

APRIL 8, 2018 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

*Jesus*

came and stood in their midst and said to them,  
“Peace be with you.”

~ John 20:19

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**Our Lady of Joy Parish**



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view. A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposita*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.

## PARISH NEWS

### Are you an Adult Who is Interested in Becoming Catholic?

- Are you baptized Catholic and have never received your 1st Communion?
- Are you baptized in a different Christian Faith and want to become Catholic?
- Are you Un-baptized and wish to become Catholic?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are a candidate for R.C.I.A. or Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults. If you would like to know more you may call the rectory or fill out the form below and mail it to Our Lady of Joy Parish or put it in an envelope in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized Catholic \_\_\_ Baptized in another Faith \_\_\_ Un-Baptized \_\_\_

### Pre-Marriage Class

Our next weekend for our Marriage Preparation Program will be May 4 & 5, 2018. Couples must attend both the Friday evening session from 7pm until 10:15pm and the Saturday morning session from 9am until 1pm to complete the diocesan requirements for marriage instruction. Call 412-795-3388 to register.

### Pre-Baptism Class

A class is required for any new parent(s) wishing to have their baby baptized at Our Lady of Joy Parish. The class will be offered at 7pm in the Father Marchukonis Hall on May 2, 2018. Call 412-795-3388 to register.

**DIocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline - 1-888-808-1235**

### Our Lady of Joy SOS Ministry

- 1. Faith in Action (FIA)**  
Patricia Kline - 412-468-0296  
FIA Office - 724-327-3353
- 2. Senior and Caregiver Services**  
Carl Vitalbo - 412-798-9147  
Barb Manganello - 412-795-9753  
Barb Kelly - 724-327-3996
- 3. Social Services**  
Beth Harkay - 724-327-1178
- 4. Seminar/Information Sessions**  
Kathy Ballina - 412-795-4717
- 5. Legal Information Services**  
John Fullen - 724-327-6014

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**This Week's  
Priest's Private Mass Intentions**

**Monday - April 9**

8:30 am Martha Kucharczyk  
(Marie & John Fischer)

**Tuesday - April 10**

8:30 am Mary Pilston  
(Barbara & Kent Badger)

**Wednesday - April 11**

8:30 am Alice Keally  
(Anna & Nick Salemi)

**Thursday - April 12**

12 Noon Adella & Fred Derringer  
(Niece, Dolores Sowinski)

**Friday - April 13**

8:30 am Michael Kalinowski  
(Josephine & Carol Jackson)

**Saturday - April 14**

6:00 pm Antoinette Kulik  
(Daughter, Marcia Chill)

**Sunday - April 15**

8:30 am Doris Kraus  
(Mary Lou & Drew Van Orden)

10:00 am John Jessel  
(Linda, Russ, Nancy and Pete)

12 Noon Living Intention for the  
Birthday of Father Al  
(Holy Name Society)

**Sanctuary Candle**

The Sanctuary Candle burns In Honor of the Blessed Sacrament and In Loving Memory of **Albert John Pollen**.

Requested by Carole Peticca Pollen Schafer.

**2018  
Parish Share Total  
\$68,058.00**

**PARISH NEWS**

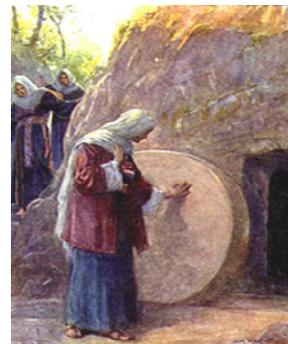


**Our Lady of Joy Men's Retreat**

A retreat is a special moment to step back from the demands and challenges of daily life. It is an opportunity to rest; to gain perspective; to slow down. A retreat is a precious opportunity to renew faith; to experience the loving presence of God; to seek the wisdom so necessary for good daily living. The OUR LADY OF JOY Men's retreat will be at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on April 20-21-22. ALL men in the parish are welcome to this spiritual and relaxing weekend. Call Dennis Boles, Promoter, 724 327-5040 or Larry Howard, 412 704-7093, with any questions. Be good to yourself; seek the refreshment and renewal of heart, mind and spirit that comes from making a retreat!

**Living Stations of the Cross**

Thank you for joining the youth of our parish for the Living Stations of the Cross. Our CCD youth presented a very beautiful and special prayer experience for all of us and we thank all of them for participating. This beloved devotion helped us engage more fully and prayerfully in the sorrows and suffering of our Lord. All food and financial donations were made to the Plum Food Pantry and we thank you for your generous Lenten Almsgiving. God Bless, and may you have a joyous Easter Season.



**The Holy Name Society**

The Holy Name Society collects non-perishable food for the Plum Food Bank. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule and they will be gathered and taken to the Plum Food Bank every weekend. Thank you for your generosity! The Holy Name Society will have its next scheduled meeting on Sunday April 8th in room 2 of the Father Marchukonis Hall following the noon Mass. Any catholic man or woman over the age of 18 is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

**Up-Coming S.O.S. Seminar  
Penn Hills Lawn & Garden**

Thursday, April 12 at 1pm in the Father Marchukonis Hall. Join us for a demonstration on container gardening. This can be practical as well as aesthetically pleasing. On top of flowers and foliage, you can plant vegetables like tomatoes, carrots and herbs into containers and add a little homegrown flavor to dinner.

**Essential Oils**

Tuesday, May 15 at 1pm in the Father Marchukonis Hall **Mary Ann Brown Health & Wellness Advocate for doTERRA Essential Oils** - Essential oils are powerful plant extracts--- Learn how their use can improve overall health, decrease pain, help with stress reduction, moods, emotions & sleep, releasing weight naturally, addiction recovery, detox & renew, clear & vibrant skin, healthy immune function and more. All classes are free and will be held at Our Lady of Joy Parish, 2000 O'Block Rd, Plum Borough in the Father Marchukonis Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Although not necessary to RSVP it does help with planning. Call Kathy at 412-310-1490 Or email [kakb5101@gmail.com](mailto:kakb5101@gmail.com)



