

CLOSING PRAYER:

~ A Prayer in Times of Doubt ~

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire
in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do
anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this
you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear,
for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me
to face my perils alone.
Amen.

—Thomas Merton

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.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

At all our Masses on the weekend, April 29-30, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. 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 [James 5:14-15].

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.** Join us for this special occasion.

Play Ball!

Our Lady Chapel is going back to Classic Park to watch the Lake County Captains. Join us on **Friday, June 30th**. Game time is **7:00 PM** to watch the Lake County Captains take on Fort Wayne TinCaps. **Tickets are \$25.00 each and include game ticket, picnic dinner and postgame 4th of July fireworks.** The picnic begins at 6:30 PM and will continue until 8 PM. Sign up on the easel in the narthex. **Final day to RSVP is Monday, June 19th.**

EASTER FLOWERS:

Once again, we would like to ask for help in offsetting the cost of our Easter flowers. As has been our custom, we will remember your loved ones in prayer throughout the entire Easter Season. Following Easter, the flowers will be planted outside in areas surrounding the chapel. As we celebrate together the new life of Easter, we share also in the renewing of the world of nature. We would like to remember: **Eveyn Bibbo, James Maruna, and Members of the Heryak, Wyrwas, Blazek and Rezabek Families.** Please say a prayer for our 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.

REALIZE THIS:

God does not only call upon great saints to reveal his love for the world; he also calls the broken and desparate.

—Matthew Archbold

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- For Kathy and Jim Pender, parents of Mark ['83] and Michael ['90] Pender, grandparents of Matthew ['11], Charlotte ['13] Pender, and Katherine ['17] and Tyler ['19] Clark, who are both seriously ill with health issues.
- For Father Diego Irarrazaval, C.S.C., who is critically ill following a stroke.
- For Megan Schaefer Wenker ['09], who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.
- For Anna Heryak, Aunt for Mike Heryak, great aunt of Lilian Heryak Tran ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is under the care of Hospice.
- For Paul Hannon, who has serious health issues.
- For Sharon Wilson, wife of Brother Ken's nephew, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Martin Murphy, father of Maureen Linz ['84], Baseball Coach, John Murphy ['88] and Julie Cathey ['90], father-in-law of Amy Sullivan Murphy ['88], grandfather of Michael ['16], Molly ['18] and Megan ['19] Murphy, who is undergoing treatment following a stroke.
- For Ralph Elwart, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For William Schiedel, who is experiencing complications with cancer treatments.
- For Janis Barnes who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Lisa Samples, who is recovering from multiple injuries sustained in a fall.
- For Frank Potenziani, father of David ['95] and Cyrena ['01] Potenziani, who is seriously ill.
- For Gia Cefferati, aunt of Rylyn ['23] and Jackson ['25] Anderson, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

FOR THE DECEASED:

- For Dennis Kavran, husband of Charlene, father of Dennis ['86] and Jennifer ['95] Kavran. [anniversary]
- For Leonard DeFino, father of Leonard ['09], Madeline ['10], and John ['12]
- For Lee Tavis
- For Rob Kaleta, friends of Linda and Bob Monitello.
- For Iris Davila, aunt of Wendy Andino.
- For Barbara Kiebler, grandmother of Paul [23] and Gavin [25] Kiebler
- For Father William Krizner, pastor-emeritus of St. Colette Parish
- For William Foster, Sr., father of Lexi ['19] and Will ['21] Foster
- For Leonard Kelley, grandfather of Bri Redmon ['24]
- For Vince Falcione

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 4:23-31, John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, John 6:16-21

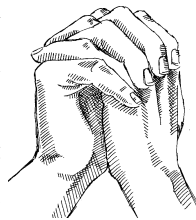
3rd Week in Easter: Acts 2:14-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

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- For Jackie and Dale Rusnik, aunt and uncle of Jakob Bennish ['30], who are both struggling with health issues.
- For Kevin Kennedy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic and lung cancer.
- For Maria Ruiz, mother of Elina Gurney, grandmother of Joseph and Christina Gurney, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Susan Vance-Johnson, sister of Chief Advancement Strategy Officer, Ray Murphy, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- For Ken Matty, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Chuck Shade, father of Loren Shade, grandfather of Michael, Madeline, and Charles Shade, who is in seriously ill with several health issues.
- For Chuck Campanella, father of Anthony Campanella, who is in rehab following serious surgery.
- For Bill McGinley, father of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, and grandfather of Mollie ['21] and Abby ['23] Edmondson, who is recovering from health treatment.
- For Laurie Lozier, sister of Fathers Bill and Jim Lies, C.S.C, who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of dementia.
- For Kim Clark, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- For Paula Smith, mother of Tyler ['10] and Alec ['13] Smith, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Andy Andino, Sr., father of Music Director, Andy Andino, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jill Shemory, mother of Adam ['08], who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Carol Lowen, mother of Denise Shade, grandmother of Madeline, Michael, and Charles Shade, who is undergoing treatment for Breast Cancer.
- For Sue Elliott, who is critically ill with complications of Parkinson's Disease.
- For Cameron Monesmith, who is recovering from Brain surgery
- For Baylea O'Brian, friend of former Gilmour Teacher, Erin Thompson, who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma
- For Walter Carey, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Carol Triplett, sister of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Judy Collins, aunt of Chief Academic Officer, Elizabeth Edmondson, great-aunt of Mollie ['21] and Abbie ['23] Edmondson, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- For Marina McCarter, grandmother of Aaron ['25] and Mason ['28] McCarter, who is ill
- For Susan Plavcan, sister-in-law of Linda McGraw, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For James Law, husband of LS resource associate, Elana Law, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- For Fletcher Linsz, brother of Logan Linsz ['26], who is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- For Michael Nestor ['98], who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer.
- For Bernice Girgash, aunt of Basketball Coach and Counselor, Dan DeCrane, and great-aunt of Mackenzie DeCrane ['36], who is undergoing treatment for cancer..
- For Melita Chiacchiari, mother of Mark ['94], mother-in-law of Michelle DeBacco ['96], grandmother of Aurelia ['28], and Olivia ['30] Chiacchiari, who is undergoing further treatment for cancer.
- For Mike Heryak, husband of Janet, father of Lillian ['09], Rosa ['12] and Edwin ['17] Heryak, who is seriously ill.



NEXT BIBLE STUDY — WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th:

Our next Virtual Bible Study will be on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM. Bible Study continues to meet bi-weekly. The Bible Study is open to everyone — all middle and high school students, college students, young adults, and all adults. We will all come together to be enriched by God's word. It's a great time, and a good witness of our faith to others. If you can't come at 6:30, come when you can. Gather your favorite snack and/or drink, but be prepared to be nourished on God's word.



Our topic: What is next? — grieving and the Resurrection

We also need your help — we need future topics. **So, if you have a topic that you would like us to discuss, please let Father John know.** Mark your calendars and be part of this wonderful activity that will deepen your spiritual journey. **We will meet every other week — topic to be decided at the end of the previous meeting.** Join us. You'll have a blast, and celebrate your faith along the way..

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream
Monday, April 17:	Check with Office for time
Tuesday, April 18:	Check with Office for time
Wednesday, April 19:	Check with Office for time
Thursday, April 20:	Check with Office for time
Friday, April 21:	Check with Office for time
Saturday, April 22: 3 rd Week in Easter	5:00 PM In Person
Sunday, April 23: 3 rd Week in Easter	10:00 AM In Person & Live Stream

FAITH EDUCATION:

Faith Education meets next on Sunday, April 23rd and April 30th at 8:45 AM. As has been our custom in the past, our Faith Education Classes are followed by our 10 AM Mass which is held in the chapel. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the Chapel Office [440-473-3560].** Thank you.



THE JOURNEY THROUGH DOUBTS TO FAITH:

John's Gospel takes all of our Easter idealism — our delight in the Risen Savior — and gives us a sobering dose of reality. The story of Thomas [John 20:19-31], as well as recent events in our country and world, should lead all of us to question the relationship between faith, doubt, and crisis.

It is very, very easy to be a person of faith when everything is going well. When life is without any really deep crisis, when the hardest things to accept are the deaths of elderly parents and hospitalization for minor ailments — like appendicitis — it is easy for each of us to be a person of faith. But when a crisis tears at our hearts — as when a young spouse dies, or, worse still, a child dies, or a marriage is evidently on the rocks — then very often we feel our faith ebbing. Many times we enter into a period of

anger at God, and a time of doubt. This does not mean that we have lost our faith; it simply means that we are being called to a deeper faith.

It was easy for the disciples to believe in the Lord when they felt the magnetism of His words, or when they witnessed His healings and saw His miracles. But it was much harder for them to believe after He had been taken away to be killed. It was harder for them to believe when they realized that they also could be killed for having been His followers. Thomas doubted the Resurrection because he had suffered the crisis of the crucifixion. His faith in God waned. Like the other specially chosen disciples who would later be called apostles — like Peter, James, Andrew, Bartholomew, Simon and all the rest — Thomas ran and hid. He was not to be found on Golgotha. He was too afraid to remember the promises of the Lord. But his faith was restored when he saw the Lord. At this point Jesus told Thomas about a greater faith — a faith to which God has called you and me to. The Lord looked at Thomas and then looked down the ages at us and said: “Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe.”

When a crisis hits us we all pray for deliverance — “God, please keep my husband, my child alive. God, please save our marriage. God, protect my son at war.” If deliverance comes, we feel that we have seen the Lord. This is all well and good, but how much greater is our faith when we hold onto the Lord even when our prayers are not answered — “Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe.”

Last Sunday — Easter Sunday — we were called to believe in the Resurrection. Our own faith in the Resurrection is not based on experiencing a presence of the Risen Lord, but on an empty tomb. When we feel empty — when we feel that the Lord is no longer in our lives — we have to recognize that more than ever He is alive and among us.

We should not feel bad about having crises in faith. We should feel very human. We should also realize that our crisis can lead us to an even stronger faith. Whatever challenges us, often strengthens us. Let me give you an example of this from everyday life. A fourteen year old child does something very wrong — something that could have resulted in harm for himself or herself, or others — like go for a joy ride in a car and then get into an accident. Once caught, the teenager has to deal with the law, and whatever reparations need to be made. The teenager also has to go before his or her parents. The parents will most likely have their own punishment connected to the incident — “Regardless of what the law says, you will not get your driver’s license until you are seventeen.” But good parents will still say to their teenager: “I love you despite your irresponsible behavior.” When they do this, they demonstrate a fuller and deeper love of their child than before their love was tested by what the child did.

On a higher plane, for us to say to the Lord: “I love you and believe in you despite the times when I have been uncertain of you in my life” — this demonstrates a deeper faith than we had before our faith was challenged.

A young wife dies; a young man is devastated. He argues with God — even gets angry with God. “How could you let this happen to her,” he says in his grief, forgetting that God does not do or cause bad things. Rather God cries with us in our crisis — just as he cried with Martha and Mary when Lazarus died. In time, after the initial shock and upset, the young man recognizes that God is present in bad times as well as in good times; he chooses to believe. His faith is now based not just on his experience of the good, but also on his choice of God during crisis. The crisis, while not caused by God, led him to a deeper faith than he had previously.

Let’s not persecute ourselves. Doubting is part of being human. A person who does not react with anger at the time of a tragedy might be a saint, but most likely is a person who really never had a high quality of love. The person who recognizes that God was certainly there even at the time of anger, is a person whose faith has grown.

Let us pray that we might all have a mature faith — one in which we are able to grow through crisis. We pray that we might all be included in the words of Jesus: “Blessed are those who have not seen but believe.”

—taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, which appear on the internet.



FORGIVENESS AND COMMUNITY LIFE:

St. Peter accurately describes the situation in which followers of Jesus find themselves after his resurrection and before our physical deaths — “Now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith may prove to be for praise, glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ” [1 Peter 1:1-9]. According to the author who wrote in Peter’s name, we’re not just treading water here on earth; day by day we’re trying to be more and more genuine people of faith. Carrying on the risen Jesus’ ministry is an ongoing process — it doesn’t happen at a specific place and time. It’s something we achieve every day of our lives, in different places, in different ways, and in our relationships with different people.

Scholars maintain that when St. Luke wrote his Book of Acts, he was probably painting a picture of a future, ideal Christian community, and not describing the actual first generation Jerusalem church [Acts 2:42-49]. In fact, the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans at least 15 years before Luke penned his well-known “summaries” in Acts to simply provide his third-generation Christian community with a goal toward which they should be aiming. Convinced that a true disciple’s life should revolve around the “breaking of bread and the prayers,” he shows how being faithful to these two essentials of the faith leads to “the Lord adding to their number those who were being saved.” Luke’s message is clear — if you do it “right,” people will come.

Perhaps the practice most attracting others to the faith was the ideal community’s habit of “selling their property and possessions and dividing them among all according to each one’s need” — a primitive form of Christian communism. No wonder Pope Francis’ attempts to return Catholicism to a biblical faith recently prompted some of his detractors to label him a “socialist!” Given his scriptural orientation, Francis has no other choice but to remind us that capitalism isn’t a biblically-sanctioned economic system. The problem we face is that the system of sharing which our sacred authors do sanction isn’t very acceptable to many of Jesus’ modern followers.

Neither is the condition that John’s Jesus attaches to receiving the Holy Spirit — “Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” [John 20:19-31]. These words of Jesus are not intended to be a “proof-text” for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; they are much more a reflection on the power all of us share because we are Spirit-filled other-Christians. On one hand, when we forgive anyone, he or she is really forgiven on a community level; on the other hand, when we refuse to forgive, they’re not forgiven on that same level. Notice the risen Jesus doesn’t say anything about God’s forgiveness. He seems to take that for granted. Jesus simply wants to make us aware of the power we have over others right here and now. I presume that Jesus never wants us to “retain” anyone’s sins — especially since God has already forgiven all our sins on all levels.

It is significant that the Thomas part of John’s Gospel revolves around the risen Jesus’ wounds. If we really are committed to being other Christs, then we are also committed to sharing the risen Jesus’ wounds. And there are no more painful wounds than those caused by our forgiveness of others. Being aware of Jesus’ wounds should make us more conscious and more accepting of our own wounds. If we don’t have any wounds to show, maybe we should be questioning the genuineness of our faith.

—taken from the writings of Father James Gilhooly which appear on the internet

CHERISHING YOUR BLESSINGS:

When you overlook the routine act of kindness given by a generous & caring soul, you unwittingly halt your blessings.

—Bernard Kelvin Clive