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**THIS WEEK’S GOSPEL**

**LK 24:13-35**

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Dear Parishioners,

“They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread, Alleluia!”

The appearance of Jesus to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the soul-gripping stories of his Resurrection Appearances (Luke 24:13-35). The event took place on the day Jesus rose from the dead – the 1st day of the week. The passage begins by saying, “That very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus” (Lk 24:13). Who are the two travelers? The story, from the beginning of Luke chapter 24, informs us that some women went to the tomb of Jesus with spices but did not find his body. Angels appeared to them with the news that Jesus had been raised. They went to report their findings to the apostles but, according to Saint Luke, “their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them” (Lk 24:11).

It is clear from today’s gospel passage that the two travelers on the road to Emmaus were present when the women reported that Jesus was alive; that he had been raised from the dead. In their own words to the stranger, they said, “some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive” (Lk 24:22-23).

These two men, one of whom was named Cleopas, the women who were at the tomb – presumably “the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus” (see Lk 23:55), and several others whom we may describe as belonging to the “outer-circle” of Jesus’ followers, were ordinary people like most of us. Yet, the spread of the resurrection story depended largely upon their faith experience. The men in today’s gospel story were practically unknown followers of Jesus; nothing was ever reported about them except in this narrative of Saint Luke. However, they are portrayed to be good people; generous and hospitable as well. Otherwise, they would not have “urged” a stranger who accidentally caught up with them on the road to stay with them for the night, since the day was “almost over” (Lk 24:29). They gladly shared their meal with the stranger. Then something happened, and their lives were changed for good. When they were at table and the stranger blessed the bread and broke it, a veil fell off their eyes – “their eyes were opened” - and I think, their minds were enlightened as well, “and they recognized him” (Lk 24:30-31). The men did not only recognize their guest as Jesus, they also believed that he had been raised from the dead. That momentary experience was forceful enough to send them hurrying the seven mile-journey back to Jerusalem that night. That begun the Easter proclamation with all intensity. They were going to announce their discovery - that Jesus was indeed alive. They were going to announce to the other disciples their new-found faith in the resurrection of Jesus. To them, it was not a story about the absence of Jesus’ body in the tomb. On the contrary, it was the personal experience of having journeyed with him, talked with him, and sat down to dine with him … and in the breaking of the bread … recognized him as the risen Lord – a real life-changing experience.

This story is about faith and proclamation. Jesus comes to us, ordinary people that we are. He comes to us wherever we are and in all our various circumstances. Reflecting on this passage of Luke’s gospel impresses upon us that Jesus, in the person of a stranger, did not catch up with the two disciples on the road by accident; it was for a purpose. He gave them the opportunity to feel his presence as they walked together; to hear him as he opened for them the riches of the Scriptures, and the opportunity to believe in his abiding presence in “The breaking of the Bread,” the very action that he had entrusted to his disciples to do in remembrance of him (“Do this in memory of me” – Lk 22:19, See 1 Cor 11:23-26). That experience re-ignited faith in the two men (who had lost faith and hope – probably the reason why they fled Jerusalem), and set them afire to proclaim the risen Christ. Jesus comes to each of us in similar or other circumstances. He comes to us when we gather together to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist (Breaking of the Bread), and he sends us forth to witness his abiding love and presence to the world. Celebrating the Eucharist becomes for us, then, the moment of encounter with the risen Lord. We pray that we will soon get back to church for that unique experience again.

Happy Easter to you all!  
Fr. Seth
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Adults: Share about great meals you’ve been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.
Children: What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

Mass For the intentions of the Week

Saturday 4/25/2020
8:30 AM Philip and Evelyn Stenger
4:00 PM Linda Christman
5:30 PM Marian & James Weir

Sunday 4/26/2020
7:00 AM Dr. Frank Roberto
8:30 AM Peter Winkler
10:00 AM For the People of the Parish
12:00 PM Mary & Joseph Palladino
5:00 PM Joseph “Buddy” Marlowe

Monday 4/27/2020
9:00 AM John Anthony Caracappa (30th Anniversary)

Tuesday 4/28/2020
7:00 AM Leonor Adia
9:00 AM Lorraine Mahoney

Wednesday 4/29/2020
9:00 AM Jane Serio

Thursday 4/30/2020
9:00 AM Joseph Franco

Friday 5/01/2020
9:00 AM Marion Bennett

Saturday 5/02/2020
8:30 AM Helen Wilson
4:00 PM Kenneth W. Rosello
5:30 PM Raymond Poucher

Sunday 5/03/2020
7:00 AM John O'Shea
8:30 AM Peter Winkler
10:00 AM Vincent J. D’Antone
12:00 PM Memorial Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Weekend of May 2– May 3, 2020

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

We pray for the sick

Names given to us for the sick list will remain in the bulletin for one month. After one month, the name will be entered in the Intercessory Book and will be on a permanent prayer list.

As of March 22, 2020 - All Medical Personnel & Frist Responders, All sick with the Coronavirus, The sick of the Parish

As of April 5, 2020 – AL Parlato

As of April 12, 2020 - Loretta & Charles Shaffer, Bob Fowler

As of April 19, 2020 – Robert Wenegenofsky

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Robert Ogenio
Joseph Widdicombe
Ping Ting Tim
Joseph Lynch
Alan Yero
Priscilla Piscopo
Mary Ellen Merting
John Galvani

Eloisa Roman
Kenneth Witney
Jorge Castro
Angelo Bruno
Jeanette Calder
Charles Gallant
Carl Capasso
Karin Hempe

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We Especially Continue To Pray For

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May God protect you all and may you see the light of Jesus even in the darkness of war.

A letter of Thanks from Parish Social Ministry

It is with a grateful heart that I write to thank our Wantagh neighbors and the parishioners of St. Frances for their generosity and selfless support of the Outreach Office during these difficult times. Over the past few weeks, the concern for those suffering has resulted in a wave of charity and kindness aimed at uplifting our neighbors. Since the stay at home order was put into effect, the Outreach Office has remained open. Almost immediately, we started receiving food donations, and recognizing the scarcity of paper products, many of us donated these items out of our own supplies, bringing the Lenten gospel of self-sacrifice to life. These donations were delivered to the elderly, sick, and needy in our community by volunteers. In the Outreach Office, I hear the same refrain, “What more can I do?” In these times, I think of Isaiah 6:8: “Then I heard the Lord asking: Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? And I said, Here I am, Send Me!” I am proud to be part of a community that answered the Lord through these difficult days and so loudly proclaimed, “Send me!” That proclamation is heard through your efforts, your charity, and your kindness. In these uncertain times, I take comfort in knowing that, as St. Paul reminds us, “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather for power and love,” (2Timothy 1:7), and that I am part of a community which is using that power and love to shine in a dark time. In the weeks ahead, the Outreach Office will continue to work together with our neighbors and parishioners to care for each other and all those who are feeling the physical, economical, and emotional effects of this virus. Please continue to donate what you can spare, including food, paper products, your time, and your compassion. We know that this community will continue to answer the Lord, “Send me!”, and we will confront this challenge together.

God Bless You,
Ele Ruth Melendez, Director

The Financial Stewardship & Living Stewardship will be reported in a later bulletin.

For our Parish WeShare Online Giving system visit our website at www.saintjanefrances.org and click on the logo.

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No Weekly Attendance - due to Virus

Weekend of April 19, 2020

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www.saintjanefrances.org
The Bruna and Anthony Ciccotto Award is given to Graduating High School Seniors each year that will be pursuing a college education. There will be Two - $500.00 Awards and up to Three $100 Honorable Mention Awards given. Charitable service to our parish and community and devotion to family united by our faith is what we the Knights are about. We wish to recognize young adults that have already shown this commitment to charitable service that the Knights of Columbus represent. Applicants must be a high school senior graduating this school year and be a parishioner of St. Frances de Chantal Parish. They must attend Wantagh High School, MacArthur High School, one of the Diocese of Rockville Centre Catholic High Schools, or a parishioner that is “Home Schooled”.

Name: _____________________________ Date Submitted: ___________

Address: __________________________

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Phone: _____________________________

Email Address: _______________________

High School: _________________________

College Chosen: _______________________

Are you a parishioner of St. Frances de Chantal? ___ Yes ___ No

Is your father or grandfather a member of St. Frances K of C* ___ Yes ___ No

* This is NOT a requirement to be selected for this award. Member can be living or deceased.

Essay:

The guiding principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The most important of these is Charity. Attach an essay to this application that demonstrates your commitment to Charitable Service. Show examples how you have served your family, school, parish family, and/or community during your high school years. Also include those things that you plan to continue as you attend college. Essays can be typed or legibly handwritten and must be a minimum of one full page typed single spaced (12 pt. font only) or 2 pages handwritten.

Staple the essay to this application and mail to:

St. Frances de Chantal K of C, Ciccotto Awards
c/o Peter Coleman, Committee Chairman
23 Wishbone Lane
Wantagh, NY 11793-1235

postmarked no later than Friday, May 15, 2020. Winners will be notified by telephone and receive information on the details of the presentation of these awards. Copy of application form for mailing can be downloaded at www.kofc6526.org. Click on “Ciccotto Award Application for Mail”, under “Knightly Updates”. Click the download icon (to the right of “ZOOM”) in the gray menu bar.
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please know that St Frances Parish Social Ministry is open Monday – Friday from 10am to 1pm. We are here to help with food & supplies. If you need help, please call 516-785-2333 X241.

We are also looking for donation. Whatever you can give whether it is financial help or food & paper good, please drop it off at the Outreach office between 10am & 1pm.
God Bless
Ele Ruth Melendez

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP……..

The following items are needed for our food Pantry
Cooking Oil
Small Mayonnaise
Snack Popolare Milk
Pancake Syrup
Juice Mix
Instant Oatmeal
Meats
Gift Cards

MASS CARDS
Mass Cards, Altar Candles. Eucharistic Beard & Wire and Altar Flowers they are still available even though the Pastoral Center is Closed. If you need a Mass Card etc. please call 516-785-2333 X 202 or 203. Please leave a message, the Pastoral Center is closed but we are working from home and will return your call. We will mail your Mass Card anywhere you need it to go.

CANCELLATION OF VBS 2020

We regret to inform our St. Frances de Chantal VBS family that due to the current COVID-19 pandemic we have to cancel our 2020 VBS Summer Camp. We will continue to hold each of you in our thoughts and prayers as we endure through this difficult time together.

In faith and love,
Nancy Fucarino & AnnMarie Raia

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE
We, the staff and clergy at St. Frances de Chantal, want you to know that you are never alone in your time of need. Below are a few phone numbers of various helplines:

National Drug & Alcohol Treatment Hotline
1-800-662-HELP
National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233
National Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-4-A-CHILD
National Institute of Mental Health
1-888-ANXIETY
National Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-TALK

For additional information, please feel free to call us at the Parish Social Ministry Office. 785-2333 ext. 240