

## St. Padre Pio Parish

Roman Catholic Parish

Celebrating Eucharist:

Tuesday: Wednesday: Saturday:

Sunday:

7:00 PM Elba site 7:00 PM Oakfield site

5:45 PM Elba site 10:00 AM Oakfield site

<u>Marriage:</u> Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Attendance at a pre-marriage sacramental program is required.

**Baptism:** Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class before having their child baptized. Please call the parish office for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The Sacrament is offered on request. Please contact the church office for anointing.

## <u>Penance:</u> Tuesdays:6:30-Elba Wednesdays: 6:30-Oakfield

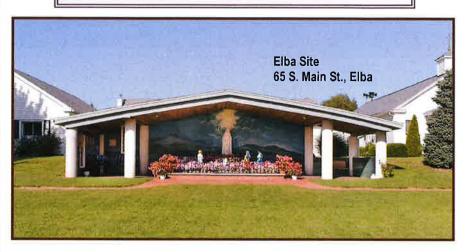
**New Parishioners:** In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving Parish. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office at 585-948-5344.

If you are returning after being away...Welcome home...

You can find our bulletin each week on our website: **www.padrepiony.com** or call the office if you need the bulletin sent to your home. Call (585) 948-5344.

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



#### **Parish Office**

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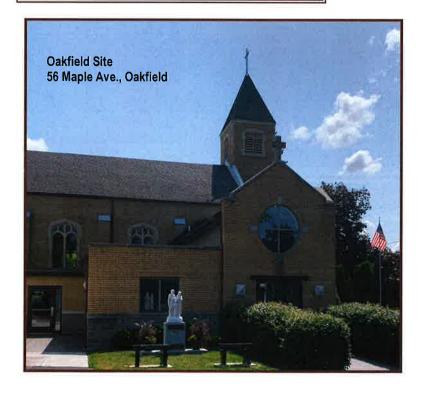
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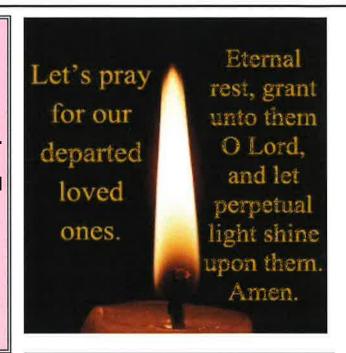
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	Sat Sun	4/20 4/21	ELBA OAK	5:45pm 10:00am	ተ ተ	Edward & Bertha Rodon (Death Anniv.) by Dolores Starowitz Doreen Awde (Death Anniv.) by Margaret Pedro

Vocations

# <u>Call to Vocations</u> <u>Third Sunday of Easter</u> <u>April 14, 2024</u>

#### A VOCATION VIEW

Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles begins Peter's first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our Church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with words? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit! Find out by Contacting the Vocations Office at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



#### **Pray Together:**

Eastern Christians have a special way of greeting one another during Easter. One person says, "Christ is risen!" and the other answers, "Truly, he is risen!" or "Indeed, he is risen!" Use this greeting with members of the family throughout this week.



#### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

#### FOR THE WEEK of April 7, 2024

Amount Needed Each Week \$4,646.62 Regular Offering \$3,739.32

Difference - \$ 907.30

Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure is truly appreciated!



## Ministry Schedule

#### Lector Schedule:

Saturday, 4/13 Elba 5:45 pm Paige Harding Sunday, 4/14 Oak John Starowitz 10:00 am Fred Klycek Saturday, 4/20 Elba 5:45 pm Sunday, 4/21 Oak 10:00 am John Palillo Saturday, 4/27 Elba 5:45 pm Mary Ann Dorman Sunday, 4/28 Oak 10:00am Linda Giambrone

#### Greeter Schedule:

Saturday, 4/13 Elba 5:45 pm Paige Harding Sunday, 4/14 Oak 10:00 am Rebecca O'Donnell Saturday, 4/20 Elba 5:45 pm Paige Harding Norma Day/Julie Fitch Sunday, 4/21 Oak 10:00 am Saturday, 4/27 Elba 5:45 pm **Charles Zambito** Sunday, 4/28 Oak 10:00 am **Bob & Chris Funke** 

#### Eucharistic Minister Schedule:

Saturday, 4/13 Elba 5:45 pm Sunday, 4/14 Oak 10:00 am Donna Becker Saturday, 4/20 Elba 5:45 pm Sunday, 4/21 Oak 10:00 am Ron Becker Saturday, 4/27 Elba 5:45 pm Sunday, 4/28 Oak 10:00 am Reg Barcomb

#### Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday, 4/13 Elba 5:45 pm Sunday, 4/14 Oak 10:00 am Clara & Lucy Torrey

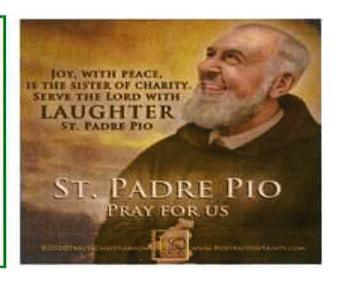
Saturday, 4/20 Elba 5:45 pm

Sunday, 4/21 Oak 10:00 am Lauren Emerson/Reilly Davis

Saturday, 4/27 Elba 5:45 pm

Sunday, 4/28 Oak 10:00 am Logan Czachorowski/Tori Davis

#### Usher Schedule:



#### **FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

Sunday, April 14th-10am-Noon-Class Gr. 2-8

Sunday, April 21st-10am-Noon-Class Gr. K-10

Sunday, April 28th-10am-Noon-Family Gathering K-10-LAST CLASS

Wednesday, May 1st-6pm-Confessions, for First Communion Students, before 7pm Mass—First Communion practice after 7pm Mass—Saturday, May 4th-First Communion Mass-11am-Oakfield

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Thursday, April 18th-Eucharistic Adoration-9am-3pm-Oakfield Friday, April 19th-Stations of the Cross-6pm-Oakfield Wednesday, April 24th-Choir practice-7pm-Oakfield

Saturday, May 4th— May Crowning at the Shrine. Marian song and then process into Church for 5:45pm Mass-Elba

Monday, May 13th-Men's Group mtg-7pm-Oakfield

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter: Luke 24:35-48

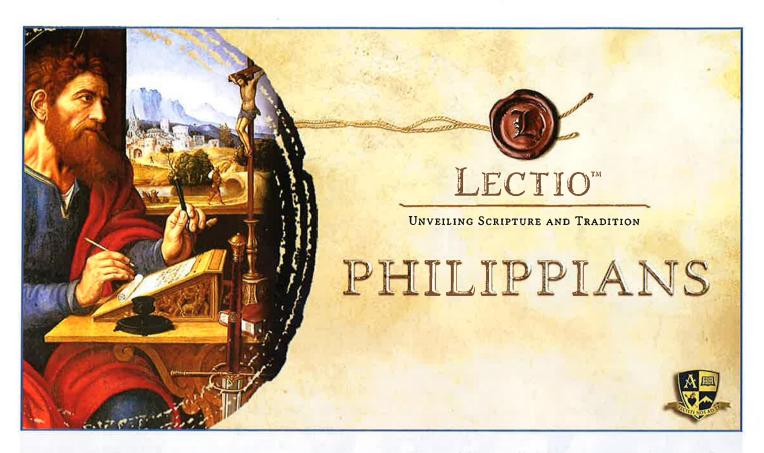
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and invites them to touch him to see that he is really alive. He calls the disciples to be his witnesses. They have Good News to tell—that love is stronger than death, victory can come from suffering. And life can come from death.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY CARDS**

Mother's Day Cards are now available at both church locations. Please take one and submit any names that you would like posted in the bulletin for the Mother's Day edition. If you do not have a form, you can still submit names to me in the office, collection basket, or in the drop box slot in the church office door.

Names <u>MUST</u> be turned into the office by <u>Monday, May 6th</u>, to ensure they make it into the bulletin. You can also email me the names @ office@padrepiony.com. Thank you!

"Our Lady of Batavia Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 10:00am until sold out (take-outs only). Pick-up will be at the rear of St. Mary's Church, Ellicott St. Batavia. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 and includes 1/2 chicken, macaroni salad, potatoes, dessert and dinner roll. Proceeds benefit local charities. Presale tickets are preferred by calling Mike at (585) 343-3810."



Toward the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul's affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God's grace, to gain Christ.

In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Lectio: Philippians: Life in Christ.

Join us at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center or from the comfort of your own home (via Zoom) on **Wednesday evenings beginning April 17, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**, as we delve into this 6-week study. Each session will include a video presentation and discussion.

There is a study guide that goes along with this program. It is not necessary, but many will find it helpful. The cost for this study guide is \$12, including shipping. If you would like a copy, please let Denise know ASAP so she can get them ordered.

## Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 Hope for All Seasons

This year's Catholic Charities Appeal is still in need of your generous support, like in the past. As of April 3, 2024, our parish of St. Padre Pio has contributed a total of \$9,445.00. This is \$14,053.30 short of the parish goal of \$23,498.30. With your kindness and generosity, we can reach it! According to the dioceses record, not even half of our parishioners that donated in the past, have done so.

It is so easy to contribute even if you have not done so prior to this year. If you received the notification in the mail, please fill in the information and send it in to the headquarters in Buffalo. You can also log into their website and contribute on line. Another way is to simply drop your donation in the weekly basket and we will sent it in for you. We have extra forms and will gladly fill it in for you.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful parish. The need in our dioceses is even greater than the past. With your help we can make a difference in someone's life!

Take care. God bless.

Pat Kelly

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April 2024

#### St. Padre Pio Catholic Church Rev. Matthew Zirnheld. Pastor

# One Minute Meditations

#### St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with

Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them.

#### We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:84).

### This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to

bring the Good
News of the
Resurrection to
those who haven't
yet heard. This
Easter:

Visit the empty tomb.
Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews

4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.

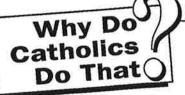
Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ

more faithfully this Easter.

Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).



# Why do Catholics need faith?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also

know that by virtue of his

suffering, death, and
Resurrection, we have
hope of sharing in his
glory in Heaven. He said

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

#### 3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can

become better communicators with these three skills:

Know which conversation you're having. There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"

Ask good questions. Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions.

Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

Really listen. Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the

gift of your full attention.

# from Scripture

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. "For apart from me you can do nothing" (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,

# John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.

Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and

is healed in
Confession. We are
part of the Vine
when we humbly
obey Christ's
commands, carry
out our duties
and acts of
kindness with love,

and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.





April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507). St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

April 27 – St. Zita (1271). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.

#### Q & A

# What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass

 attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion.
 Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His

love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.

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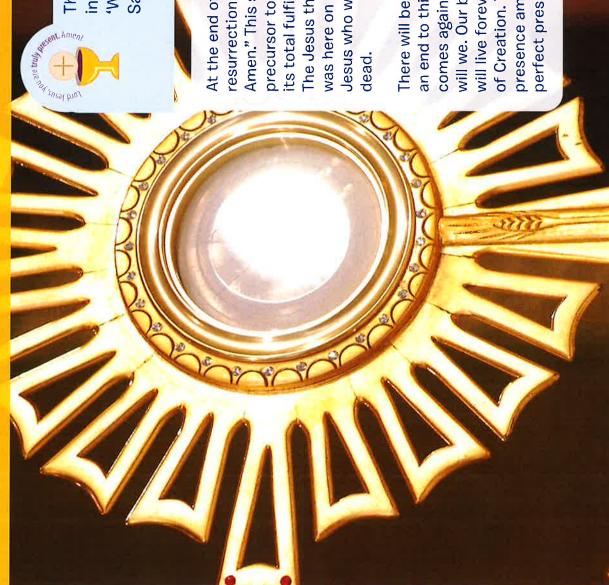
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# April 14, 2024 • 3rd Sunday of Easter



The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst.... 'We await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.'

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1404

At the end of the Nicene Creed, we say, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen." This statement is a reminder that this life is only a precursor to the life that is to come. That life will be brought to its total fulfillment when Jesus comes again at the end of time. The Jesus that is there in the Eucharist is the same Jesus who was here on earth. The Jesus in the Eucharist is also the same Jesus who will come again in glory to judge the living and the

There will be an end to time as we know it. And there will be an end to this world, this universe, as we know it. When Jesus comes again, the universe will enter its glorified state, and so will we. Our bodies will be joined once again to our souls, and we will live forever in perfect harmony with God, one another, and all of Creation. The Eucharist reminds us of that. It is God's perfect presence among us that we receive as we wait to be in the perfect presence of God forever.

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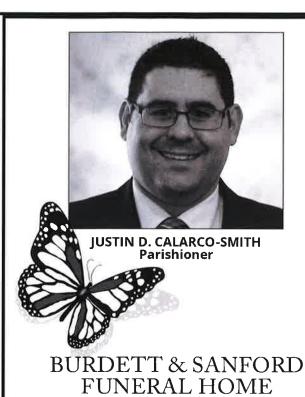
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