and let us know that you are going to be coming.** We ask you to do this because there will be food involved. **Our final meeting of the year will be on Sunday, May 31st, when we will be honoring our 8th graders and our Seniors.** Our EDGE Youth Group has a Faith-Service-Social component, and we need your help. Join in on an exciting happening. **Call the Chapel Office at 440-473-3560.** Join us for a fun filled faith experience. All are welcome.



JESUS DROPPED HIS CROSS, TOO!!!

Imagine for a minute that you are on a mountain with Jesus. You're both having a great time. Our Lord is telling hilarious jokes, and you feel like you're on top of the world. The view is magnificent — but then you fall. For some reason you were walking too close to the edge, and now you're plummeting into a downward spiral. As you are falling you're remembering your mountaintop encounter — your relationship with Christ, the beautiful view, and the joy in your heart. You're upset that you're falling; but despite your descent, you manage to whisper the name of Jesus.

Then, immediately Jesus stretches out His hand [Matthew 15:31], and tells you to have confidence in Him because He knows what it feels like to fall. He knows what it feels like to put total trust in The Father. He tells you that He will not forsake you [Deuteronomy 31:6], and that although we may stumble [Psalm 37:24], we will be raised up to new life with Him.

It's easy to feel discouraged when we sin — especially when we're really persevering to please God in our walk with Christ. But did you catch what was said above? Jesus Christ, Son of God, knows what it feels like to fall! And although He never sinned, it is written that He fell three times in the Way of the Cross before enduring His passion — not once, but three.

This is a huge testimony of hope for us.

But how do we get back up? Jesus wasn't alone when He was carrying His cross to Calvary. Sure, maybe He had Roman soldiers whipping Him all the way to Golgotha, but He also had companions that gave Him strength — and so do we!

Jesus falls the first time. Then — in the Fourth Station of the Cross — Jesus meets His mother. This station asks us to consider the pain that Jesus and Mary felt when they made eye contact with each other, but there is also an even deeper sense of contentment here — her heart is pierced. Jesus is aching with pain as He struggles to keep moving, but Mary's trust in God renews Jesus' strength — and she will renew ours, also. Jesus is reminded of God's will for Him to suffer for the sake of the whole world, and Mary's presence fills Him — and us — with a maternal grace needed to travel on.

This interaction shows us that when we ask Our Lady for her intercession of continual love and guidance through suffering by praying the rosary, for example, we can be confident that she will be close with us. After all, one of the last things Jesus did on the cross was entrust us to Mary saying: "Woman, behold your son." Then He said to the disciple: "Behold, your Mother" [John 19:26-27]. Jesus willed that we stay close by Mary's side while imitating her gentle trust in God as we get back up to carry on. If Jesus wants us to be close with Mary, what reason is there not to be?

The Roman soldiers are angry at the slow pace that Jesus is moving, and they grab Simon of Cyrene from the crowd to help Him carry His cross. Simon didn't know Jesus — but He still helped Him on His journey. Even though Jesus was in such difficult shape, He still was a witness to Simon because Jesus believed in what He was walking toward.

Then a woman from the crowd named Veronica approaches Our Lord. She sees His affliction, and wipes His face clean. An image of His beloved face was left imprinted on the cloth. For us, this shows that even when we endure and rejoice with Christ at our weakest points, it can leave an impression on people. How many times have we heard the phrase: "Actions speak louder than words"? Our witness to the Gospel leaves an impact in the simplest of ways.

Jesus falls a second time. Each time it gets harder to stand, but He does it for us — and in turn, we have strength to stand back up for Him. Simon hardly knew the significance in what Jesus' death would entail, but the perseverance in Jesus' eyes revealed something more for you and me, and our death to self when following Christ reveals something bigger, too. We need humility when the cross splinters our

hands and we can't seem to put one foot in front of the other. We need Christ to show us how to bear the heavy load.

Jesus falls a third time. Jesus knew that His journey was coming to an end — soon, He would outstretch His arms and love would nail Him to the cross for our sake. Now we better understand what Jesus meant when He said: "My grace is sufficient for you, and my power is made perfect in weakness" [2 Corinthians 12:9]. Weakness — not strength. To all of us, this is an inspiration that drives an arrow straight through the heart. Why? Because we are all sinners. We're broken, lost, and weak, but Jesus gladly embraces His cross and dies for you and me. He breaks down a multitude of barriers that we put on our hearts. No matter how many times He fell on His way to Calvary, He gets back up again because of the joy that is Heaven.

So whether or not you're struggling in carrying your cross lately, recognize that there's always hope in knowing that we're never alone in our fight home. This is true for any cross that we will have to bear. Our path to Heaven isn't going to be a smooth sailing journey, but Jesus wants us to know that no matter how many times we fall, we still have so much to stand back up for. And if we take the time to notice it, we will see that there are many people who are willing to help us until "It is finished" [John 19:30].

Christ who is rich in mercy never tires to forgive and help us to carry on — we're the ones who forget how to keep going. Christ knows all too well what it feels like to fall under the weight of the cross on the way to Calvary. He knows what it's like to suffer. But He also knows what it's like to rejoice despite how heavy the weight of sin is. In His humanity we're called to model His strength.

But we can't do it alone. Holiness is never attained alone. If we're truly imitating Christ, then we know that we can get right back up with some help along the way from our Holy Mother, friends, and even strangers.

I don't know about you, but I can relate to a God who gets up even after falling down, and whose power is made perfect in weakness. We're not perfect — life takes some wild turns — but God is always meeting us where we are on our road to Him — and He's always ready to catch us if we fall.

Whisper the name of Jesus. Keep fighting. Keep getting back up.

—taken from the writings of Laitlyn Callahan, a college student

LIFE TEEN:

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on **Sunday, April 26th — we will be talking about staying strong as the school year begins to wind down.**  Come and try us out. Life Teen meets right after Sunday Mass — from **11:30 AM—1:00 PM** in the **Lennon Board Room**. Life Teen is open to **all high school aged young people**. **Just call the office and let us know that you are going to be coming.** We ask you to do this because there will be food involved. **Our final meeting of the year will be on Sunday, May 31st, when we will be honoring our Seniors and our 8th graders.** We have a great deal of fun together and we grow in our faith at the same time. **Respond to your texts and/or emails, or call the chapel office [440-473-3560] to be notified.** Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

DEATH AND LIFE — PART 2:

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:35, 38-39