



Let Us Pray for Our Deceased Clergy

April 5, 2007
Deacon Henry Vern

April 6, 2018
Rev. Edward Hamilton

April 14, 2013
Deacon Louis Bonneau

April 17, 2017
Rev. Domingo Gonzalez

April 18, 2000
Deacon Richard Del Papa

April 21, 2002
Most Rev. Thomas Grady

April 21, 2018
Rev. Eduardo Benitez

April 23, 2008
Deacon Alan Michels

April 24, 2023
Rev. Sean Heslin

April 29, 2014
Msgr. Terrence J. Farrelly

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
May they rest in peace.



JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST STUDY PROGRAM

Father Bill answers your Questions



As a follow-up to the Jesus and The Eucharist Study Program that we completed during Lent, Father Bill will be hosting two, one hour question and answer sessions on

Thursdays— April 25 and May 2
4:00 PM until 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Any questions or concerns you have about The Eucharist, Jesus, or anything else from the Study program will be explained. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the event, but Father asks that we please submit our questions prior, so he has time to prepare. Please write your questions out and drop them in the collection basket over the next two weekends. If you are unable to attend at St. Joseph, the sessions at OLS will be on the following Saturdays, April 27 and May 4, at 10:30 AM. Even if you did not attend the Study Program but would like to learn more about the Eucharist, you are welcome to attend and participate.

Joyful Again, Orlando! Retreat



For Widows and Widowers
May 25-26, 2024

San Pedro Retreat Center
95 Bishop Grady Lane
Winter Park FL 32792

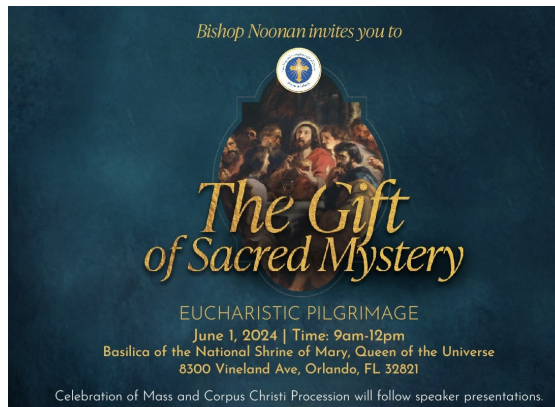
Being widowed is a special loss. This retreat is especially designed to help the widowed (6 months or more) to find hope & joy again. Space is limited register early

Call Sharon: 386-717-4452 for more information and to register

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



"That the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."



RSVP: <https://bit.ly/sacredmystery> or call the church office for the Revival Team. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who spent many hours working on the Pictorial Directories. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Pictorial Directories are available after Mass from an Usher

Mass Remembrances

Saturday April 20th 3:30 pm
For the Gift of Life

Sunday April 21st 11:30 am
For the Parishioners of St. Joseph of the Forest

Wednesday April 24th 10:00 am
For the Repose of the Soul of Calvin "Jay" Osterhoudt

Prayer Requests

Carol G.**		Chuck C.
Kathleen Moore**	Don B.	Arden
Johnnie Preese**	Koko	Kathy A.
Jack Cola**	Phoenix	Kelly
Samantha Holdson**	Joshua	Charlie
Shawn Steiner**	Christal P.	Bernadine B.
Brenda Blair**	Soncire	Bailey B.
Chris Cochran**	Sharon B.	P. J. G.
Marty Werner**	Vicky	Jason
Peter Werner**	Phyllis	
Sarah Provancher**	Dorothy	<u>Deceased</u>
Jayden Monarrez**	Bob	Jimmy Brown
Jimmy**	Maryanne	Jim Scott
	Mel W.	David Kowalski
**denotes chronic	Lisa	Katie Carruthers
	Kerry J.	Calvin "Jay" Osterhoudt
	Lonnie C.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

St. Joseph of the Forest Mission

17301 East Hwy 40
Silver Springs, FL, 34488

Phone: 352-625-4222

Mass Schedule

Saturday 3:30pm
(with special permission from the Bishop)

Sunday 11:30am

Wednesday 10am

Confessions

Wednesday 9:45 AM

Saturday 3 PM

Or by appointment

352-236-2230

Prayer Groups

every Wednesday

Divine Mercy 9AM

Holy Rosary 9:30AM

Charismatic Prayer Group

10:30 AM

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024



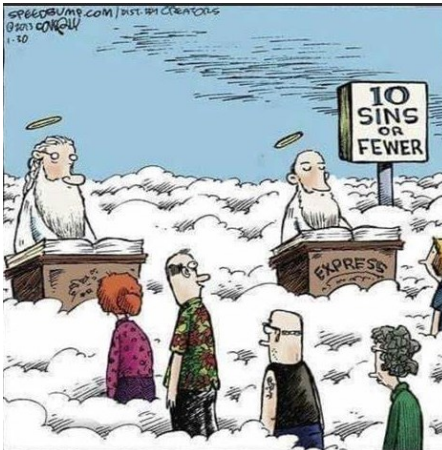
Pastor – Fr. Bill Zamborsky

Deacon – Bruce Gesinski Secretary – Teresa Noles

Office Hours – Monday 12:30pm – 3:30pm Wednesday 12:30pm – 3:30pm

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Fourth Sunday Of Easter

MEXICAN BUFFET

Saturday – May 4th
3 PM – 6 PM

Adults \$10.00
under 4 -FREE



St Joseph of the Forest Catholic Church
17301 E Hwy 40 – Silver Springs

Tickets are available:

- Before and after Masses --
Saturday 3:30 PM & Sunday 11:30 AM
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- Call the office at 352-625-4222 and leave message
- Some tickets will be available at the door.

Please buy your tickets in advance so
enough food can be planned for you and your guests.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES FAIRE TO VISIT ST. JOSEPH OF THE FOREST

Next weekend, April 27 & 28th, the OLS and St. Joseph of the Forest Faith Formation classes will display their *Eucharistic Miracles Faire* in the Parish Hall after both Masses. There will be a light lunch reception and brief Benediction on Sunday. The children have created 20 displays representing Eucharistic miracles from around the world. The impressive event was featured in the February 29th edition of Florida Catholic. You don't want to miss this informative and holy event.

The following is an excerpt from Florida Catholic media

"In conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival, Our Lady of the Springs faith formation classes came together for a Eucharistic Miracle Fair, Feb. 25, 2024. From elaborate to simple, 20 displays illustrated various Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

Faith formation coordinator Deborah Higgins said, "We wanted a way to bring the True Presence to our students." She and Confirmation teacher Heathyr Lamb asked the children and their families to select a miracle that meant something to them. And the families delivered beautiful handwritten displays all the way up to an ornate handmade monstrance. Featured front and center is Blessed Carlo Acutis, a Catholic teenager who died in 2006 but not before telling the world the Eucharist was his 'highway to heaven' and who also made the first website dedicated to Eucharistic miracles.

The beautiful illustrations moved hearts. Higgins said one mother told her, "I've been Catholic my whole life, but I don't think I really got it." And a child shared, "Now I know why we are quiet after we receive Jesus. I'm glad Jesus is my friend."



The Eucharistic Corner

"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you." ~ St Josemaria Escriva

There is still time to register for the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21st. Don't miss this life changing opportunity.
Eucharisticrevival.org



Several new books have arrived at our church library in the back of the chapel. Please help yourself, it's easy to take a book, no need to check it out. Also, there are plenty of new items on the free table located next to the library bookshelf.

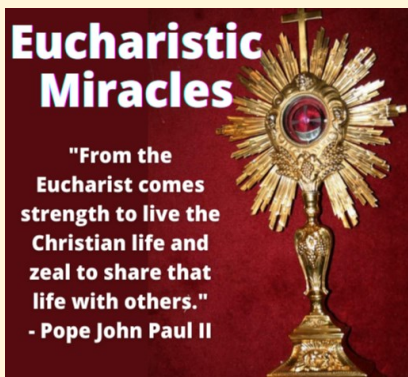


STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection

April 7, 2024

\$1321.00



Homily Rerun: 3rd Sunday Easter 'B' 2024 OLS & SJF Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5 / Lk 24:35-48

"A Picture of Easter Joy – Whatever Happened to Barabbas?" (Fr Bill)

In today's Gospel we heard, "They were incredulous for joy and were amazed." In the past this was translated, "They were incredulous for sheer joy and wonder." Pretty cool either way.

My Dear Children of God,

In today's homily I offer you a picture of Easter Joy comprised of several images.

The 1st image is presented as two questions: Have you ever been "incredulous for sheer joy and wonder"? And, Whatever happened to Barabbas?

One of my favorite forays into the land of imagination answers this second question, and it is always a journey of delightful adventure. There is no way this had a less than joyful ending, unless Barabbas threw it all away. I would dare to suggest that Barabbas could teach us something about being incredulous for sheer joy. Jesus took Barabbas' place on the cross. Unless Barabbas somehow managed to throw this away, he had to live the rest of his earthly life "incredulous for sheer joy and wonder."

The 2nd image is a recurring theme in today's Scriptures: In Acts we heard, "*Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.*" (Acts 3:19) In the Gospel Jesus said, "*Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*" (Luke 24:46-48) In 1 John we were instructed, "*If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous One. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.*" (1Jn 2:1b-2) These three quotes from today's readings demonstrate that repentance did not end with the end of Lent. Rather, repentance is profoundly connected with Easter Joy.

["Jesus calls imperfect people to the joy of perfect love in God's reign."](#) (unknown) 'Imperfect people?' – that would be those in need of repentance. 'The joy of perfect love in God's reign?' – that would be Easter Joy. This explains why they were "incredulous for sheer joy and wonder," over 2,000 years ago, and why we should be today. 'Sheer joy and wonder' at the victory of the cross over all sin, past, present and future. Repentance is the means by which I access this victory so it is an essential ingredient in Easter Joy.

Repentance as a necessary element in Easter Joy turns my thoughts back to Barabbas – the man for whom Christ was the ransom. When Barabbas got out of prison: Did he know what had happened, even just the externals? Maybe! Maybe not! Did he know who Jesus was? Not likely! Did he know what had really happened in its fullness? Of course not! Sometimes we identify with the crowd shouting, "Crucify Him!" Perhaps we are actually more like Barabbas – sinners whose place was taken by the sinless One. That's not really a perhaps, is it? It is the reality.

Another image for today's picture of Easter Joy comes from our last three popes. They have told us repeatedly that evangelization is at the heart of why the Church exists. Thus, the primary mission of the Church is to announce to the world: "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand." Repent and open your heart to the presence of Divine Mercy, to the victory of Divine Mercy. Repent and receive forgiveness of sins which has been won for you at such great price and given to you so freely.

These are all ways of saying the same thing, and it is the message by which John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the world, and by which Jesus introduced His Gospel to all mankind. "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand." You must find your way to say it! No! You must find your way to live it. And then let your life shout it from the roof tops every day!

[A final image for today's picture of Easter Joy is: "We live in joyful hope!" When we take repentance out of the equation, we are stuck in our sins and we stifle Easter Joy. We stifle the joyful hope in which we live and move and have our being. When repentance is at the heart of Easter Joy, the question changes from "How can I be amazed and incredulous for joy?" to "How can I not be amazed and incredulous for joy?"](#)

In the early days of my priesthood, guilt had a bad reputation. Many popular, self-help books were dedicated to getting rid of guilt. An old Latin proverb states, "He does not cleanse himself of his sins who denies them." Judging that you have no need of forgiveness is a deceit with no beneficial consequences.

On the other hand, knowing your sins are forgiven opens the door to that repentance which bears the liberating fruit of Divine Mercy. Thus, it renders you healthy. And holy! And happy! The message of joyful hope which we, the Church, have been given to preach to all nations is: I'm not okay and you're not okay, but that's okay because we are forgiven."

The picture of Easter Joy is truly amazing and wonderful: The whole Easter thing – all of it! The whole Jesus thing – all of Him! The whole Bread of Life Thing – "Take and eat. ... That you might have life and have it to the full!"

Jesus took Barabbas' place on the cross! Did He do any less for you? How can you not be amazed?

Jesus took Barabbas' place on the cross! And yours! And mine! And then He rose from the dead? How is possible that we are not "incredulous for sheer joy and wonder"?

All week I was trying to figure out how to make you "amazed" and "incredulous for sheer joy and wonder." Very late Friday night, I realized: I can't do that for you. You can't even do that for yourself. Only God can do that for you, and He already has. But you have to invite Him to do that in you.

Please pray with me: Lord Jesus, enhance and magnify my faith, enrich and multiply my hope, so that I can be, now and forever, "incredulous for sheer joy and wonder." Amen.