

April 15, 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter

" . . . a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."

Luke 24: 35-48

“Bill's last, best gift”

Thirteen years ago, Tracy Grant's husband of 19 years was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Tracy became Bill's faithful caregiver. Over the course of seven months, her husband Bill "went from beating me silly at tennis to needing my help to go to the bathroom." It was a difficult, stressful and exhausting time, but Tracy, a deputy managing editor at **The Washington Post**, writes that those seven months were the time in her life when she felt "most alive."

"I was 42 years old. I had become a respected professional, a responsible and, I hope, loving parent. But I had to discover the reason I was on this earth. During those seven months, I came to understand that whatever else I did in my life, nothing mattered more.

"I discovered that the petty grievances of an irksome coworker, a child with the sniffles, or a flat tire pales in comparison with the beauty of spontaneous laughter, the night sky, the smells of a bakery. There were moments of joy, laughter, and tenderness everyday - if I was willing to look hard enough. I found I could train myself to set my internal barometer to be more compassionate than callous.

"In the days following Bill's diagnosis and brain surgery, being his caregiver required me to be the best reporter I knew how to be. I found clinical trials and talked to oncologists in Texas, Pennsylvania, and New York. It gave me a sense of purpose, and it gave Bill comfort - and a few chuckles - to overhear me reading the riot act to some insurance rep who'd told me a treatment wouldn't be covered."

And now, 13 years after Bill's death, Tracy looks at those last seven months with gratitude.

". . . I haven't started a foundation to cure cancer. I haven't left the news business to get a medical degree. I work. I try to be there for my sons. I will never again have that high a purpose. But every day, I try again to be the person I became during those seven months. I try to be a little less judgmental, a little more forgiving and generous, a little more grateful for the small moments in my life. I am a better person for having been Bill's caregiver. It was his last, best give to me."

[The Washington Post, August 30, 2016.]

Wherever and whenever true love is present, resurrection is experienced. Tracy experiences that sense of resurrection in her caring for her husband - and it changes her in profound and beautiful ways. And, whether she realizes it or not, her loving generosity is a "witness" to the possibilities for such resurrection in her life and the lives of those she loves. In the compassion and peace, we are able extend to those we love and who love us, we become "flesh and bone" signs of the hope and grace of Easter along the Emmaus roads we all walk.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Robyn C. Gallant

(NEW) Office Hours: Monday and Friday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS (April 8, 2018)

Regular Collection	1838.65
Building Fund	20.00
Parish Dues	20.00
Lenten Folders	140.00
Votive Candles	26.00
Parish Insurance	50.00
Bingo Proceeds	867.00
In Memorium	25.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	95.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 16	No Mass
Apr 17	Late Jack Neville/Late Mary Alexander
Apr 18	Late Edna Dwyer
Apr 19	Late Ray Dunphy
Apr 20	Late Jim Park
Apr 21	Late Michael, Ada, Lorena & Lawrence George
Apr 22	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 21	
Carol Reid John Carroll	Gerard Brake Eileen Moore Doreen Jones
April 22	
Calvin Gillis Mike Leonard	Patsy Payne Margaret Dalley Elizabeth Carew
Communion to the Sick	
Gerard Brake	

BIBLE STUDY: We will continue to meet and discuss the scriptures every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next parish council meeting will take place on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 pm.

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF: In Memory of William & Elizabeth McCarthy by Margaret McCarthy; Austin, Carmel, & Ferdinand McCarthy by Margaret McCarthy; John & Nora Griffin by Jack & Clara Joyce; George & Sarah Joyce by Jack & Clara Joyce; Alex & Bride Hutchings, Edward Hutchings, Sr. Josette Hutchings, and Barbara Smith by Joan Hutchings; Dana Beales by Doug & Donna Beales; Thomas Sr. & Brian Griffin by Annie Griffin; David Jones by Doreen Jones; Michael, Ada, Lorena & Lawrence George by Shelia George; Dr. Tony O'Connor by Daniel O'Connor; Deceased members of the Gillis and Keough families by Calvin & Isabel Gillis; Deceased members of the Samms and Molloy families by Marie Samms; Jack & Joan Hearn by Eileen Moore.

DONATIONS TOWARD EASTER

FLOWERS MADE BY: Janet Jackson, Assumpta Roche.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Sacred Heart Parish will be running Mary's Kitchen throughout April. We need volunteers to assist with the kitchen and to provide baked goods. You can help with this worthy cause throughout the month or even on one Friday please contact Veronica Stone (639-7216) or Madonna English (634-5141).

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:

Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, April 15 starting at 2 pm and ending at 3 pm. You are invited to come spend time in prayer with us.

4YOUTH: The Gospels since Easter have told of Jesus' appearances to the Apostles after His Resurrection. In these accounts, the Apostles do not recognize Jesus at first. It might seem odd that these men who had been with Jesus throughout His public ministry didn't recognize Him, but it is when He speaks to them and shares a meal with them that they recognize Him. Sometimes we get so distracted by what is going on in our lives that, like the Apostles, we can't recognize Jesus present in our lives. But Jesus is always present with us. We, like the Apostles, can recognize Him in His words that are read to us in the Gospel and in His Body and Blood that we share in the Eucharist.

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE: On April 9, a new Apostolic Exhortation was promulgated. *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)* was written by Pope Francis to encourage all people to accept the call to holiness in daily life. To read this exhortation in its entirety or to read a summary, visit the Diocesan web page at www.rcchurch.com.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR

ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS: On the weekend of April 21-22, there will be a special collection for ecclesiastical students. The money collected will be used to help support Vocation Ministry as well as for the training of priests for our diocese. This collection is held annually on the fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Vocations Sunday, a day when all Catholics are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **Envelopes for this collection are found in your box of envelopes in the May section.**

SPRING CONCERT: The Sacred Heart spring concert is just around the corner. A few people have come forward and asked to take part. However, there are a few spots left open. If you are interested in participating, or you know someone who might be interested, please call Madonna English at 634-5141.

BINGO THANKS: Mike Basha, Donna Beales, Diane Bennett, Marjorie Blanchard, Colleen Boland, Cathy Bolt, Bill Brake, Dorothy Brake, Mary Brake, Michelle Brake, W.C. Brake, Eileen Buckle, Karen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Hilda Butt, Marie Byrne, Roberta Canning, Elizabeth Carew, Cathy Carroll, Marina Cashin, Joanne Connolly, Helen Cook, Lynn Coombs, Linda Corbett, Margaret Dalley, Gertrude Daye, Barbara Dicks, Amelia Dicks, Theresa Dobbin, Vivian Donahue, Madonna Elford, Madonna English, Evelyn Ezekiel, Margie Pennell, Bill Peddle, Assumpta Roche, Veronica Stone, and Barb O'Blenis.